



State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

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

Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2025

Board Members Present

Gail Blaylock

Bart Bouse

Janet Foss

Les Thomas Sr.

Josh Trimble

Jenna Worthen (virtual)

Karen Youngblood

Board Members Absent

Amy Emerson

Colleen Johnson

Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the June 17, 2025 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School special meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Presentation on the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center's (COJC) Services that Assist and Redeem (STAAR) Foundation Graduation

Ms. Carol Miller introduced Gerald Scott, STAAR CEO, and COJC Superintendent Darryl Fields. Mr. Scott discussed the STAAR Foundation's mission and work with the residents at COJC. Youth at COJC spoke about their experience with the STAAR program and graduation. Youth answered questions from the Board.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed minutes for the May 20, 2025 board meeting

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson and Johnson

The proposed minutes for the May 20, 2025 board meeting approved.

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 gave a verbal update about his trip to Joseph Harp Correctional Center's K unit and the work OJA needs to do addressing misconceptions with our residents. He also gave a brief update on his trip to D.C. for the CJJ annual conference and meeting with Dr. Crystal Hernandez and staff members from many of the Tribal Nations along with a tour of COJC.

Mr. Bouse: You mentioned the K Unit, one of my concerns I had a couple of years ago, we had a general counsel that was filing motions to bridge these youth into the adult system. I continue to notice over the years, we have continued to reduce our detention beds, and I also think when we look at COJC we are reducing our facility capacity. We have empty cottages at COJC and lack staffing for those cottages. I am a little concerned when I look back at numbers. Those numbers continue to drop, and that is probably not reality. I have not seen a report that we have had a reduction in crime. Have we taken on a culture of making these kids everyone else's problem. I am troubled that we will continue to reduce detention beds and the utilization of COJC. What is your sense in what is happening?

Director Tardibono: When we get to the detention bed discussion it is really based on utilization rates. With COJC, our statute says that youth must be placed in the least restrictive environment. I do not think there is an effort to keep that number down. If there was a demand, we would have to work on hiring. Currently we run between 41 to 55 youth at residents. I think it is a fair concern. We have to look at utilization and we have the advantage with the regional realignment; there is fidelity to the treatment model. I think the real question is, what are the numbers related to the group home placement and youth in the community.

Mr. Bouse: We are the gate keepers, as gate keepers, are we keeping kids out of detention or COJC that could be served there. I understand we are aiming for the least restrictive means. I think we are putting the kids and facilities at risk by cramming more people into less beds. We may be doing the same at COJC. I think what you brought with the K unit is really disturbing. They should be at COJC.

Director Tardibono: You know the judicial process, you have a DA, a private attorney or Public Defender involved. We have a legal team working to make those connections and talking about making sure the youth understand the consequences that come with pleading to an adult sentence. Ultimately, it is the client's decision. Sometimes, that is out of our hands. The young person I talked to was finally turning the corner but made the decision to take the plea.

Judge Foss: This has been an ongoing discussion. From my perspective, you see a variance in the numbers before and after Covid. I think the changes in the criminal law where we have taken felony level drug charges to misdemeanor charges, making those kids not eligible for felony level care. With McGirt, we are not seeing those kids anymore. Criminal defense attorneys, in my opinion, do not really understand the youthful offender laws. They advise their clients to take the plea deal.

Chair Youngblood: Let's table this discussion for State Plan agenda item.

Ms. Worthen: I just want to recognize and commend our work with the tribes on how to serve the juveniles. With McGirt, it created some hurdles, but it also created some opportunities to collaborate with the tribes. Any assistance that we can offer to serve the kids of this state no matter the jurisdiction they are in. I am grateful for that work. I was happy to hear the update. I am grateful to the Director and the whole team for the continuation of that I am really encouraged. Thank you.

State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SAG) Report, a report to the board of SAG activities regarding subcommittee work, updates on Title II funded projects, Youth Emerging Leaders (YEL) projects, and SAG meetings

Ms. Nizza and Humphrey gave the Board additional information on the attached presentation. Ms. Nizza gave updates on the federal audit, the summer Title II funded projects, and SAG activities. Ms. Humphrey gave an update on the SAG work.

Mr. Trimble: With Hoopfest, you all put a team together?

Ms. Humphrey: Yes. There are several that are going to coach. Several of the residents from our group homes will be coming in.

Mr. Trimble: Is there a championship game at the end?

Ms. Humphrey: I am not sure. I think everyone gets to play.

Mr. Thomas: P.J. would like to see a championship game at the end. There is a skills challenge, a 3-point challenge, and a goal challenge at the end. Here is the thing, just come out to support. It is a positive thing. Some of us can't move like we used to but I will be there to support it and have a good time.

Mr. Trimble: There were tribal partners who do not have a JSU, what does that mean?

Ms. Humphrey: Juvenile Services Unit. That is our team of caseworkers. They have a home worker that helps navigate the case.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed State Plan for Youth Service Agencies

Ms. Krohn: Thank you for allowing us to speak today. This process was as always, like the partnership with OJA, was easy to navigate, conversations were thorough, our concerns were heard, and we were able to negotiate and get things done. The leadership team OJA is always respectful and mindful of the things we need in our community.

Mr. McSpadden: On behalf of OAYS, we have the difficult tasks of meeting the needs of rural and larger metropolitan areas. Each agency looks different. On behalf of the partnership, the goals remain how do

we work with OJA to create better outcomes through the delivery of services. Sometimes those goals are conflicting. I feel like for OJA, the goal is how do we make sure the money is spent well and tracking outcomes. The YSAs spend the money quickly and efficiently to address the needs of the community. There is conflict but at the end of the day we are both in it improve the outcomes for the kids in the state of Oklahoma. It was a long process, and we addressed our concerns. The end result is a state plan that, I think, is a win-win for everybody. We formed a committee that represented each of our 5 clusters and got input from all of our membership. The final draft before you we sent to our membership with no negative feedback. It is a testament to our work with OJA, where OJA can provide good oversight and accountability but allows us the flexibility for us to serve our communities where the needs vary widely across the state of Oklahoma.

Chair Youngblood: I really want to appreciate and acknowledge your comments about the conflict in the inherently built-in system. To hear your compliments of the team you were working with and you bringing your team to the table. It is refreshing to hear that. We appreciate the feedback, and all sides being engaged and at the table and acknowledging the different approaches and acknowledging the conflict that had to worked through. We would do a lot better to call that out sometimes. No negative feedback is such a really neat comment to hear. Thank you for the multiple times that we met and worked on the Plan. Thank you.

Mr. Bouse moved to approve Mr. Trimble

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson and Johnson

The proposed State Plan for Youth Service Agencies approved.

Discussion on the current status of secure juvenile detention and a possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed FY2026 contracted beds for the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services

Mr. Evans explained the attached report to the Board.

Mr. Bouse: I have been concerned that reducing the number of beds and losing the beds over the last several years. You know we shut down Texas County. We almost lost Woodward, as Tim is aware. In the western part of the state, we would have been limited to Enid and Lawton for all of those counties. I don't think many have an appreciation if you are a youth that is ordered to detention in Boise City just how long of a trip that would be. It would be abusive to make the kids ride in a vehicle that long and that far away. It is ridiculous and takes the kids far away from their families where there would not be any visits. We have had problems with Tulsa County. My concern is that if we continue to reduce beds and put more kids in smaller spaces. I know the Woodward situation; you might have 6 kids in there with 3 staff members. If you have 2 kids creating a problem, you leave the other 4 kids with limited supervision. It creates a dangerous situation. I am really concerned that if we continue to reduce based on the

arbitrary utilization rate. I think it would be better to spend the money to have more beds. Maybe that is a problem with Woodward itself. I know Woodward took on some kids that others wouldn't for a short period of time. I don't think we are looking at the whole picture. I don't think any other system uses data in this manner. If a child needs counseling, we provide more counseling. I have been told that we can change the numbers, but we never do. My motion would be to contract for the 209, I don't know that would cost us. However, it gives us 2 more beds to be flexible with.

Judge Foss: I said what I was going to. There is a formula that is being used to calculate this. I know we approved it in a Board meeting several years ago.

Mr. Bouse: Judge Foss was correct that the law changes did have an impact on the decrease in detention. The formula was created before the Yos were out of the adult facilities.

Secretary Rockwell: The YO numbers are in the formula, and we make adjustments based on those numbers.

Judge Foss: Are we having issues that if a center is full the youth may have to be transferred to another facility.

Mr. Evans: I have not heard of that. The contract with counties close so that does not happen.

Judge Foss: There were many times when I was on the bench that a youth could not be placed because beds were being reserved. Is that still going on?

Mr. Bouse: I know we were housing Muskogee County youth. I received call from judges about the Woodward County situation and the potential issues with youth travelling across the state for detention beds. Nobody likes when we have to do that.

Chair Youngblood: Can you give us some perspective on Mr. Bouse's concerns.

Mr. Evans: I have not seen the centers being full. We are not having to drive kids across the states. If a county does not have contracts with local counties, then they may have to drive.

Chair Youngblood: When would that occur?

Mr. Evans: That could happen at any time as long as the counties are willing to contract.

Director Tardibono: There is discretion there within the county. They do not have to contract with counties unless they choose to. This situation is why we worked quickly to address the Woodward situation and assist with getting contracts in place until the new contractor could take over. This is why, with the current utilization rate, we are not suggesting a decrease to Woodward County to allow for the new contractor to increase that rate. If they do not, we will come back to the table with a new

recommendation. In Cleveland County, they reduced the number of contracts with other counties, which impacted their utilization rate. It is county discretion not ours.

Judge Blaylock: The Cleveland County Commissioner is asking why we are cutting the two beds when they signed a contract for 26 beds last week.

Mr. Evans: They are being reduced because of the utilization rate.

Mr. Trimble: Because of what?

Mr. Evans: The utilization rate. It is at 64%, due to the decrease in contracts. That is why we received the proposal.

Chair Youngblood: When were they notified.

Mr. Evans: I made contact with the provider about a month ago.

Chair Youngblood: I wanted to make sure they were aware of our intention.

Ms. Worthen: Were those contracts sent to those commissioners before the Board acted on that number?

Mr. Evans: Yes, I believe they were prematurely sent out before everything was completed.

Ms. Worthen: I think to Bart and Judge Foss's point that we have to balance between data informed decisions with being a really good partner. If we did not flush this out and people are receiving contracts before everything is flushed out. We are not being good partners. I can imagine the frustration.

Judge Foss: Here is my question, you said the contract was cancelled, was it the center or the commissioners?

Mr. Evans: It is my understanding that it was the center.

Judge Foss: I just got a text from Tracy Spurgeon, and she said they did not cancel any contracts. I am just trying to understand.

Chair Youngblood: Obviously there is no way to know the inner workings of other agencies. We are trying to get the information for any questions.

Chair Youngblood: Can you give us your perspective on the funds.

