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Rules and Regulations for Pilot Early Childhood Program

1. Qualifying children are those children aged birth to three years, who are identified as at-risk as determined by Federal Poverty Guidelines.
2. Qualifying programs must meet childcare licensing requirements as provided by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services for children aged birth to three years.
3. The adult child ratio shall meet minimum childcare licensing requirements as provided by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services for children aged birth to three years.
4. The provider will ensure the operational schedule is a minimum of eight hours a day for 50 weeks a year. Children will be served 48 weeks, with two additional weeks for staff training.
5. Staff requirements are:
 - a. The lead teacher must hold early childhood certification and a bachelor's degree.
 - b. The assistant teacher must hold a minimum of an associate's degree (60 college credits) in child development or a related field.
 - c. The classroom aide must hold a minimum of a high school diploma and a Child Development Associate (CDA) degree (120 clock hours).
 - d. Each staff member must undergo a Federal Bureau of Investigation background check.
 - e. The provider shall employ a family support worker whose caseload shall be approximately 50 families.
6. All staff must participate in initial training and annual training in infant and toddler development, curriculum, and parent education.
7. The curriculum shall be aligned with Oklahoma's Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers.
8. All programs must undergo an annual program evaluation.