

Resource Guide
For
Oklahoma's Children & Youth
And Their Families



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State Agencies and Major Programs



OASIS Information & Referral
800-426-2747
"Bringing People and Services Together in Oklahoma"
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This Resource Guide is not a complete listing of all available resources. It is meant only as a starting point for finding services that families may need. The Oklahoma Areawide Services Information System (OASIS) is a statewide toll-free information and referral service with a database containing thousands of resources. If you need additional resources, please call OASIS at 800-426-2747 between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday – Friday. A trained information specialist will help you to find the resources you need.

We have made every effort to include accurate information in this guide. If your agency or program is listed and the information is inaccurate, please contact us to make this correction in our database and in future printings of this guide.



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HEALTH

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL at OU MEDICAL CENTER
940 N.E. 13th St., PO Box 26307, Oklahoma City, OK 73126

405-271-5437

www.oumedcenter.com

- General Pediatric & Family Care Clinics
- Orthopedic Surgical & Rehabilitative Services
- Mental Health Services
- Critical Care Facility
- Medi-Flight Emergency Transport System
- Specialty Treatment Clinics

OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY (OHCA)
4545 N. Lincoln, Suite 124, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

405-522-7300

Customer Service: 800-522-0310

www.ohca.state.ok.us

The OHCA is responsible for administering the Oklahoma Medicaid Program and oversight of all state purchased health care. Eligibility for Medicaid is determined by the county OKDHS offices. Call OASIS at 800-426-2747 or check the okdhs.org website for county DHS offices.

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (OSDH)
1000 N.E. 10th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299

405-271-5600

800-522-0203

www.ok.gov/health

Through the Department of Health, local City/County Health Departments and Child Health and Guidance Clinics can provide services such as

- Developmental Screenings and Therapy
- Family/Child Counseling
- Genetic Counseling
- Treatment of Sexually Transmitted Disease
- Parenting Skills Education
- WIC Infant Formula and Food Vouchers
- Speech, Language and Audiological Services
- Nutritional Counseling
- Family Planning
- Immunizations
- TB Testing and Treatment
- Medical Treatment Clinics
- Prenatal Care
- Well Baby and Child Check-Ups
- Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

Available services may differ between local Health Departments. Call OASIS at 800-426-2747 for information on local health departments.

CHILD STUDY CENTER
1100 N.E. 13th, Oklahoma City, OK 73117

405-271-5700

The OU Child Study Center provides evaluation, treatment, and services for children with special needs who have a wide range of developmental disabilities and environmental and behavioral problems.



SOCIAL SERVICES & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (OKDHS)
PO Box 25352, Oklahoma City, OK 73125

405-521-3646
www.okdhs.org
www.okparent.org

The following services are available through OKDHS county offices.

- Medicaid or Medical Assistance
- Foster Care
- Child Support Enforcement
- Children with Special Health Care Need Program
- Child Welfare
- SSI-Disabled Children's Program
- Developmental Disabilities Services
- Food Stamps
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled
- Adoption
- Child Care Assistance

Call OASIS at 800-426-2747 or visit the okdhs.org website for local DHS office locations.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/dd/

Services for persons with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities, including residential, vocational and support services are available at these locations: North & Western Oklahoma: 800-522-1064; North and Eastern Oklahoma: 800-522-1075; Central and Southern Oklahoma: 800-522-1086

OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES
2800 N.W. 36th St. Ste. 221, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

405 949-1495
www.okaaa.org

Community Action Agencies provide assistance programs and services for people in their areas to help them become self sufficient. Call the Association, visit their website or call OASIS at 800-426-2747 for information on local Community Action Agencies

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

800-772-1213
<http://www.ssa.gov/>

This agency is responsible for administering all Social Security Disability and Income Security programs including the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) program. Contact the national toll-free number or visit their website to find a local Social Security office.