CFO Clagg: First I will address the contract issues, our contracts are multi-year and we are in the middle of that agreement, detention centers had an option to renew. I will take responsibility, my staff in order

to get contracts in place for the new fiscal year, sent out contracts. We changed our process, Audrey helped us with that, we will be going through this process earlier to assist with getting full contracts out in a timely manner. It is rare that contractors do not renew their contracts.

Chair Youngblood: The renewals, do not have all the terms?

CFO Clagg: Yes and no. We can renew just on a purchase order. In some cases, we want to amend certain sections of the contracts, so we sent a renewal with modifications. That is what occurred in this situation.

Judge Foss: On cancelling the contracts, with Tracy Spurgeon is the provider in Cleveland County, she is stating they did not renew.

Mr. Evans: There were others.

CFO Clagg: The counties have contracts with other counties. Those are the contracts we're discussing related to the utilization rate. There is a distinction between the contracts we have with the Commissioners and the contracts between counties, and we are not a party to those agreements. We are working to be better informed on knowing where those agreements exist. We want to make sure all counties have a place for their youth.

Ms. Worthen: Right now, the proposed difference between FY25 to FY26 is a 2-bed reduction for Cleveland County? Did they receive a contract a month ago for that reduction?

CFO Clagg: No, they did not.

Ms. Worthen: So, they are finding out today about the reduction as we vote on it?

CFO Clagg: They were sent a draft of this proposal about a month ago.

Mr. Evans: I also talked to Neva.

Mr. Bouse: Kevin mentioned we only have 11 facilities that we contract with. In the last 4 years we have lost facilities. We shut down Texas County. I think we need to be cognizant of the effect if we lose another one.

Mr. Evans: Yes, we lost Sac and Fox and LeFlore County.

Mr. Bouse: WE could find ourselves in a bind if we lose any more facilities. I would rather spend money than lose them.

Judge Foss; Cleveland County just remodeled.

CFO Clagg: One of the things that occurred as part of the right-sizing, is that we raised rates and provided juvenile revolving funds for facility upgrades. We cannot afford to do both if we pay for empty beds. The problem is if we pay for 12 beds, but they only utilize 8 on average they should be retaining staff for 12. By putting money into the rates rather than paying for empty beds, it allows the facilities flexibility in how they spend the funds. We would spend \$121,000.00 to pay for those 2 beds in Cleveland County. We can adjust the contracted beds within the State Plan fairly quickly.

Mr. Bouse: I am just concerned with the reduction of beds. We continue to have detention problems around the state.

Mr. Trimble: For education, due to the risk of having low volume of beds. What happens to the youth?

Mr. Bouse; that is a good question. I think they sit all night long with an officer or a JSU staff.

Mr. Evans: At one point, a county did not have a contract, they could not go to detention so they would have to be returned home.

Mr. Trimble: I understand fiscal responsibility. I am of the school of thought we should be in a position to respond and fulfill our mission rather than reacting. I would appreciate someone expounding on the formula.

Judge Foss: I am concerned. Do facilities hold beds for pick-up orders?

Mr. Evans: I am not aware of them reserving beds.

Judge Foss: That would determine the use of beds.

Mr. Evans: We are not holding beds.

Judge Foss: Tracy is indicating that we do. They are objecting to our presentation is what I am gathering.

Mr. Bouse: If you look at the overall utilization, we look good. But if you look at the 100% in those counties there are unavailable beds.

Ms. Worthen: In Tulsa County, did we reduce beds as they were going through their tradition.

Mr. Evans: Yes.

Mr. Trimble: Kevin, is this the formula?

CFO Clagg: It is largely driven on utilization. We look at trends as we assess. The formula itself, we look at the factors shown on the screen and adjust accordingly. We want to keep reminding centers to avoid unlawful detention plus system changes adjustment. We add in for YO length of stay. We add a 5 to 10%

cushion, which depends on trends in the last year. We want to encourage alternatives to detention. For this cycle that is how we got to the 207.

Mr. Trimble: Bart, a question for you sir. Does 209 really solve the problem? Should we look for more?

Mr. Bouse: I have concerns that we are arbitrarily looking at the 100%. I think that is happening and kids are not getting into detention.

Judge Foss: If we did not have beds available, we would start bouncing kids out of detention by comparing why they are in detention. I hated being put in that position. A regional system puts the judge in position of communicating with the local county on the issue. My concern if you are using averages that is not going to work. That is not a good way to run the detention business.

Ms. Worthen: Can we go back to the utilization slide? I am good with staying at the 209 I am not arguing that. What I am noticing on do we have enough beds, Oklahoma County is the one with the most 100% utilization number, but we have Canadian, Cleveland and Pottawatomie that are well under-utilized and those are not burdensome for Oklahoma County. I want to make sure we are focusing on the data and not anecdotal situations. I do not think we do not need to go above 209 but I do want us to be good partners. I would like to honor the partnership with Cleveland County for another year and see where we are in a year. I just want to make sure we are looking at the data to see where we are supportive.

Judge Foss: Oklahoma County does not contract with other counties, and they do not take other counties kids.

Chair Youngblood: When Oklahoma County is at 100%, that just means they are using beds that we do not pay for, correct?

Mr. Andrews: Yes, I am the regional director for the central region which includes Oklahoma County. That is 100% of the contracts, Oklahoma County is licensed for 78 beds and that number reflects the use of their contracted beds. That is also what you are seeing with Creek County, and we have had conversations about increasing their contracted beds, and at this point they do not want to increase their contract. There is still room in those facilities.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you, that is an important distinction that we needed.

Judge Blaylock: The Cleveland County Commissioners are saying they were not informed. If it is a funding issue, have we approached the Legislature for the funding?

CFO Clagg: A couple of years ago, we did receive a small increase in appropriations. We can ask for additional funding, it is just difficult to ask for that increase when we cannot justify the use. We can use the firehouse analogy, it would be good if we had the money to operate centers across the state, but it isn't feasible. With all the oversight, I don't think we can request without a shown need. That is just my opinion in dealing with the budget, but we can certainly request.

Chair Youngblood: Correct me if I am wrong, we went to this formula because of the Legislature because we could not show effective use of the centers. Correct me if I am wrong? At the same time, didn't we change the requirement level so that we could get proper data through JOLTS.

CFO Clagg: Yes, we have to justify not only increases but our base use. Yes, right-sizing is not our term it came from the Legislature.

Chair Youngblood: We put this together based on our commitments. What would we have to cut in order to change the numbers at this point, in your best guess?

CFO Clagg: There wouldn't be a cut because we have not programmed in that funding. It does mean that revolving fund requests would not get fulfilled. If we are only talking about the 2 beds. If we are talking about more, it could mean prevention cuts or taking a Level E offline.

Chair Youngblood: This is partially because of the commitment to flat budgets.

CFO Clagg: Correct.

Ms. Worthen: I believe, we have Representative Emily Gise in the room who represents the area and has a Vice Chairmanship. Thank you for being there. We love it when we have members come and see our amazing board and agency. I wanted to make sure she was recognized. Maybe she can speak on the issue.

Chair Youngblood: You didn't, and that is one of the 10,000 reasons why we need you.

Representative Gise: Thank you so much for having me. I am the vice chair of appropriations and budget for human services. Neither the chairman nor I were notified of this change. Cleveland County is the county I represent. We sent a letter to the Director addressing our concerns. All 3 commissioners have indicated they were not made aware of the adjustment. They have acted on the contract, and it would be detrimental to the county. I am willing to work on this in the next year, and I see this as a need for Oklahoma. I am willing to work with the commissioners on the overflow with the other counties. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Thank you for the work you do and for having me.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you for your attendance and bringing us a much-needed perspective.

Representative Gise: I am also doing an interim study on this topic of utilization. When it comes to the next budget, we can show the chairman the need for the funding.

Chair Youngblood: We will be happy to be involved in that.

Mr. Bouse: I think it will be good to have a study. I probably voted on this. We have 11 fire stations for 77 counties. I will reiterate if any go down, we will be in trouble. I am struggling with the formula, and

Kevin had valid arguments. I don't feel like it is just throwing money away. Maybe I am still learning, but I am struggling based on what I have heard over the last few years. We almost shut Tulsa County down. Those are the things that are bothering me.

Chair Youngblood: I am going to recap. I am hearing some incredible conversations. We need to be good partners. I also hear the need for fiscal responsibility. I hear the commitment to increasing the rates and that is really important and at the same time I hear about having the stations full so they can take our kids because maybe there is not an available volunteer fire station. We cannot be responsible for communication among others. There is a need on the table and the need will not be detrimental to other services. To me, I hear the will that we can accommodate that. Any further final comments?

Judge Blaylock: Can we hear the current motion.

Mr. Bouse: I moved that for FY26 we maintain the FY25 209 beds.

Mr. Bouse moved to adjust the proposed FY26 juvenile detention contract beds to match the FY25 contracted beds with a second Ms. Worthen

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Foss, Thomas, Trimble, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson, Worthen, and Johnson

Adjusting the FY26 contract beds to match the FY25 contracted beds approved.

Ms. Worthen: I want to commend our staff. These decisions are not easy. We are grateful for all of your hard work.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you, Jenna. I couldn't agree more.

Discussion and/or possible vote to award, and/or adjust proposed award of Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving funds to the Pittsburg County Juvenile Detention Center to replace the A/C unit for the day room and classrooms in the amount of \$9,350.00

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

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Foss, Thomas, Trimble, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson, Worthen, and Johnson

The proposed award of Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving funds to the Pittsburg County Juvenile Detention Center to replace the A/C unit for the day room and classrooms in the amount of \$9,350.00 approved.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Clagg gave a verbal update on the attached presentation.

Board took a break for 10 minutes.

Secretary Rockwell took attendance.

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

Mr. Bouse: On the increase, we questioned them at length and probably wore them out, but the indication is it may take several months due to a privatization to work that out.

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson and Johnson

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

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend or approve the FY2026 Budget Work Program

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

Aye: Blaylock, Bouse, Foss, Thomas, Trimble, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain: Worthen

Absent: Emerson and Johnson

The FY2026 Budget Work Program approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or authorize engaging Wilson, Dotson & Associates, PLLC, to complete the 2024-25 school year, FY2025, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School audit

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson and Johnson

Engaging Wilson, Dotson & Associates, PLLC, to complete the 2024-25 school year, FY2025, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School audit authorized.

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 Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson, and Johnson

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.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed 2025-26, FY2026, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Emerson and Johnson

The proposed 2025-26, FY2026, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School approved.

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Ms. White gave a quick verbal update on OYACS.

Executive Session

Board did not enter executive session.

New Business

Chair Youngblood: Do we have such? Director, do we have such?

Director Tardibono: No.

Announcements/ comments

Ms. Worthen: I just want to recognize Les. I am just impressed with him on taking on SAG. The unique and creative way you all are serving kids I really enjoy hearing about that. I feel like the Lord has you exactly where he wants you. I really enjoy those updates.

Mr. Thomas: Thank you so much. Alison and Constanzia have been amazing in helping me get to where we are at. Shel speaking to me in the beginning. I did not have a lot of confidence to do it. But I truly believe God called me to it. We are leading together so thank you.

