

Curriculum Coordinator Overview

WHO?

- Centers with a curriculum coordinator who assists with lesson plan implementation and classroom teacher mentoring can choose this option to meet one of their additional program criteria options to achieve a four or five Star level.
- Four Star centers implement three program criteria and five Star centers implement five. Four Star out-of-school time programs implement two program criteria and five Star out-of-school time programs implement three.

WHY?

- Early learning experiences have a lifelong effect on children's future success.
- Planning for children's learning based on what is known about child development and learning greatly increases the chances that the child will achieve the most benefit from the experiences a program provides.
- When an individual with specialized knowledge and experience in child development and learning has dedicated time to plan and support high quality learning experiences, the children, families, and program benefit.

WHAT?

- Curriculum coordinators have specialized education in early childhood development and education.
- They support classroom teachers refine their practices, improve instructional quality, and achieve mastery as early childhood professionals.
- In addition to assisting with lesson plan implementation and mentoring classroom teachers, curriculum coordinators can help develop curriculum and classroom lesson plans that align with Oklahoma Early Learning Guidelines and/or Academic Standards and that reflect program philosophies and goals. They can assist and mentor teachers with child observations and individualizing lesson plans to meet each child's needs. They can support the program in planning classroom schedules, arranging classroom equipment, and developing and implementing transition and continuity of care plans.