

CHEROKEE NATION

Child Care & Development
2023 Summer Edition



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*Center for Early Childhood Professional Development
College of Continuing Education*

Greetings Providers,

My name is Kristina Allen, and I am the Project Director of the Oklahoma Registry. The following information is useful when submitting applications or documents to the Oklahoma Registry.

- Before Submitting: check the notes in your Oklahoma Registry account. Every document received is noted in your Registry account.
- Submitting documents via email: you will receive an email confirmation stating that we received your document. Please do not send duplicate documents. Sending a document more than once slows processing time.
- To check the notes: Log into your Oklahoma Registry account at www.okregistry.org. Once you are logged in, scroll down to view the notes. If you do not see that the Registry received your document after two business days, please email cecpd@ou.edu to check the status.

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Online Application Staff Notes [Staff Note]	Effective 03/06/23	
User Note		
Received training documents and CDA (expiring on 7/23/2025) on 3/6/2023.		
Created 03/06/23 by Kristina Allen	Documents 0	Manage

Please contact us at cecpd@ou.edu if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Kristina Allen

Oklahoma Registry Project Director

Services Provided by Cherokee Nation Resource & Referral

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Training/Technical Assistance

If you would like one-on-one assistance in the following areas we will be glad to help!

- Circle time/morning meeting ideas
- Classroom Management
- Creating Visual Cues for your classroom
- Director/Business Assistance
- Ideas on building relationships
- Lesson Plans
- Pyramid Model-research based teaching practices. We offer support, materials, and resources.
- Room Arrangement
- Science Enrichment activities
- STARS
- Staying in compliance with licensing
- Teaching Social Emotional Skills

NEED HELP WITH LESSON PLANS WITH NEW QRIS STANDARDS? WE ARE HERE TO HELP.



We will explore how to write lesson plans with the new QRIS standards. We will review the ELG and discuss ideas to implement activities around children's interests, curiosity, and needs. We can arrange one-on-one time or a training to assist teachers with developing lesson plans. If you are interested, contact Lisa Evans at 918-570-9269 or 918-824-4533.

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR STARS VISIT?

Do you need help with sustaining STARS? If so, we are here for you! Our stars kits will keep you organized and in compliance with the new QRIS guidelines. In addition to our kits, we provide resources, consultation, and hands-on instruction in areas in which you need additional support. If you are interested, contact Lisa Evans at 918-570-9269 or 918-824-4533.



CIRCLE TIME SUCCESS



Is your circle time a challenge? Do you spend most of your time telling children to sit and to stop touching their neighbor? Have you run out of activities to do during circle time? If so, this is the TA for you. We will discuss age-appropriate circle times, we will learn the components of a successful circle time and how to offer age-appropriate engaging activities. If you are interested in this TA, contact Amber Walls at 918-453-5079 or 918-316-2659.



BIKE SAFETY FOR BABIES

Babies around nine months old are just becoming strong enough to hold up their necks, so it is not recommended that infants younger than 12 months ride in a bicycle seat, trailer, sidecar or any other carrier. However, when they are ready for a free ride, these safety tips can help passengers in a child-trailer or rear-mounted seat enjoy the experience.

Top Safety Tips

1. Infants younger than 12 months are too young to sit in a rear bike seat and should not be carried on a bicycle. Do not carry infants in backpacks or a front carrier on a bike.
2. It is not recommended to seat babies in slumped positions for long periods of time.
3. The International Bicycle Fund recommends that helmets be round and not aero shaped for infants riding in bike seats and trailers and it should meet American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) safety standards. The helmet should cover the forehead and not sit on the back of the head.
4. Keep in mind that rides in the infant bike seat will be much rougher than the one you experience in the saddle so choose your ride carefully.
5. Many trailers have five-point harnesses, rolling cages, reflectors and safety flags. Using a cover can also help prevent materials from flying into your infant's eyes.

SWIMMING SAFETY


Whether it's a trip to the beach or a dip in the community or backyard pool, these swimming safety tips can help you have fun in the sun.

Hard Facts about Drowning

- Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children ages 1-4.
- And it's the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children 19 and under.
- In 2018, 918 children under the age of 19 drowned and more than 7,000 were seen in the emergency room.

Top Safety Tips

1. **Watch kids when they are in or around water.** Keep young children and weak swimmers within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure more experienced swimmers are with a partner every time.
2. **Choose a Water Watcher.** When there are several adults present, choose one to be responsible for watching children in or near the water for a certain period of time, such as 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, select another adult to be the Water Watcher.
3. **Teach children how to swim.** Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready. Consider their age, development and how often they are around water.
4. **Make sure kids learn these five water survival skills.**
 - Step or jump into water over their head and return to the surface.
 - Turn around in the water and orient to safety.
 - Float or tread water.
 - Combine breathing with forward movement in the water.
 - Exit the water.
5. **Teach children that swimming in open water is different from swimming in a pool.** Be aware of situations that are unique to open water, such as limited visibility, depth, uneven surfaces, currents and undertow. These potential hazards can make swimming in open water more challenging than swimming in a pool.
6. **Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills.** It is important to know how to respond in an emergency without putting yourself at risk of drowning. Learning these skills may help you save a life.



