



## [Oksharedservices.org](http://Oksharedservices.org)

### **What is OK Shared Services?**

OK Shared Services is a password-protected web platform that forms an extensive knowledge hub of tools focused on supporting the needs of early childhood education and care professionals. Quick links to difficult-to-find state and federal regulations, samples and templates of procedures, policies, forms, toolkits, handbooks and more help providers manage their programs more efficiently and effectively, all available at the click of a mouse. The resources are created with the knowledge and expertise from early childhood education and care experts in 28 states resulting in very high-quality, vetted tools. CCA For Social Good develops, hosts, and maintains the online platform. Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral supports the program in Oklahoma.

### **Why Does this Matter?**

The early childhood education and care sector is challenged with rising costs, shrinking budgets, rapidly changing workforce, diversified needs of children and their families and the increasing demand to improve quality. ECE Shared Resources is the only platform that provides a systems approach to address these challenges while strengthening the needs of this sector. ECE Shared Resources helps save time and money that can be invested in quality improvement efforts. Further, the pragmatic tools and resources enable practitioners to improve the quality of the education and care they provide while streamlining the reach of technical assistance and coaching specialists; this in turn helps states 'take quality to scale' in a cost-effective manner.

### **Are there savings or discounts offered?**

Pre-negotiated everyday discounts are available on a variety of products and services used by early childhood education and care programs throughout the US. Types of savings programs include: payroll, office and classroom supplies, facilities and janitorial supplies, uniforms, website development, food, insurance, and more. Users choose which program they'd like to use and when they want to use it.

#### Typical Savings

- Office Supplies 12% - 18%
- School Supplies 10% - 20%
- Payroll Processing 25% - 30%
- Food Supply 10% - 35%
- Job Postings 55%

## Are the resources vetted?

Yes. the resources are informed by professionals highly engaged in current research and thinking in ECE including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control, Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning from Vanderbilt University, Penn State Better Kid Care and many, many more leaders.

## Materials and documents used to be very difficult to develop and customize. Now it's so easy.

Tools are presented in Microsoft Word and Excel. They can be downloaded, edited and customized for immediate use by a program. Having these resources helps TA Staff to cover more topics during visits, and also use the time saved to assist additional programs. Following are just a few of the tools that help contribute to higher quality:

- Clear policies
- Handbooks
- Checklists
- Procedures
- Classroom tips
- Parent Handouts
- Hiring and HR documents
- Cost Savings (funds that get put back into the program)

## Membership

Participation is by membership. Every provider will be given a free year of membership from their first login during 2019 with unlimited users. After the first year, membership fees are as follows:

Family Child Care Homes - \$35/year with 2 user logins.

Child Care Centers with a licensed capacity of 99 or fewer - \$110/year with 4 user logins.

Child Care Centers with a licensed capacity of 100 or more - \$150/year with 6 user logins.

For every user beyond the number provided, there will be a \$10 fee. As an example, your center is licensed for 65 children and you begin using the system on March 31, 2019. You will have unlimited user through March 31, 2020. On April 1, 2020 you will pay \$110 for 4 users to have access to the system. Each additional user will cost you \$10.





















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## Saving You Money

By combining the purchasing power of very large pools of buyers, ECE Shared Resources negotiates national cost savings programs with vendors used by ECE programs and others throughout the USA. Everyday savings with ECE Shared Resources enables child care providers to achieve more with their existing budgets.

 <p>A more human resource.™</p> <p><b>ADP Payroll Processing</b> 25% - 30% discount and no cost for initial set-up.</p>	 <p>American Academy of Pediatrics PEDIATRICS FOR THE FUTURE</p> <p><b>American Academy of Pediatrics</b> 20% savings on specific titles for child care.</p>	 <p><b>CareerBuilder</b> Save 55% off the price to post a 30-day online job ad.</p>	 <p><b>Chase Paymentech</b> Up to 50% off processing charges. No application fee. No fixed fees.</p>
 <p><b>Constructive Playthings</b> 15% discount, 3% discount on playground items</p>	 <p><b>Discount School Supply</b> 20% discount. Free shipping on orders over \$99.</p>	 <p><b>Emma</b> Negotiated rate of 1-2 cents per email or newsletter.</p>	 <p><b>First Book</b> Access to new, free and low-cost books for qualifying programs.</p>
 <p><b>FoodSource Plus</b> Typical savings of 10% - 35% off 1000's of food and supply items.</p>	 <p><b>Kaplan</b> 17% discount and free shipping on orders of \$200 or more.</p>	 <p><b>Lakeshore Learning</b> 10% merchandise certificate and free shipping.</p>	 <p><b>ProSolutions Training</b> Affordable CEU credit training, available 24 hours.</p>
 <p><b>Quorum e-Learning</b> 10% savings on annual memberships and courses.</p>	 <p><b>SmartCare</b> \$3 per child, per month and access to Premium Plan features.</p>	 <p><b>Sprint</b> Up to 25% service discount on business and employee plans.</p>	 <p><b>Staples</b> 12% off thousands of products. Up to 70% off contracted items.</p>
 <p><b>Teachstone</b> 10% savings on video library subscriptions.</p>	 <p><b>UniFirst</b> 25% off catalog pricing. Up to 70% off rental products.</p>	 <p><b>VSI</b> Drug testing is \$46 per applicant.</p>	 <p><b>Web.com</b> Website building and design. Packages starting at \$9.95/mo.</p>