Chair Youngblood: We moved past an item due to the next item being such a big discussion. I didn't wrap up that item to give proper thanks to Constanzia for stepping into that role. That was such a monumental lift. Thank you on behalf of the Board.

Whenever we have a transition, specifically when we lose key member of the executive Team. I take a moment to think through my thoughts. I want to provide some thoughts, and I do not want to get off track. I would like to take a moment to read some things I have written.

I was first appointed to this Board in 2017 with a directive from Governor Fallin to work under Chairman Tony Caldwell to make long-needed, structural changes to the agency. As a result, Tony and I went door-to-door at the legislature lobbying for the funds to end years of antiquated and unkind facilities and consolidate under COJC. In every conversation we had with legislators - and felt to the depth of our souls - our entire focus was on the young people in our charge. We fought for them, and to break the system that warehoused them as a stop-over to the criminal justice system. In an era when the legislature was refusing to issue any new debt, we got them to approve our debt plan - and the results are a model of caring for those in our charge in a way that serves the taxpayers who pay the bills. The proof is in the incredible stories of countless young people we have the honor of interacting with when we meet at COJC or other facilities. More importantly, we leveraged the outstanding management skills of Steven Buck, who was the Executive Director who worked closely with the Board to make these changes.

Steve had many strengths - none more important than his insistence that 100% of our focus must be on doing whatever gives the young people who come into our system the management, programmatic, and physical structures needed to identify and break poor decision-making and give them the tools to change their lives. Steve was so impactful that he was tabbed by Governor Stitt to oversee major new areas of state government and eventually take a prestigious position in the private sector. Around the time Steve was leaving, the Governor and legislature changed the structure of OJA to have the Director appointed by and report directly to the Governor, making this Board advisory in nature. I, and a few of us, were re-appointed by Governor Stitt and the legislature.

Rachel Holt had served ably under Steve Buck as his right hand and was his and eventually the Governor's choice to lead OJA. Rachel was on the job a few months when she had to work closely with the Board on numerous difficult decisions raised by the worldwide COVID pandemic. We worked tirelessly together to make sure our kids did not lose connection with -what was in many cases- the barest of family support they maintained. And Rachel worked with the Board as we navigated complex decisions on budget and

realignment. She handled her duties so well that she was sought out for the important position of Executive Director of the United Way of Greater Oklahoma City.

Governor Stitt sent a member of his own staff to run OJA after Rachel's departure -Jeffrey Cartmell. At that point, Jeffrey had not worked with a Board, so there was a little bit of learning curve at the start. As Chair, I served as a conduit between the Board and Jeffrey to outline both Board expectations and the Executive Director's vision. That partnership set off one of the most effective periods of management experience and programmatic success we have experienced. Jeffrey brought to this venture a strong commitment to our kids and shared his predecessors' convictions that we were their last, best hope - and nothing was more important than securing that hope for them. He brought his plans to the Board and benefitted from the broader experiences and wisdom that comes from many different levels of service Board Members have. He was so effective at his work here that Governor Stitt appointed him to run the vastly more complicated and frequently controversial Department of Human Services. Upon his departure, our Board sought the excellence of tapping our own for the interim - a unique shared - responsibility system of Laura and Shel who steadfastly and with great strength continued to maintain and build on the Executive they had worked alongside.

My own commitment to this journey these last eight years has been because I believe in our mission- and I believe in our kids. In my own personal story, I could very well have been one of them, and I am grateful every day for my ability to serve them, help them, support them, and encourage them. I offer this brief history because we have a lot of new faces at OJA- Board and staff. With the tragic death of Board Member Dr Grissom, I look around and realize I am now the longest serving Board Member, and as such inherit the responsibility to keep our history alive, so we don't repeat the mistakes that ended us up in the need for such transformational change to begin with. We have come a long way on a continuously rising path of excellence on behalf of our kids that not one of us wants to see broken.

How do we ensure excellence? What is our role as an Advisory Board? How do we keep our kids - not anyone's ego, agenda, or opinions - as the central light that guides us? I am sharing this with you to make the case there has always been and there must always be three central principles that guide all our efforts: TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, and CULTURE.

The most dangerous point in losing ground in those three areas comes when there is a change in leadership. It was the risk we faced and mastered when we went from Steve to Rachel, and when we went from Rachel to Jeffrey, and continued through the shared responsibility interim system, and now to Tim.

Recent news from other state departments makes clear that the Board closest to the daily operations of an agency -whether statutory or advisory- must be diligent to ensure TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, and CULTURE.

We originally proposed an Executive Session today to address how this latest change in leadership is impacting those three areas. We accept the expertise of legal counsel that an Executive Session was not

permissible. Nevertheless, issues arise in these times of transition that this Board must be aware of and have input on.

First, I fully expect - as I believe this Board should fully expect, if not insist – that TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, and CULTURE be the *joint responsibility* of the Board and Executive, just as it has so ably been with the past Directors with whom I have served.

Second, we must commit to honest assessment- even if that creates temporary discomfort. Sadly, I continue to hear and see evidence that the high standards set by this Board and the last three Directors are facing challenges. We are not just losing Shel -we are losing valuable expertise and proven competence in key areas of our operation.

To begin to assess these questions we have assessed with previous Directors and to put us all on the same page, I have asked for written reports that would allow us all to share the same information and work together to address any issues. That request has been denied multiple times. It raises a red flag with me.

Since it is unproductive - and potentially damaging - to not have a shared level of trust between the Board and Director, I will be recommending several connection points between the Board and the Director. The first being to form a working Committee to interface with the Director to ensure our communication is open and the hard-earned improvements of the past are being protected and built upon ... and to work on these three critical centering points: Transparency, Accountability, and Culture.

Let me end where we should always begin: Our kids. We have no money of our own -we are the stewards of taxpayer dollars. We have no independent authority of our own -we are advisors. But this Board has a great track record of doing what is right for the young people who have found their way to our care. What we do is so much bigger than any one of us! If we succeed, almost no one will notice. There will be no awards. We will not get our picture in the media or online. Anyone seeking such self-acknowledgement and aggrandizement is in the wrong business.

But we will have something far greater: The knowledge that doing the right things for the right reasons. One that has redirected the path many of our kids were on, prevented them from being another casualty of Oklahoma's prison system, and empowered them to make better decisions that lead to productive citizenry.

That is all the reward any of us should need.

Adjournment

Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 15th day of July, 2025.

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Board of Juvenile Affairs Voting Record

Date: 06/17/2025	
Item I - Recording of Members Present and Absent	
Meeting convened at 10:03 a.m.	
Member	Present/ Absent
Blaylock	Present
Bouse	Present
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Present
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Present
Trimble	Present
Worthen (virtual)	Present
Youngblood	Present

Date: 06/17/2025
Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to approve the proposed minutes for the May 20, 2025 board meeting	
Motion By: Trimble	
Second: Thomas	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to adjust the proposed FY26 juvenile detention contract beds to match the FY25 juvenile detention contracted beds	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Worthen	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Absent
Youngblood	Yes

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to award, and/or adjust proposed award of Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving funds to the Pittsburg County	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Foss	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 06/17/2025	
Recall attendance after the Board break	
Motion By: N/A	
Second: N/A	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Present
Bouse	Present
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Present
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Present
Trimble	Present
Worthen (virtual)	Present
Youngblood	Present

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to amend and/or approve the proposed year-to-date OJA Finance Report	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Trimble	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to amend or approve the FY2026 Budget Work Program	
Motion By: Trimble	
Second: Thomas	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Abstain
Youngblood	Yes

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to authorize engaging Wilson, Dotson & Associates, PLLC, to complete the 2024-25 school year, FY2025, OYACS audit	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Foss	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to approve the proposed 2024-25 year-to-date, FY2025, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Blaylock	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Board of Juvenile Affairs
Voting Record

Date: 06/17/2025	
Vote to approve proposed modifications to the 2025-26, FY2026, encumbrances for the OYACS, clarification on the cost of	
Motion By: Trimble	
Second: Bouse	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Yes
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Absent
Foss	Yes
Johnson	Absent
Thomas	Yes
Trimble	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 06/17/2025	
Motion By: Motion	
Second: Second	
Member	Vote
Blaylock	Vote
Bouse	Vote
Emerson	Vote
Foss	Vote
Johnson	Vote
Thomas	Vote
Trimble	Vote
Worthen	Vote
Youngblood	Vote

June 17, 2025

Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting



Director's Report





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Timothy Tardibono, Executive Director

JUNE 2025 BOARD UPDATE

Partner Engagement

- Attended the monthly Human Service agency directors meeting
- Met with the Board of the Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Association
- Attended the Youth Leadership Oklahoma tour of the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center

Community Outreach

- Attended a tour of COJC with Dr. Crystal Hernandez and staff from the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw Muscogee Creek, Quapaw, and Seminole Nations

Executive Legislative

- Attended Senate Confirmation vote
- Attended the First Lady's Cross Systems Hope and Well-Being working group meeting at the Governor's Mansion Pavilion
- Attended the monthly agency directors meeting hosted by State of Oklahoma COO Rick Rose

OJA Operations

- Attended the National Coalition for Juvenile Justice conference
- Toured the Department of Correction's K Unit located at Joseph Harp Correctional Center
- Led the monthly OJA Leadership team meeting
- Attended Hope classes at COJC
- Gave a quarterly update at the Juvenile Judges Oversight Advisory Council (JJOAC) meeting

Community Based Services and Juvenile Services Unit

Board Report for June 2025

Contacts and Activities for May 2025

▪ **Division Statistics**

- 2,475 active cases...1,316 court involved including 496 youth in OJA custody.
- 456 new referrals-346 male and 110 female...average age 15.41.
- 13,394 individual contact notes documented in JOLTS.
- 289 intakes were completed during the month.
- 40 youth were activated and/or monitored by GPS.
- 73 placement requests were made during the month: 43 to Level E, 6 to secure care, 5 to Specialized Com Home, 15 to own home and 4 to independent/transitional living.
- 32 placements were made including 27 to Level E and 5 to secure care.
- A total of 22 youths paid \$3,468.40 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 trainings.
- Attended the OJA Board meeting.
- Attended a JSU support meeting.
- Attended a meeting regarding County OPI audits.
- Attended a meeting regarding Tulsa County detention.
- Met with the OJDA board.
- Participated in a CSG follow up meeting
- Participated in a meeting regarding the contracted detention beds for FY-26.
- Made a visit to the Creek County detention center.
- Made a visit to the Mustang girls group home.
- Attended a meeting regarding HR Calibration.
- Attended a meeting regarding the SCH foster homes.
- Attended a meeting regarding modified detention contract language.
- Made a trip to the Woodward detention center.

