

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
OCCY COMMISSION MEETING
November 21, 2025

This report represents activities between September 1, 2025 – October 31, 2025

PERSONNEL

Child Death Review Board (CDRB): Ms. Jasmyne Mackie joined the CDRB team as our first Injury Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Mackie has held various roles spanning over a decade within public service, including as a state coach and trainer for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, a child welfare specialist at Oklahoma Human Services, a parent educator with Oklahoma City Public Schools, as well as extensive experience in childcare. An alumna of the University of Central Oklahoma, Ms. Mackie earned a bachelor's degree in child development and a master's degree in Family Life Education. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in human services at Capella University with a focus on organizational leadership.

Office of Planning and Coordination (P&C): Community Planner Ms. Catlin Merritt will be leaving OCCY at the end of November. We wish her much continued success as she starts a new chapter in her professional and educational life. The position has been posted and we hope to fill the position very soon.

Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team (FSMDT): Training Coordinator Payton Marr left OCCY to serve as the Director of Camp Hope at the Palomar Family Justice Center. While we were sad to have him leave OCCY, we are happy for him to return to direct service and utilize so many of his valuable skills. This position will also be filled shortly.

FINANCES - Mahboob ul Haq, OCCY Business Manager

General Budget Monitoring:

Mr. ul Haq continues to monitor our current budget situation. In addition to the attached report, Mr. ul Haq will present information during our meeting that will provide further explanation and detail. (*Please see handout.*)

Mr. ul Haw also continues to serve as the Treasurer of the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. His routine activities with this organization include board of director meetings and monthly reviews of their financial reports.

DIRECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTED ACTIVITIES

Wellness Day: On October 24th, OCCY hosted its annual Wellness Day and invited other agencies within the building. The Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness helped everyone start the day off by providing delicious smoothies and acai bowls. The day's sessions included yoga, a group walk, mindfulness, and indoor gardening. A vaccine clinic was held so that folks could get their annual flu and covid vaccines as well as other shots. The Cellar Restaurant offered a lunch special of tasty tomato bisque and a grilled cheese sandwich. The day ended with bingo and prizes. Lakesha Mackie, Payton Marr, Caitlin Merritt, Elly Kohs were instrumental in making this fun, energy-boosting day happen and we are ever so grateful.

Halloween Activities: OCCY once again participated in Rainbow Fleet and Boys and Girls Clubs events. The OCCY day-to-day work rarely allows us to interact with children and youth in a

positive way. A huge shout out to Jasmyne Mackie and Madison Wingate for handy out candy and OCCY information during the evening hours at Trick-or-Treat Rainbow Fleet. Also, thank you to the staff who decorated the “haunted hallway” at OCCY, dressed up, and handed out candy to the Boys and Girls Club kiddos. I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Justice Action Network (JAN) Meeting: In November, I attended the JAN meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona at the request of Secretary Tricia Everest and the JAN Executive Director Lauren Krisai. I presented a talk titled “Early Intervention, Rehabilitation, and a Cultural Shift in Corrections: A Holistic Approach in Oklahoma.” I received a kind email from Ms. Krisai which stated that my presentation helped JAN achieve their goal in leading a particular state to think more compassionately about their justice-involved youth with a focus on prevention. This trip was paid for by the Justice Action Network.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Child Death Review Board (CDRB)– Lizz Kaup, Program Manager

Speaking Engagement: Program Manager Lizz Kaup was a highlighted speaker at the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy’s Fall Forum. For the first time in many years, she was able to utilize a complete cohort of annual data (2022) to speak about the state’s preventable deaths. Her presentation was very well received.

Year of Death	Total # of Child Deaths (per Vital Statistics)	Total # of Cases Eligible for Review (Including Natural Deaths*)	Total # of Cases in Open Status	Total # of Death Cases Reviewed & Closed by CDRB Boards
2025	Unknown	Unknown	167	12
2024	Unknown	288	122	166
2023	622	280 (45%)	1	279
2022	618	300 (48%)	0	300
2021	594	270 (45%)	38	232
2020	532	258 (48%)	0	258
2019	581	232 (40%)	3	229
2018	577	245 (42%)	0	245
2017	628	258 (41%)	0	258
2016	655	271 (41%)	0	271
2015	658	270 (41%)	0	270
2014	696	293 (42%)	1	292

Most natural deaths are not reviewed. However, those natural death cases that include possible abuse or neglect as a component of the case are reviewed. For example, the child died of asthma and the caregivers had a history of not obtaining medical treatment for the decedent.

	Total # of Near-Death Cases	# of Near-Death Cases in Open Status	# of Near-Death Cases Reviewed and Closed
2025	112	112	6
2024	129	78	51
2023	140	1	139
2022	112	0	112
2021	101	42	59
2020	95	66	29
2019	89	84	5
2018	107	76	31
2017	120	29	91
2016	128	13	115
2015	133	7	126
2014	132	Unknown	unknown

Postadjudication Review Board (PARB) – Keith Pirtle, Program Manager

Annual Statistics: According to the PARB database, for the 12-month period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 there were:

- 39 local boards reviewing and reporting case information
- 1,480 cases reviewed
- Some of the above cases were reviewed more than once for a total of 2,499 reviews completed
- 298 PARB members participated in the reviews

Lunch and Learn: The October “Lunch and Learn,” presented by Keith Pirtle, featured PARB statutes and best practices. This on-hour training course also included recent PARB policy changes and the rationale behind the changes as well as the program.

New Oklahoma County PARB: The fifth and final candidate for the Oklahoma County PARB focusing on substance abuse is being filled. With this latest member, the new PARB will have the required number of members to review cases. This newest PARB will be the eighth board for Oklahoma County.

Office of Planning and Coordination (P&C) – Danielle Dill, Program Manager

Strengthening Youth Custody & Transition Services Partnership: OCCY Mentoring Central Information Webinar: Shared details about OCCY’s free subscriptions available to youth-serving agencies statewide.

Homeless Children & Youth (HCY) Partnership:

- OCCY HCYSC, in partnership with Chairman Daniel Pae, participated in an interim study on “Youth Homelessness,” with a focus on increasing access to early childhood programs for homeless children.
- Oklahoma Credit Union was awarded approximately \$98,000 from the National Credit Union Foundation to continue and expand the Youth Financial Literacy Program.
- OCCY connected the Okmulgee County Homeless Shelter to SchoolHouse Connection's National Family Shelter Community of Practice. As a participant in the

Center of Practice, the Shelter was granted \$20,000 to implement innovative programming and services.

OPSR Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Partnership:

- OCCY hosted the Children's Trust Funder Alliance "Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work" Training-of-Trainers and Trainer Refresher Course on October 14th through the 17th. It was very well attended and received.
- OCCY hosted a "Trust Based Relational Intervention ® (TBRI)" Training in Seminole in partnership with Fostering Grace on October 22nd & 23rd. These trainings are highly sought after and the more that can be conducted, the better.

Juvenile Competency Evaluations (Richard Yahola)

Programmatic Improvement: The average number of days to complete an evaluation, from the referral of the court order to the submission of report, is now 36 days. A dramatic difference than a year ago. This improvement is in part due to having a full-time employee dedicated to the programmatic activities, having additional evaluators, and receiving fewer court orders for evaluations.

Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (Brittany Gassner)

Lunch and Learn: On October 2nd, a database training was conducted by Lisa White of the OU E-TEAM. The training covered the new "notes" page and how to use the upload function to save sign-in sheet from the meetings.

Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account (CAMTA): The total amount to be awarded to the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams for Calendar Year 2026 has been determined to be \$1,567,127.87. OCCY's portion of this amount for administration is 5% and equals \$78,356.39. Each of the 43 teams that were recently deemed functioning will receive \$34,622.59 for the year.

Children's Justice Act Grant (Brittany Gassner)

Completed Trainings:

ChildFirst Forensic Interview Training

Presenters: Maria Rosales-Lambert, Zero Abuse Project; Vicki Boan, The PATH CAC, Misty Bladwin; Andi Hamilton, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations; Jaclyn Rivera and Lori McConnell, Assistant District Attorneys

Dates: October 20-24, 2025

Format/Location: In-person, Oklahoma

Upcoming Trainings:

Intergenerational Trauma: Caregivers and Children

Presenter: Payton Marr

Date: November 19, 2025

Format/Location: Hybrid, Oklahoma City

Neglect versus Poverty

Presenter Mallory Hulsey

Date: December 3, 2025
Format/Location: Hybrid, Oklahoma

Office of Juvenile Systems Oversight - Harold Jergenson & Tina Pendergraft, Supervisors

	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints Visits	Facility Oversight Visits
October 2023	54	24	2	0
November 2023	26	36	1	2
December 2023	24	20	0	3
January 2024	40	56	2	0
February 2024	51	26	1	0
March 2024	30	54	0	0
April 2024	33	27	0	1
May 2024	38	39	0	0
June 2024	27	28	0	0
July 2024	25	22	1	0
August 2024	29	26	0	0
September 2024	35	6	0	0
October 2024	33	22	0	0
November 2024	33	16	1	2
December 2024	26	28	0	2
January 2025	17	71	0	0
February 2025	26	43	1	1
March 2025	21	56	0	0
April 2025	29	49	2	1
May 2025	30	9	1	0
June 2025	37	52	1	0
July 2025	31	40	2	0
August 2025	32	33	1	0
September 2025	34	31	1	0
October 2025	28	49	3	0

TOTALS	New Complaints	Closed Cases	Facility Complaints Visits	Facility Oversight Visits
SFY19	404	368	7	1
SFY20	334	545	15	5
SFY21	364	337	3	3
SFY22	462	390	13	3
SFY23	429	462	8	5
SFY24	438	473	6	6
SFY25	341	400	7	6
SFY26 (to date)	125	153	7	0

Foster Youth Matters/Foster Parent Voices - Tina Pendergraft, Supervisor

	# of Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parents Complaints
October 2023	20		13
November 2023	13		14
December 2023	17		22
January 2024	22		21
February 2024	18		8
March 2024	36		11
April 2024	39		19
May 2024	32		19
June 2024	30		14
July 2024	33		21
August 2024	27		14
September 2024	17		13
October 2024	32		6
November 2024	28		11
December 2024	22		14
January 2025	23		15
February 2025	17		8
March 2025	25		16
April 2025	43		18
May 2025	29		18
June 2025	22		8
July 2025	30		23
August 2025	31		15
September 2025	39		14
October 2025	22		13

TOTALS	# of Foster Youth Complaints		# of Foster Parent Complaints
SFY19	183*		180
SFY20	395		178
SFY21	405		182
SFY22	395		163
SFY23	437		165
SFY24	306		193
SFY25	318		162
SFY26 (to date)	122		65

**Program started in November 2018 (SFY19)*

*** In previous reports, the foster parent and foster youth numbers for the month of February were transposed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Wisk Jacobi
OCCY Executive Director

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Date