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

State Agencies and Major Programs

Families & 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 for families. If you need additional information for family members with a developmental disability or special health care need, call Sooner SUCCESS toll free at 1-877-441-0434 between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A coordinator can help you find the resources you need. You can also search for services by accessing the online resource database at:

http://www.soonersuccess.ouhsc.edu

click on Searchable Directory

If your agency or program is listed in the Resource Guide or the Online Search Directory and the information needs to be updated, please contact Sooner SUCCESS at 1-877-441-0434.

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The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality of life in the Latino Community through education, leadership, services and advocacy; to work towards enhancing children's physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development; to assist parents in their role as caregivers and first teachers of their children; and to help parents meet their own goals, including economic independence.

**PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (PEP)**  
2500 N Lincoln  
OKC, OK  73105

PEP 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 PARENTS CENTER**  
PO Box 512  
Holdenville, OK  74848

The Oklahoma Parents Center is the statewide parent training and information (PTI) center serving parents of children with disabilities. Our goal is to educate and support parents, families and professionals in building partnerships that meet the needs of children and youth with the full range of disabilities ages' birth to 26.

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

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 E Oklahoma Ave  
Sulphur, OK  73086

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.
The State Department of Education funds and supervises the implementation of a number of programs 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

**SMART START OKLAHOMA**

1-866-283-0987

421 NW 13

OKC, OK 73103

http://smartstartok.org/

Smart Start is Oklahoma's statewide early childhood initiative and serves as the state's Early Childhood Advisory Council. Smart Start Oklahoma seeks to provide better opportunities to the children and families in Oklahoma. Mission is to lead Oklahoma in coordinating an early childhood system focused on strengthening families and school readiness for all children.

**SOONERSTART EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

405-521-4880

2500 N Lincoln

OKC, OK 73105

http://ok.gov/sde/soonerstart

SoonerStart is Oklahoma’s early intervention program designed to meet the needs of infants and toddlers up to age 3 with disabilities and developmental delays.

**TARC**

1-800-688-8272

2516 E 71

Tulsa, OK 74136

http://www.ddadvocacy.net

TARC is committed to ensuring a high quality of life for Oklahomans with developmental disabilities and their families through education, empowerment, support and advocacy.
The OU Child Study Center provides evaluation, treatment, and services for children with special needs who have a wide range of developmental disabilities including environmental and behavioral problems.

The Children's Center offers specialized medical and rehabilitative care to children with diagnoses such as: congenital defects, complications at birth, and traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries.

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

The OHCA is responsible for administering SoonerCare (Oklahoma’s Medicaid program) and Insure Oklahoma, a nationally recognized, Oklahoma-based program providing affordable health care coverage for some small businesses and individuals. More information about applying for the programs is available on the websites listed above.

OU Children's Physicians has over 150 specialists committed to the care of children. The majority of OU Children's Physicians are board-certified in children's specialties. Many provide pediatric-specific services unavailable elsewhere in the state.
OU MEDICAL CENTER
700 NE 13
OKC, OK 73104
405-271-4700
http://www.oumedicine.com/

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

OU PHYSICIANS
825 NE 10
OKC, OK 73014
405-271-2222
http://www.oumedicine.com/ouphysicians

OU Physicians is the state's largest physician group and encompasses almost every adult and child specialty. Many OU Physicians have expertise in the management of complex conditions that is unavailable elsewhere in the state, region or sometimes even the nation.

OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1000 NE 10
OKC, OK 73117
405-271-5600
800-522-0203
http://www.ok.gov/health/

The county health departments can provide Child Health and Guidance Clinics as well 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.
The Center for Child Abuse and Neglect offers assessment and treatment for children who have been abused or neglected, adolescent sex offenders, and women and the children of women who used inappropriate substances during pregnancy. They provide assessments for children at high-risk for abuse or neglect.

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

The Council promotes systemic change by helping build community capacity in order that Oklahomans with developmental disabilities may live, work, and learn in the community of their choice. The Developmental Disability Council facilitates both Partners in Policymaking and the Youth Leadership Forum and implements innovative support models.

The Road to Recovery: Supporting Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Who Have Experienced Trauma is a training that provides an overview for providers on how to work with children and families who are living with intellectual and development disabilities who have experienced trauma. This Toolkit consists of a Facilitator Guide and a Participant Manual. Together, they are designed to teach basic knowledge, skills, and values about working with children with IDD who have had traumatic experiences, and how to use this knowledge to support children’s safety, well-being, happiness, and recovery through trauma-informed practice.

The Toolkit, in its entirety, is available for download from the Trauma & IDD Toolkit webpage on the NCTSN Learning Center. This page includes the PowerPoint files of the Slidekit; NCTSN videos (i.e., NCTSN PSA & an excerpt from The Promise); Pre-Training and Follow-Up Evaluations (PDF versions & links to online Qualtrics versions); and, all activity files (i.e., a Board Game).
The Oklahoma Federation of Families for Youth and Children's Mental Health provides education, information and support to families and caregivers of children and youth with emotional, behavioral or other mental health related issues.
DDSD provides services to persons ages 3 and older who have an intellectual disability (IQ of 70 or below). Persons served may also have other developmental or physical disabilities.