- **Division Activities**

- **Jeremy Evans, CBS Assistant Deputy Director**

- Held a meeting with Lighthouse leadership regarding the PSB program.
- Attended a weekly meeting with OPI.
- Attended weekly Regional staff meetings.
- Met with Tulsa Detention leadership about CCR.
- Attended weekly TLP meetings.
- Attended meeting with Cross System Hope & Well Being.
- Visited the Garfield County Det. Center.
- Attended the SAG meeting.
- Attended a leadership Team meeting.
- Participated in the CBS leadership meeting.
- Met with Pivot to discuss a grant they are doing in Oklahoma County
- Made a visit the Mustang Treatment Center.
- Met with OJDA about contracted beds and the contract.
- Attended a Lunch and Learn meeting.
- Attended a Yap/OJA discussion.
- Attended a meeting regarding Calibration rules of Engagement.

- **Jennifer Thatcher, CBS Field Manager**

- 40 youth are currently receiving GPS monitoring.
- Attended an Allied Universal demo meeting.
- Assisted with interviews for Western Region.
- Attended weekly TLP Review Staffing meetings.
- URC requests – 4 requests, 0 Extension request.
- Step Down Request – 1 processed.
- Restitution – Approved 2 applications, 1 denied applications, 1 pending application, 8 activity logs processed.
- Attended an incarcerated Youth OHCA meeting.
- Processed all Level E, Incentive, Detention, SCH, GPS, and birth certificate claims.

- **Jennifer Creecy, CBS Federal Funding Program Field Rep**

- Processed 842 TCM claims.
- Engaged in various emails and calls with JSU and Bureau staff regarding the TCM Program.
- Attended a workgroup with OHCA and stakeholders regarding Medicaid Reentry (ReConnect Re-entry Oklahoma).
- Met OHCA and PHPG (3rd party evaluation team) for readiness assessment regarding ReConnect.

- Met with YLS/CMI training team.
 - Provided monthly report to supervisors regarding overdue TCM entries.
 - Attended division staff meeting.
 - Conducted 2 TCM Mock Audits with Assistant Area Directors Jeff Linde and Suzanne O'Neal.
 - Met with Len Morris to discuss Case Management System enhancements.
 - Reviewed a parole report.
 - Attended Lunch and Learn and Monday Morning Meetings.
- **Gene Carroll, CBS Detention Program Manager**
- Attended Monday Morning Meeting on TEAMS on May 3, 12, and 19.
 - Made visit to new Woodward County Detention Center.
 - Made visit to Garfield County Detention Center.
 - Finalized Detention Denial Report for April 2025.
 - Contacted and visited with new owner of the Woodward County Detention Center about any assistance he may need from me and OJA.
 - 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 advocate defender and JSU team about CCR investigations and what was needed from detention operators.
 - Sent correspondence to the President of the OJDA asking if she could assist with training for detention directors regarding detention denials.
 - Attended CBS Leadership Team Meeting at the state office.
 - Attended mandatory Sexual Harassment Training on TEAMS.
 - Attended Data Governance Committee Meeting on TEAMS.
 - Attended Detention Contract Bed discussions on May 13 and 16 on TEAMS.
 - Met with HR about contract requirements dealing with fingerprints for detention centers.
 - Completed Mandatory SEAT Training for 2025.
 - Sent out the updated Monitor/Liaison list to staff in new positions.
- **Connie Bever, CBS Placement Program Manager**

- Attended two in-person trainings and two trainings by phone with Rex Boutwell to learn the placement process (maintaining and publishing wait lists, database, referral process etc.)
 - Reviewed and processed 48 worksheets.
 - Published OJA waiting list reports.
 - Submitted 14-day waiting list reports.
 - Participated in placement staffings as needed.
 - Participated in TLP staffings.
 - Attended Regional meeting in Stillwater.
 - Attended monthly CBS meeting at State Office.
- **Darian Bennett, CBS Group Home Program Manager**
- Reviewed family contacts in JOLTS.
 - Met with Hope Coordinator, Assistant Deputy Director of Residential Placement, and representative from JOLTS.
 - Site visits to Cornerstone (2), Mustang Treatment Center, Redhawk, Scissortail Point, Scissortail Landing, Thunder Ridger, People Inc, Lighthouse, Lawton Boys Group Home, Whitetail Treatment Center, and Welch Skills Center.
 - Updated the Residential and Institutional directory to reflect recent updates regarding staff changes.
 - Participated in sixteen 30-90 Day Treatment Meetings, three Grand Staffing's, and two additional meetings with JSU and Group Home Staff to discuss concerns regarding youth in placement.
 - Conducted meeting with Group Home Liaisons.
 - Reviewed 146 monthly Group Home Reports.
 - May 2025 Group Home Liaisons: 137 visits with youth, 11 complaints addressed.
 - Updated the monthly Group Home report template.
 - Conducted meeting with Group Home Directors to discuss changes in Group Home reports.
- **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.
 - Attended Hope Certification meetings.
 - Reviewed and signed off on all FBI background checks for potential detention staff statewide.
 - The new hire Eric completed New Worker Training in April. Eric continues to meet with supervisor Alyssa Devine for training sessions on a regular basis.
 - Completed detention audits for LeFlore County Detention Center and Comanche County Detention Center and Oklahoma County Detention Center and dispersed all reports.

- Attended a walk through the new detention center Legacy Juvenile Detention Center. (Woodward County) Discussed possible dates to complete an official OPI assessment.
- Prepared for Tulsa Detention Probationary assessment scheduled for 6/11/25.
- Completed JSU audits for Blaine, Kingfisher counties. Prepared for the upcoming Kay County JSU assessment.
- Scheduled upcoming assessments for Scissortail Pointe, and Peoples Inc.
- Prepared for COJC annual assessment.

Western Region Highlights from Regional Director Jerry Skinner

The Western Region was able to select Jessica Seigars as the new Assistant Area Director for Garfield, Alfalfa, Grant, Major, and Woods Counties and Ethan Fry was promoted to the position of Assistant Area Director for Custer, Woodward, Blaine, Dewey, Roger Mills, Harper, and Ellis Counties. We are excited for Ethan in his new leadership role. He started his position on May 19, 2025.

Area Vacancies:

The Northwest Area has an open JJS position in Garfield County that we will be interviewing for soon. We are looking forward to interviewing some good candidates.

Detention Facilities:

Robert Cornelius (one of our group home providers) has contracted with the Woodward County Commissioners and is eager to take on the new role of the new Woodward County Detention Operator. We are looking forward to building and maintaining a positive working relationship with his leadership.

From Belinda Hannon, Assistant Area Director for Canadian and Kingfisher Counties:

The Canadian County Threat Assessment MDT Team is continuing. They have taken on one of the Canadian County youths who is currently going through the court process. They will be a great asset to help ensure proper services are provided as well as ensuring community safety. The Canadian Coalition is back on track and meeting monthly. Canadian County Detention Liaison continues and is going well. The new CIC has opened and is only for Canadian County youth.

The Mustang Treatment Center, a girl's treatment program, ended the school year with a prom. The girls were very excited about this, and they all had a great time.

FFT is being used in all counties, and we have had some good successes. JJS, Gabrielle Cole is our CARS liaison. She continues to meet with CARS monthly to check progress and to ensure both parties are still working together successfully. The CARS numbers have gone down with FFT being available to families. Gabrielle has a resident at Welch that has received a scholarship. JJS, Briar Workman helped with the Special Olympics state games in Stillwater in May.

From Jessica Seigars, Assistant Area Director for Garfield, Alfalfa, Grant, Major, and Woods County:

Garfield County Assistant District Attorneys Ms. Roisum and Ms. Jenkins and Mitchie Lamale from the Garfield County Juvenile Office attended our newly scheduled bi-weekly staffing to discuss pending intakes and updates on current clients. We are hoping for this open communication puts everyone on the same page.

Jay Relsperger from Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma continues to meet for bi-weekly CARS staffings. I will meet with the clinical director, Josh Guinn, once a month to discuss available services and implementation.

Woods County JJS, Melissa Jones participated in a podcast recording at the state office with Alision Humphrey. They discussed the Tribal Health Conference. The podcast will be played at a Monday Morning Meeting.

AAD, Jessica Seigars and Garfield County JJS, Chad Mittelstet, worked toward getting a client services at Northwest Family Services Inc, in Woods County, due to Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma's to prevent an ethical conflict with the regular treatment provider. Amanda Leonhart assisted and worked hard to get everything completed and approved to get services set up for the client. Chad attended the Garfield County Domestic Violence Coalition this month.

Garfield County JJS, Lyndsay Clarkson was attended a luncheon for Family Treatment Court: Rebuilding Families and Restoring Hope in Garfield County. Lyndsay reported it was a great event, and she enjoyed it. Lyndsay also got her first referral in Grant County. She has not had one in quite a while. She also had a client accepted into the Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma's Thelma's House (TLP) Program. Lyndsay did not have any scheduled KART meetings this month. They will email her when they are ready to staff cases. Lyndsay also had an ex-client come by and invite her to his graduation on June 13th from the Community Development Services Association's Youth Build Program. He is earning his high school diploma.

Garfield County JJS, Jeff Riley, met the requirements to administer and interpret the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (YLS/CMI). He received his certificate. Jeff also participated in his first grand staffing. Jeff continues to attend all the Garfield County Juvenile Drug Court weekly with Jessica. He will eventually take on the role full-time. Jeff also participated in his first YO hearing this month.

Garfield County JJS, Chad Mittelstet has started doing the CIC and Youth and Family Services Shelter liaison duties this month. Lyndsay Clarkson continues to serve as the Garfield County liaison and provides a very detailed report.

Canadian County monitoring continues and Woods County JJS, Melissa Jones, will be taking over this role next month. Melissa attended monitoring with the Assistant Area Director, Jessica Seigars and Mr. Laws this month to learn the role.

From Rita Holland-Moore. Assistant Area Director for Texas, Beaver, and Cimarron Counties: Our new worker, JJS Raven Vinson, is learning quickly and takes the initiative to become involved in all community projects as well as meeting the key stakeholders, such as ADA's, Judges, Law Enforcement, and School Staff. After completing the New Worker Academy, Raven was required to video herself providing a YLS/CMI to a juvenile on her caseload. Raven completed the test and sent it into the State Office Training Unit so that it could be scored and in turn receive her certificate. Raven has not yet received the certificate but is doing the assessments and will then ask for assistance from either myself or Teresa Barnes-Chadick, JJSIII to score the assessment.

As fate would have it, a woman came into our office, to look around, so that she could determine a fair bid to provide cleaning services. Her name was Carol Batterman and through conversation, we learned that she is the Director of the Panhandle Area Workshop, and her cleaning crew are their clients. The clients are low-functioning adults that cannot keep jobs unless they are being supervised, but while being supervised, they do work well and do a good job. They also have crews that do yard work, and they have established used clothing shops in every Panhandle County, where their crews work. OJA has several low functioning youth, and she said that she could probably work with them parttime. JJS Teresa Barnes is working toward getting a young man on her caseload from Boise City a job with the Panhandle Workshop before she dismisses him. We have another young man, in Texas County, that she is now working with. It was also determined that the Department of Rehabilitation can assist this family with filling out an applications for Department of Disability Services and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. We will wait and see how it works out. It's our first attempt.

