



Dear Ellen Wheatley,

Please find the Oklahoma Department of Human Services division of Child Care Services outlined plans to spend the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding.

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct child care services, including child care subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.

- Coverage of subsidy co-payment for families, paid directly to providers.
- Kith.care (in-home care) provided for designated essential health care employees and other emergency responders.
- Sixty days of childcare subsidy for those unemployed due to COVID and currently looking to re-engage in the workforce.
- Continuation of \$5 added to subsidy rate per child per day based on attendance.
- All school-age children approved for the weekly rate (full-time rate with absent days).

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to child care providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.

- Business training resources for providers to build expertise in planning and budgeting to prepare for ongoing COVID impact.
- Child care quality and sustainability payment based on capacity and Star level.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

- Additional child care quality and sustainability payment based on capacity and Star level not tied to subsidy participation.

Other

Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

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