



4 Star - Level Overview

Family Child Care Homes

OKLAHOMA Human Services

Two ways to meet 4 Star:

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

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

Learning Environment

- Each day children can play with art, block building, book reading, dramatic play, manipulatives, and music and movement equipment.
- Lesson plans are used that are developmentally appropriate and that align with Oklahoma's Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs) and/or Oklahoma Academic Standards.
- Caregivers do at least 2 physical activities each day with the children.
- One enhancement activity is regularly carried out, such as:
 - indoor or outdoor interest areas
 - additional inviting, hands-on, open-ended learning experiences
 - onsite dance, gymnastics, or sports lessons (etc.)
 - additional health and wellness activities
 - see Indicator/Evidence chart for additional options

Family Partnerships

- Two non-relative references are given to families.
- Plans are carried out for sharing confidential information with families about their child.
- Three family events are held each year.

Additional 4 Star Criteria

- FCCHs choose to do 1 additional professional development criteria from the following list:
 - The primary caregiver maintains a PDL Level 5 or above.
 - The primary caregiver does 30 hours of training a year.
 - The primary caregiver takes Family Child Care Home Leadership Academy.
 - The assistant caregiver gets 30 hours of training a year.
 - The FCCH uses ongoing evidence-based coaching.
 - The primary caregiver completes Pyramid Model Infant/Toddler, Preschool, or Birth to Five Modules.

- FCCHs does either formal parent orientations or formal child orientations. (Accredited FCCHs are exempt from this criteria).
- FCCH chooses to do 2 additional program criteria from the following list (Accredited FCCHs are exempt from this criteria):
 - Developmental child screenings or assessments
 - Use a health consultant
 - Daily playground safety checklists
 - Annual staff emergency plan and procedure training
 - Participate in federal food program
 - Gets quality initiative certifications
 - Works with schools regarding children's health & wellness