

CERTIFIED HEALTHY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM



Certified Healthy Oklahoma is a statewide recognition program that offers a free assessment tool allowing businesses, campuses, communities, congregations, early childhood programs, restaurants, and schools to gauge where they stand on supporting health with an annual certification award showcasing their commitment to actively promoting wellness.

Benefits

- ◆ Recognition as a program that goes “above and beyond” to create a healthy, nurturing environment
- ◆ Your staff will benefit: healthier employees are proven to be more productive employees and have a direct impact on a program’s success
- ◆ Recipients are invited to a special recognition awards event
- ◆ Enhance your program’s image in the community and add credibility to your program

Eligible Applicants

- ◆ Any OKDHS licensed early childhood program is encouraged to apply
- ◆ Categories: • Child Care Center • Part-Day Program • Out-of-School-Time Programs • Summer Day Camp • Head Start (Tribal or Other) • Early Head Start • Family Child Care Home: (Small: 1-7; Large: 8-12 children)

Application Sections

- ◆ Nutrition
- ◆ Health Promotion
- ◆ Community and Family Involvement
- ◆ Staff Health
- ◆ Physical Activity
- ◆ Safe and Healthy Environment
- ◆ Professional Development

Scoring

Early childhood programs are scored according to type of program, and each criterion selected is worth one point. Certification status is assigned according to the percentage of criteria selected by the applicant in EACH category. As a reminder, a smokefree policy is required for Basic, and a tobacco-free policy submitted with the application is required for Excellence.

Program Classification	Basic	Merit	Excellence
Part-Day Program	35%	50%	65%
Out-of-School-Time Program	35%	50%	65%
Summer Day Camp	35%	50%	65%
Family Child Care Home	40%	55%	70%
Head Start (Tribal or Other)	50%	65%	80%
Child Care Center	50%	65%	80%
Early Head Start	50%	65%	80%

Application Information

- ◆ Visit www.certifiedhealthyok.com today!
- ◆ Applications are open August 1-November 1
- ◆ Questions? Contact the Center for Advancement of Wellness at CenterTA@health.ok.gov



Create a culture of health that inspires an entire state to work collaboratively together to help Oklahomans live healthier, happier, and longer lives. (OHIP 2020)