



State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

Board Members Present

Gail Blaylock

Bart Bouse

Amy Emerson

Janet Foss

Colleen Johnson

Les Thomas Sr.

Josh Trimble

Jenna Worthen (virtual)

Karen Youngblood

Board Members Absent

Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the April 15, 2025 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School special meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed minutes for the March 26, 2025 special board meeting

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Johnson, Thomas, Worthen and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain: Trimble

Absent:

The proposed minutes for the March 26, 2025 special board meeting approved.

Presentation on the 2024-25 Education Site Visits

Ms. Kendra Cope, Assistant Director of Education, discussed the information provided in the attached presentation.

Dr. Emerson: That low number is a little worrisome, can you give us a little context.

Ms. Cope: They had not been opened a full school year, and we did not realize that until we got further into the data.

Ms. White: We followed up with the district several times, we asked for the most updated information, but they were not sure how to pull the data. I think they will have it more readily available in the future.

Discussion about the report continued.

Mr. Trimble: Just a couple of anecdotal questions from me. In regard to the laptops for Grow with Google, how many computers were you needing to secure, and how much money were you needing to raise?

Ms. Cope: The facility that asked for them has a capacity, of I believe, 12 and we were able to get 12 computers. I knew someone who does computer sales who donated them to the facility.

Mr. Trimble: That is amazing.

Ms. White clarified how Grow with Google and ICAP were being used at the Mustang Treatment Center.

Mr. Trimble: It is great to see that we have certified teachers but 100% of them are certified. I was reviewing the data; how many teachers do we actually have?

Ms. White: Each group home has one teacher. The detention centers are dependent on the size of the facility. For example, Oklahoma and Tulsa County detention centers have multiple teachers whereas Woodward County detention center has one.

Ms. Cope: I worked to create and share a contact sheet for the centers so they can reach out to each other for collaboration and records. It allows them to reach out to people who are doing the same work.

Ms. White: Going out gave us insight as well. Going out on site really helps, and we are able to share with and connect the facilities to think through new ideas. Also, to create new ways for the facilities to meet the necessary education standards.

Ms. Cope: We go out more than once a year, but we do make sure we go out in the fall to meet the standard.

Director's Report, a report to the board of agency activities regarding advocates/programs, public relations, community-based services, residential placement support, legislative agenda, and other meetings

Director Tardibono welcomed the new board members. He informed Judge Foss on her request for a competency discussion an presentation, that the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) will be coming to a meeting in the near future to give a presentation on the issue. Additionally, the OCCY

Commission has started a work group on the issue. He also gave a brief verbal update on his and the agency's work over the last month.

Why we do what we do: An update on a youth receiving Functional Family Therapy (FFT) in the juvenile bureau and how the youth went from being close to entering OJA custody but through FFT services for the youth and the family, this youth successfully moved away from OJA custody and closer to case closure.

Update on the OJA 2025 Legislative Agenda

Ms. Constanzia Nizza, Chief of Operational Excellence, gave a brief verbal update on the 2025 legislative session.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

Chief FO Clagg discussed the attached presentation.

Judge Foss: I think this phase of the project is a little bit challenging. You still have to remember it is a multipurpose building that ultimately may be used for cottage space. It is one of the reasons you really have to look at the security of the building and that glass. I know it has been challenging for architects. But we keep them in line.

CFO Clagg: We will be continuing to prepare the bid documentation. Really until we get the bids in and see where we are with budgetarily that is when we will start taking a hard look at our wants and needs to see what we have funding for. I believe we will be able to achieve most of what we have planned.

Mr. Trimble: Being new to the Board, I am curious where is the new construction located? Who is the architect?

CFO Clagg: This is happening on the COJC campus in Tecumseh. Right now, it is carved outside of the fence.

Mr. Trimble: Who is the architecture firm?

CFO Clagg: Rees is the principal architect, and they have engaged DLR. DLR did the design of the cottages, so they have knowledge of the facility. Also, they are leading experts on juvenile facilities. Those two architects are working on the design with Flintco. Flintco is the general manager, and they will be hiring the subs to do the actual work.

Judge Foss: Have you been out there recently?

Mr. Trimble: I have not.

Judge Foss: That whole campus is pretty new. This is Phase III of a long-term project that started in 2017. But it is all relatively new.

Mr. Trimble: I believe I will. I am impressed with Mr. Fields. It has been years since I have volunteered out there. I have heard great things about the facility.

Chair Youngblood: We need to consider having a meeting out there.

Secretary Rockwell: I was going to email you all, but as Capitol Day is this month, I was going to suggest that we move the May meeting to COJC to allow the youth to present to the Board plus allows you all to tour.

Chair Youngblood: That would be lovely. I miss the kiddos. Will you email all of us and handle the details.

Mr. Bouse: It is impressive now. When I was out there two years ago, there were elements from the 90s but now all of that is gone.

Dr. Emerson: The 90s that was new age.

Chair Youngblood: He actually means 1890.

Judge Foss: I don't think before this project they hadn't done anything since the 70s at that facility.

Mr. Trimble: The independent living home, where is that located?

CFO Clagg: That is on the same campus, it is outside the fence; just northeast of the fenced facility. I was a home that went up for sale during this project, under this project we were able to make the purchase. The Legislature, under the project, gave us statutory authority to purchase real estate related to this project. Otherwise, we would not be able to do that. We are making changes to meet licensure standards with additional updates to make it feel like a home. The point is to get it prepared to assist kids transitioning to the community.

Dr. Emerson: Can I just make a practical point, just looking at the orientation of it and just thinking about the west sun and I am not an expert in this, and the architects are great. I am just flagging, and I love natural light but that can be really tough just for utilization of the building. I am glad to hear that windows are going away for practical purposes. It might get real warm and toasty during certain parts of the day in Oklahoma.

Discussion and/or possible vote to award, and/or adjust proposed award of Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving funds to the Craig County Juvenile Detention Center to repair bathroom ceilings in the amount of \$36,954.66, [10A O.S. § 2-7-401](#)

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Mr. Trimble

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Johnson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood
Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

The proposed award of Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving funds to the Craig County Juvenile Detention Center to repair bathroom ceilings in the amount of \$36,954.66 approved.

CFO Clagg explained the attached OJA finance report.

Dr. Emerson: Can you tell us who the private funder is?

CFO Clagg: I am not even sure. I can find out. They are providing funds to the YAP program and matching dollar for dollar.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed year-to-date OJA Finance Report

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Ms. Worthen

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Johnson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

The proposed year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

CFO Clagg reminded the Board that the finances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy had to be separate from the agency finances. He explained the attached presentation.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed 2024-25 year-to-date, FY2025, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Johnson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

The proposed 2024-25 year-to-date, FY2025, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to the 2024-25, FY2025, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

There were no proposed modifications to the 2024-25, FY2025, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School.

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Ms. White gave a quick verbal update on OYACS, the loss of a grant, and Alton Carter speaking at COJC.

Mr. Trimble: Can you share those times again for us.

Ms. White: Confirmed the times he would be speaking at COJC.

Mr. Trimble: Alton is a good friend of mine. If you have not read his original book, *The Boy Who Carried Bricks*, you need to read it. I think it is a permanent fixture at the Library of Congress, dating back to 2016, I believe. It's a remarkable book and he has a remarkable story. Having read that book, it is the only book I have read in my life other than stories in the Bible that I have cried, I have gotten excited. There was a point in the book where I stood up and I cheered. It is that kind of book. I told my wife I would love to meet this other, she worked her magic, and one day he showed up in my office as a gift for me on my birthday. We struck up a friendship that day.

Ms. Sanchez continued the update to give a brief update on the tutor programming ending due to lack of funds. We created data by looking at the program for a year, we then reviewed credits earned during the tutoring period vs. the credits earned the year prior to the tutoring program. The kids wanted to be there and that is not something that I could measure. We are looking at trying to reimplement tutoring on Wednesday afternoon.

New Business

N/A

Announcements/ comments

Chair Youngblood: Obviously, we are very thrilled to have a full board again. We welcome you to the best board in all of the government, and quite frankly, the best board in all of Oklahoma. You are joining a very committed and passionate group of individuals, and we are representing one of the most amazing teams, and I wouldn't call them staff, I would call them teams in again, state government, but I would go farther than that, just an amazing team. There are a lot of people that have served a long time and a set of people bringing in fresh ideas. It is an amazing team that loves to interact with the board members and our kids. They do the right things for the right reasons. We are very responsible as a board. Responsible to the taxpayers for every penny go that we see go through our system and account for that. Responsible for the safety of the people that work with the kids, the safety of the kids, and most importantly, we are responsible for the lives of the kiddos that go through the system. Knowing that we are providing opportunities to help each one of them be their best selves. None of them are the worst thing they have ever done. A place where they can hit the bottom and start bouncing upwards. As a board, we are very prepared and informed for our meetings. I know a lot of times it looks like well, we show up, do our thing. But we ask a lot of questions in advance, have open dialogue with any of the team members, the committees, the director, Audrey, who keeps us going, and with finance. A lot of times our questions are answered in advance. We disagree very productively and constructively, never a problem with this board, there is great civility and respect for one another and their talents. We are very

proactive and positive in our duties and scope; it is limited we do not do the day-to-day, but we enjoy hearing about it and growing with the system. We are a board focused on best practices, Family Functional Therapy (FFT), hope-centered, and what is happening in our facilities. We are now even stronger by the two of you joining us and filling us out with your unique talents. We are so excited that both of you are joining us. Thank you for being willing to take on that commitment. I think it would be great for everyone to hear a little bit about each one of you.