OKLAHOMA RESPITE RESOURCE NETWORK (ORRN)
OASIS Information & Referral
PO Box 26901, Oklahoma City, OK 73126

888-771-4550
405-271-4550
www.okrespite.org

The ORRN is a collaborative network of agencies, organizations and individuals working to increase the availability of respite (a break from full-time caregiving) in Oklahoma. Available services include the Respite Provider Registry and the Respite Voucher Program.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (DMHSAS) 405-522-3908
PO Box 35277, Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3277 Office of Consumer Advocacy: 866-699-6605

www.odmhsas.org

Call the *Reach Out Hotline* at 800-522-9054 for the location of your local Community Mental Health Center which may provide the following services:

- Chemical Dependency Counseling
- Evaluation
- Domestic Violence Shelters
- *Systems of Care* Wraparound Services
- Individual and Group Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Crisis Intervention

Also see Hotlines/Helplines for telephone hotlines operated by this agency.

AREA PREVENTION RESOURCE CENTERS (APRC)

The purpose of the APRC is to partner with individuals and groups to build high quality, comprehensive prevention programs and early intervention consultation services in Oklahoma Communities. The sites provide information, assistance and training to youth, parents, teachers, civic leaders, law enforcement, clergy and others who influence or motivate other adults and young people. *Call the Reach Out Hotline at 800-522-9054 for the APRC that serves your county.*

NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL (NAMI – Oklahoma)
500 N. Broadway, Ste 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

800-583-1264

www.nami.org

NAMI-Oklahoma is a support, advocacy and education program for persons with brain disorders, their families and friends. It is also a resource for information and referral for other related services.

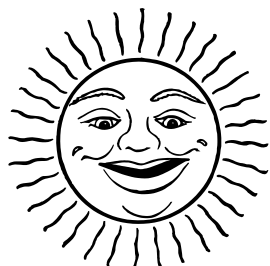
OKLAHOMA FEDERATION OF FAMILIES
FOR YOUTH AND CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH
1692 E. Redbud Place, Washington, OK 73093

405-364-8879

866-837-9122

www.okfederation.org/

The Oklahoma Federation of Families provides education, information and support to families and caregivers of children and youth with emotional, behavioral or other mental health related issues.



TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION

DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
3535 N.W. 58th St, Suite 500, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

800-845-8476
www.okrehab.org

- Vocational Rehabilitation & Supported Employment
- Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Visual Services
- Schools for the Deaf and Blind
- Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION (OESC) Workforce Oklahoma: 888-980-9675
2401 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 TDD/TTY: 405-208-4022

www.oesc.ok.gov

The OESC, through the Work Investment Act (WIA) and statewide Workforce centers, administers programs to help Oklahomans receive training and to enter the labor market.

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR YOUTH SERVICES
Schusterman Center, OU Tulsa Campus
4502 E. 41ST St., Tulsa, Oklahoma 74135-2553

918-660-3700
www.nrcvs.ou.edu

This program provides curricula, resources, and training for Oklahoma youth servicing professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers in public and private child welfare, youth service, juvenile justice, and prevention services

J.D. McCARTY CENTER FOR CHILDREN WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES 800-777-1272
2002 E. Robinson, Norman, OK 73071 www.jdmc.org

The J.D. McCarty Center specializes in providing both in-patient and out-patient care, maintenance, training, education and physical and mental rehabilitation to Oklahoma children up to age 21 with developmental disabilities.

GEORGE NIGH REHABILITATION CENTER
900 E. Airport Road, Okmulgee, OK 74447

918-756-9211
<http://gnrc.ouhsc.edu>

GNRC provides inpatient physical rehabilitative services, as well as skilled nursing services and comprehensive outpatient programs for both adults and children with disabling illness or injury

See also Office of Disability Concerns in Support & Advocacy



SUPPORT & ADVOCACY

OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE FOR CHILD ADVOCACY (OICA)
420 N.W. 13th St., Suite 101, Oklahoma City, OK 73103

405-236-5437
www.oica.org/

The OICA creates awareness, takes action and changes policy on behalf of children through projects, initiatives and legislative advocacy. Projects include:

- Children's Information Network
- Annual Fall Forum on Children's Issues
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Oklahoma KIDS COUNT
- Fit Kids Coalition
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies

OKLAHOMA ABLE TECH
OSU SereteanWellness Center, 1514 W. Hall of Fame, Stillwater, OK 74078

Info Line: 888-885-5588
800-257-1705
www.ok.gov/abletech

ABLE Tech connects Oklahomans with disabilities to assistive technology through the four activities of device demonstration, device short-term loans, device re-utilization and state financing activities. They publish the *Funding Guide for AT*, a funding guide for public/private AT available in Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH SERVICES (OAYS)
201 N.E. 50th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

405-528-4120
www.oays.org

The OAYS office and resources provide support, management, training, consultation and technical assistance to designated youth service agencies. The primary focus is to provide a consistent statewide response to youth and families referred because of identified problems or needs.

OKLAHOMA DISABILITY LAW CENTER (ODLC)
2915 Classen, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

TULSA: 800-226-5883
OKC: 800-880-7755
www.flash.net/~odlcokc

ODLC is a statewide program, providing free civil legal services to children and adults with disabilities or mental illness, to promote equality, full inclusion in society, and independence by providing quality legal services that protect and advance rights.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY CONCERNS (ODC)
2401 N.W. 23rd, Ste 90, Oklahoma City, OK 73107

800-522-8224
405-521-3756
TDD 405-522-6706
www.odc.ok.gov

The ODC provides information on government policy and programs, employment development for persons with disabilities, advocacy, information and assistance, legislative hotline and newsletter, technical assistance about barrier free design, information regarding ADA compliance, and client assistance program (CAP) for the Department of Rehabilitative Services.

OKLAHOMA FAMILY NETWORK (OFN)
PO Box 21072, Oklahoma City, OK 73156-1072

405-271-5072
www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org

The Oklahoma Family Network is Oklahoma's Parent to Parent mentorship network for those raising children with medical needs, developmental delays or a disability. OFN provides support to families through parent to parent mentorship and educational training.

SUPPORT & ADVOCACY (continued)

OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH (OCCY)
500 N. Broadway, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

866-335-9288
405-606-4900

www.okkids.org

This commission works to improve services to children by:

- Facilitating joint planning and coordination among public and private agencies
- Overseeing children's services provided by public and private entities
- Promoting innovative programs through funding model programs

OCCY programs include: Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO); Post Adjudication Review Board (PARB) Administration; Child Death Review Board; and the Family Perspective Committee.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM
Administrative Office of the Courts
1915 N. Stiles, Ste 305, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

877-521-6677

www.oscn.net/static/adr

Mediation of special educational issues and family and divorce issues by a third party can be arranged through local Early Settlement Centers. Cost is minimal.

OKLAHOMA CASA ASSOCIATION
PO Box 54946, Oklahoma City, OK 73154

800-742-2272
405-524-8999

www.oklahomacasa.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are trained community volunteers who are appointed by a juvenile or family court judge to make recommendations in the best interest of deprived children who are brought before the court.

OKLAHOMA CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL ASSOCIATION (OCCRRA)
4200 Perimeter Dr, Suite 235, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

888-962-2772
405-942-5001

www.oklahomachildcare.org

The OCCRRA is an organization devoted to serving communities statewide in ways that enhance Oklahoma's child care resources. Information is available on training, as well as listings of licensed child care facilities, with links to local child care resource and referral agencies.

OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL (ODDC)
2401 NW 23rd, Suite 74, Oklahoma City, OK 73107

800-836-4470
405-521-4984

www.okddc.ok.gov

The Council promotes systemic change by helping build community capacity in order that persons with developmental disabilities may live, work, and learn in the community of their choice. The Council accomplishes this by planning and implementing innovative service or support models, funding research, and through training of self-advocates, family members, caregivers and by educating policymakers.

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS (OJA)
3812 N. Santa Fe, Ste 400, Oklahoma City, OK 73118

405-530-2800

www.ok.gov/oja

The Office of Juvenile Affairs is a state agency entrusted by the people of Oklahoma to provide professional prevention, education, and treatment services as well as secure facilities for juveniles in order to promote public safety and reduce juvenile delinquency.