We continue to work with the Family Functional Therapist, Janiece Goldsmith with Jetty Counseling Services. We have three families that are currently using their services. One is in Boise City and the other two are in Texas County. There are three more referrals that are pending. The counselor travels all the way out to the Panhandle to provide services to these families that they otherwise would not have access to. They seem to be making a difference with these families and the families are providing positive feedback.

From Ethan Fry, Assistant Area Director for Custer, Roger Mills, Blaine, Woodward, Dewey, Ellis, and Harper:

Since starting on May 19th, I have been meeting with all staff concerning basic expectations. I have also been traveling to meet judges and ADAs in the counties I supervise. So far, I have

been able to meet with the judges and ADAs in Custer and Woodward Counties. It is my hope that through a consistent presence at court, we can continue to build positive relationships with our court partners.

JJS II Layce Smith has done a good job in Blaine County building a positive relationship with the judge and court system. Layce has also been working to build a positive relationship with our CARS provider. Layce attended our monthly supervisor meeting on May 22nd.

So far, things have been quiet in Custer County and each of the workers have attended a supervisor's meeting. JJS Nikole Nickels attended the meeting May 22nd meeting with JJS Layce Smith. JJS Vanessa Ringo, JJS Luzella Brown, and I met on May 30th. Nikole Nickels is the liaison for the Weatherford TLP and reports that things are going well at the TLP and no concerns or issues were raised. All workers have done a good job since I have started supervising.

Woodward County has been busy during my first two weeks. JJS McKenzie StClair has been working diligently to ensure that a youth on her caseload is receiving the care she needs. McKenzie did a great job of informing her supervisor about what was going on. JJS Sue Brown has done a great job, and she is managing her casework well. Both McKenzie and Sue met with me for their supervisor meeting on May 22nd. I also visited the Woodward County Detention Center with Rex Boutwell, Jeremy Evans, and Greg Delaney concerning its opening date. Staff at the facility were working on the Handle with Care training. The facility looked well maintained and should be ready to open soon.

It is my plan for the coming weeks to meet with the remaining counties' judges and ADAs and attend court dockets as time allows. I am also ready to begin meeting with our community partners such as CARS providers, FFT providers, schools, etc.

New Worker Mentor:

As new JJS staff have been hired over the past few years, a common request was to have a "new worker mentor." It was brought to my attention that other state agencies have these mentors, so why couldn't OJA? During the process of discussing this idea with different groups within the area, Comanche County JJS III, Robby Evans, reached out to me expressing his desire to mentor new JJSs. Having known Robby for many years and being aware of his professionalism and work ethic, I fully supported him being the Southwest Area's first official new worker mentor.

Robby took it upon himself to draft a curriculum for the new worker mentor program and listed his expectations for those workers during the mentoring process. On May 6th, the five Assistant Area Directors and I met with Robby to finalize the details. Robby will send a monthly report to the AAD and AD at the end of each month detailing the new worker's progress and participation. Robby states that his goal for the new mentor program is "to have the biggest impact as possible on a mentee while having minimum effect on caseloads and coworkers. Coach and mentee must be competent and confident in their roles. Allowing them to better

serve the youth on their caseload, ultimately giving the youth more hope and chance for a better future”.

Robby has started mentoring two of the area’s newer workers, and the program appears to be well received by our newer JJSs. Robby also states he wants to be someone that the new workers can always reach out to while they are learning their roles within the agency. A huge thanks goes out to Robby for taking this concept and turning it into an official program with a written curriculum. I have no doubt this program will be a huge success.

Office Space:

We are currently seeking new office space for the Jackson County staff in Altus. The current office space (which is in an older building on the city square) continues to encounter reoccurring issues from year to year. At this time, we are looking at leasing a newer building with OJA renting one half and another state agency renting the other half. OJA is currently involved in negotiating a proposed lease agreement for the new office space.

OPI Assessment:

On May 8th, an OPI Assessment was conducted on the Comanche County Juvenile Detention Center in Lawton. Regional Director, Jerry Skinner, Comanche County AAD, Levi Schartzler, and I met with the OPI assessment team to assist with the annual assessment. There were no findings at the conclusion of the assessment. The Comanche County Juvenile Detention Center continues to provide a valuable service to Oklahoma’s court involved youth and does so with minimal issues or problems. Thank you to Maryann Standridge (detention director) and her staff for all their hard work.

RD/AD Meeting:

On May 19th, OJA’s Regional Directors and Area Directors met at the state office to develop a strategic forward moving plan for the agency while also ensuring that procedures and practices are kept consistent throughout all three regions. The meeting was a big success, and the group will be reconvening on June 9th to finalize any proposed thoughts and suggestions. Other state office staff attending include Greg Delaney, Jeremy Evans, Kevin Clagg, and Len Morris.

Area vacancies:

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. This position was recently relocated from Chickasha to Lawton with the hope of attracting a larger, more qualified applicant pool. It has also been requested that this position be reviewed for a pay increase, which is currently \$15.00 per hour. A sixth round of interviews has been scheduled for June 4th. Six applicants have confirmed their attendance at their interview. We also have a vacant JJS position in Washita County due to Ethan Fry’s promotion.

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

Staff meetings were completed on May 20, 2025, where we discussed taking over Low Risk transports, google gift cards and upcoming audits. Verified with OPI that precheck audit is conducted on Laserfiche and then a follow up in-person audit of case files will be conducted to complete the audit and meet the staff. Both Laserfiche and case files will be considered when meeting requirements.

Franklin McLaughlin, new Kiowa County JJS, started on May 5th. Franklin has prior experience working with OKDHS Child Welfare and comes well qualified for his new role. Jackson County JJS, Lyn Wilmes, transported a parent to COJC after youth having no visits from family in over six months. The youth was excited to see his mom and was excited to have a visitor.

Met with Nathaniel and Mary Dash to introduce their new liaison to them. Ashleigh Donner, Jackson County JJS, will be taking over liaison duties. Ashleigh is currently working on the recertification study of home for FY 2025. The home currently has three youth in placement there, and they are doing well so far.

Multidisciplinary team (MDT) meetings are attended monthly in all five counties. Ashleigh Donner and Franklin McLaughlin attended the Kiowa MDT. Ashleigh and Lyn Wilmes attended Jackson County's MDT. Jackson and Tillman Counties are in the process of doing fundraisers for Booker's Place, a Child Advocacy Center in Altus. April Collom attended Tillman County's MDT.

JJ Sheward and Franklin McLaughlin attended the Greer County MDT meeting, which meets the first Monday of the month at the Greer County Courthouse. There is typically a good turnout to include medical, school officials, health department, Mangum Police Department, Greer Co Sheriff's Department, OKDHS and OJA. Last month the team put out blue pinwheels and signs for Child Abuse Awareness. There is an MDT audit soon. They are hoping to do a fundraiser of some kind soon for the CAC in Altus. There is a current fundraiser event for tickets to Cabo which will be announced at the Child Advocacy Center event on June 7th.

JJ and Franklin also attended the Harmon Co MDT meeting, which meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Harmon County Courthouse. There is a great turnout there as well to include medical, Shortgrass Counseling Center, Hollis schools, Hollis Police Department, OKDHS and OJA. They are working to get that MDT certified so everyone was encouraged to be present and participate. Franklin and I will attend the next meeting.

Both teams' staff current cases as well as follow up on any previous cases. Any possible upcoming cases are also discussed.

J. Y., Greer County youth had his case successfully dismissed during May. The HUB was able to assist him by purchasing a new push mower so he can mow yards this summer to help pay off his court fees. The HUB also assisted a family by purchasing a window AC unit and fan when their main AC unit went out. T. H. completed his OUPSB program and is currently attending driver's training at Avant Driving School which HUB is paying for. R. R. is doing excellent in

placement at Lawton Boys Group Home. He has emerged as a leader and helps Ms. Sam with the garden and other outside activities. Ms. Sam stated he is a very hard worker and continues to help her with seeds and other plants so they can grow fresh vegetables this summer at the facility.

From Billy Brown, Assistant Area Director for Grady and Stephens Counties:

Grady County:

Tina Palmer (JJS III) attended the graduation ceremony for OJA Custody youth, C. D. from Welch High School. She also placed youth J. B. at the Transitional Living Program in Ardmore. She stated that so far J. B. is doing very well at the program. Keith Costick (JJS II) just recently videoed a youth to get certified in the YLS/CMI. He has also started the new mentorship program with Robby Evans out of Comanche County. Keith stated that he feels that the new program is going well. AAD Billy Brown spoke with Judge Joseph Young to see if he had any issues of concern. He stated that he did not have any and he felt that the staff were doing a great job

Stephens County:

John Chimel got certified to complete the YLS/CMI. He has also just started the mentorship program with Robby Evans. John stated that the program has been very helpful for him so far. AAD Billy Brown also spoke with Judge Lawrence Wheeler about any concerns he may have. He also stated that he did not have any concerns and that he felt the staff was doing a very good job. The staff are continuing to make FFT referrals and HUB referrals. The staff report that they feel it is going well.

From Michael Humdy, Assistant Area Director for Carter, Love, and Jefferson Counties:

For the month of May, a total of five FFT referrals were submitted and approved.

C.J., a Carter County probation youth, improved significantly while residing with his father in Durant under courtesy supervision from Bryan County JSU. While the youth had been residing with his mother in Ardmore, the youth failed to attend counseling and also failed to attend school. C. J. was also failing to complete his probationary requirements prior to the move. Now, C. J. successfully completed all community service hours, is participating in school, and attending his FFT sessions with Kelsie Carol, LPC. Youth had a hearing on May 27th and wanted to remain on probation due to the continued need for counseling. The father's attentiveness to his son has paid off.

From Millie Teague, Assistant Area Director for Beckham and Washita Counties:

I recently attended the Beckham County Commissioner's meeting to ask for them to approve the new contract for Woodward Detention Center. The commissioners all agreed it is very needed. I also asked about the former Beckham County Detention being re-opened and the

county commissioners have deeded that property and building to the City of Elk City and Elk City is converting it into their new animal control/pound, so that is not an option. The commissioners asked if that was a huge need or not and I explained that there are very few options in the western half of the state, for example Beckham contracts with Comanche, Cleveland, Canadian, and now Woodward again. All other detention centers are on the other half of the state and not particularly accessed easily. One of the county commissioners stated that he will be on the lookout if he learns of a potential opportunity and will talk to county commissioners around this area who might have a solution. I volunteered to be available should anything related to juvenile delinquents come up.

J. T. a 14-year-old was placed at Whitetail and, prior to this placement, would get blackout drunk and/or high every night. The youth's JJS Shelly Larson and I worried daily that we would be notified of his passing. It was that bad. While at Whitetail, he truly worked hard and successfully discharged May 9, 2025. He was there for about 6 months. While this is not a "success" story for some, it is for us. His case may still be open, but the progress he has made is amazing and should be celebrated. He has passed every UA completed on him since he went into Whitetail. That's tremendous progress!

