



About Oklahoma Champions for Early Opportunities (OKCEO)

“Early nurture and mental stimulation determine readiness to learn and subsequent school and career success. It’s important to give all our kids the opportunity to develop their potential.” – Pat Potts, OKCEO co-founder and executive director of the Potts Family Foundation

- Oklahoma Champions for Early Opportunities (OKCEO) is a statewide campaign to educate business, community and legislative leaders about the strong link between early learning and economic growth.
- The initiative began in 2010, led by the Oklahoma Business Roundtable, Smart Start Oklahoma and the Potts Family Foundation.
- OKCEO mobilizes business leaders as advocates for adequate resources supporting parents and caregivers in the critical first few years of life.

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