EDUCATION

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
2500 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

405-521-3301
Special Education Services: 405-521-3351
www.sde.state.ok.us

The State Department of Education funds and supervises the implementation of a number of program including:

- Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (see below)
- SoonerStart, Early Childhood Intervention Program (see below)
- Professional assistance in developing appropriate educational services
- Oversight and monitoring of school districts or local education agencies

SOONERSTART EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM
2500 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

405-521-4880
www.sde.state.ok.us/Curriculum/SpecEd/SoonerStart.html

SoonerStart is Oklahoma's early intervention program designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers with disabilities and developmental delays. Contact OASIS at 800-426-2747 for information about the program and referral to a local SoonerStart office.

OKLAHOMA PARENTS AS TEACHERS (OPAT)
2500 N. Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK

405-521-3346
<http://www.sde.state.ok.us/Programs/ECEduc/OPAT.html>

OPAT provides parent education for expectant parents and parents of children birth to age three in participating school districts to strengthen the capacity of parents to be effective first teachers and give their children the best possible start in life. Services can include: personalized home visits, support groups, developmental screenings, and a referral network. To enroll, parents should contact their local school district.

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY
1500 W. 7th St., Stillwater, OK 74074

405-377-2000
www.okcareertech.org

CareerTech is a comprehensive statewide system of career and technology education. This system offers programs and services in 29 technology center districts operating on 54 campuses, 400 comprehensive school districts, 25 skill centers, and 3 juvenile facilities.

OKLAHOMA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START
2800 NW 36th, Ste. 90, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

405-949-1495
<http://www.okcaa.org/headstart/index.htm>

The program provides a comprehensive program of child care, education health, mental health, nutrition, parent involvement, and services for children with disabilities.

OKLAHOMA PARENTS AND TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (OKPTA)
2801 N. Lincoln, Ste 214,, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

405-681-0750
www.okpta.org

The PTA promotes the welfare of children, raises the standards of home life, secures adequate laws for the care and protection of children, brings into closer relation the home and school, and develops the highest advantages in education.

EDUCATION (continued)

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
3300 Gibson, Muskogee, OK 74403

877-229-7136
<http://www.osb.k12.ok.us/>

Both day and residential components serve children birth through age 21. Outreach services are also available which include evaluations and consultation for visually impaired and blind students. There are no fees.

OKLAHOMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
1100 East Oklahoma, Sulphur, OK 73086

888-685-3323
580-522-4900
www.osd.k12.ok.us

OSD provides regular elementary, secondary and vocational programs, early education for ages 2-6, regional preschool programs, student assessment and outreach, parent education and lending library, sign language classes, and a transitional living center in Oklahoma City.

OKLAHOMA PARENT INFORMATION & RESOURCE CENTER
4801 Classen Blvd, Suite 212, Oklahoma City, OK 73118-4622

405-478-4078
877-765-7472
www.okpirc.org

The OK PIRC helps to implement successful and effective parental involvement policies, programs, and activities that lead to improvements in student academic achievement and that strengthen partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, administrators, and other school personnel in meeting the education needs of children.

OKLAHOMA PARENTS CENTER INC.
PO Box 512, Holdenville, OK 74848

877-553-4332
www.oklahomaparentscenter.org

Oklahoma Parents Center (OPC) operates the statewide federally funded Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) in Oklahoma which provides training, information and technical assistance for families of children with all disability conditions ages birth through twenty-six with strategies to advocate successfully for their children. They offer a Special Education Help-Line.

CENTER FOR LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP
OU Health Sciences Center
PO Box 26901, ROB 342, Oklahoma City, OK 73190

800-627-6827
405-271-4500
<http://w3.ouhsc.edu/thecenter>

The Center provides networks, training and information regarding disabilities and interdisciplinary education and training opportunities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOLUTION CENTER (SERC)
OSU Seretean Wellness Center, 4825 S. Peoria, Ste.2, Tulsa, OK 74105

888-267-0028
http://www.ok.gov/abletech/Special_Education_Resolution_Center/index.html

SERC manages the special education due process hearing system under IDEA for the State of Oklahoma under a contractual agreement between OSU, Oklahoma ABLE Tech and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

HOTLINES & HELPLINES

ABUSE HOTLINE (Children & Adults)

1-800-522-3511

MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN NAT'L HOTLINE

**1-800-THE-LOST
800-843-5678**

GIRLS AND BOYS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE

1-800-448-3000

National Hotline is a 24-hour crisis, resource and referral line for children and teens.

