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Measles Outbreak Information from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The CDC is asking for your help to ensure that all children and families are up to date on the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine. When it comes to vaccination, parents trust the expertise of their doctor more than anyone else. As families work with their doctors, it's important that Head Start, Early Head Start, and child care staff help parents understand that the MMR vaccine is the best protection against measles infection.

From Jan. 1 to Feb 21, 2019, 159** people from 10 states (i.e., CA, CO, CT, GA, IL, NJ, NY, OR, TX, and WA) have been reported as having measles. Five outbreaks, defined as three or more linked cases, have been reported: Rockland County, Monroe County, and New York City, NY; Washington state; Texas; and Illinois. Of these outbreaks, two are ongoing from 2018. The CDC urges healthcare professionals to ensure that all patients are up to date on MMR vaccine, including international travel.

- + Provide MMR vaccine information to parents
- + Ensure all children in your program are up to date on MMR Vaccine:
Children need two doses of MMR: one dose at 12-15 months old and another dose at 4-6 years old.

Actions Programs Can Take

Post measles buttons, banners, and links to CDC communication resources. You can also post a link to the CDC's Provider Resources for Vaccine Conversations with Parents on your program's website to help strengthen communication with parents. Specific resources to highlight include:

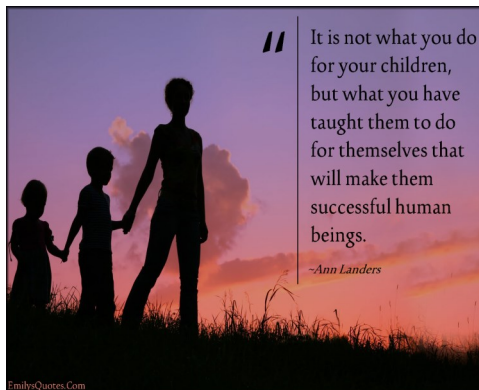
- + How to Protect Your Children During a Measles Outbreak*
- + Infant Immunization FAQs*
- + Measles*
- + Measles and the Vaccine (Shot) to Prevent It*
- + Preparing for Questions Parents May Ask About Vaccinations
- + Talking with Parents about Vaccines for Infants

Share information about measles with parents. Resources include printable fact sheets, posters, and infographics.

- + Measles: Make Sure Your Child is Fully Immunized
- + Educational Resources for Parents and Child Care Providers *

*Available in Spanish (Espanola)

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Learn more about measles and encourage your staff to do the same. Find information about measles that you can promote to other healthcare professionals:

- + Watch TEDMED at CDD: Measles—Making a Disease Disappear (Conference Talk, 2013)
- + View a CDC Expert Commentary Video on Medscape About Measles

**Preliminary data reported to CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

Stay Informed. Please share this message with colleagues who may be interested in this topic.

Office of Head Start (OHS) | 330 C Street, SW | 4th Floor Mary E Switzer Building | Washington, DC 20201

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov> | 1-866-763-6481

OK Shared Services

Saving Time - Sharing Costs - Increasing Quality

On January 2, 2019, the OK Shared Services program was rolled out to give child care providers, in both centers and homes, increased access to a variety of services and opportunities while saving time and money. One free year of membership is granted to all Oklahoma providers. Membership fees for subsequent years are minimal and the savings being offered are great.

The response of the 325 who registered during the first three months of operations could not be more positive. Reports of savings in necessary materials, supplies and food costs show that centers can save hundreds each year. In addition, programs such as TeleMed, payroll, insurance and educational assistance, are offering services at great savings. One center director was quoted that the lesson plans offered were excellent and have been a great asset to her providers.

As the program has developed, the website has been modified for ease in accessing the wide variety of information provided. OK Shared Services is funded in part by OKDHS Child Care Services, Potts Family Foundation, Tulsa Educare, the Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Shawnee Tribe. If you haven't had the opportunity to check out this amazing program, you may do so at www.oksharedservices.org.

Information provided by Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association, Inc.

Our Lending Library

Theme boxes, indoor and outdoor play materials, DVDs and CDs, books, and training materials. **We Have Them!**

Die cuts, bulletin board packages, laminating, and room set up ideas. **We Have Them!** Brochures and literature for parents and providers. **We Have Them!**

But we want to get more. Let us know your needs and ideas so we can increase our library and services. Email parmstrong@ecok.edu or call (580) 559-5303 to request resources or share ideas today! (And remember, we deliver if we are in your area.)

Check Us Out!

After three months, we are back home at the ECU Child Care Resource & Referral facility in Fentem Hall. Now that the dust is gone and we have a new look, we are concentrating on updating our inventory and expanding our resource room. Our meeting/training room has new technology and we are ready for you to use the facilities for any sort of gathering for which you have a need. A kitchen is available for your use also. We are planning some training opportunities and adding new materials and services weekly. Please let us know how we can better serve you. Come see us!

**On-Site Assistance Available for Your
Family Child Care Home or Child Care Center Classroom**

Please call 580-559-5768 or email us for the following services:
Georgiana Sullivan geolsul@ecok.edu

On-site Assistance includes:

- ◆ Observation and suggestions for new teachers or those needing new ideas.
- ◆ Room arrangement, transitions, equipment inventory, and behavior and guidance.
- ◆ Understanding of basic child development and building relationships with families.
- ◆ Information on how to get started with Reaching for Stars Quality Improvement program.
- ◆ Assisting Directors/Owners with professional development plans, contracts, handbooks, and signing up on the Registry (okregistry.org).

