

# Family Friendly America

## Oklahoma



Oklahoma workers need public policies that allow them to better manage the dual demands of work and family. Family friendly workplace laws help workers maintain their economic security when they give birth, adopt, raise children or grandchildren, deal with illness, and care for parents, grandparents, spouses or partners.

### Working Families by the Numbers

- **832,011 Oklahoma women** work, making up **46 percent** of the state workforce.<sup>1</sup>
- **55,175 Oklahoman** gave birth between 2008 and 2009.<sup>2</sup>
- **576,385 Oklahoma children (66 percent)** live in families where all parents work.<sup>3</sup>
- **77,398 Oklahoma grandparents** live with grandchildren who are under 18.<sup>4</sup>
- **370,000 Oklahoman** serve as family caregivers.<sup>5</sup>

### Existing Family Friendly Workplace Laws

Oklahoma workers do not have workplace leave or breastfeeding protections beyond those provided by federal law.

### Pending Family Friendly Workplace Legislation

#### **S.B. 125, Breastfeeding Employees**

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Sponsor: Rice (D)

- Requires all employers to make a reasonable effort to provide all female workers with break time and a space other than a restroom in which they can express breast milk or breastfeed.

*For more information about family friendly workplace laws or to get involved in a state campaign, please contact the National Partnership for Women & Families at [info@nationalpartnership.org](mailto:info@nationalpartnership.org).*

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau. (2009). *Selected Social Characteristics in the United States: 2009: OK*. Retrieved 18 March 2011, from [http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?\\_bm=y&-context=adp&-qr\\_name=ACS\\_2009\\_1YR\\_G00\\_DP2&-ds\\_name=ACS\\_2009\\_1YR\\_G00\\_&-tree\\_id=309&-redoLog=false&-caller=geoselect&-geo\\_id=04000US40&-format=&-\\_lang=en](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?_bm=y&-context=adp&-qr_name=ACS_2009_1YR_G00_DP2&-ds_name=ACS_2009_1YR_G00_&-tree_id=309&-redoLog=false&-caller=geoselect&-geo_id=04000US40&-format=&-_lang=en)

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau (2009). *Selected Economic Characteristics in the United States: 2009: OK*. Retrieved 18 March 2011, from [http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?\\_bm=y&-geo\\_id=04000US40&-qr\\_name=ACS\\_2009\\_1YR\\_G00\\_DP3&-context=adp&-ds\\_name=&-tree\\_id=309&-\\_lang=en&-redoLog=false&-format=](http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ADPTable?_bm=y&-geo_id=04000US40&-qr_name=ACS_2009_1YR_G00_DP3&-context=adp&-ds_name=&-tree_id=309&-_lang=en&-redoLog=false&-format=)

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<sup>3</sup> See note 1.

<sup>4</sup> See note 2.

<sup>5</sup> AARP Public Policy Institute. (2007). Valuing the Invaluable: A New Look at State Estimates of the Economic Value of Family Caregiving (Data Update). *Data Digest 158R*, 3. Retrieved 21 March 2011, from <http://www.caregiving.org/data/AARPDDataUpdate-StateEstimatesofEconomicValue.pdf>



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