TEENLINE (Ages 18 – 25) Young Adults Hotline

1-800-522-TEEN (8336)

National Teen monitored "Warmline" (3:00 p.m. to Midnight)

SUICIDE HOTLINES

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

1-800-SUICIDE (784-2433)

SAFELINE

1-800-522-SAFE (7233)

Rape & Domestic Violence

REACH OUT HOTLINE

1-800-522-9054

Mental Health / Substance Abuse

POISON CONTROL HOTLINE

1-800-222-1222

HIV & AIDS HOTLINE

Oklahoma: 1-800-535-AIDS (2437)

National: 1-800-232-4636

PROBLEM GAMBLING HOTLINE

1-800-522-4700

OKLAHOMA TOBACCO HELPLINE

1-800-QUIT NOW (784-8669)

State Assistance Programs

Advantage Waiver Program

This program provides funding for in-home services to older Oklahomans and adults with physical disabilities who are medically and financially eligible to receive nursing facility care under Medicaid guidelines. It is administered through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Aging Services and the Long-Term Care Authorities of Tulsa and Enid. Services can include adult day care, home delivered meals, comprehensive home care, case management, skilled nursing care, medications, specialized equipment and supplies, environmental modifications, and other supportive assistance. Eligibility requirements include an assessment by OKDHS nurses to determine level of care. For application & information call 1-800-435-4711 or at:

www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/aging/adw/

Child Care Assistance

This is a program of the OKDHS that helps to pay for all or part of the cost of child care for children up to age 13 while the parent(s) work or go to school. Assistance may also be available for children older than 13 who have a disability. Child care must be provided by a licensed provider. Eligibility for the program is based on income. Application for the program is made through the local county OKDHS Family Service Center. Applicants need to provide information about work or school schedule in addition to proof of income. You can find information and the application at: www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/cc/asst/

Developmental Disability Support Services

Family Support Assistance Program

This program provides cash payments ranging from \$250 to \$400 per month, depending on the number of children under 18 years old with developmental disabilities living in the home. To qualify, the family must be headed by natural or adoptive parent(s) or a legal guardian (adoptive parents cannot also receive an adoption subsidy); have an adjusted gross income of no more than \$45,000 per year and live in Oklahoma. The child must be under 18 years old, a diagnosis of a developmental disability as defined by Oklahoma law; and live in the family home. Families can not receive the Family Support Assistance payment if they are already receiving waiver services. Application for this program are available at the local county OKDHS office or one of the Developmental Disability Services Division (DDSD) area offices and online at: www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/dd/commsvcs/docs/areacontactinfo.htm Families who qualify are served in chronological order, based on the date of their application, as funds allow.

Home and Community Based Waiver

This program offers a variety of services so that individuals with a developmental disability can live at home. The waiver provides services such as in-home paraprofessional supports, respite care, specialized therapy, counseling, family training, adaptive equipment, architectural modifications to the home, skilled nursing, transportation, and habilitation training. To be eligible for this program, the person or child must:

- 1.) be a resident of the State of Oklahoma;
- 2.) be determined to have a disability, with a diagnosis of mental retardation, by the Social Security Administration or the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Level of Care Evaluation Unit;
- 3.) be three years of age or older;
- 4.) be determined by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Level of Care Evaluation Unit, to meet the ICF/MR Institutional Level of Care requirements;
- 5.) be determined financially eligible through the DHS Family Support Services Division;
- 6.) not be enrolled in any other Medicaid waiver program; and
- 7.) not be residing in a hospital, nursing facility, or ICF/MR (Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded).

