

# Support for Child Care Providers

## **Playground Supervision Program:**

This program supports child care homes by providing assessments regarding the state of their backyard to ensure safety & compliance with state regulations. We conduct a home visit in which we walk through the yard or playground space, assess the area and provide feedback to discuss areas of improvement. ELW offers a stipend toward the purchase of items to increase the quality of their playground space.

## **Coaching & Consultation:**

ELW staff offers support services and best practices for child care providers (mainly homes) through intensive coaching and professional development. This is accomplished either by an ongoing relationship - or collaborative - based approach to yield high-quality early child care and education programs. ELW identifies appropriate strategies and solutions, provides individualized hands-on support and modeling, delivers staff training, and offers free resources and materials.

## **Learning Getaways Series:**

This series includes Professional Development (PD) & Coaching Circle Programming. These two-hour PD sessions are offered on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Topics include OKSharedServices content, reference OK licensing regulations, & NAFCC accreditation standards if applicable. We incorporate two coaching circles: one within the two-hour PD sessions PLUS an additional 1-on-1 coaching circle the following week (based on time slots appointments).

## **Other Projects:**

ELW collaborates with other community organizations to offer educational programming and opportunities to child care providers. Some of these collaborations include art & music projects and field trips.