

RAINBOW FLEET 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

Since 1972, Rainbow Fleet Resource & Referral has provided resources for parents and child care providers with one goal: to improve the quality of child care available in central Oklahoma.

We help child care providers give their kids age-appropriate enrichment activities, a safe space to play and learn, and a staff equipped to handle the challenges of early childhood.

Developmental toys through our resource center, child nutrition monitoring and first aid training are all available through Rainbow Fleet.

But what you hear less about are the connections created here. At Rainbow Fleet, child care providers find a spirit of partnership - not only with our staff, but with each other. Connections are made here - ideas are born and put into action. Change happens.

We learn from and lean on each other. As we've wrestled with the pandemic and the challenges of early childhood during these difficult times, we've found comfort, inspiration and hope in each other. On our most difficult days, those connections have not only kept us going - they've helped us grow.

Better days are ahead, but we're ready for today's challenges and for whatever tomorrow throws our way too. Rainbows only happen when it rains, and when the skies clear, as they always do, we'll still be here ready to serve.



With hope,



Carri Hicks, CEO, Rainbow Fleet

RAINBOW FLEET BY THE NUMBERS

1,139

Calls requesting child care referrals

1,175

Online families searching for child care

How many of these inquiries are from foster parents? 45

How many of these inquiries are from grandparents? 99

How many of these inquiries are from social or community workers? 31

How many families were looking for care specific to work needs? 1,079

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

How many hours of training opportunities were offered in 2020 for local participants?

Rainbow Fleet conducted 49 training opportunities in 2020 totaling 157 hours for 547 participants. Rainbow Fleet's child care consultants and Infant Toddler Specialist conducted 762 hours of work on-site in child care facilities.

OUR BUDGET



PATHWAY TO GREATNESS: RAINBOW FLEET EARLY EDUCATION CENTER



In September 2020, our first-ever Early Education Center was opened at the former site of Horace Mann Elementary School. The project was made possible through a partnership with Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS). OKCPS was looking for ways to provide before and after-school care, as well as school readiness programming for children in the school district.

The EEC, located at 1105 NW 45th Street is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, serving children six weeks to four years of age.

For more information, visit rainbowfleet.org/early-education-center.

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