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- ▶ Both programs are state administered by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- ▶ TANF/child care go hand in hand in Oklahoma (our child care & TANF policies can be found online at [www.okdhs.org](http://www.okdhs.org))
- ▶ Assigned TANF worker maintains the TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, and child care on one comprehensive case
- ▶ One worker per family - not multiple workers for each program



# Requirements for TANF Child Care:

- ▶ Mandatory cooperation with child support
- ▶ Must be participating in a countable TANF work component and/or employment



# Benefits of Child Care for TANF Recipients:

- ▶ Allows TANF households to move into the workforce with affordable licensed child care
- ▶ TANF household predetermined for \$0 family share care co-payment
- ▶ Allows for TANF population to receive education and job training without having to worry about quality care for their children
- ▶ Oklahoma currently does not have a waiting list for child care



# Benefits of Child Care for TANF Recipients

- ▶ Fewer children left at home alone
- ▶ Provides licensed care with appropriate caregiver
- ▶ Decreases potential for child welfare referrals when children are left in a safe place
- ▶ Promotes family stability and self-sufficiency by allowing more families to move into the workforce



# Transitional Benefits to Employment

## Earned Income Disregard (EID)

- ▶ Earnings exempt for the first 3 months of employment

## Subsidized Employment Program (SEP)

- ▶ Earnings exempt for the first 4 months of employment



# Transitional TANF Benefit

## EID and SEP benefits include:

- ▶ \$0 family share co-pay for child care
- ▶ Provides support to families transitioning from family assistance into the workforce
- ▶ SNAP benefits frozen at the TANF rate during this timeframe



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