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## **Sunbeam Family Services to Hire 60 Early Childhood Professionals by Fall**

**(OKLAHOMA CITY)** – Sunbeam Family Services seeks to hire 60 early childhood professionals by fall.

“Sunbeam is exploding into the future,” said Paula Gates, director of early childhood services. “We have increased our grants, services and impact areas. What that does is create a huge need for educated early childhood professionals. If you’re looking for a way to make a very personal impact in the community of Oklahoma City, Sunbeam is the place you need to be.”

In March, Sunbeam announced it was awarded an \$18,624,629 grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and Early Head Start Expansion (CCP 3). Sunbeam is the only nonprofit in Oklahoma to receive all three Child Care Partnership grants, totaling an anticipated \$53,261,686 from 2015 through 2024. With the addition of CCP 3, each year Sunbeam will help 680 children from birth to age five prepare for school – and life. This means the nonprofit is in need of more teachers to help children learn, grow and thrive.

Sunbeam is a leader in early care and education. Children who are not prepared to start school at age 5 are at risk of never catching up, leaving an achievement gap that can persist throughout their entire lives. To help children and families thrive in our community, Sunbeam provides opportunities for families who might normally have difficulty in accessing high quality early learning and care programs. By providing full-day, full-year center based services in more than 15 locations across the Oklahoma City metro, families are able to invest in their children during this crucial period of development. The nonprofit’s Early Head Start home-based program is also available for children ages birth to three.

Families are essential to the success of the child. Through Sunbeam’s Early Childhood Services, each family has a dedicated family advocate who actively helps problem solve, locate resources within the community and achieve child and family goals. Families are also invited to volunteer with classrooms and are encouraged to apply for employment opportunities. This holistic approach addresses the needs of the whole family, including the personal and professional goals of the parent.

Sunbeam is committed to helping children develop strong social skills including self-confidence and emerge better prepared for kindergarten. By nurturing early learning, Sunbeam, their community partners and their families, work together to achieve the achievement gap for our children.

“As the Early Head Start provider for central Oklahoma, we offer a low teacher to child ratio where children are able to receive more personalized attention from highly-educated staff,” said Ali van Rosendale, Sunbeam teacher. “That classroom model was designed to help maintain a positive learning environment.”

Sunbeam is an employee-first organization where employees are valued, respected and encouraged to grow.

"That's one of the many reasons we were voted one of Oklahoma's 'Best Places to Work' for the fourth year in a row," said Gates. "We believe when employees are inspired, motivated and treated well, they provide great service to our families."

Sunbeam is committed to maintaining a benefits program that meets the needs of its employees and their families. The benefits package includes medical, dental, life, disability and vision insurance. In addition, employees have access to Sunbeam's confidential counseling services through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), and a 403(b) retirement savings plan.

To learn more or join the Sunbeam family, visit [SunbeamFamilyServices.org/careers](http://SunbeamFamilyServices.org/careers).

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About Sunbeam Family Services

Founded in 1907, Sunbeam Family Services is one of Oklahoma's longest serving nonprofits and is one of the original United Way of Central Oklahoma Community partners. Sunbeam's mission is to provide help, hope and the opportunity to succeed to people of all ages in central Oklahoma through Early Childhood, Counseling, Foster Care and Senior Services. To learn more, call 405-528-7721, visit [sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://sunbeamfamilyservices.org), or join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.