It has been somewhat of a whirlwind for Washita this month since Washita County JJS, Ethan Fry, got a promotion to AAD, and we have been working on how to best cover Beckham and Washita until the position is filled. Beckham County JJS, Vicky Reis, has taken over all responsibilities in Washita while still covering some Beckham cases, and I am currently doing all intakes. We had a case in Washita that was successfully dismissed in May. D. S. was put on probation in August 2024. He moved in with his aunt who does not have any children. Before the youth was put on probation, the youth started counseling with Myriad Counseling, who uses Dr. Bonner's program. As he progressed in treatment, he successfully went on an overnight church trip and got very involved with FFA and Ag. In fact, his Ag teacher was so impressed with him, he was asked to go to multiple judging competitions. His Ag teacher contacted OJA directly on behalf of the youth, asking if there was a way D. S. could attend the State FFA Convention in Tulsa. Ethan brought this to the courts to make sure they didn't have any problems with it. Each time there was an overnight, Ethan worked with D. S., the Aunt, the Ag teacher, and anyone else that could help, and together they created a plan that would allow D. S. to participate. D. S. did so well that his probation case was successfully closed May 19th, after 9 months of probation. The staff for both counties worked well together and helped overcome barriers to serving the youth.

CARS and FFT staff are very responsive to staff and families and there are no issues to report on with any aspect of our jobs.

From Levi Schartzler, Assistant Area Director for Comanche, Cotton, and Caddo Counties:

From Maurine Rinehart, Comanche County JJS III:

I. A. is an adjudicated delinquent and placed into OJA custody on May 25, 2023. His original placement was own home, but he went AWOL the day he got out of detention. His second

placement was at Dash SCH where he stayed for three months before Ms. Dash discharged him for negative behaviors in the home and at school. He went to detention until being placed at Lighthouse, he had no interest in working the program and went AWOL in July of 2024. In October of 2024, I. A. called me, and I worked with him to turn himself in at the Lawton police station. He was placed at People, Inc. on December 23, 2024, and did well. He demonstrated leadership skills, ignored negative peers, and maintained positive behaviors. He was easily re-directed without confrontation or being disrespectful.

We had a good relationship, and I never had an issue with him. He was always respectful and did what he said he would do, never lying to me. I. A. was successfully discharged from People on May 22, 2025. He came to the JSU office to meet his mother and move to NC. The last few months before his discharge, I. A.'s mother and I developed a positive relationship after she realized I was looking out for her son's best interest. The last day I saw I. A. was emotional. After having him on my caseload for two years, all the heart to heart talks we had, his negative attitude at the beginning, gang related issues, and starting off with a difficult mother and defiant youth, he grew into a young man with endless possibilities. I will miss him and wish him the best. We hugged and he made me a Lego dog that I keep on my desk. His case was successfully dismissed on May 23, 2025.

Central Regional Highlights from Regional Director Jeremy Andrews

In addition to rain and thunderstorms and OKC Thunder Playoffs, May kept our Central Region team busy.

AAD Suzanne O'Neal has been busy helping our team in Creek County get ready for their move to new office space in the beginning of July. We are excited to be moving to a newer building alongside DHS and DOC. Suzanne also recorded her first Monday Morning Podcast over the tribal training she attended. In addition, she along with her office in Pottawatomie County are working on preparing for their regular JSU case assessment/audit this summer.

In Logan County, AAD Jeff Linde and JJS III Bert Hughlett received recognition at the May 2025 Guthrie City Hall meeting. They served as instructors at the Guthrie Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy. Logan County JSU continues to maintain excellent working relationships with all local law enforcement agencies within the county. The Guthrie Police Department has requested Logan County JSU's presence at all future academies!

JJS Tara Kerr and Jeff Linde participated in the annual 'Touch the Trucks' event in Guthrie. This event is organized several months in advance through collaboration with various community partners and law enforcement branches throughout the county and state. Congrats to Tara for recently being appointed to serve as the board secretary. She has put many hours into making this very popular community event a great success for the youth and families of Logan County.

In our Payne County Office, JJS III Michele Marshall, recently completed the Training for Trainers certification. She was selected as one of the Central Region's subject matter experts to

assist with training new staff at new worker academies. It was 4 days of intensive training on developing and implementing training programs. The program was interactive and full of great information. Participants had to prepare (in a very short period) and present several times over the four days. One of the final challenges was to ask questions which created conversation to engage with an audience for ten minutes. You could not ask yes or no questions and had to keep things rolling for ten minutes. At the conclusion of the program, Certificates of Achievements were given, the program was a 4-day graduate level course. We are excited for her to put this training into action through collaboration with our training department.

Also in Payne County, our team helped put together professional clothing for a youth who obtained a desk job as a receptionist. She reached out after earning the position saying all she owned was leggings and jeans and those items were on the do not wear list. We were able to help her select clothing and get a professional look. She was so excited on her first day and sent a picture of her outfit.

Staff in Oklahoma County had a joint meeting with the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau and the Oklahoma County Juvenile DA's Office. It was an opportunity for all parties to meet each other, further build relationships, and discuss any areas we can improve in our communications.

Staff also assisted with the Oklahoma County Juvenile Detention Center's annual OPI assessment where there were no findings. Congratulations to our partners at Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau!

Cleveland County AAD, Ravon Ellis, helped facilitate a meeting between her local county JSU Office, the District Attorney's Office, and Cleveland County Juvenile Detention Center. During the meeting they had the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Comeback Kids Society. Comeback Kids Society founder, Kendal Torres and Philanthropy Chair, Andrew Aldridge, presented on the resources and programs available for OJA involved youth.



We also had a new worker Carol Kalcevic, Cleveland County, complete and receive her YLS certification.

In Kay County JJS Typanga Ogden attended MDT meetings where PSB kids/victims are staffed. Typanga also traveled to state office for a recent recording of OJA's "Podsitivity" podcast. Meanwhile, AD Carolos Sanchez-Medina attended a community team meeting. This meeting includes local agencies/school staff/local tribes/health dept that provide services for the community. We use this meeting for resources to help our kids and families involved with us access services in Kay County.

We also had a few accomplishments to celebrate. JJS Miranda Duplissey had a youth successfully completed the Whitetail program. Going into the program he has struggled in the past and was behind in school. During his treatment and time at placement he was able to get caught up with school credits and will be able to start his senior year next fall with his peers in the community!

In another celebration, JJS III Clinton Robinson, attended a GED graduation for a kid that was on probation three different times. Despite some initial struggles he was able to successfully earn his GED and the youth's case was dismissed successfully. Clinton was also invited and able to attend his graduation party.

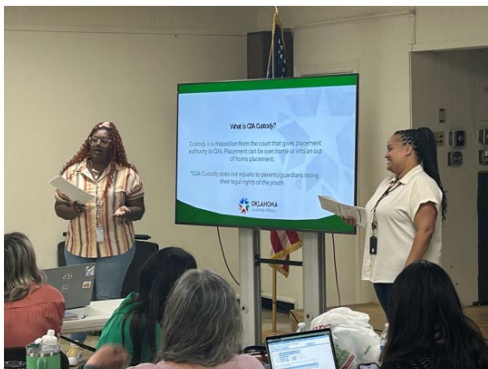
On a more somber note, staff in our Kay County office, with help from our OJA HUB, were able to provide comfort and assistance to a youth and his family following his father passing away. AD Carlos Sanchez-Medina along with JJS Clinton Robinson were able to go check-in with the family and aid the family in their time of need. Both Clinton and Carlos did a great job providing support and empathy and it is a reminder of the outstanding impact our field staff have on their youth and families, not only being present during moments of great success and celebration but also during some of the most difficult times.

On a lighter note, we held our first all-staff meeting for the Central Region in Stillwater. It was the first time the entire new region was brought together for a meeting. We took the opportunity to learn, grow, and introduce (or in some cases reintroduce) staff from 10 different counties to one another.

Natalie Gallo, LPC, with OU's Health Science Center Treatment Program for Adolescents with Problematic Sexual Behavior ("PSB"), came and presented to staff. She provided a great presentation helping our team to better understand what is typical, risky and problematic sexual behavior and how to better approach youth with PSB charges to connect them with treatment.



Following Natalie's presentation, we heard from AAD's Jordyn Wheeler and Andrea Hill on Back-to-Basics training for our JSU Staff.



We also made time for some team building activities. Samie Harley, OJA's training director, spent the afternoon with us, running through activities to show us the importance of working together and group collaboration.





The Central Region held several training courses throughout the month to review the new Re-Entry Procedures developed by Alison Humphrey and her team of re-entry specialists. They made an appearance at our regional meeting as a follow-up to answer questions and keep communications open on any feedback.



In our North Central Area, we also hosted Jennifer Creecy. She helped facilitate mock Targeted Case Management (TCM) audits and training for Creek, Logan, Lincoln, and Payne Counties. It was an opportunity for staff to complete peer reviews on their files while also learning a lot of helpful information. Big thanks to Jennifer for coming out and making auditing case files fun! In addition to our Regional Staff Meeting, the supervisors for the central region got together to meet and discuss updates, review practices and manage any issues.

Regional Director, Jeremy Andrews attended a Community Intervention Advisory Board meeting in Oklahoma City. This board is made up of local community partners and law enforcement agencies and meets quarterly to review the operations for the CIC, obtain updates on admissions and collaborate on resources. He also had the opportunity to meet with PIVOT on the development of a summer program through a grant funded through the State Advisory Group, as well as with YAP (Youth Advocate Programs) on a new advocate-mentoring program

being piloted in Oklahoma County. It is always exciting to identify new opportunities and resources to assist our youth.

This past May, the Regional Directors, along with all the Area Directors, also had the opportunity to come together for a meeting in Oklahoma City. It was a collaborative opportunity to plan out the next steps to ensure a uniform approach to implementing OJA's goals across the state.

Eastern Region Highlights from Regional Director Rodney McKnight

For the month of May 2025, the Eastern Region served approximately 1034, with 497 having a legal status of a deferred filing to custody. Contact notes totaled 6264 with 507 being TCM eligible. Out of the 1034 youths, there are 386 supervised cases with 102 being OJA Custody youth and 9 Dual Custody youth. We currently have 50 kids in various placements. There are 36 youths in secure detention, 24 being pre-adjudicatory juveniles with 9 youth awaiting placement.

Referrals stayed about the same this month, with a total of 203 referrals for the month of May, compared to 194 the month before, with a total of 122 intakes completed. Most referrals consisted of property and drug offenses with a few violent crimes happening throughout the district.

FFT referrals totaling 33 families participating. HUB referrals had a total of 12 families referred in the month of May. The total amount of restitution collected in May was \$1031.61.

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

May 13-15 Paula Hodges, Mitch Parker, Nicole Allcorn, John Woods, Rebekah Sherwin, and Bryson Paden attended the Oklahoma Children's Conference in Norman, along with several other OJA employees from across the state as well as many mental health partners, attended a variety of workshops and lectures that discussed a range of topics that directly impact at-risk youth. May 13-16 AAD Dotti Brandon became a certified trainer. She attended the Training for Trainers and is now a certified trainer. Congratulations to Dotti.

