

Definitions

"Child Care Facility"

means any public or private residential facility, child placing agency, foster family home, group home, child care center, part-day child care program, family child care home or large family child care home providing either full-time or part-time care for children away from their own homes.

"Child Care Center" means a facility that provides care and supervision for children and that operates for more than 30 hours per week. Facilities not required to be licensed are programs operated during typical school hours by a public school or by a private school that offers elementary education in grades kindergarten through third grade; summer youth camps for children at least five years of age that are accredited by the American Camping Association or other national standard setting agency or church camp accreditation program; programs in which children attend on a drop-in-basis and parents are on the premises and readily accessible; and other programs not designed or intended for child care purposes. However, exempt facilities may be licensed upon their request

"Family Child Care Home" means a family home where care and supervision are provided for seven or fewer children for part of the 24-hour day. Care not required to be licensed includes care provided in the child's home or by relatives and informal arrangements which parents make with neighbors, friends, or others for the occasional care of their children.

"Large Family Child Care Home" means a residential family home which provides care and supervision for eight to twelve children for part of the twenty -four- hour day. means a residential family home which provides care and supervision for eight to twelve children for part of the twenty -four- hour day. means a residential family home which provides care and supervision for eight to twelve children for part of the twenty -four- hour day.

"Part Day Children's Program" means a facility that provides care and supervision for children and that operates for more than 15 and up to 30 hours per week. Facilities not required to be licensed are nursery schools and kindergartens or other facilities whose purpose is primarily educational, recreational or medical and that operate for 15 or fewer hours per week.

"School-age Program" means a program that operates more than 15 hours per week in which care and supervision are provided for school-age children, such as before-school and after-school programs, extended day programs, day camps, summer camps and summer park programs.

"Drop-in Program" means a child care program that provides care for children on a drop-in basis where no child is in attendance for more than six hours a day

for a maximum of 24 hours a week with an allowance for six extra hours per child three times a year.

"In-home Care" means hiring someone to come into your home and care for your child.

"Relative Care" is provided by family members, which includes parent, grandparent, brother, sister, step-parent, step-sister, step-brother, uncle, aunt, cousin.

"Child Placing Agency" means a child welfare agency licensed to place children in foster family homes, group homes or adoptive homes.

"Residential Child Care Facility" means a 24-hour residential group care facility with a large number of unrelated children living together with adults other than their parents.

"Children's Shelter" means a public or private residential program that provides care and supervision for children in a non-secure environment for a period of time usually not exceeding 30 days. The program provides services for children who are in need of temporary emergency care.

REACHING FOR THE STARS PROGRAM

"One Star Family Child Care Home" operates under a state license.

"One Star Plus Family Child Care Home" operates in compliance with licensing requirements, has obtained additional training and reads to children daily; after 12 months, it offers five methods of parent involvement and is assessed using the Family Day Care Rating Scale.


"Two Star Home" is accredited through the National Association of Family Child Care and is in compliance with licensing requirements;

or

meets all One Star Plus criteria and the criteria for home provider qualifications.

"Three Star Home" meets all two star criteria and is accredited through the National Association of Family Child Care.

"One Star Child Care Center" operates under a state license.



"One Star Plus Child Care Center" operates in compliance with licensing requirements, the director obtains additional training, there are weekly lesson plans and interest centers, and teachers read to children daily; after 12 months, teachers obtain additional training, the center implements a salary scale with increments based on level of education, credential, training and years of experience, and the center offers seven methods of parent involvement and is assessed using the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale.

"Two Star Center" operates in compliance with appropriate licensing requirements and is accredited through an approved national accrediting organization;

or

meets all One Star Plus Criteria and the criteria for master teacher responsibilities and qualifications.

"Three Star Center" meets all two star center criteria and is accredited through an approved national accrediting organization.

For a complete listing of Stars criteria, you may review [OKDHS policy 340:110-1-8.3 \(click here\)](#)