



4 Star - Level Overview

Child Care Centers

OKLAHOMA Human Services

Two ways to meet 4 Star:

- 1) Meet all 2 & 3 & 4 Star criteria OR
- 2) Have a permit or license & meet minimum licensing requirements & all 4 Star criteria below PLUS
 - a) Accredited OR
 - b) Head Start

When you choose to meet by #1 above: meet all items listed in 2 & 3 Star CCC Overviews plus all of the 4 Star items below.

Administrative

- Staff meetings are held every other month.
- Programs provide at least 2 staff benefits.

Master Teachers (MT)

- There is 1 full-time MT for every 30 children (of program's licensed capacity).
- OST time programs and day camps have 1 fulltime MT for every 40 children (of the program's licensed capacity).

Learning Environment

- Lesson plans have learning activities planned for each child's individual interests and needs. (Out-of-School Time programs don't have to do this.)
- Lesson plans are reviewed by teaching staff and MT after using them to see how effective they were
- Teaching staff have weekly paid planning time outside of the classroom.
- Visual classroom schedules are used with children.
- The program regularly carries out 2 program-wide enhancement activities, such as:
 - additional inviting, hands-on, open-ended learning experiences
 - clubs
 - onsite dance, gymnastics, or sports lessons (etc.)
 - additional health and wellness activities
 - see Indicator/Evidence chart for additional options

Family Partnerships

- Family conferences are offered twice a year. Family conferences are offered once a year for programs that are not open year around.
- Four family events are held each year.

Additional Four Star Criteria

- Programs do 1 additional professional development criteria from the following list:
 - The director does more yearly training.
 - The master teachers do more yearly training.
 - The director has certain credentials or certifications.
 - The program uses ongoing evidence-based coaching.
 - The director and MTs have Pyramid Model training.

- Programs do 3 additional program from the following list criteria (Out-of-School Time programs do 2 accredited and Head Start programs are exempt from these):
 - Curriculum coordinator
 - Family orientation
 - Additional family partnership activities
 - Continuity of care
 - Child learning assessments
 - Additional health and safety activities
 - Child developmental assessments