There is a waiting list for this program. Although children are eligible at age three (3), families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Applications are available at local OKDHS Family Service

Centers, area DDS offices and online at:

www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/dd/commsvcs/docs/areacontactinfo.htm

In Home Supports Waiver

In this program, families and individuals can choose the service(s) they need. Those eligible may receive services up to a specific amount each year. All services are provided through agencies which contract with DDS. Services include respite, habilitation training, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training, adaptive equipment, and specialized medical supplies. Other services are available to children through the Medicaid EPSDT program and the SSI-Disabled Children's Program. Eligibility includes meeting requirements for the Home and Community Based Waiver. The individual must reside in the family's home or his or her own home, and have critical support needs that can be met through a combination of non-waiver and Medicaid State Plan resources available to the individual, and within the per capita waiver allowance. There is a waiting list for this program. Application is through the local county OKDHS Family Service Center or one of the area DDS offices. Applications can also be found at:

www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/dd/commsvcs/docs/areacontactinfo.htm

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (Food Stamps)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamp program is a federally funded program that provides benefits to households who meet eligibility requirements established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The monthly benefit is determined by the income and size of the household and is used to purchase food. The food stamp benefit in most instances is intended to supplement other income. Anyone can apply for food stamps at the OKDHS Family Service Center in the county where he/she lives. Application can be found at: www.okdhs.org/library/forms/fssd/default.htm

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

OKDHS, in cooperation with the federal government, provides seasonal assistance to low-income households to assist with winter heating bills, and to provide help for some families who have received utility cut-off notices. Applications are taken in the local OKDHS Family Service Center. LIHEAP program application periods are dependent on available funding. Heating assistance applications are usually taken for two weeks beginning the first Monday in December. Crisis assistance applications are usually taken for two weeks starting March 15th or the first Monday following March 15th. Summer Cooling assistance applications are usually taken for two weeks starting July 15th or the first Monday following July 15th.

Medicaid

This program is also known as Title XIX (19), or Health Benefits. Services range from preventive medical care for children and adults to nursing care and alternative homebound care. It is not necessary for a medical condition to exist before applying for services. Eligibility for Medicaid is determined by federal and state regulations. Applicants must meet financial and other eligibility conditions to qualify for services. Those who might be eligible include: someone who is aged (age 65 or older), blind (as determined by Social Security Administration), disabled (as determined by Social Security), pregnant, a child under the age of 19, and adults who have children under the age of 19 whose primary place of residence is with the adult. Information on eligibility requirements and an application can be found at www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/health/med/docs/elig.htm#apply You may also request an application by phone or mail. This form may be completed and sent to your local county office. Appointments may be scheduled for your convenience.

TEFRA

(Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982) gives states the option to make Medicaid benefits available to children with physical or mental disabilities who would not ordinarily be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because of their parent's income or resources. This option allows children who are eligible for institutional services to be cared for in their homes. This option went

into effect in Oklahoma October 1, 2005. Application can be made at any OKDHS office. Eligibility information and applications are available at www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/health/tefra/

Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

Persons under 21 who are receiving Medical Benefits / Medicaid may receive health and dental screenings and follow-up treatment for certain conditions. Providers include physicians, health departments, schools and some local health clinics. These exams are available on a periodic schedule based on the age of the individual. For more information: www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/health/epsdt/

State Supplemental Payment (SSP)

This state funded program provides financial assistance to low income, aged, blind and disabled population who have been determined financially eligible. These individuals also receive Medicaid Services. Application is made through the local OKDHS Family Service Center.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

The SSI program is administered by the Social Security Administration and provides monthly income to people who are blind or disabled, or age 65 and older, and have limited income and financial resources. To qualify for SSI, a child must be blind or disabled *and* financially needy. In determining a child's financial eligibility, the parents' or step-parents' income and resources are considered. Determining disability eligibility is done by the state's Disability Determination Unit using SSA rules. Generally Social Security considers a child disabled if the child has "marked and severe functional limitations" from a physical or mental condition and if the condition has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months or will result in the child's death. Apply for SSI at local Social Security offices.