Mr. Trimble: Let me start by saying, life is too serious for us not to have moments of laughter and joy. That is something you will learn about me. In the most serious moments, there are the smallest glimpses or glimmers of joy, sometimes they come by way of comedic relief. I may have met my match today, in a person who can give me a strong hug. That is Karen. When I placed my hand on her shoulder, she instantly knew I was a hugger. Not only did she come in for a hug, I said, wait I need a restart, she hugged me so tight, I said I got to have a redo. I have to say, Karen, you have to be one of the fastest aloud readers I have ever heard in my life. You know how you watch those commercials at the end of the commercials they read the disclaimer. I thought those were robots, but she proved to me that those people exist. For those of you who saw me constantly looking over my shoulder, I promise, I will eventually get acclimated to hearing trees being cut down in the board room by way of our sweetheart, Zoey. I would like to say, in compliment of each of you, I have had the privilege of serving on some significant boards and I don't say that to be braggadocious by any stretch but sometimes the responsibility of a board can be very heavy. This is a board that requires a heavy lift but endurance and strength. When I walked into this room, I didn't feel heaviness coming from it. I felt a great sense of synergy. I felt that you all appreciate the purpose and drive that you are not only looking to exemplify as colleagues but really how that flows down and through the culture of this organization and the residents. That is a gift, and I want to say that it is very rare. A little bit more about me, I am a Reverend. I am very proud of that. One of my proudest achievements is my family. My wife and I have been married going on 17 years and we have 3 beautiful children. Along with that, one of my greatest honors is to be a proclaimer of the gospel. One of greatest miracles in my life, and I have seen many, is that Jesus Christ through his holy spirit, was able to convince me that I needed a savior and that I was a sinner. It is amazing that I was able to come to this point of combination, because many of the youth that you all have impacted, were just like me. I grew up in Dallas, Texas, I was a troubled youth. I didn't necessarily have to take the path that many of our residents have. I thought in my mind, in order to be a man, you have to go to prison at least once. I can understand the psychology behind becoming a product of your environment and being able to see on the other side of that. If you see a person for whom they can become, that can be a masterpiece. Amen?! Amen. My family and I are involved in real estate development. God has put us in some unique positions. I am a very, by God's grace, have been a very successful fundraiser that is university development or when I served as Foundation Management at Bethany Children's Health Center, where I am now serving more in role of a consultant because of God telling me I needed to great capacity in other areas. I am seeing great fruit come from that. Ultimately, I am just privileged to be part of this service that we call being a board member. Knowing that we are not solely focusing on programs but positioning our residents in a place where they can know it is okay to have passion. To use their emotions but not be misled their emotions. Ultimately, working that pathway we are setting for them time and time again, chance after chance, for them to be able discover their purpose. They are our future leaders of Oklahoma. I believe with this Board we are going to do everything

we can, as you have been, to make sure that they know we see a promise of a great and bright future for them. It is because we have hope through our work. Thank you for that opportunity to be able to share and I am privileged to be here.

Judge Blaylock: Speaking of Hope, perfect segue. I am a product of what we stand for here. But for the grace of God, literally, I grew up in a very abusive familial relationship. I had a family member that was actually incarcerated for the abuse. But for a person intervening in my life, I probably would have been a part of the system. So, I love how you ended it, because you can always turn around and become a leader. That was one of the passions, I decided at a young age I was going to be a Warden to retaliate against all the people who injured me as a child. Thank goodness, I had a wonderful single mother that said let's go another way, ended up going to law school. I knew I wanted to practice criminal law, and my focus had to be juveniles. That was my passion. I worked at the University of Oklahoma working with the athletic department because I knew they had a lot of young people who come from all over inner cities. They needed someone that could get it and understand what it was like to be plucked from chaos into a system of rules and regulations. Got asked to be a Judge in 2006, by someone who is retiring, said not interested but they keep coming back asking me to run juvenile court. I gave them a lot of stipulations of how I really felt like it should be a wraparound service and intervention in the courtroom. At the very start of someone's intervention into the court system, the very first touchpoint with the court system so that you can turn their life around. Give them the resources and tools. That is how I started my practice as a judge and have expanded that into adult court, where I am housed, and mental health. This is one of my dreams is to be on a state board like this where I can funnily be that kid, because I have been that kid but also the success story. To pour into their lives. That is a little of my background. I can see both sides from the kid's side to the adult. I am a practicing judge in the city of Norman, it is my passion. Juveniles are my passion, and they will always be. I am grateful to be here. I would say the same thing, it is the best onboarding I have ever had, Audrey. Amazing, I felt welcome from the very beginning, and I cannot wait to get started.

Chair Youngblood: Wonderful. I am reenergized. We have fun. I am so glad to hear that because I think we do have a great sense of spirit. Thank you to each and every one of you. What you do every single day from being on boards and the commitment level; Jenna working behind the scenes and always supporting, Les taking on additional roles, Judge Foss carrying the building project and her long-term service, and Colleen's new ideas, approaches and connections, and the ways we are moving forward. We truly are just a very passionate, fun group of individuals. We will continue to go and grow together. Any other announcement items?

Adjournment

Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 20th day of May, 2025.

Prepared by:

Signed by:

Audrey Rockwell
[Audrey Rockwell \(May 20, 2025 14:47 CDT\)](#)
Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Karen Youngblood
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Karen Youngblood, Chair










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Board of Juvenile Affairs Voting Record

Date: 04/15/2025	
Item I - Recording of Members Present and Absent	
Meeting convened at 10:07 a.m.	
Member	Present/ Absent
Blaylock	Present
Bouse	Present
Emerson	Present
Foss	Present
Johnson	Present
Thomas	Present
Trimble	Present
Worthen (virtual)	Present
Youngblood	Present

Date: 04/15/2025
Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 04/15/2025	
Vote to approve the proposed minutes for the March 26, 2025 special board meeting	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Foss	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Abstain
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Vote

Date: 04/15/2025	
Vote to award proposed award of Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving funds to the Craig County Juvenile	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Trimble	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 04/15/2025	
Vote to amend approve the proposed year-to-date OJA Finance Report	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Worthen	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 04/15/2025	
Vote to amend and/or approve the proposed 2024-25 year-to-date, FY2025, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Foss	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

April 15, 2025

Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting



Education Site Visits

2024-2025 School Year



10 Group Homes

- **100% staffed with certified teachers**
 - **291 students**
 - **3,024 classes completed**
 - **1 Follow up for credits awarded**
 - **1 Follow up for summer school**
- **Hours in school vary from 4.25-7 hours**

11 Detention Centers

- 100% staffed with certified teachers
- 2 Follow-ups for time requirement or student needs
- Hours in school vary from 4hrs. 12mins.-5.5 hours

Learning Platforms Used

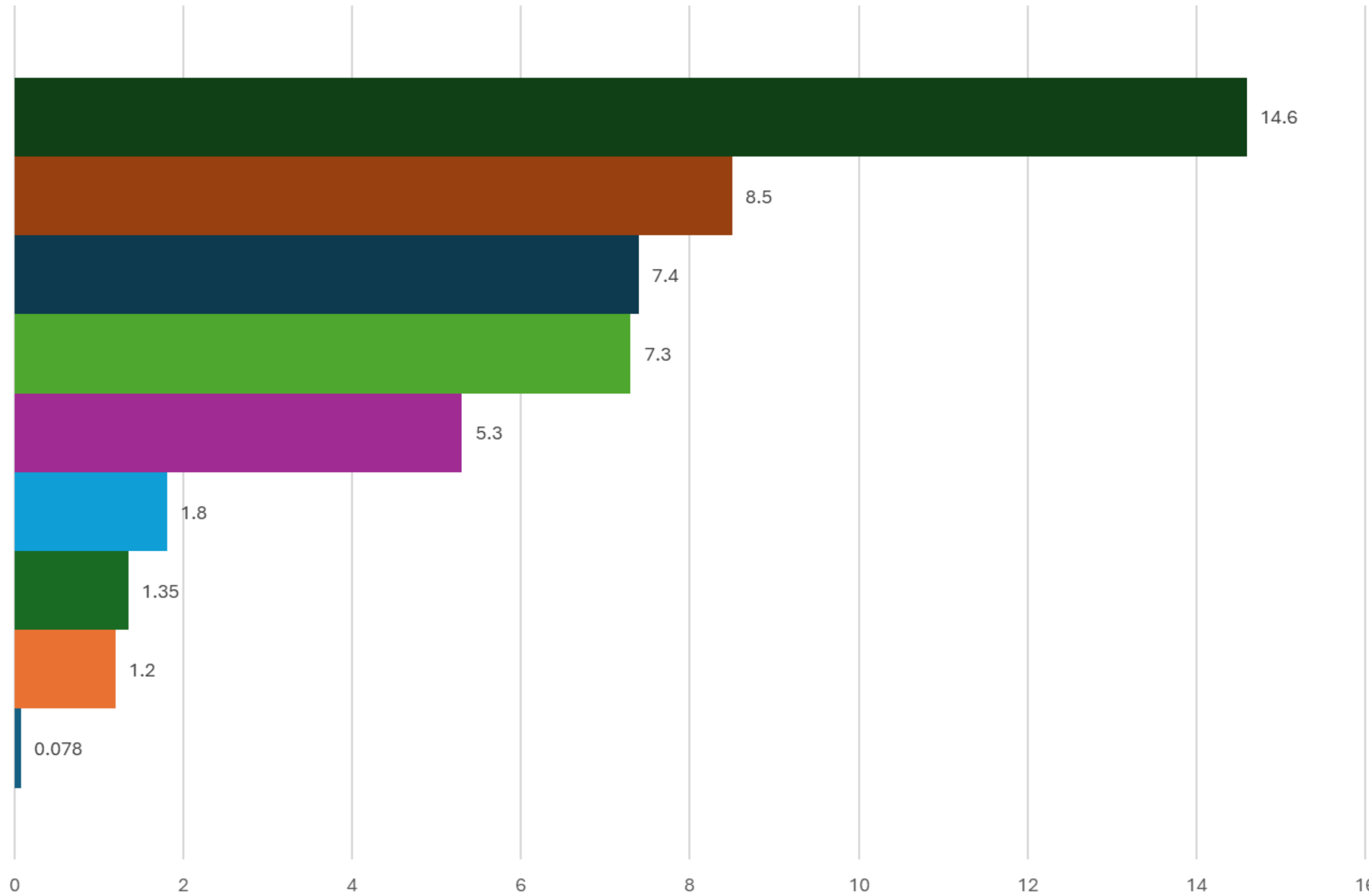
Group Homes

- Edgenuity - 5
- Edmentum - 1
- Acellus - 1
- Paper/Pencil - 1

Detention

- Edgenuity - 4
- Edmentum - 2
- Bright Thinker – 2
- Paper/Pencil - 3

Average Credits per Student



Needs/Wants

- Funding for Summer School
- Computers for Grow with Google
- Technology help for blocking content
- More timely transfer of student information

