



## Oklahoma Child Care RESOURCE & REFERRAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

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### **Child Care Help Available for Tornado Victims**

**Statewide Referral Agency Offers Free Help Finding Emergency or Temporary Child Care After Storms Damage Facilities and Disrupt Care**

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The Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) will provide free help finding emergency child care for parents, families and rescue workers whose children need care in the aftermath of deadly tornados that swept through central Oklahoma. At least two child care centers, two school age programs and eight family child care homes were damaged or destroyed by the storms.

If you are in need of child care as a result, Oklahoma Child Care Resource and Referral Association and its regional agency, Rainbow Fleet, are here to help. Parents can call the Referral Line toll free at 888-962-2772. A specialist will assist families in finding alternative centers or homes. Rescue workers and those involved in cleanup efforts are also welcome to call for referrals to temporary child care. There is no charge for this service.

Also available free of charge is our child care search application for iPhones and Androids, Child Care Finder. This new product allows parents to search for licensed child care at the convenience of their fingertips. Families can also go to our website, [www.oklahomachildcare.org](http://www.oklahomachildcare.org) to connect to one of our local agencies that provides online child care search capabilities.

Help is also available for child care providers who suffered damage. If you operate a child care facility or are a caregiver or family child care business owner that needs assistance as a result of the storms, call for information toll free at 888-962-2772.

OCCRRA helps parents take the guesswork out of choosing care. They provide parents with referrals to local child care providers and information about what good child care looks like. They also have information about state licensing requirements and the availability of child care

subsidies. Child Care Resource & Referral agencies provide guidance—by phone, in person and via the Internet— that is tailored to each individual family.

OCCRRA, the Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association, Inc., is a private, non-profit organization established in 1999 to promote child care quality, affordability and availability for all Oklahoma families. Its services are provided throughout the state by eight regional resource and referral agencies which help families find and choose child care and learn about what to look for when selecting quality care. The Association receives funding from the Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Child Care Services.##

**PSA:**

## **Looking for Child Care after the Tornado?**

**We are here to help.**

Contact our referral service toll free. A specialist will assist you with finding an alternative child care arrangement. You can also search online or by smart phone app.

**Call:**

**Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral**

**888-962-2772**

There is no charge for this service.

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