

Training Curricula Overview

The OkCARE certification process involves the selection and completion of training workshops from one of two approved curricula:

University of Oklahoma Residential Training Course For Child Care Workers

This course commonly referred to as the “O.U. Curriculum”, is published by the National Resource Center for Youth Services, which is affiliated with the University of Oklahoma. This training course integrates, focuses and applies principles and concepts in five student manuals:

- Building Relationships
- Understanding Child Development
- Teaching Discipline
- Creating A Positive Environment
- Becoming A Supervisor

In-Service Training Curriculum for Residential Child Care Workers

This course, commonly referred to as the “Kentucky Curriculum”, is published by Multi-Media Innovations of Lexington, Kentucky. The three elements of training this course provides are interactional, organized, and applicable. These elements are of equal importance when providing balanced, effective, and high quality in-service training.

- Child Development Unit (consisting of nine sessions)
- Behavior Management Unit (consisting of ten sessions)
- Residential Management Unit (consisting of fourteen sessions)

The O.U. Curriculum and the Kentucky Curriculum provide a consistent philosophy of child care services through the delivery of essential knowledge, attitudes, and skills.