210:15-11.3. Criteria for pilot early childhood program pursuant to Title 70 O.S. § 10-105.4 [AMENDED]

(a) Qualifying children are those children aged birth through three years, who are identified as at-risk as determined by Federal Poverty Guidelines.
(b) Qualifying programs must meet childcare licensing requirements as provided by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services for Children aged birth through three years.
(c) The adult child ratio shall meet minimum childcare licensing requirements as provided by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services for children aged birth through three years.
(d) 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.
(e) Staffing requirements are:
   (1) The lead teacher must hold early childhood certification and a bachelor's degree. Lead teachers must hold one of the following:
       (i) an associate's degree (AA), baccalaureate degree (BA), or master's degree (MA) in early childhood, child development, elementary education, or early childhood special education;
       (ii) an associate's degree (AA), baccalaureate degree (BA), or master's degree (MA) in social work, nursing, psychology, human development and family studies and one year experience as a teacher;
       (iii) at least 60 college/university credits with at least 30 college credits in early childhood education, child development, elementary education, or early childhood special education; or
       (iv) a baccalaureate degree or higher in any discipline with at least 36 college credits in early childhood education, child development, elementary education, or early childhood special education.
   (2) The assistant teacher must hold a minimum of an associate's degree (60 college credits) in child development or a related field. Assistant teachers must hold one of the following:
       (i) a high school diploma and a current Child Development Associate (CDA) degree (120 clock hours);
       (ii) a high school diploma and at least 12 college credits in early childhood education, child development, elementary education, or early childhood special education; or
       (iii) one of the options outlined in section (e)(1).
   (3) The classroom aide must hold a minimum of a high school diploma and a Child Development Associate (CDA) degree (120 clock hours).
   (4) Each staff member must undergo a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) background check.
   (4) Any staff member not meeting the requirements outlined in section (e)(1) or (e)(2) above will be given a “plan of correction” and meet requirements within a 2-year period.
   (5) The provider shall employ a family support worker whose caseload shall be approximately 50 families.
(f) All staff must participate in initial training and annual training in infant and toddler development, curriculum, and parent education.
(g) The curriculum shall be aligned with Oklahoma's Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and
Toddlers.
(h) All programs must undergo an annual program evaluation.