THANK YOU



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Director's Report





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Timothy Tardibono, Executive Director

APRIL 2025

BOARD UPDATE

Partner Engagement

- Met with OBU President Heath Thomas
- Met with Annette Jacobi, OCCY Executive Director at COJC
- Attended the Pivot Gala
- Attended the April 2025 human services agencies directors meeting

Community Outreach

- Met with Pottawatomie County Commissioner for District 1, Melissa Dennis
- Attended the Trinity Legal Clinic breakfast
- Attended part of day 1 of the April 2025 state agency Hope Navigator training seminar

Executive Legislative

- Toured COJC with Senator Shane Jett

OJA Operations

- Attended the AG's Opioid Abatement Board meeting
- Attended the Office of Faith-based Initiatives meeting
- Lunch with new board member Josh Trimble
- Attended Hope classes at COJC
- Attended an agency director meeting with state of Oklahoma COO Rick Rose
- Attended the OCCY Commissioners meeting
- Lunch with new board member Gayle Blaylock



Alison Humphrey, Director of Reentry

Summary:

The Reentry and Continuum of Care teams provided critical supportive services and engaged in workforce, FFT, and family-focused initiatives throughout March 2025. Expanded HUB and Reentry services, continued collaboration with OCJB and community partners, and refined grant and data systems positioned the teams to better meet the needs of justice-involved youth.

Workforce Development & Youth Assistance

- Assisted youth in obtaining **17 IDs** and **9 birth certificates**
- Facilitated **2 placements** into OJA contracted transitional living programs
- Facilitated **1 placement** into a community transitional living program

Reentry Meetings & HUB Assistance

- Conducted **40 HUB meetings**
- Completed **60 HUB assistance requests**
- Attended **34** 30 & 90-day meetings in group homes
- Attended **1** 30-day meeting at COJC
- Attended **5** Grand Staffing meetings at COJC
- Attended **6** exit transition meetings in group homes

Team & Partner Meetings/Training

Family Engagement Meetings:

- Discussed project progress and opportunities to increase family engagement

OJJDP Grant & Peer Events:

- Attended meetings focused on funding and system evaluation

Training & Workshops Attended:

- OJA DBT Session 10
- FLUXX Demonstration
- Parent Voices Matter: Cultivating Resilient Parent Advisory Committees Training
- Youth Pathway to Excellence Curriculum
- Data Quality: Core Concepts
- Parent Voices Matter-NFSN Training
- New Worker Academy

Meetings with Key Partners:

- Continuum of Care STAAR Meeting
- Transitional and Independent Living Program KPI & Metrics Meeting
- Lunch & Learn: Presentation from Nathan Gunter
- Virtual meeting with Austin to discuss Data and Outcomes previously tracked
- OK OJA + Fluxx Kickoff Call

- March Reflective Practice Hour.
- CoC Budget Guidance and Discussion with Alison
- Continuum of Care (COC) & State Policy Board Overview Meeting
- BLCC Incentives Meeting with Abby Carbaugh, Ph.D.
- STAAR Outcomes Tracking and Dashboard Meeting with Len
- STAAR Data Tracking, Budget, and Participant Progress Meeting
- The Building Bridges That Last: Stakeholder Engagement to Support a Continuum of Care webinar
- JOLTS Training II Meeting
- How Program Evaluation Can Assist in Building and Sustaining Your Continuum of Care webinar
- Fluxx + OK OJA Kickoff Call.
- OK OJA Design & Blueprint – FLUXX Session 1
- OK OJA Design & Blueprint - FLUXX Session 2
- FLUXX Discussion & Planning Meeting
- SAG Meeting
- WFDS Interview Format Discussion
- Monday Morning Meeting
- SAG PREP Meeting
- Re-entry Staffing's
- COWIB Youth Job Fair
- WFDS Interviews
- 2025 OJA Parent Advisory Committee
- OKC Site Visit Planning Meeting
- Met with FFT LLC and patterned agencies to discuss potential involvement/readiness for Functional Family therapy - Gang (FFT-G).
- Met with Len Morris to discuss JOLTS dashboard and ways to highlight accurate outcomes.
- Met with Yel, and leadership of OCJB to extend the invitation to OCJB cases/Arnall referrals for Hoop Fest.
- Met with local JSU staff to discuss FFT involvement with their caseloads and potential clients.

Supportive Services & Community Engagement

- Provided assistance with rent, utility bills, driver's education, transportation, phones, clothing, household items, and high school diplomas
- Supported over 40 youth and families across 25+ counties
- Provided extensive translation services for therapy, intake, FFT, and evaluations

Projects & Research

- **Family Engagement Events** – Contacted Abby Carbaugh to discuss incentive practices in the Douglas County Juvenile Justice Initiative and reviewed the DOJ Building Continuum Award conditions to determine restrictions on gift card use.
- **Grant Management Software Programs/FLUXX** - Researched the benefits of grant management systems vs. other platforms, reviewed several options including FLUXX, began FLUXX University training, and explored available FLUXX resources and shared files.
- **External Contacts & Connections List** – Researched tools for managing external contacts, built a SharePoint contact list, and shared it with leadership and IT for feedback.

- **STAAR Foundation** Continued tracking COJC residents in the STAAR Program, addressed data gaps, and began building a spreadsheet with estimated discharge dates and destination counties to help STAAR plan for the next 20 participants.
- **Grant Narrative** – Reviewed federal regulations for Title II grantees, summarized COJC visit data for the Data Outcomes Manager, coordinated on tracking COC grant goals, created a TPS meeting tracker for incoming COJC residents, and continued developing JSU family engagement guidelines.
- **COC-Secure Care & Community Partner Meetings**
Met with Director Wes Warren and a Weatherford TLP resident to learn about the program and shared family engagement website updates with the Family Advisory Council.

April 2025 Board Meeting

Month of March 2025:

- **Science of Hope Initiative/ Family Engagement**
 - Please see the additional attached report from Kheri.
 - Kheri is now supervising our family engagement work and will provide updates.
 - Ongoing strategic planning meetings with Kheri.
- **Training Department**
 - Please see additional attached reports from the Training Director/Dept.
 - Ongoing meetings with Samie to discuss training deliverables/strategic planning.
- **Prevention and System Improvement-RE/D Coordinator**
 - Please see the additional report from William.
 - Attended planning meetings with William to support build-out of a new training curriculum to train on core requirement of the OJJDP Act for reducing racial and ethnic disparities among youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
 - William is working on building out the training and has been working with Samie.
- **Attitudes Related to Trauma Informed Care (ARTIC) Trauma Informed Organizational Survey**
 - Presented final ARTIC survey outcomes to Institution division/COJC leadership.
- **Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory**
 - Team preparing for the next 2-day training for new workers.
 - Planning for YLS/CMI Training for Trainers class. Samie and I are working with the provider on the details. Meeting with Tribal and Juvenile Bureau partners for participation in the training.
 - The team is working on modifications to our assessment process to infuse the Science of Hope.
- **Youth Justice Coalition (Oklahoma Policy Institute)**
 - Attended monthly meeting. The agenda included discussion on this year's legislative session.
- **New Worker Academy**
 - Presented OJA's Pathway to Excellence- Mission, Vision, and Core Values, as well as introduction to trauma-informed care, Hope and family engagement work.
- **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board**
 - Serve as designee for OJA. Attended March meeting.
- **Children's State Advisory Workgroup (CSAW)**

- Attended monthly Systems of Care State Advisory Team (SAT) meeting. The agenda included presentations from Oklahoma Family Network, Family Resource Centers, and Prevention Faith-Based Partnerships.
- Attended monthly Resilient Oklahoma Hub workgroup meeting.
- **OKC Children's Behavioral Health Community Coalition Meeting**
 - Attended monthly meeting. The agenda included review and discussion of subcommittee reports.
 - Attended subcommittee meeting: Strategic Goal Advocacy & Outreach.
- **Juvenile Justice Family Advisory Council Meeting**
 - Attended monthly meeting. The agenda included discussion on Georgetown re-entry and family engagement capstone goals.
- **OJA Standing Meetings**
 - Executive Team, OJA Board meetings, Rates and Standards, JSU Monday morning meetings, and Lunch and Learns. Also serve as OJA parole board member.
 - Meetings with Shel and team
 - COJC High School and GED celebrations

RE/D

William White, Coordinator

- Over the past month, steps have been taken to build a new training curriculum to train on core requirement of the OJJDP Act for reducing racial and ethnic disparities among youth who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
- The new curriculum has been under active development to address the need for improved interactions between professionals and youth across Oklahoma.
- The training is designed specifically for law enforcement officers, juvenile justice professionals, and community members who work with or serve youth.
- The initiative is grounded in the belief that developmentally appropriate, equitable, and trauma-informed practices can strengthen youth engagement, reduce justice system involvement, and promote safer communities.

