

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 |
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| 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 Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion at CenterTA@health.ok.gov

