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**SUNBEAM FAMILY SERVICES TO EXPAND EARLY
CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS WITH SECOND FEDERAL HEAD START GRANT**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Sunbeam Family Services has announced the additional expansion of its early childhood services programs as a result of a second federal Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant. The \$9.1 million grant is awarded by Health & Human Services – Office of Head Start and will be distributed over a five-year period, allowing Sunbeam to increase its impact on children ages birth to three years placed in traditional early childhood centers.

Sunbeam will administer and manage the grant by partnering with six to eight new early childcare locations across Oklahoma City.

“Once again, Sunbeam has leveraged its successful past of quality early childhood programs with innovative and collaborative thinking to garner additional federal funding for the metro area,” said Paula Gates, Sunbeam Director of Early Childhood Services. “This award is the culmination of two years of work and planning and the federal funding will enhance the quality of childcare for the most at-risk children and families in the Oklahoma City area.”

Not only will these funds dramatically improve the development of young children, ensuring they will be school-ready, it will also expand Sunbeam’s reach to more than 620 children and their approximately 2,480 family members, Gates said.

Sunbeam currently has 12 partnership sites opened through the first federal grant awarded in 2015 and operates three early childhood centers, including OKC Educare, Tony Reyes Bilingual Early Childhood Center and Emerson Alternative High School early childhood program.

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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, foster care,

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