Supplemental Security Income - Disabled Child Program (SSI-DCP)

This program assists children from birth to age 18 who receive a Supplemental Security Income Disability Payment (SSI) to receive assistance in obtaining needed equipment and services. This includes adaptive equipment, specialty formula from birth to age 18, diapers from age 4 to age 18, and other services. Application should be made through the local county OKDHS Family Service Center.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

TANF is a cash assistance program available for families who have children deprived of support because of a parent's death, incapacity, absence, or unemployment. The purpose of this federal program is to provide temporary support in meeting basic needs, training leading to employment, employment services, and day care assistance for qualified families with children. While receiving cash assistance, the adult recipients are required to work or participate in activities geared toward work and achieving self-sufficiency. Recipients also receive Health Benefits (Medicaid). Persons receiving TANF also receive child support collection services from Child Support Enforcement. Everyone has the right to apply for TANF money payments and to be treated with courtesy and respect. Applications are made at the OKDHS Family Service Center in the county where the family lives.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program

WIC is a federal program administered by the Oklahoma State Department of Health. The program provides food, formula, nutritional screening, and information. Those eligible include women who are pregnant, breastfeeding or who have recently given birth, as well as infants and children to five years of age. Income guidelines apply. Application is made at a local WIC clinic or county health department.

Frequently Used Abbreviations / Terms & Acronyms

AAP	American Academy of Pediatrics	NICHCY	National Information Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities
ADA	American's with Disabilities Act	NICU	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
APRC	Area Prevention Resource Center	OASIS	Oklahoma Areawide Services Information System
ADD	Attention Deficit Disorder	OATC	Oklahoma Assistive Technology Center
ADHD	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	OAYS	Oklahoma Association for Youth Services
ARC	Assoc. for the Rights of Citizens with Disabilities	OCCY	Oklahoma Commission on Children & Youth
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs	ODDC	Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council
CAP	Client Assistance Program	ODLC	Oklahoma Disability Law Center
CCAN	Center for Child Abuse and Neglect	OESC	Oklahoma Employment Securities Commission
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocates	OHC	Office of Handicapped Concerns
CMHC	Community Mental Health Center	OHCA	Oklahoma Health Care Authority
CHO	Children's Hospital of Oklahoma	OKAPSE	Oklahoma Association for Persons in Supported Employment
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services	OICA	Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
CSHCN	Children with Special Health Care Needs	OJA	Office of Juvenile Affairs
DDSD	Developmental Disabilities Services Division	OPAT	Oklahoma Parents as Teachers
OKDHS	Department of Human Services	OPC	Oklahoma Parents Center
DMHSAS	Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services	ORRN	Oklahoma Respite Resource Network
DRS	Department of Rehabilitative Services	OSDE	Oklahoma State Department of Education
EI	Early Intervention (SoonerStart)	OSDH	Oklahoma State Department of Education
EPSDT	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment	OT	Occupational Therapy / Occupational Therapist
FAPE	Free and Appropriate Public Education	OUHSC	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
FERPA	Family Education Rights and Privacy Act	PCP	Primary Care Provider/Physician
FFY	Federal Fiscal Year (Oct. – Sept. 30)	PT	Physical Therapy
HHS	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	PTA	Parent Teacher Association
HMO	Health Maintenance Organization	SDE	State Department of Education
HTS	Habilitation Training Specialist	SEA	State Education Agency
ICF/MR	Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded	SED	Severely (Serious) Emotional Disturbance
IDEA	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act	SFY	State Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30)
IEP	Individualized Education Program	SLP	Speech-Language Pathology/Pathologist
IFSP	Individualized Family Service Plan	SPAN	Special Parents Access Network
IP	Individualized Plan (formerly Individualized Habilitation Plan - IHP)	SSA	Social Security Administration
IHS	Indian Health Service	SSI	Supplemental Security Income
LEA	Local Education Agency	SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance
LRE	Least Restrictive Environment	SSI-DCP	Supplemental Security Income – Disabled Children's Program
MCH	Maternal and Child Health	TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
NASW	National Association of Social Workers	TDD	Telecommunication Device for the Deaf
NAMI	National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	UCEDD	University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (formerly UAP)
		WIC	Women, Infants and Children (nutrition program)