Purpose and Goals

This evolving training curriculum aims to:

- Equip Oklahoma law enforcement, juvenile justice professionals, and community members with practical strategies to enhance communication with youth.
- Improve awareness of racial and ethnic disparities (RED) and reduce their impact in the youth justice system.
- Mitigate implicit biases that influence decision-making.
- Promote trauma-informed approaches that are responsive to youth needs; and

- Integrate an understanding of adolescent brain development into policy and practice.

The Science of Hope and Family Engagement

Kheri Smith, Hope Ambassador

Apryl Owens, Family Engagement Coordinator

- Meetings with Janelle
- Biweekly meetings with the Director
- Met with Dr. Hellman on hope awareness training for our contract partners and OJA agency certification.
- Mentoring Central Monthly Meeting
- Hope refresher on MMM, final prep meetings, and training conducted on MMM.
- Continued collaborations on project with OHS on hope-centered change implementation next steps.
- Meetings with our team (Hunter, Cathi and myself) on our collaboration with OHS change implementation.
- Continued collaborations on project with OHS on hope-centered training for Frontline/Mid-Level Supervisors.
- Meetings with Samie on our OHS collaboration for Supervisors.
- Created curriculum and facilitator guide for monthly COJC hope classes and hosted class and entered case notes.
- Reviewed hope class assignments for retention of information and skills, created positive incentives to encourage engagement.
- Presented COJC employee hope scores to their executive team.
- Meeting/Planned Podcast content/wrote segments/filmed segments.
- Met with Podcast guests for planning.
- Continued meetings to review YLS edits and obtain feedback. Final meeting for approval with Shel and Jennifer Minton.
- Continued meetings and planning with hope navigator Jamie Sherman who will take over our hope data dashboard!
- Began supervising and meeting regularly with Apryl on family engagement. Focus has been on her tasks associated with Level E's and the capstone project with Re-Entry.
- Attended the JJFAC meeting.
- Attended Joi Horsford's biweekly Family Engagement Guide Planning Meeting.
- Met with team and made significant changes to the hope score pilot program in conjunction with feedback from last month's district 6 meeting. Forwarded changes to both Health and Rodney for the people in the pilot in their districts. Changes included: Discontinuing hope assessments at 90 day intervals (now assessing at intake, YLS Interview, and 6 month reassessment), Added identifiers to documents to help with

Laserfiche concerns, created a digital process to eliminate paper for workers who prefer that, added language clarifiers on Spanish forms to accommodate needs there (Spanish speaking families were translating “jam” as “traffic jam” and it was causing confusion. Now the form reads “jam” (problema).

- Meeting with the Georgetown Core team
- Reviewed policy 25-09-02 with Gabrielle Cole to capture hope language (along with other new assessments) in the reassessment language, along with other edits.

Training Updates

Samie Harley, Training Director

- **April schedule creation & approval**
 - Add to Shared Training Calendar: “OJA Training”
 - Add District Meetings
 - Building out enrollment process- In Progress
 - Add to Training Sharepoint
- **Hope in Training Meeting- How to Embed Hope in 2025**
 - 3 Module Hope Follow up
 - MMM 3/17- HOPE Refresher #1
 - Collaboration with OHS: Hope Based- Change Implementation
 - Collaboration with OHS: Hope Based- Supervisor Level Training
- **Training Request:**
 - **Advocate Defenders:**
 - Juvenile Rights Brochure Development- **update with K. Smith feedback**
 - Create Spanish version
 - **Creating and Sharing Lists for the Hub e-Learning:**
 - Complete
 - **Setting Boundaries:**
 - Draft Objectives
 - Meeting with Fields, Casteneda, Hill
 - Draft Outline based on approved objectives and provided procedures
 - Sent for initial review 3/28
 - **COJC Recertification Computer Based Training Learning Program**
 - Workday upload
- **Training Hour Completion& Coding**
 - Coding transcripts
 - Shuffle employees into correct Regions
- **2024 Needs Assessment / Training Plan**
 - Once closed- develop 2025 Training Plan

- 68 responses
 - Needs Assessment completed @ 3 in-person District Meetings
 - District 6 Meeting- Ft. Cobb
 - District 5 Meeting- Muskogee
 - District 3 Meeting- OKC
 - ~~Final planned for 3/26- North West & North Central Regions~~
*could not attend 3/26 meeting due to Jury duty
- **MS Form- Evaluation**
 - Language change needed in COJC Procedures to support
 - Potential Need for Tablets/ Technology for COJC Employees
- **COJC Procedures Update- Sent to team**
 - Training Team: editing in progress
- **ADM Request**
 - Completed
 - NSSBY Conference
 - SASSI Cert Training
 - TPH Conference
 - In Progress
 - CCAN- ADM complete
 - Registration complete
 - YLS/CMI- April 15-17
 - Kickoff
 - CBHS- Finishing Registration
- **OJA Training Director & Tardibono Meeting**
- **JSU Training with OU-CPM:**
 - SME Group Coaching- sent
 - Classes from CW course list
 - New Trainer Certification @ OU May 15-17
- **Training Director**
 - In-house EPIY
 - Legislative Updates (internal/ external)
 - NTI Training- Need to schedule Meeting
- **MMM:**
 - 3/3: Productivity
 - 3/10: Monday Morning Moments: Aspiration and Inspirational Judging with Judge Jeremy Fogel
 - 3/17: HOPE Refresher #1 w/ Hunter Stevens
 - Dress Rehearsal Runthrough
 - 3/24: Tim Talk: Internal bias and Why Not Collaborate
 - 3/31: Ray Wolber with Slate Recovery

- Video editing/rendering
 - Workday Uploads
- **Feb Reporting Numbers & Board Report**
- **Lunch & Learn:**
- Video editing/rendering
- Workday Upload
- **OK Juvenile Bureau visit**
- **HR & Training: Onboarding**
- **Team Meeting**
- **CISM Training- 2 participants**
- **HOPE Centered Tools- Supervisors**
 - Meeting w/ OHS
 - Draft Objectives
- **NWA**
 - Dress Rehearsal w/ NWA Trainers
 - Email drafting
 - Court Testimony PPT review w/ Ben Betts
 - YEL PPT review with James and Pray'Eon

State Office and District Training Report March 2025

The following data shows the progress of staff in completing their required annual training hours as of

Location:	Required # of Regular Training Hours	Regular Training Hour Totals:	Required # of Supervisory Training Hours	Supervisory Training Hour Totals:	Annual Grand Training Hour Totals:
State Office	2416	177.75	372	52.5	697.6
District 1	1448	156.75	36	13	481.25
District 2	952	69.5	12	-1	268.5
District 3	1928	209.25	72	31.5	699.5
District 4	1064	25.5	36	19.5	242.15
District 5	1240	-9.5	36	-3	448.55
District 6	1488	269.75	72	0	444.75
District 7	1112	199.25	12	36.5	374.25
Totals:	11648	1098.25	648	149	3656.55

February 2025.

STO: 28.88 % complete

D1: 33.23% complete

D2: 28.20% complete

D3: 26.28% complete

D4: 22.75% complete

D5: 36.17% complete

D6: 29.88% complete

D7: 33.65% complete

COJC: 32.29% complete

Community Based Services and Juvenile Services Unit
Board Report for April 2025
Contacts and Activities for March 2025

▪ **Division Statistics**

- 2,403 active cases...1,352 court-involved including 434 youth in OJA custody.
- 343 new referrals-256 males and 87 females...average age 15.33.
- 11,107 individual contact notes documented in JOLTS.
- 233 intakes were completed during the month.
- 38 youth were activated and/or monitored by GPS.
- 38 placement requests were made during the month: 21 to Level E, 4 to secure care, 5 to Specialized Com Home, 6 to own home and 2 to independent/transitional living.
- 27 placements were made including 24 to Level E, 2 to secure care and 1 to independent/transitional living.
- A total of 31 youths paid \$5,647.54 restitution and other fees.

Deputy Director Greg Delaney Activities

- Participated in Executive staff meetings.
- Reviewed placement recommendations/participated in executive staffings for high acuity and/or high-profile cases.
- Participated in meetings with CBS program staff and Regional Directors
- Participated in Personnel Strategy meetings with supervisory staff.
- Participated in Independent/Transitional living placement staffings.
- Attended the Bi-weekly Finance and Administration meeting.
- Attended the Monday Morning Meetings.
- Attended the OJA Board meeting.
- Met with the OJDA leadership to discuss a Muskogee County contract.
- Attended a meeting regarding employee evaluation calibration.
- Conducted a State office CBS staff meeting.
- Participated in a new Board member training.
- Attended a meeting regarding PREA and detention.
- Attended a meeting regarding re-entry and HUB referrals.
- Participated in a meeting regarding the Synergy contract.
- Made a visit to COJC.
- Attended a meeting with the Detention Operators Association.
- Participated in a meeting regarding the placement waiting list.
- Participated in a meeting regarding juvenile transportation.
- Made a visit to the Woodward Detention Center.
- Presented at the New Worker Academy.

- Made a visit to the Tulsa County Detention Center.
- Made a visit to the Tulsa County JSU office.
- Participated in a meeting with HR regarding employee onboarding.
- Attended a Western Regional Staff meeting in Yukon.
- Attended the retirement celebration of DS Ron Coplan in Muskogee.
- Attended the Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

Division Activities

○ Jeremy Evans, CBS Assistant Deputy Director:

- Weekly staffing with OPI team.
- Reviewed all placement worksheets.
- Participated in staffing's with group homes.
- Meeting with detention centers about PREA.
- Participated in the OPI audit at Tulsa Detention Center.
- Participated in a meeting with the OJDA.
- Participated in a meeting with the Georgetown core team.
- Attended the monthly Lighthouse PSB meeting with OU.
- Participated in CPM monthly meeting.