**EASTER SEALS OKLAHOMA**

701 NE 13th ST  
OKC, OK 73104

Easter Seals Oklahoma provides services to ensure children and adults with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities.

- Early Learning & Inclusion Academy
- Behavioral Therapy and plans utilizing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) methodologies
- Occupational and Speech Therapy
- Financial assistance for purchase of rehabilitative equipment and/or therapies on site

**OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES**

605 Centennial Blvd  
Edmond, OK 73013

Community Action Agencies are locally controlled non-profit organizations that work to improve the lives of low-income individuals by creating opportunities for increased self-sufficiency and greater participation in the community. In Oklahoma, Community Action Agencies serve all 77 counties.

**OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

PO Box 25352  
OKC, OK 73125

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

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RESPITE VOUCHERS FOR CAREGIVERS

Sooner SUCCESS Respite Programs
Aging
DDS State Office
DDS Area 1
DDS Area 2
DDS Area 3
Oklahoma DHS Adoptions

877-441-0434
800-211-2116
800-521-3571
800-522-1064
800-522-1075
800-522-1086
405-521-3832

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

12301 N. Kelley
OKC, OK  73131

866-331-2207
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.
SOCIALIZATION

**CAMP BARNABUS**
901 Teas Trail 2060
Purdy, MO 65734

Any person who would not be able to participate in the activities at a typical summer camp without adaptation would probably qualify for Camp Barnabas. This includes people with medical, physical or intellectual disabilities and children with syndromes, rare diseases or any serious chronic illness.

**CAMP CLAPHANS - JD McCarty Center**
2002 E. Robinson Street
Norman, OK 73071
E-mail: camp@jdmc.org

A Residential Summer Camp for Children with Disabilities
The camp is for kids ages 8 to 18 and is an outreach project of the J.D. McCarty Center for children with developmental disabilities.
The camp is located on the hospital's campus at 2002 E. Robinson St. in Norman. It features two cabins, an activities building and an 11-acre lake.
Camp activities include horseback riding, archery, arts and crafts, swimming, scavenger hunts, fishing and canoeing. Other activities include talent shows, dance parties and stargazing.
Also, campers get to visit a local water park during their last day at camp.

**CAMP PERFECT WINGS**
405-942-3800
Falls Creek
6714 NW 77D
Davis, OK. 73030
http://www.bgco.org/specialneeds

Special needs camp where campers will learn of God’s plan for their lives and gain a heart for God and other through outdoor activities, horseback riding, crafts, interactive worship, bible studies, music, fishing, talent shows, etc.

For children (age 17 & under) and adults (age 18 and older).

**HOPE’S CROSSING: FREE SUMMER CAMP**
Bob Degen, President/Founder
918-855-0817
e-mail: elrwdegen@yahoo.com

Hope's Crossing Camp is a summer day camp for physically and mentally challenged children ages 9 to 15. Activities offered by Hope’s Crossing are designed to enhance self-esteem and self-confidence and include canoeing, archery, swimming, diving, wheelchair basketball, soccer, the ropes course, arts and crafts, and therapeutic horseback riding.

Hope’s Crossing Camp is free for every camper and has been fortunate for the past three years to contract with Camp Loughridge, located in the West side of Tulsa.

**MAKE PROMISES HAPPEN**
405-282-2811
800-299-2811
One Twin Cedar Lane
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044
http://www.centralchristiancamp.org

Make Promises Happen is one of the nation's largest camping and outdoor recreational programs for persons with disabilities and serious illnesses.
Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.
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**ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SYSTEM**

1915 N Stiles Suite 305  
OKC, OK  73105

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.

**AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

4340 East-West Hwy, Suite 350  
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

Increase public awareness about the day-to-day issues faced by people on the spectrum, advocating for appropriate services for individuals across the lifespan, and providing the latest information regarding treatment, education, research and advocacy.

**BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF OK**

PO Box 88  
Hillsdale, OK  73743

Oklahoma's foremost advocacy organization for survivors of brain injury. As a non-profit organization, they strive to educate survivors, family members, professionals, and the public about all matters related to brain injury.

**CENTER FOR LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP**

PO Box 26901 ROB 342  
OKC, OK  73126-0901

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

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION (CAP) ACTION COMMITTEE**

Coordinated by the Office of Child Abuse Prevention  
Oklahoma State Department of Health  
1000 NE 10th Street  
OKC, OK  73117

The CAP Action Committee is a collaborative group involved in the planning and promotion of child abuse prevention efforts throughout Oklahoma with an emphasis on April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL OK**

600 N.W. 23rd Street, Suite 206  
OKC, OK  73103  
Tulsa – 918-496-1873

The association’s programs include parent and educator workshops, an annual conference, new parent visitation and support, monthly parent to parent meetings, D.A.D.S group and an intern program for college students interested in working with children with disabilities.
The Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa (DSAT) is a non-profit organization that exists to enhance the lives of individuals with Down syndrome, their families, and communities. This is accomplished by fostering positive attitudes and opportunities for people with Down syndrome via empowerment, inclusion, educational events, and purposeful connections while celebrating their extraordinary lives.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY**
706 Haddonfield Road  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002  

Multiple Sclerosis Association of America offers a variety of programs and services in all 50 states: Helpline consultations, equipment distribution, MRI diagnostic funding, resource assistance, and public awareness campaigns. MSAA also provides valuable information on the disease and symptom management through its award-winning literature and educational videos.

