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## **OETA Grant Will Help OKC Educare Implement New Science and Literacy-Based Programming**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – OETA and Oklahoma City Educare, a program of Sunbeam Family Services, have begun a Ready to Learn partnership as the result of a recent \$350,000 Community Collaborative for Early Learning and Media grant awarded to OETA.

The purpose of the grant, to be used over four years, is to give young children ages 2-8 from low-income families a strong foundation in early science and literacy. The partnership between OETA and Oklahoma City Educare will introduce community programming that produces positive attitudes toward learning, increase awareness of available resources in the community and build a digital literacy foundation by interacting with PBS media. Another component of the grant is the Eat, Explore, Learn & Share model that promotes the importance of nutritious meals.

“The partnership between OETA and Educare will give our early childhood families the opportunity to build their digital literacy skills and participate in family engagement activities while becoming aware of community resources that may address their own individual family needs,” said OKC Educare Parents as Teacher (PAT) supervisor Tamara Leach, M.Ed.

### About OKC Educare

OKC Educare is a program of Sunbeam Family Services, serving more than 200 at-risk children, ages birth to five, with high-quality early childhood education, social-emotional development and specialized care. Each student is at-risk for school failure, due to a number of risk factors and barriers to success. OKC Educare is committed to providing the most comprehensive mental health services to infants, young children and families as well as the highest quality outcome-based learning environments for families. To learn more, visit <http://okceducare.org> or follow on Facebook.

### About Sunbeam Family Services

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma’s longest serving nonprofits, providing people of all ages with help, hope and the opportunity to succeed through early childhood, counseling, foster care and senior services. To learn more, visit [www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org) or follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.