○ Jennifer Thatcher, CBS Field Manager:

- 38 Youth currently being monitored via GPS.
- Lawton JSU office visit – GPS activation assistance.
- Assisted workers in District 6.
- Attended weekly TLP Review Staffing meetings.
- URC requests – processed 2 Step Down request and 4 Extension request.
- Restitution – Approved 4 applications, 2 denied applications, 9 activity logs
- Attended an incarcerated Youth OHCA meeting.
- Made a Tulsa JSU office visit.
- Attended the District 1 meeting – discussed restitution, GPS and programs.
- Processed all Level E, Incentive, Detention, SCH, GPS, and birth certificate claims.

○ Rex Boutwell, CBS Lead Placement Administrator/North Central Area Director:

- Participated in several placement executive staffings.
- Reviewed 38 placement worksheets.
- Published the OJA weekly waiting list report.
- Completed and submitted the 14-day weekly waiting list report.
- Attended a Jolts committee meeting.
- Attended & assisted with the Garfield County OPI audit.
- Attended meeting in the Custer County office with Jerry Skinner and Heath Denney.
- Attended a State Office placement meeting.

- Made a visit to Woodward County detention and local JSU office.
 - Attended a Garfield County staff meeting.
 - Attended the Northwest Area meeting at Canadian County Vo tech.
 - Attended the District 5 meeting in Muskogee.
- **Jennifer Creecy, CBS Federal Funding Program Field Rep:**
- Processed 876 TCM claims.
 - Engaged in various emails and calls from JSU/Bureau staff regarding the TCM Program.
 - Met with IT and COJC medical staff to review EPSDT services provided to youth in secure care.
 - Met with Len Morris regarding the OHCA budget impact of Medicaid and reentry for Justice Involved Youth.
 - Reviewed one parole request.
 - Provided monthly report to supervisors regarding overdue TCM entries.
 - Attended division staff meeting.
 - Attended meeting regarding updating the YLS/CMI.
 - Visited the Tulsa JSU office and assisted with their OPI audit.
 - Attended 2 Justice Involved Youth meetings with OHCA to assist them with the JIY Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan Amendment.
 - Provided ADS training for TCM/CMS.
 - Attended Monday Morning Meetings and March Lunch and Learn.
- **Gene Carroll, CBS Detention Program Manager:**
- Attended Monday Morning Meeting on TEAMS on March 17, 24, and 31.
 - Made a visit to Tulsa County Detention Center.
 - Made a visit to Garfield County Detention Center.
 - Made a visit to Oklahoma County Detention Center.
 - Made a visit to Woodward County Detention Center.
 - Reviewed all Critical Incidents reported and followed up if needed.
 - Returned emails and phone calls.
 - Reviewed all Monitor and Liaison reports and followed up if needed.
 - Conducted a meeting between Pittsburg and Craig County Detention Centers and Muskogee County JSU regarding a possible detention contract.
 - Assisted OPI with Tulsa County Detention Assessment.
 - Attended a JSU staff meeting at the state office.
 - Attended a PREA meeting on TEAMS.
 - Attended a JOLTS Committee Meeting on TEAMS.
 - Attended the OJDA Meeting in Oklahoma City.
 - Met with JSU Team and OPI on a policy and procedure concern involving a detention center.
 - Gathered information on how many youths in detention were being bridged to DOC custody and waiting on transfer.

- **CBS Group Home Program Manager/South Central Area Director Wes Evetts**
 - Site visits to Mustang, Cornerstone, and Scissortail Group homes.
 - Presented at joint Northwest and North Central staff meetings.
 - Group home liaison work: 20 visits across the 10 programs; 226 visits with youth, 25 youth complaints addressed.

- **Alyssa Devine, OPI Program Manager**
 - Conducted weekly staffing meetings with Assistant Deputy Director Jeremy Evans.
 - Attended the monthly staff meeting with Deputy Director Greg Delaney.
 - Reviewed and signed off on all FBI background checks for potential detention staff statewide.
 - Completed a probationary assessment at Tulsa County Detention Home on February 13th. The assessment report was finalized and shared, along with a probationary license, valid until June 30th, 2025.
 - Completed and distributed the Pittsburg County Detention report for the assessment conducted on February 25th.
 - Successfully onboarded new hire Eric Beasley, initiating his training process, which included both in-person and virtual training sessions.
 - Enrolled Eric in the New Worker Training, scheduled for March 24th-28th and a second session in April.
 - Scheduled upcoming assessments for Enid CIC, Cleveland County Detention Center, and Comanche Detention Center.
 - Prepared for and completed the assessment at Garfield Detention Center. The assessment report has been finalized.
 - Conducted an unannounced detention visit to Northwest Juvenile Detention Center.
 - Completed a comprehensive audit of Tulsa County JSU caseload. This audit, conducted in Tulsa County offices on February 24th-25th, is ongoing virtually.

Western Region Highlights from Regional Director Jerry Skinner

Rex Boutwell, Northwest Area Director

From Belinda Hannon (Assistant Area Director for Alfalfa, Canadian, Garfield, Grant, Kingfisher, Major and Woods Counties):

Canadian County Supervisor Belinda Hannon reports the new Canadian County ADA is doing a very good job and works well with our staff. She seeks our guidance and assistance, which is appreciated. The Canadian County Threat Assessment MDT team is continuing and is a great resource to be involved with. The Canadian County Coalition is back on track and meeting monthly, and the Detention Liaison duties continue and are going very well. The new CIC is still scheduled to open soon, and we are pleased to report that the Canadian County youth shelter

did not have any OJA youth placed there for the month of March. Family Functional Therapy (FFT) continues to thrive and service our families and youth well. We have had some very positive and good outcomes with their services.

Kingfisher County MCART is still going strong and continues to meet monthly. This has been a great resource, because we have DHS in the room, and we are able to staff our cases if needed as well. Gabi is our CARS liaison. She continues to meet with CARS monthly to check progress and to ensure both parties are still working together successfully.

Garfield County is involved with the Sooner Success Coalition and Drug and Alcohol Coalition. Jessica was able to connect with the Hub to help a family with a bed bug problem and receive a new couch. The drug court also had some success this month with a client reaching level 4. Rhonda's workers are doing a really good job with the transition and the time of uncertainty with a different supervisor. We are attempting to get the position filled. We appreciate their work and patience.

From Chris Walker (Assistant Area Director for Blaine, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Harper, Roger Mills and Woodward Counties):

Custer County Supervisor Chris Walker reports that Nikole Nickels continues to serve as Liaison for the Weatherford Independent Living Program. Vanessa Ringo serves as the detention monitor for the Woodward County detention center. Each made bi-weekly trips to the facilities.



Our workers attend Graduated Sanctions on the second Wednesday of the month and multi-disciplinary team (Washita/Custer Co) on the last Monday of the month. Nikole Nickels also attends the Weatherford Public School's Truancy committee meetings. JJS, Luzella Williams attends monthly Cheyenne & Arapaho JOM meetings. Chris Walker went to The Weatherford Transitional Living Program (TLP) program to teach the residents how to make New York-style pizza. The boys and staff were great to interact with, and we all enjoyed the activity. It was a fun day!

McKenzie St. Clair continues to serve as liaison to The Woodward Co detention center. She and Sue Brown participate monthly in Woodward, Woods County MCAT/Woodward Area coalition, and CARS staffing meetings. McKenzie worked fervently to obtain acute care beds for two

juveniles on her caseload who were displaying self-harming behaviors in Woodward County detention. McKenzie has displayed a fierce ability to advocate for youth in need of mental health treatment.

From Rita Holland-Moore (Assistant Area Director for Beaver, Cimarron and Texas Counties): Texas County Supervisor Rita Holland -Moore reports that they continue to work well with the courts, community, and law enforcement. OJA also continues to make use of the services provided to us such as FFT and HUB. FFT has done very good work with our families, HUB continues to make contributions to our deprived families, and they respond quickly when necessary. Crossroads also continues to provide mentoring to our youth, assists deprived families, and continues to work with our youth and families.

Our new worker, Raven Vinson, has been attending the New Worker's training and feels that it is very worthwhile. She appreciated the speakers that attended and feels that it included valuable information. Rita and Teresa attended the District Meeting (Back to Basics) this month.

Heath Denney, Southwest Area Director

The Southwest Area continues to pilot the new Hope Scale Assessment program. Staff throughout the area have become very familiar with the program and offered some excellent feedback to Hope Ambassador, Kheri Smith. Kheri continues to do a great job in taking this feedback and improving the program. So far, the Southwest Area has conducted 228 child assessments and 189 adult assessments.

The Southwest Area continues to have a vacant transportation officer position, despite five different rounds of interviews being held since the original job posting in October of 2023. A request has been made to increase the pay of this position (from \$15.00 per hour to \$18.73 per hour) to attract additional candidates.

On March 11, 2025, I joined OJA Finance Director, Amber Miller, on a tour of the construction project of the new Marie Detty Youth Shelter currently being built in Lawton. At this time, the building is simply a concrete slab with metal framing but once finished it will be a tremendous upgrade from the existing youth shelter. Marie Detty Executive Director, Kerrie Matthews, is very excited to see the new shelter being built.

On March 11, 2025, I participated in a Continuum of Care (COC) meeting with Joi Horsford. COC is coordinating the implementation of a state policy board to help identify the service needs of the youth, families, and communities they support. They are currently piloting COC in Lawton,

Tulsa, and Oklahoma City, but the overall goal is for COC to expand statewide. COC is seeking two potential board members to serve from each county. We currently have two excellent nominations for the board from the Comanche County area and will be announcing those nominations soon.