On May 16th Tulsa County JJS Stephanie Brazell, with the assistance of fellow Tulsa County JJS Claire Sharp, planned and held a graduation celebration for Stephanie's Tulsa County custody youth who graduated high school while in COJC. He was able to have his own individual

ceremony with his family in attendance, as well as many other supportive individuals who attended virtually on the live TEAMS meeting feed.

On May 16th Tulsa County JJS DeDondra Carson attended the graduation of her custody youth from Welch High School. Ms. Carson not only celebrated this achievement with her Tulsa County youth but also an Oklahoma County youth who graduated from Welch high school as well.

We want to welcome Jackson Young to JSU in Garvin County. Jackson began his duties on May 19th and comes to us from the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, where he was a caseworker for one year and then worked at the Love County Justice Center.

April Monk was chosen as the new caseworker in McCurtain County. April comes to us from DHS where she was a child welfare caseworker and supervisor for the last 10 years. April will begin her duties on June 2nd.

On May 28th Interviews were held for the vacant AAD slot in Adair, Cherokee, Sequoyah, and Wagoner Counties at the Muskogee County JSU office. AAD Ciera Hood, SE Area Director Bobbi Foster, and AAD Julie Fryer assisted NE Area Director Bryson Paden by serving as the interview panel. Trent Hampton was selected from a group of highly talented and impressive applicants and should start in his new role as AAD on June 16th. Trent has been with OJA in LeFlore County for 32 years, he will serve this role well, bringing a wealth of knowledge and extensive relationships within his community.

On May 29th Tulsa County JJS DeDondra Carson attended the STARS graduation for two of her custody youth at COJC. One of the youth's family was able to attend but the other youth's father was unable to make the ceremony due to automobile trouble. Ms. Carson celebrated the accomplishment with both of her custody youth and expressed how proud she was of all the young men that graduated that day.

Other school updates from the Eastern Region:

T.B., a junior at Idabel High School was inducted to the National Honor Society. His worker is Melissa Wilson, McCurtain County. E.J. graduated from high school and received a Texas College Track Scholarship. His case was officially closed with JSU. His worker was Jeremy Pitts, Okmulgee County. A.T. graduated high school in Latimer County. Her worker is Rena' Miller. We want to congratulate all these kids and wish them well in the future.



On May 30th Jo Cantrell retired from the agency. Ms. Cantrell was a dedicated employee for the last 36 years. We wish her a happy retirement.



May Summary

Amanda Leonhart

Claim Type	# Processed for Payment	Δ since previous month	#YTD
YSA Claims	132	-20	1359
Retention Claims	17	0	199
Training Claims	3	+1	41
Unique Need Claims	8	-4	79
Unique Need Request	14	+6	80
Juvenile Bureau CARS Forms	27	+25	165
OCA Appeal Review	0	0	19

- Provided Technical Assistance 44 times to YSA
 - 17 TA for JOLTS Issues
 - 4 TA for rate definition and documentation
 - 2 Hiring and Retention Request or billing inquiries
 - 5 Shelter TA
 - 5 Budget Revision TA
 - 8 Claim TA
- 7 Dual Custody Staffing's with OHS.

Roger Wills

- This month a total of 5 agencies were visited for regular monitoring which included: Muskogee County Council of Youth Services in Muskogee, Panhandle Services for Children in Guymon, Okmulgee / Okfuskee County Youth Services in Okmulgee, Rogers County Youth Services in Claremore, and Northwest Family Services in Alva. The visits included YSA and OJA staff. During the visit we gathered documents and provided the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns. We will follow up with agencies as needed.
- FY YTD = 45 total visits. 37 of those have been monitoring visits.
- Approved and signed 127 Juvenile Bureau CARS Forms.
- Met with Marie Detty Youth Services and contacted Pivot to discuss CARS referrals for youth Reentry to the community and how to make the process more efficient.

Joshua Holder

- Compliance Accuracy by 5/31/25: 100%
- 73 Sites Inspected
 - 7.5% Decrease from Apr
- End of April Backlog Count: 89
 - 74 points down from March
 - ETC: 18-20 Weeks (as of 4/30)
- Supporting Activities:

- Beginning the process of gathering accumulated data for Annual Federal Reports.
- Finalized the process for tracking and following up with facility closures and openings. This process is being implemented as of 6/2/25 and has been added to the Compliance Monitor – How to Guide.

County	# of Inspections
Adair	4
Alfalfa	1
Beckham	1
Bryan	6
Choctaw	1
Delaware	7
Ellis	3
Garvin	1
Greer	2
Harmon	1
Harper	1
Kingfisher	1
Lincoln	5
Logan	1
Marshall	4
McCurtain	7
Murray	3
Muskogee	4
Okfuskee	4
Oklahoma	2
Okmulgee	5
Ottawa	1
Payne	2
Tillman	1
Tulsa	3
Wagoner	1
Woods	2
MONTHLY TOTAL	73
Δ FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	7
YTD TOTAL	261



Alison Humphrey, Director of Reentry

Workforce Development & Youth Assistance

- Assisted youth in obtaining **16 IDs** and **8 birth certificates**
- Facilitated **3 placements** into OJA contracted transitional living programs
- Facilitated **3 placement** into a community transitional living program
- Attended weekly staffing for all referrals to Transitional living programs

Reentry Meetings & HUB Assistance

- Conducted **53 HUB meetings**
- Completed **46 HUB assistance requests**
- Attended **59** 30 & 90-day meetings in group homes
- Attended **6** 30-day meeting at COJC
- Attended 8 Grand Staffing meetings at COJC
- Attended **11** exit transition meetings in group homes

Team & Partner Meetings/Training

- Attended Council on Juvenile Justice Conference in Washington D.C.
- Attended a weekly meeting with COWIB.
- Met with HUB/reentry staff to discuss potential clients.
- Attended meet and greet with JJS and DA's office.
- Met with Len Morris to discuss FFT referrals over previous years.
- Attended All Staff meeting Central Regional Meeting.
- Met with local JSU staff to discuss FFT involvement with their caseloads and potential clients.
- Attended meeting with DDSD to ensure youth was provided appropriate services for diagnosed disability.
- Attended CSG/OK reentry grant planning meeting.
- Facilitated Monthly Youth Emerging Leaders meeting.
- OMES|SEAT| Cybersecurity Training 2025
- Turning Data into Strategies Online Course
- Top 10 Skills for Quantitative Analysis Online Course
- Data Analyst Mindset: 10 Nontechnical Ways to Influence Decisions Online Course
- Children's Behavioral Health Conference
- Birth Certificate Training
- OJA-HR-Calibration Micro Training Sessions
- FLUXX Check In
- Activating Intentional Moments to Promote Thriving for Young People
- FLUXX OK OJA Workshop #9 & BPD Signoff
- FLUXX Cycle 1 Kickoff OK OJA

- STAAR Graduation Discussion
- FLUXX OK OJA Build Sync Check-In
- Impact405 CRC In-Person Meeting
- Resources and Referrals Luncheon
- Lunch & Learn: Recognizing and Preventing Sexual Harassment Training
- FLUXX OK OJA Build Sync Final Check In
- State Policy Board II-Meeting Prep
- Impact405 Virtual Meeting
- GAM Resubmission Team Meeting
- May Reflective Practice Hour
- FLUXX Cycle 1 Kick Off Testing
- CIC Quarterly Advisory Meeting @ Pivot
- COJC/STAAR Planning Meeting
- Attended Family Engagement meeting
- Attended Reentry Team meetings
- Attended Monday Morning meetings
- Attended HUB/Reentry Unit Meeting
- Met with COJC Volunteer Coordinator

Support Services

- Assisted with verifying services for invoicing purposes for CREOKS, Empowerment Community Services, Spring Eternal, and Jetty Community Services.
- Assigned 4 OCJB referrals, and 68 OJA referrals to partnered FFT involved agencies. Totalling 72 case assignments completed
- Provided interpreting services for 2 Individual Therapy Sessions at Cornerstone
- Provided interpreting services for 3 Individual Therapy Sessions at Lighthouse
- Provided interpreting services for 1 individual therapy session in Sulphur Virtually
- Provided interpreting services for 1 Check in for Tulsa County
- Provided interpreting services for 1 Discharge signing for Tulsa County

Projects / Research

- Consolidated basic statistics out of COJC monthly visit summaries for April and forwarded to Data Outcomes Manager.
- Continued working on JSU guidelines for family engagement.
- Coordinated with the Grant Outcomes Manager and COC Coordinator to modify the GAM request regarding family engagement events.
- Continued working on FE Guide draft and accessed feedback.
- External Contacts & Connections List – Redesigned the SharePoint site to a more user-friendly view and functions. Sent the link to all CoC and Reentry staff for their reference and input. Continuing to add contacts to this list from external meetings, and conferences.

- Community Events – Passed out paper flyers at Impact405 meeting for Hoopfest and Hoops for Peace Basketball Camp with Joi. Emailed these event flyers as well as 6 others to Impact405, Program Director for OKC Public Schools, and to the Co-Founder of LiveFreeOKC. Posted these flyers on my personal social media, as well as other community pages. Made 25 basketball clay charms that will be turned into keychains for Hoopfest participants, and earrings for volunteers.
- COJC STAAR Graduation – Collaborated with STAAR, Austin, Joi, and Jackie Kelley at COJC to invite OJA Staff and graduates JSU worker. Made multiple phone calls to Juan Price or Gerald Scott to discuss details and/or questions. Arrived early to the graduation on May 29th to assist with set-up. Spoke to some of the graduate's family members who arrived early and thanked them for attending. Described what STAAR and the YPE curriculum covers when asked by some of these family members. Met with many of the facilitators and discussed the first cohort's success, as well as process improvements they recommend. Spoke to some of the graduates one on one or in a group setting to introduce myself, congratulate them, and take pictures with some of them. Created a document for the next STAAR listening session that lists all key points that need to be discussed for improving the next cohort. Created an attendance sheet for cohort 2, and revised STAAR's Registration Form to be used as an Enrollment Form for the next cohort.



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OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS
Residential Placement Support

Carol Miller, Deputy Director Residential Placement Support

Board Report – June 2025

May 1st to 31st 2025 activity

Releases (3) from Secure Care

May 2025

Intakes (5) for Secure Care

Parole – 2

Transferred to Department of Corrections – 1

COJC census as of May 31, 2025 – 51 residents

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) facility events

- Memorial Day activities included a barbecue cookout party for staff and residents.
- Community Phase Residents attended the Potawatomi Fire Basketball game at the Fire Lake Arena in Shawnee.
- One resident was transported to obtain their State ID and Drivers Learner Permit.
- Congratulations to 4 residents who received their GED and High School Diplomas. Graduation ceremonies were held with family in attendance.
- STARR's Pathway to Excellence vocational course graduation was held for 13 residents.
- OJA Hope Navigators held Hope sessions on each unit for all residents; Director Tardibono attended Hope sessions on cottages. Groups discussions held on building goals, pathways and willpower.
- A leadership dinner was held for Community and Leadership phase youth and served in the Canteen.
- Resident/family engagement visitation for May – 59 in person visits with a total of 131 visitors, 126 virtual visits and 461 telephone calls.
- Volunteers from Waterloo Baptist Church, Antioch Community Church, Life Church Switch, Powerline Church, and the Torch Program provided Bible Study, Mentoring and Church services for youth.
- STARR Foundation volunteers meet with youth who do not receive visits.
- The COJC Volunteer Coordinator reported for the month of May, 108 volunteers donated a total of 124.61 hours of volunteer services.

Division Leadership Activities

- Attended the Oklahoma Community of Practice (CoP) virtual meeting on Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees and Family Engagement.
 - Participated in the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA) virtual meeting to discuss Escalating Crisis in gun violence and Suicide Rates.
 - Attended Council of Improvement for Youth Justice (CIYJ) draft period follow-up meeting.
 - Participated in the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) Strengthening Youth Custody & Transition Services Advisory Committee to share resources and provide input.
 - Completed weekly walk throughs of COJC units provide open dialogue and support for residents and staff.
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Carol Miller, Deputy Director Residential Placement Support

- Shared Performance based Standards (PbS) data outcomes for family survey, reentry, critical outcomes, staff surveys and youth climate survey with OJA Executive Staff. Based on a review of the data outcomes the COJC Leadership team will adjust the Facility Improvement Plan (FIP) to impact change by reducing injuries and uses of Force.
- Attended OJAs JOLTS Committee meeting to determine new additions or edits needed to the Juvenile Online Tracking System.
- Participated in the OJA revised Schematic Design Review for the COJC multipurpose building and control center.
- Attended the Council of State Governments (CSG) follow up virtual meeting to discuss the agency's structure and processes.
- Attended the State Advisory Group meeting at OJA State Office.
- Participated in the Data Governance Committee Monthly meeting to determine updates on required data collections for the agency.
- Met bi-weekly with OJA Executive Director.
- 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.
- Provided Oklahoma State Department of Health (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.
- I attended the OJA Parent Advisory Committee meeting.
- Created implementation and training plan for COJC to introduce the new resident handbook. The handbook contains Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) based tasks and competencies. Additionally, the point card has infused DBT skills for daily reporting for staffing scoring resident progress.
- Participated in the Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators Deputy Director Casual Chat and discussed best practices in secure care settings with 3 other jurisdictions.
- Participated in COJC Technology Committee meeting to review updates on implemented improved technology at COJC is being utilized.
- 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.
- I attended the OJA Board Meeting for May 2025. COJCs Great Eight Mentorship Group presented on their Day at the Capital to the OJA Board.

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

- The COJC Employee of the month for May 2025 is Admin Tech Bobby Gunn.
 - A listening session was held for staff with a follow-up plan to improve communications with staff, address identified issues during the listening session and to provide support through ensuring all staff are empowered to have their voice heard.
 - The COJC Leadership Academy's onboarding of new staff members implemented growth plans to improve hiring and staff retention. Emphasis was placed on encouraging relationships and rapport building among staff members and juveniles.
 - General Staffing was held to celebrate birthdays, employee longevity and training topics.
 - Employee appreciation week was celebrated with gifts to all staff to say thank you!
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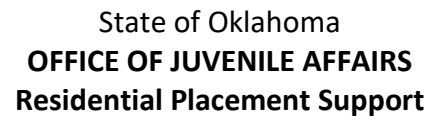
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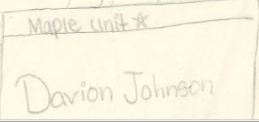
- COMPASS Employee Support Group presented fund raising activities in May that included a silent auction to benefit employees of COJC.
- Employee Assistance Program and Support Linc Flyers were placed at locations throughout COJC notifying staff of assistance that is available after stressful incidents.
- The Employee Council Meeting was held to discuss any identified issues and seek possible solutions to give staff a voice. No employee council concerns were noted for the month of May.
- COJC recruiter Dupree Davis attended two Job-Career Fairs in May:

Agency Collaborations in Secure Care

- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career Tech) –
 - Met with Career Tech Area Director Kent Roof to discuss technical opportunity and career expansion at COJC.
 - Discussions continue to be held with Career Tech Executive level regarding opportunities for residents to receive additional certificates for career building and employment opportunities.
 - A meeting has been scheduled to meet with a team from the College and Career (Guidance) and Skills Center (Justice-Involved Programs) divisions.
 - Career Tech. Automotive Shop Students are actively attending classes and receiving certificates of participation.
 - Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) –
 - DRS embedded staff Michael Rolerat is at COJC weekly to assist residents in enrolling in DRS services.
 - Discussions are ongoing regarding DRS quarterly meetings and COJC staff attendance to strengthen the partnership, identify issues and improvement strategies.
 - 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 February 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.
 - The Program provides youth with a work resume, birth certificate, State ID, and financial support upon parole from COJC.
 - The work program has 10 graduates being paid through DRS or working on community service hours.
 - Residents worked on building skills on how to make a resume, painting, starting a business and various soft skills in the workplace.
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COJC Thunder Up Art Contest Winner





Janelle Bretten, Director of Strategic Planning and Engagement

June 2025 Board Meeting

Month of May 2025:

- **Science of Hope Initiative/ Family Engagement**
 - Please see the additional attached report from Kheri.
 - Met with Kheri to begin planning agenda for May Family Advisory Council meeting.
 - Attended meeting to discuss future structure of our Family Advisory Council.
 - Attended planning meeting for agency Hope Centered Certification. Teams assigned tasks to provide documentation.
 - Ongoing weekly strategic planning meetings with Kheri.
- **Training Department**
 - Please see additional attached reports from the Training Director/Dept.
 - Samie and I visited with a representative from Goodwill to explore training they provide.
 - Ongoing weekly meetings with Samie to discuss training deliverables/strategic planning.
- **Prevention and System Improvement-Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RED) Coordinator**
 - Please see the additional report from William.
 - Attended the May State Advisory Group meeting where William presented on RED updates.
 - Attended OJJDP Compliance Monitoring Tool (CMT) Webinar to learn about what will be required for FY24 RED updates.
 - Attended meeting with Carol, Darryl, and William to discuss gang intervention strategies and current curriculum being utilized at COJC. William will be reviewing the curriculum with plan to participate in the gang intervention groups at COJC.
 - Ongoing weekly meetings with William to review projects.
- **Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory.**
 - The team met, prepared, and will be conducting YLS/CMI annual refresher training in June.
 - Attended two meetings with Kheri and Gabrielle to work on modifications to YLS/CMI policy.
- **Youth Justice Coalition (Oklahoma Policy Institute)**
 - Attended monthly meeting. Agenda included legislative updates and partner announcements for upcoming events.
- **Tribal Liaison**
 - Participated in podcast to share updates to the Native Nations Notification directory. Updated our district map and contact list of our tribal Liaisons to the new OJA regional map. This list was dispersed to our tribal juvenile justice contacts statewide.

- **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) DA's Council**
 - Served as OJA designee for meeting. Agenda included reviewing grant application presentations
- **Oklahoma Family Network Advisory Meeting**
 - Represented OJA at bi-annual meeting.
- **Council of State Governments**
 - Attended meeting between OJA team and CSG for follow-up discussion.
- **Children's State Advisory Workgroup (CSAW)**
 - Attended the monthly Systems of Care State Advisory Team meeting. The agenda included CSAW updates and overview of ODMHSAS K-12 school-based prevention resources/projects.
 - Attended Resilient Oklahoma Hub Workgroup Monthly Meeting. Agenda included discussion on additional website content for youth.
- **Interagency Council on Homelessness Oklahoma**
 - Attended meeting, which occurs every other month. Agenda included presentation by Oklahoma City Public Schools teen parenting program.
- **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board**
 - Attended meeting serving as OJA designee; However, the meeting had to be cancelled due to not meeting quorum.
- **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
- **Training**
 - Webinar "Impact of Trauma Exposure on Professionals."
 - Recognizing and Preventing Sexual Harassment
 - Calibration: Rules of Engagement for Performance Management

Kheri Smith, Hope Ambassador

- Meetings with Janelle
- Biweekly meetings with the Director
- Hope Ambassador Meeting
- Monthly Leadership Meetings
- Several meetings with Apryl to improve family engagement.
- Met on project with OHS on hope-centered training for Frontline/Mid-Level Supervisors.
- Collaboration meetings with OHS for Change Management project.
- Collaboration meetings on planning the Hope Navigator Summit.
- Created curriculum and facilitator guide for monthly COJC hope classes and hosted class and entered case notes.
- Met with Dr. Schmidt for COJC Hope Planning.

- Attended and led several MMM's.
- Meeting/Planned Podcast content/wrote segments/filmed segments.
- Met with YLS team to create YLS Refresher Training.
- Reviewed YLS/CMI video instructions.
- Hope Centered Certification – continued work and meetings for certification.
- Reviewed policy 25-09-02 for edits.
- Met with hope navigator team on hope centered certification for compliance indicators and self-scoring.
- Assessed all group homes on hope scale and entered scores into JOLTS.
- Attended the JJFAC meeting.
- Attended one of Joi Horsford's biweekly Family Engagement Guide Planning Meetings.
- Met with Jamie on updates for family contacts on JOLTS.
- Reviewed Joi's family guide and gave feedback.
- Met with Jeff with Evolution Foundation for planning on JJFAC.
- Researched options to make family video for re-entry project.
- Attended Oklahoma Community of Practice Training, Calibration training and mandatory lunch and learn.

Family Engagement – Apryl Owens

- Return to work and attended the MMM.
- Complete a staffing with Kheri Smith and discussed plans and goals for Family Engagement (FE) and the Juvenile Justice Family Advisory Council (JJFAC).
- Drafted a health survey for the JJFAC and drafted the JJFAC bylaws to be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Facilitated the JJFAC, Agenda items (FAC bylaws, FAC health survey)
- Participated in the bi-weekly collaborative meeting on the Georgetown Certificate program and discussed how FE could be implemented in the COC and Reentry portion of this project.

William White, R/ED Coordinator

May 6, 2025 – Hope Class at COJC

Project Summary: Co-facilitated a Hope Science-based session with youth residents at Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC), helping them internalize lessons of resilience and goal setting inspired by guest speaker Alton Carter.

Key Accomplishments:

- Facilitated two group sessions (Cypress and Redbud cottages) alongside staff, focusing on goals, pathways, and willpower.
- Engaged youth in discussion and reflection based on Alton Carter's personal story and poem, fostering connection and practical application of hope theory.
- Supported emotional literacy and self-reflection through guided journaling and processing activities.

- Reinforced personal agency with affirmations and exercises to help residents visualize and plan for positive futures.

Youth Engagement & R/ED Training Curriculum Development

Project Summary: Continued developing curriculum modules for law enforcement and juvenile justice professionals under the "Engaging Youth for Safer Communities" training series. The modules center on reducing disparities and promoting trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate practices.

May 29, 2025

Met with Janelle Bretten and Samie Harley

The team met to review and revised the Youth Engagement & R/ED Training Curriculum Development project.

Key Accomplishments:

- Advanced content on Racial and Ethnic Disparities, