



PAYING FOR CHILD CARE

**Just Got Easier
With Child Care
Benefits from DHS!**



OKLAHOMA
Human Services



CHOOSE CAREFULLY

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions you will make. Quality child care shapes the way children think, learn and grow. Research shows that high quality early learning experiences are critical in the development of young children and better prepare them for school and success later in life. To help you identify quality child care, DHS assigns a star rating to each program based on the quality of care provided: the higher the star level, the higher the quality of care. Programs at the highest levels include extensive teacher education and additional learning opportunities for young children. Ask your child care provider about their star level.

Every day in a child's life makes a difference, so choose child care carefully. Look for the Stars!

CAN DHS HELP ME PAY FOR CHILD CARE?

If you are eligible, DHS will pay for all or part of your child care costs directly to a licensed and contracted child care provider while you work or attend school or training. You may be required to pay a copayment depending on your household income.

HOW MUCH INCOME CAN I MAKE?

The income eligibility limits vary based on family size and amount of income.

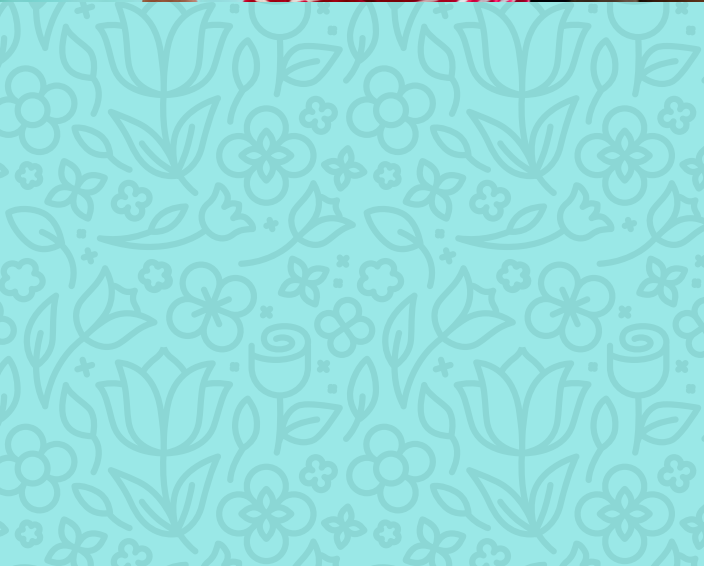
- ◆ Two-person families can make up to \$3,400/month
- ◆ Three-person families can make up to \$4,200/month
- ◆ Four-person families can make up to \$4,999/month

WHAT AGES DO MY CHILDREN HAVE TO BE?

Child care may be approved from birth to age 13. A child with disabilities may qualify up to age 19.

DO I HAVE TO PURSUE CHILD SUPPORT THROUGH DHS?

Yes. Child support must be pursued on all noncustodial parents of any children in the household.



WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE WHEN APPLYING FOR BENEFITS:

- ◆ Work, training and/or school schedule for yourself and all other adults living in your home
- ◆ Paystubs for the last 30 days showing your name, social security number, date of pay and total income before deductions



- ◆ If you don't have your paystubs, you may provide a signed statement from your employer showing total pay amounts per paycheck and pay dates for the last 30 days
- ◆ Copy of last year's tax return if you are self-employed
- ◆ If you do not have or did not file an income tax return last year, you may provide current self-employment records showing income and business expenses
- ◆ Proof of any other income such as unemployment, social security, SSI benefits, veterans benefits, child support or alimony
- ◆ Identity verification for the person making the application and names of all household members

APPLY TODAY!

To apply for benefits online,
visit <https://www.okdhslive.org/>
or apply in person at your local
DHS office.

To find quality child care:

- ♦ Visit the DHS Child Care
Locator at [http://childcare
find.okdhs.org/childcarefind/](http://childcarefind.okdhs.org/childcarefind/)
or
- ♦ Contact the Oklahoma Child
Care Resource and Referral
Agency at 1-888-962-2772



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