We also offer help over the phone and by email. Give us a call or send us an email.



Beginning March 1, 2019, the Oklahoma Professional Development Registry will no longer charge an application fee of \$10 for participants and \$25 for directors. Child care directors, teachers and family child care home providers can become members of the Registry and receive Oklahoma Directors Credentials and Professional Development Ladders at no cost.



Congratulations to Georgiana Sullivan, Child Care Consultant, for being selected to the CECPD Leadership Academy I—Class XXXVI (36). Georgiana's commitment to helping others provide quality child care has earned her the honor of being part of this prestigious group. Congratulations to Georgiana! We are proud to have her as part of our team.



Pre-evaluations are complete and the first term of the Oklahoma Right Start Program is underway. Lindsay Christian, Infant/Toddler Specialist, is busy working with ten classrooms to assist in a wide variety of topics, including lesson plans, developmental skills and early literacy. Applications are now being accepted for the next term. If interested in participating, please contact Lindsay at lchristian@ecok.edu.

Do you have staff interested in taking college classes?

Check out the [Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program](#)

What Is the Scholars Program?

The Scholars Program awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to complete coursework in the area of child development or early childhood education, as well as the Child Development Associate (CDA) and Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Credential Assessment. These scholarships enable child care providers in Oklahoma to improve their skills through education, receive an educational stipend, and continue the availability of quality child care in local communities.

Mission Statement

The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program ensures that eligible child care professionals in the state of Oklahoma have an opportunity to attend a technology center or community college to further their education while earning a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential, Certificate of Mastery, Director's Certificate of Completion, and/or an associate degree in child development or early childhood education.

Seminole State College — Child Development Courses

For Information on Classes at Seminole State College

Contact Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395

Murray State College—Child Development Courses

Contact: Amy McCain, at 580-387-7411 amccain@mscok.edu or

Heather McLean, at 580-387-7412 hmclean@mscok.edu or
Brittany May, Scholar Coordinator at 866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395



Are you interested in getting a bachelors degree related to Early Childhood?

For information on our Family & Consumer Sciences (Early Care) program at East Central University, please visit www.ecok.edu/FCS or contact Ms. Jan Long at jmlong@ecok.edu or Ms. Darcy Tessman at dtessman@ecok.edu. You can also call them at 580-559-5743.

Contact Information for You

**Center for Early Childhood
Professional Development (CECPD)**
1-888-446-7608 www.cecpd.org

Warmline — 1-888-574-5437
free telephone consultation for child care
providers — covers behavioral and health
related topics
<http://warmline.health.ok.gov/>

**Scholars for Excellence in Child Care
Statewide** — Brittany May
1-866-343-3881 or 405-225-9395
www.okhighered.org/scholars
Pathway to CDA — Gina McPherson
1-866-343-3881
www.okhighered.org/scholars

Child Care Services County Offices
Carter Co. (580) 490-3600
Garvin Co. (405) 238-6461
Johnston Co. (580) 371-4000
Love Co. (580) 490-3600
Marshall Co. (580) 795-8100
McClain Co. (405) 527-6511
Murray Co. (580) 622-2186
Okfuskee Co. (918) 623-3100
Pontotoc Co. (580) 310-7050
Pottawatomie Co. (405) 878-4000

It's Springtime in Oklahoma

Be Prepared-

- 1. Recognize the risks.**
- 2. Have a plan and inform your parents of the plan.**
- 3. Have emergency contact lists ready.**
- 4. Have your Go-Bag ready.**
- 5. Remain calm.**
- 6. Prepare the children. Help them feel secure and emotionally safe.**

For more information, visit
www.savethechildre.org/getready



UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

CECPD Hispanic Conference

Saturday, June 1, 2019

9 am to 4 pm

Contact Keila Garcia at (405) 942-4179 or
kgarcia@oklahomachildcare.org to register

Moore-Norman Technology Center

Presenter: Paola Salcedo

Cost: \$25 per person, 6 Hours SPANISH Training

Learning Guidelines for School-Age Children: Using Early Guidelines and Oklahoma Academic S (Event ID: 244259)

Saturdays, May 4 and 18, 2019

Must attend both Saturdays to receive credit.

9 am to 4 pm (lunch provided)

Must pre-register at www.okregistry.org. (Deadline May 3, 2019)

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Child Development Center, Shawnee

Trainer: Juanita Hall

Cost: \$20 per person, 14 Hours FORMAL Training

This course counts toward the STARS requirement for Early Learning Guidelines (ELG). See CECPD website for full description.

Online Course: Safe Sleep Environments for Child Care Providers

(Event ID: 243617)

Thursday, May 16, 2019

6 pm to 8 pm

Must pre-register at <https://ccs-ok-safesleep051619.eventbrite.com>.

Link may be found at www.okregistry.org (Deadline May 16, 2019)

Trainer: Tammy Maus

Cost: \$15 per person, 2 Hours FORMAL Training

This training meets the Oklahoma Child Care Services-Licensing requirement for safe sleep training. See CECPD website for full description.

Self-Paced Web Based Training courses may be found at www.okregistry.org

Informal training may be obtained through webinars.
www.earlychildhoodwebinars.com

Care Courses has online courses that meet Oklahoma's training requirements.
www.carecourses.com