Around pools and open bodies of water, give kids your undivided attention.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Pauline Pettit was raised in Marble City, Oklahoma and has lived there her entire life. Pauline loves her family. She has been married to her husband Clifton for over 40 years. They have two children, four grandchildren and one great grandson. Pauline is active in her community. She serves as a member of the Marble City School Board, volunteers at the clothes and food pantry and is a member of House of Praise Church in Marble City.

Pauline was recently recognized for her 30 years of service to the Cherokee Nation. She began her career in August of 1992 as a receptionist in the Sallisaw Human Services office as part of the Work Experience Program. In February of 1993, she was placed on staff as an Intake Clerk, and in August of 1994, she started working for the Child Care Subsidy Program as a Customer Service Representative and continues to serve in that capacity.

"I enjoy working with families and children. My goal is to meet and help so many good people in our community. I feel very blessed to be around co-workers that make work enjoyable. We work, help, and laugh together. I feel God has blessed me with a good life."



United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

Fireworks Injuries & Deaths

2021 REPORT

#CelebrateSafely

Fireworks Safety Tips

- ★ Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- ★ Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips:
[cpsc.gov/fireworks](https://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

Spike in Fireworks Injuries

over the Last 15 Years

25% Increase
in fireworks injuries
between 2006 & 2021



11,500

people were
treated in ERs
for fireworks injuries in 2021



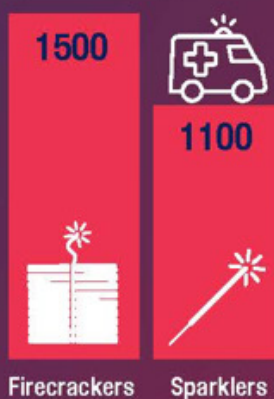
Deaths
from Fireworks



How & When Injuries Occurred

2021 Injuries

by Firework Type



74%

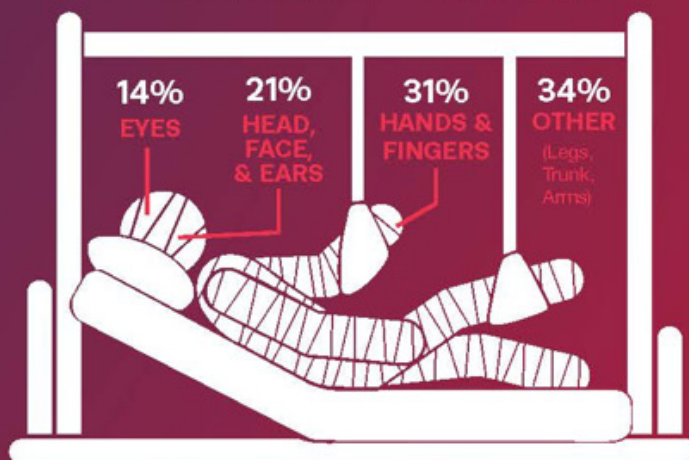
of injuries occurred
in the weeks before &
after the July 4th holiday



Most Injured Body Parts



32% of the injuries were
burns

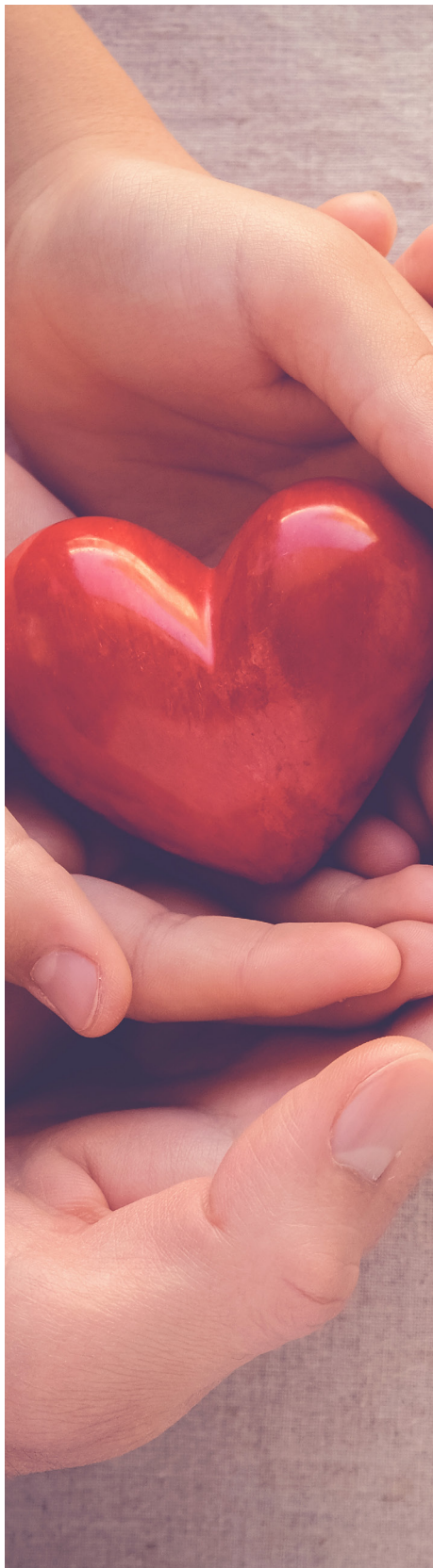


Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission 2021 Fireworks Annual Report



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www.cecpd.org

Child Care Aware Of America

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www.childcareaware.org

OKDHS Office of Background Investigations

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