**OFFICE OF DISABILITY CONCERNS**  
2401 NW 23 Suite 90  
OKC, OK 73107  
[http://www.ok.gov/odc/](http://www.ok.gov/odc/)

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 AUTISM NETWORK**
1200 N Stonewall  
OKC, OK 73117  

The Oklahoma Autism Network is committed to improving the outcomes and quality of life for individuals with autism and their families through education, professional development, advocacy, and systems change while respecting individual preferences, adhering to research and best practices, and promoting community inclusion.

**OKLAHOMA CASA ASSOCIATION**
5905 N Classen Ct. Suite 302  
OKC, OK 73118  
[http://www.oklahomacasa.org](http://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**
4200 Perimeter Dr Suite 235  
OKC, OK 73112  
[http://www.oklahomachildcare.org](http://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.
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OKLAHOMA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL 800-836-4470
2401 NW 23 Suite 74
OKC, OK 73107
http://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.

OKLAHOMA DISABILITY LAW CENTER
2915 Classen Blvd  Suite 300
OKC, OK  73106
TULSA:  800-226-5883
OKC:  800-880-7755
http://www.oklahomadisabilitylaw.org

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.

OKLAHOMA FAMILY NETWORK
PO Box 21072
OKC, OK  73156
405-271-5072
877-871-5072
http://www.oklahomafamilynetwork.org/

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

OKLAHOMA FAMILY SUPPORT 360 CENTER
PO Box 26901 ROB 342
OKC, OK  73126-0901
http://www.ouhsc.edu/thecenter/partnerships/of360.asp

The Oklahoma Family Support 360° Center (360° Center) assists families whose children have developmental disabilities and are Medicaid-eligible. It primarily serves Spanish-speaking families, assisting them in navigating service systems.

OKLAHOMA INSTITUTE FOR CHILD ADVOCACY
3909 N Classen Blvd  Suite 101
OKC, OK  73118
405-236-5437
http://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

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People First is a statewide self-advocacy group run by, and for, people with developmental disabilities.

Sooner SUCCESS
940 NE 13 Suite 3890
OKC, OK  73104
http://www.soonersuccess.ouhsc.edu

The Sooner SUCCESS program provides services and assistance for individual children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

Ability Connection Oklahoma (formerly United Cerebral Palsy of Oklahoma, Inc.)
10400 Greenbriar Pl., Suite 101
OKC, OK  73159
Okc@abilityconnectionoklahoma.org
www.abilityconnectionoklahoma.org

Ability Connection Oklahoma educates, advocates and provides support services to ensure a life without limits for people with a spectrum of disabilities.

Our mission:
To advance the independence, productivity and full citizenship of people with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities.
TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION

DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES
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

http://www.okrehab.org/

GEORGE NIGH REHABILITATION CENTER
900 E Airport Road
Okmulgee, OK  74447
http://gnrc.ouhsc.edu

GEORGE NIGH REHABILITATION CENTER 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.

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR YOUTH SERVICES
University of Oklahoma – Tulsa Campus
Schusterman Center
4502 E 41st  Bldg. 4W
Tulsa, Oklahoma  74135
http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/

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

NEW VIEW OKLAHOMA
501 N Douglas
OKC, OK  73106
http://www.newviewoklahoma.org/

New View is the leading employer of the blind and visually impaired in Oklahoma, and the only private agency offering specialized services for people living with vision loss.

OKLAHOMA ABLE TECH
Seretean Wellness Center OSU Campus
1514 W Hall of Fame
Stillwater, OK  74078
http://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.
To develop and implement an assistive technology program for teachers, support staff, and related service providers which will increase the knowledge of school personnel in the provision of assistive technology services to students with disabilities and will assist Oklahoma public schools in meeting the assistive technology requirements of IDEA.

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.
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Many of the State Assistance Programs can be accessed and applied for online here http://www.okdhs.org/.

**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.

**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.

**Developmental Disability Support Services**

**Community Integrated Employment Service**

Community Integrated Employment (CIE) is a service program that provides placement, job training and short-term or long-term supports to assist service recipients in achieving and maintaining employment within the community. Services are delivered in integrated settings in the community be contracted providers. http://www.okdhs.org/programsandservices/dd/ciemp/default.htm

**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 cannot receive the Family Support Assistance payment if they are already receiving waiver services.** Application for this program is available at the local county OKDHS office or one of the Developmental Disability Services (DDS) area offices. 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.

**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.

**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 Centers. 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). 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. 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.

**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.
State Supplemental Payment (SSP)

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

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program SNAP (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.

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. 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. Applications are available at a local WIC clinic or county health department.
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