

In The News



At Rainbow Fleet Child Care Resource and Referral, we are proud to showcase our strengths every day in 2025 by actively engaging with our community. Our dedicated team has been diligently going door to door to ensure that child care programs are fully informed about the comprehensive services we offer.

We believe in the importance of building strong connections with both providers and families, and our unwavering support is always available to assist in navigating the world of early childhood education. By fostering these relationships, we strive to create a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and empowered.

Remember, every call is an opportunity for us to assist you in making the best choices for your programs needs, and we can't wait to connect with you!

We are thrilled to introduce Toni Johnson as the newest member of the Rainbow Fleet Child Care Resource and Referral Team!



Toni brings with her a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and over 20 years of extensive experience in Early Childhood education, including significant time spent within the state's Childcare Services division. Her passion for helping others is evident, and she is genuinely excited to join Rainbow Fleet as a Business Consultant. Toni's wealth of knowledge and dedication to the field will undoubtedly enhance our team's ability to support families and child care providers throughout Oklahoma, fostering a nurturing and enriching environment for all.

[Check out a recap of Ink \(Invest In Kid's\) Day!](#)



Amplified Impact on INK Day!

More than 250 child care providers from across the state convened in Oklahoma City this week for the fourth annual Invest N' Kids (INK) Day sponsored by Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness. INK Day is a chance for parents, child care providers, and other caregivers to visit the State Capitol and advocate for policy that will benefit the children in our state.

Thank you to everyone in attendance who helped spread the message of investing in our kids!

#INKDay25 #okleg #InvestNKidsOK

Quality Education

We are thrilled to announce that Rainbow Fleet Child Care Resource and Referral is offering FREE* training sessions for child care providers!

This opportunity reflects our unwavering commitment to supporting the growth and development of early childhood care professionals in our community. We invite you to visit our website to discover a range of upcoming classes designed to enhance your skills and knowledge, ultimately benefiting both you and the families you serve. By participating in these training programs, you'll not only elevate the quality of care you provide but also contribute to a stronger, more vibrant child care community in our region. Don't miss out on this invaluable chance to engage, learn, and grow— Also, make sure to check out the registry today for other learning opportunities and take the next step toward enriching your child care services!

*sponsored events are subject to price.

[Click Here for Rainbow Fleet CCRR!](#)

Act Early: Developmental Monitoring, Family Communication and Classroom Supports for Children with Delays

This training is available for **free** in collaboration with:



ACT EARLY:

**Developmental Monitoring, Family Communication,
& Classroom Supports for Children with Delays**

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 1:00-4:00 PM

METRO TECH
1900 SPRINGLAKE DR.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73111

LEARN HOW TO:

- Use CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early." materials to monitor development.
- Discuss development and developmental concerns with parents.
- Support and include children with developmental delays in early care and learning classrooms.

**FREE
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CREDIT:
3 HOURS**



[Register Here for Act Early!](#)

Weekly free online early childhood education professional development brought to you by Early Childhood Investigations



Family Policies and Handbooks that Strengthen Your ECE Program, by Kelly Matthews, MA and Paula Drew, MS

About this webinar:

Running a successful early care and education program requires more than passion—it demands clear, well-documented policies and procedures for families. A robust family handbook is key to managing expectations, fostering trust, and ensuring the financial sustainability of your program.

Join **Paula Drew** and **Kelly Matthews**, authors of *Build It Strong! How to Make Your Child Care Business Thrive from Start-up to Retirement*, for an engaging webinar designed to:

- Help you differentiate between policies and procedures.
- Explore the positive financial impacts of well-crafted program policies.
- Analyze real-world examples of policies to identify opportunities to strengthen your budget and find revenue you otherwise might have missed.

With their combined expertise and lived experience operating thriving early childhood programs, Paula and Kelly will share actionable insights and real-life stories to inspire your handbook development or help you improve the handbook you already have. You will learn Insights into the connection between policies and healthy cash flow, practical strategies for aligning your handbook with your program's financial goals, and valuable tools to make your child care business resilient and sustainable.

[Register Here for Policies and Handbook Webinar!](#)

Update your information - Free marketing tool

Attention Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Centers:

We would like to remind you of the critical importance of updating your information in our system, as you have recently received a significant email regarding this matter. As you may know, we conduct updates to our programs twice a year, and we are pleased to offer the convenience of completing this process via email. If you have not yet taken the time to update your information, we strongly encourage you to do so promptly. This update not only ensures that we can provide the most current and relevant information to families utilizing our referral program but also enhances our ability to deliver tailored resources that meet the diverse needs of those seeking quality child care options. We greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment and contributions to early childhood education, and we value the collaborative effort we share in supporting child care providers. Please remember, do not hesitate to reach out if you need any assistance.

Thank you once again for all that you do!

Still need to update? [Click Here!](#)

Training Programs with Dedicated Staff

!ATTENTION THRIVE MEMBERS!

!!!NEW MEETING LOCATION!!!

Oklahoma Center for Non Profits
701 N Lindsay Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73104



THRIVE NETWORK

OKC METRO MEETINGS

FREE monthly training and networking
for family child care providers

**THE FIRST SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH**

See "Trainings" section
at rainbowfleet.org
for monthly event details,
or call (405) 525-3111.

WHY JOIN THE THRIVE NETWORK?

The Thrive Network provides free resources, professional development and peer connection for Oklahoma home child care providers and prospective providers. While you take care of working Oklahomans' families, we take care of you, supplying the support and guidance you need to be successful.

BENEFITS

- National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) Membership
- NAFCC Accreditation Self-Study Kit with trained mentor support
- Free Telehealth and Teletherapy for you, your family and your assistants
- Access to specialized trainings like the Pyramid Model Community of Practice
- Subscription to shared services
- Subscription to Brightwheel (child management software)
- Monthly trainings tailored towards family child care home providers

[Click Here for More!](#)

Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness

Quality in Oklahoma Early Childhood

The Clearinghouse is committed to continually advancing the definition of quality in early child care and education. This is accomplished by accelerating innovation, integrating research-based practices and conducting practice-informed research. The knowledge gained through our efforts is shared with parents, policymakers and childcare providers all in pursuit of improving early childhood systems and maximizing public/private partnerships.

[Explore More. Click Here!](#)

Exciting News Alert!

The Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success is looking for innovative programs and research focused on Healthy Environments & Relationships. If your work supports child and family development by nurturing or strengthening their bond, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Submissions open April 1.

To learn more about the Clearinghouse's mission, visit: <http://okclearinghouse.org>.

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