From Jenny Olson (Assistant Area Director for Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman, Greer, and Harmon Counties):

JSU staff are attending Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings in all counties except Harmon. JSU staff will be reaching out to get the date for the Harmon MDT meeting and put that on calendar to attend as well.

New Worker Academy was held at the Employee Development Center in Tecumseh March 24-28, 2025. The second week will be held on April 7-10, 2025. No workers from the Southwest Area attended, except for J. J. Sheward who attended only a couple of days to make up for the missing days at the previous New Worker Academy. There was one JJS from the Northwest Area in attendance, Ravon Vinson, from Texas County.

Kiowa County continues to have a vacancy for a Juvenile Justice Specialist. Interviews were previously held on February 10, 2025, however the applicant the committee chose ended up accepting a different job offer. Another round of interviews has been scheduled for April 1, 2025. Caseloads in Kiowa County appear to be staying stable, however the number of referrals has slowed significantly over the last month.

JJ Sheward is being removed from all Tillman County cases and Lyn Wilmes is taking over these two cases for JJ to take over the Harmon County cases currently being covered by AAD Olson. This transition will be finalized by the end of April.

Central Regional Highlights from Regional Director Jeremy Andrews

March marked the full official month of our transition from districts to regions and areas and with it brought a busy month ahead. Starting this month, all the supervisors for the new Central Region met to discuss the restructuring, run through questions and have time not only to address concerns but also to discuss goals and changes they would like to see. It was a great opportunity to have a collaboration among the leadership in the region. Following this initial meeting with supervisors, office meetings were held in each of the counties for the Central Region to run through their questions and hear from staff directly in the field.

In addition to meeting with OJA staff, we also began setting up meetings with Youth Service Agencies and other community partners to sit down and discuss the changes, while also

introducing them to the new south central area director, Wes Evetts. We were able to meet with the head of the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau, two of the juvenile judges, Pottawatomie County Youth and Family Services, as well as the director of the Oklahoma County Juvenile Detention Center.

The Regional Directors were also able to attend the monthly Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Association Meeting to introduce ourselves and provide contact information for all the detention centers in attendance.

March also brought a joint Northwest and North Central Area all staff Meeting. Staff in these areas all came together to meet and hear presentations from state office staff and receive training. Director Tardibono was able to come and speak with the staff and run through agency updates.



The Regional Director, Jaremy Andrews also attended the Citizens for Juvenile Justice Advisory Board this past March. This board is comprised of education staff, community advocates, a district judge, DA, Public defenders, among others that meet quarterly to discuss juvenile justice issues and events occurring in Oklahoma County and the courthouse. To finish up the month, we had four new workers go to their first week of new worker academy and had two young men at COJC graduate with their GED's.

Eastern Region Highlights from Regional Director Rodney McKnight

For the month of March 2025, the Eastern Region served approximately 910 youth, with 477 having a legal status of a deferred filing to custody. Contact notes totaled 4,839 with 433 being TCM eligible. Out of the 910 youths, there are 375 supervised cases with 92 being OJA Custody youth and 10 Dual Custody youth. There are 54 youths in secure detention, 34 being pre-adjudicatory juveniles with 12 youth awaiting placement.

Referrals increased this month, with a total of 193 referrals for the month of March, compared to 137 the month before, with a total of 113 intakes completed. Most referrals consisted of property and drug offenses with a few violent crimes happening throughout the district. FFT referrals totaling 32 families participating. HUB referrals had a total of 12 families referred in the month of March. The total amount of restitution collected in March was \$3793.54.

Eastern Region activities for the month of March 2025 include monthly MDT meetings, liaison visits to JDC and YS Shelters, CARS staffing's, drug coalition, graduated sanctions and several online training courses.

March 13th, the Tulsa Juvenile Detention Center Audit was conducted, and I was able to meet Director David Parker, his staff and some of the youth that had been placed there.

On March 19th, Area Director Bobbi Foster and I conducted an SE Area Supervisor meeting with AAD's within that area. Alison Humphrey went over the new reintegration SOP and answered questions that we had. Alison will attend staff meetings in April to go over this new procedure with the caseworkers and other staff.

On March 24-25 the Tulsa County office had their OPI and CMS Audit. Throughout the two days all workers and supervisors were present to assist in obtaining the necessary paperwork for everyone.

March 24-28 was the first week of the New Worker Academy where we had 3 new caseworkers in the Eastern Region attending along with AAD Dotti Brandon and SE Area Director Bobbi Foster conducting the training.

March 27th was the last official District 5 meeting with Ron Coplan's retirement party following. There were several retired OJA workers that came along with Ron's friends and family. Ron leaves a long legacy with this agency and after 49 years will be truly missed by all.



Finally, Tulsa County caseworker DeDondra Carson was excited to announce that she had two of her COJC youth graduate from high school in March. She was able to attend the celebration at COJC along with the youth's family. We would all like to congratulate Daniel B. and Benjamin T., on all their hard work.



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Carol Miller, Deputy Director Residential Placement Support

Board Report – April 2025

March 1st to 31st 2025 activity

Releases (5) from Secure Care

March 2025

Intakes (2) for Secure Care

Parole – 3

Release from custody at court - 2

COJC census as of March 31, 2025 - 48 residents on census

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) facility events

- 12 staff from Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) toured COJC and OYACS. Following the tour we received an impactful message from OCCY – “I have heard so much positive feedback from staff that were able to attend and left feeling refreshed and hopeful for our young people. Thank you so much for the hard work you do and the support you provide to these young men. Your work is heavy and necessary – I hope you always feel appreciated, even when it’s a hard day.”
- 3 young men participated in a staff pass with COJC Music Therapist Joy Yocum to the OKC Civic Center Music Hall to absorb the magic of the orchestra and enjoy dining at Teds Escondido’s.
- OJA Human Resources held a “Meet Your HR Team” event at COJC to show appreciation, discuss ideas, suggestions or questions for COJC staff.
- 14 OJA staff from the OJA New Worker Academy participated in a tour of COJC.
- The State Dept of Ed visited OYACS/COJC to monitor Grant Performance Review for OYACS.
- OYACS conducted Parent Teacher conferences during March.
- STAAR’s Pathway to Excellence vocational course continues with twenty (20) residents.
- Hope Ambassadors held Hope sessions on each unit for all residents, Director Tardibono attended Hope sessions.
- COJC had two youths graduate during March from OYACS.
- 2 youth took a staff pass to obtain their State ID and Learners permit.
- Resident Council meeting was held to give youth a voice.
- Residents were provided with voluntary religious services.
- Resident/family engagement visitation for March – 69 in person visits with a total of 155 visitors, 127 virtual visits and 314 phone calls.
- Volunteers from Kairos Torch held a 3-day event over the weekend for residents.

Division Leadership Activities

- Completed weekly walk throughs of COJC units provide open dialogue and support for residents and staff.
 - Presented an overview of secure care during Board Member Orientation.
 - Participated in the Center for Improving Youth Justice (CIYJ) Pre-Data Collection distance learning webinar in preparation for the April 2025 national data collection in secure care.
 - Attended training on Partnership for Total Wellbeing: Complete support for a thriving workforce.
 - Participated in the multipurpose building construction overview programming session.
 - Presented an overview of secure care at the OJA New Worker Academy.
 - Met with Colonel Hussein and Director Tardibono to discuss youth who desire to enter the military.
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- Attended OJAs JOLTS Committee meeting to determine new additions or edits needed to the Juvenile Online Tracking System.
- Met bi-weekly with OJA Chief Psychologist Dr Susan Schmidt to provide COJC overview of treatment needs.
- Met bi-weekly with OJA Executive Director.
- Participated in the OJA Parent Advisory Committee meeting.
- Assistant Deputy Director Melissa Shaw facilitated reviews of treatment team meetings, grand staffing, and treatment plan staffing's to ensure fidelity and quality of processes.
- I attended OYAC graduation for 2 COJC youth.
- Provided Oklahoma State Dept. of Health (OSDH) update on Infectious disease mitigation progress in COJC, detentions and group homes.
- Provided OSDH with monthly update for the OMMA grant providing substance use prevention and education in COJC, public schools, and nonprofits.
- Held weekly TEAMS meetings with Division staff to ensure quality coverage of all liaison and oversight duties to ensure we are working toward division and agency goals.
- Facilitated final Juvenile Handbook review for 2025 with infusion of DBT skills and Hope language.
- Participated in the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators Deputy Director Casual Chat and discussed best practices in secure care settings with 2 other jurisdictions.
- Met weekly with COJC Superintendent to address goals, facility issues and full implementation of COJC Next Generation Campus upgrades.
- Participated in weekly OJA Executive Team meetings with State Office Leadership.

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

- OJA Human Resources held a "Meet Your HR Team" event at COJC to show appreciation, discuss ideas, suggestions or questions for COJC staff.
 - Training resources were distributed for staff through Curalincs on creating healthy boundaries.
 - COMPASS employee support group provided pizza for staff to say thank you for their hard work and keeping the facility running smoothly.
 - General Staffing held to recognize staff birthdays, employment longevity and share training topics.
 - 2 COJC staff attended the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training to follow up with staff after major facility incidents.
 - COMPASS Employee Support Group supports COJC staff through offering t-shirts and hoodies with COJC logo as a fund raiser for staff activities.
 - Employee Assistance Program and Support Linc Flyers are placed at locations throughout COJC notifying staff of assistance that is available after stressful incidents.
 - The Employee Council Meeting was held to discuss any identified issues and present possible solutions.
 - The Leadership Academy held a meeting for new staff to discuss facility culture, role modeling, rapport and relationship building.
 - COJC recruiter Dupree Davis attended two Job-Career Fairs during March.
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State of Oklahoma
OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS
Residential Placement Support

Carol Miller, Deputy Director Residential Placement Support

Agency Collaborations in Secure Care

- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career Tech) –
 - Career Tech. Automotive Shop Students are actively attending classes and receiving certificates of participation.
 - Met with Career Tech Regional Director Kent Roof to discuss progress in all areas.
 - Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) –
 - DRS embedded staff Michael Rolerat is at COJC weekly to assist residents in enrolling in DRS.
 - There are currently 6 graduates in the work program and paid through DRS.
 - Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSAS) –
 - Discussions continue with ODMHSAS to secure an embedded staff to assist with reentry services for youth and families.
 - Chuck Fletcher of the Evolution Foundation through their contract with DMHSAS visited COJC in March to assist parents in overcoming barriers to in person visitation.
 - Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB) –
 - Workforce Work Study Program is for residents who come into COJC with a diploma or GED or while at COJC have graduated or received their GED.
 - DRS/OYACS/OCCY/OJA School to Work paid work program –
 - Residents who are currently enrolled in OYACS at COJC work onsite at COJC and receive pay through DRS reimbursement.
 - Program provides youth with a work resume, birth certificate, State ID, and financial support upon parole from COJC.
 - There are 6 residents in the DRS paid work program.
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Next Generation Campus Update on Phase III



Next Generation Campus Update – Phase III

1. Independent Living Home

a. Proceeding with Asbestos Abatement

2. Old HR Building

a. Demolished on March 14, 2025

b. Preparing for new Control Center/Visitation parking lot construction



Site Plan





Visitation & Wellness Building



Juvenile Detention Revolving Fund



Juvenile Detention Revolving Fund

10A O.S. § 2-7-401 – Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Office of Juvenile Affairs to be designated the "Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies appropriated to the Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund and monies which may otherwise be available to the Office of Juvenile Affairs for use as provided for in this section.

B. All monies appropriated to the fund shall be budgeted and expended by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for the purpose of providing funds to counties to renovate existing juvenile detention facilities, to construct new juvenile detention facilities, to operate juvenile detention facilities and otherwise provide for secure juvenile detention services and alternatives to secure detention as necessary and appropriate, in accordance with state-approved juvenile detention standards and the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services provided for in Section 2-3-103 of this title. The participation of local resources shall be a requirement for the receipt by counties of said funds and the Department shall establish a system of rates for the reimbursement of secure detention costs to counties. The methodology for the establishment of said rates may include, but not be limited to, consideration of detention costs, the size of the facility, services provided and geographic location. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Applications for FY2025

Replacement of two (2) 200-gallon water heaters

- Current water heaters are 15 and 18 years old
- No longer cost effective to repair

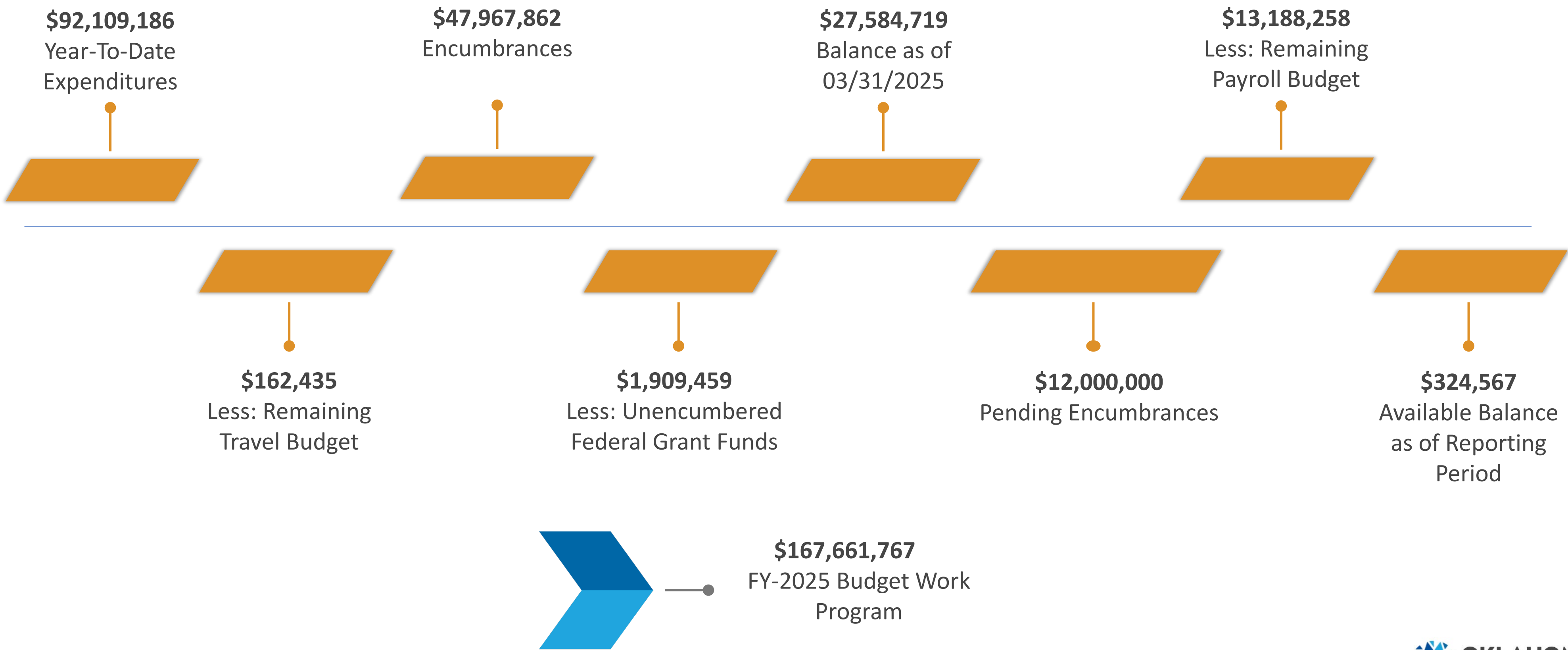
Craig County Juvenile Detention Center	
OJA Request	\$36,945.66
County Match (15%)	\$6,521.41
Total	\$43,467.07

OJA Finance Report



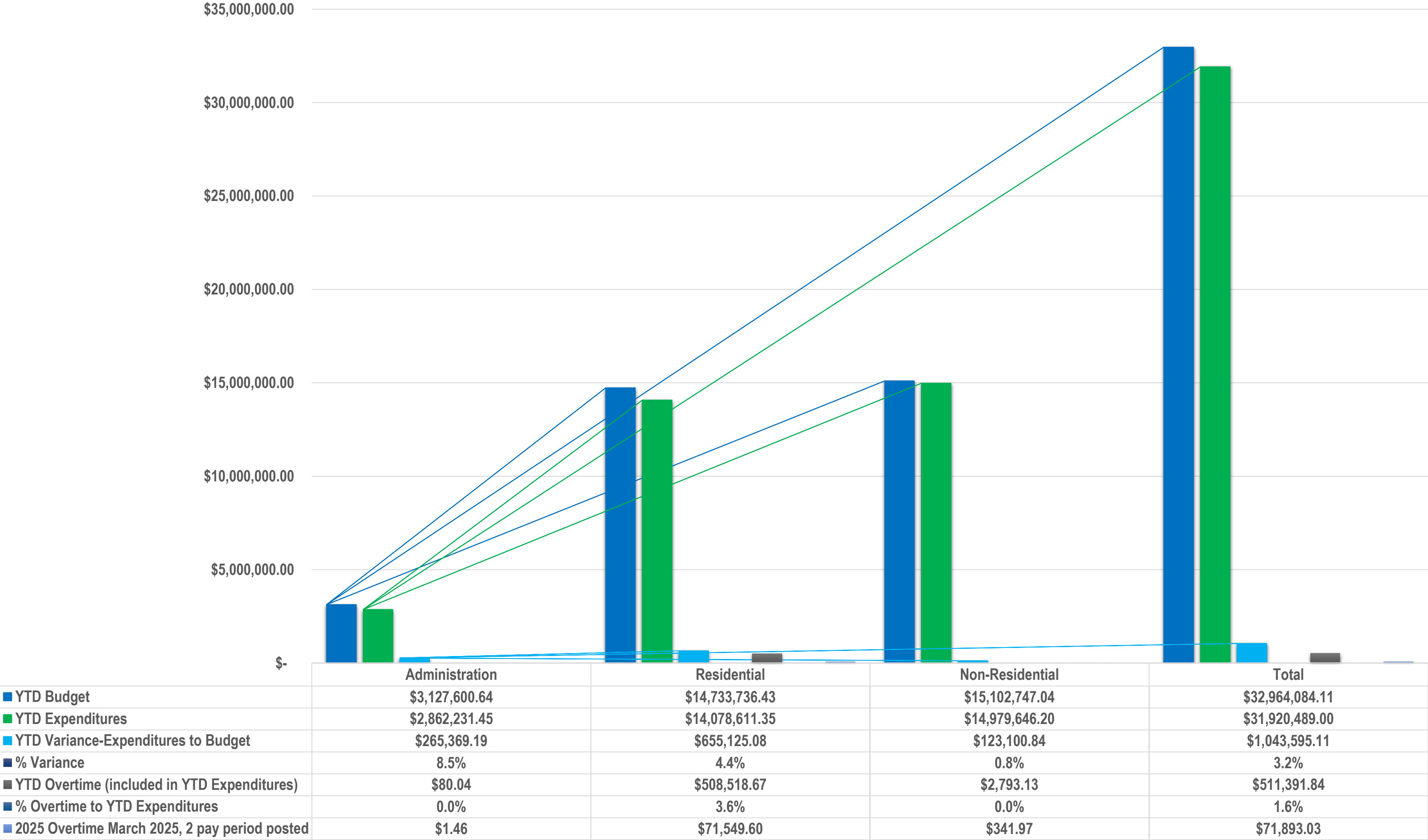
FY-2025 Operation/Capital Budget Projections

As of 03/31/2025



BR-2025 Payroll Budget to Actual Year to Date


As of 03/31/2025



FY-2025 Payroll Overtime


As of 03/31/2025

Quarter FY 25	No. of Pay Period	Administration		Residential Services		JSU/Community Services		Total Overtime Hours	Total Overtime Amount
		Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount		
Quarterly Summary									
1st Quarter	6	0	-	5,213	\$142,812	4	\$99	5,217.36	\$142,911
2nd Quarter	6	3	78.58	5,443	\$178,236	20	\$388	5,465.33	\$178,702
3rd Quarter	7	0	1.46	5,665	\$187,471	105	\$2,306	5,770.06	\$189,778
Average Per Pay Period									
1st Quarter	1	0	\$0	869	\$23,802	0.65	\$16	869.56	\$23,819
2nd Quarter	1	0	\$13	907	\$29,706	3.28	\$65	910.89	\$29,784
3rd Quarter	1	0	\$0	809	\$26,782	15.05	\$329	824.29	\$27,111
Current Quarter Detail									
January	3	0	\$1	2,325	\$71,550	16	\$342	2,341	\$71,893
February	2	-	\$0	1,542	\$53,417	79	\$1,742	1,621	\$55,160
March	2	-	\$0	1,797	\$62,504	11	\$222	1,808	\$62,725



FTE Budget To Actual For FY2025 as of 03/31/2025

FTE Budget for FY2025 (19 payrolls processed)	520.00
Actual Paid	<u>509.56</u>
Variance	10.44



FY-2025 Revolving Funds Revenue Projection

As of 3/31/2025

Receivable Source	FY-25 Budget	Budget to Date	Receipts	In-Transit	Over (Under) Budget
SSI and SSA	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,993		\$ 993
Income from Rent	17,802	13,352	\$ 11,868		(1,483)
Charter School State Aid/Grants	500,000	375,000	\$ 804,021		429,021
School Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks Program	57,213	42,910	\$ 77,936		35,026
Sales	75,000	56,250	\$ 117,265	2,346	63,361
Child Support	150,000	112,500	\$ 88,662		(23,838)
Other Receipts	45,000	33,750	9,773		(23,977)
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 945,015	\$ 708,761	\$ 1,185,518	\$ 2,346	\$ 479,103

Reimbursements and Refunds	FY-25 Budget	YTD Expenses	Receipts	Outstanding Reimbursements	Variance to YTD Expenses
DHS Safety Shelter, OMMA/OSDH Rehabilitation Drug and Alcohol Services, Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 5,779,320	\$ 3,625,122	\$ 1,433,910	\$ 2,191,211	\$ -
Total Revolving Funds Revenue	\$ 6,724,335	\$ 4,333,883	\$ 2,619,428	\$ 2,193,558	\$ 479,103

FY-2025 Federal Funds Revenue Projections

As of 03/31/2025

Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	Projected Annual Revenue	Budget to Date	Actual Revenue	In-Transit	Receipts Variance to Budget
FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements from Other State Agencies					
Residential Behavior Management Services (RBMS)	\$ 6,100,000	4,575,000	2,480,895	2,160,232	\$ 66,127
Targeted Case Management (TCM)	1,700,000	1,275,000	769,861	454,038	\$ (51,101)
IV-E Shelter	155,000	116,250		68,867	\$ (47,383)
Indirect Cost Reimbursement (OHCA)	100,000	75,000	49,408	40,178	\$ 14,586
Total FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements From Other State Agencies	\$ 8,055,000	\$ 6,041,250	\$ 3,300,164	\$ 2,723,316	\$ (17,771)
FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	FY-25 Budget	Expenditures Reports	Receipts	Outstanding Reimbursements	Receipts Variance to YTD Expenses
Direct Federal Grant, OJJDP Formula	\$ 1,723,639	\$ 415,578	\$ 155,078	\$ 260,500	\$ -
DAC-RSAT	225,000	155,284	\$ 88,331	66,953	-
Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities <i>Note: This program was cancelled March 25th</i>	1,761,100	639,028	\$ 251,611	336,533	(50,884)
Arnall Award	654,463	45,511	\$ 348,120	-	302,609
State Recovery Fund (ARPA)	16,714,739	7,915,338	\$ 8,032,480	-	117,142
Total FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	\$ 21,078,941	\$ 9,170,740	\$ 8,875,620	\$ 663,986	\$ 368,867
Total Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	\$ 29,133,941	\$ 15,211,990	\$ 12,175,784	\$ 3,387,302	\$ 351,096

700 Fund Accounts

As of 03/31/2025

Trust Fund - 701

Established to account for all the funds a juvenile received or expended while in OJA Custody



****Cash Balance as of 03/31/2025**
\$3,278.17

Trust Fund - 703

Established to account for all Donated funds received/expended. These funds are used for the benefit of the juvenile



****Cash Balance as of 03/31/2025**
\$1,325.33

Canteen Fund - 702

Established to account for all the funds at canteens located at COJC. Proceeds from the canteen are used for the benefit of the juvenile.



****Cash Balance as of 03/31/2025**
\$9,613.61

Trust Fund - 704

Established to account for all funds received from OJA's Victim Restitution Program



****Cash Balance as of 03/31/2025**
\$7,721.18

The Oklahoma Economy

March Revenue – \$1,315,740,052

Month over Month Comparison:

Revenue has increased by 134.7M/11.4%

Monthly Comparison Current to Previous Year:

Revenue has decreased by 28.0M/2.1%

12 Month Rolling Comparison:

Gross receipts total 16.84B, down 12.10M/.1%

Oklahoma Business Conditions Index:*

53.6 – Manufacturing exports up by 26M compared to prior year

Unemployment:*

Oklahoma: 3.3% - Unchanged: National: 4.1% - Unchanged

Consumer Price Index:*

Annualized at 2.8%

*two month lag

Emergency Purchases

EMR#	Date	Vendor	Description	Location	Amount
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None to Report

Sole Source Purchases

SS#	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
SS25-002	03/24/2025	YAP	Award to match juvenile justice programs for a positive impact to pilot alternatives for juvenile justice	\$300,000

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS)

School Board Meeting

April 15, 2025

Finance Report



OYACS Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances for School Year 2024-2025 as of March 31, 2025		OJA GENERAL & REVOLVING FUNDS	FUND 25000	TOTALS EFFECTIVE 3/31/2025	OYACS-COJC (972)
REVENUES					
State Aid - Foundation/Salary Incentive (000)	-		193,103.43	193,103.43	193,103.43
State Aid - Driver Education (317)			3,217.50	3,217.50	3,217.50
State Aid - Redbud School Funding Act (318)			15,383.41	15,383.41	15,383.41
State Aid - Textbooks/Ace Technology (333)			3,210.76	3,210.76	3,210.76
SRO/School Security (376)			183,829.62	183,829.62	183,829.62
CNP - State Matching (385)			490.97	490.97	490.97
State Aid - Alternative Ed Grant (388)			61,930.79	61,930.79	61,930.79
Title IA - Basic Programs (511)			21,187.78	21,187.78	21,187.78
Title IA - School Support (515)			51,465.44	51,465.44	51,465.44
Title ID - Neg/Del/At Risk Youth (531) - 55A310			10,654.04	10,654.04	10,654.04
Title IIA Staff Training/Recruiting (541)			-	-	-
Title IVA - Academic Enrichment Formula Grants (552)			-	-	-
Title VB - Rural/Low Income (587)			-	-	-
Flowthrough and ARP IDEA (621)			-	-	-
Flowthrough and ARP IDEA (628)			-	-	-
CNP - Operation/Admin Cost (700)			-	-	-
CNP - Lunches/Snacks (763)			69,751.87	69,751.87	69,751.87
CNP - Breakfast (764)			34,456.60	34,456.60	34,456.60
ARP ESSER III (795)			282,734.40	282,734.40	282,734.40
Refunds (TRS)			617.63	617.63	617.63
Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs		1,184,768.77	-	1,184,768.77	1,184,768.77
TOTAL REVENUES FY25		\$ 1,184,768.77	\$ 932,034.24	\$ 2,116,803.01	\$ 2,116,803.01
EXPENDITURES					
Equipment and Library Resources		130,677.93	151,051.28	281,729.21	281,729.21
Operational Expenses		58,600.97	122,967.56	181,568.53	181,568.53
Payroll Expenses		989,378.03	410,785.42	1,400,163.45	1,400,163.45
Professional Services		1,855.66	9,450.00	11,305.66	11,305.66
Training and Travel		4,256.18	200.00	4,456.18	4,456.18
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY25		\$ 1,184,768.77	\$ 694,454.26	\$ 1,879,223.03	\$ 1,879,223.03
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-	237,579.98	237,579.98	237,579.98
Fund Balances Starting July 1, 2024		-	254,801.96	254,801.96	254,801.96
Fund Balances 2024-2025 School Year		\$ -	\$ 492,381.94	\$ 492,381.94	\$ 492,381.94
OJA FUNDS		COJC (972)			
Fund 19301_19311		261.39			
Fund 19401		37,090.69			
Fund 19501		1,029,887.53			
Fund 20000		117,529.16			
		1,184,768.77			
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Proposed Modifications to Encumbrances



OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER
SCHOOL
REQUEST FOR 2024-2025 ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance#	Description	Vendor	Amount

QUESTIONS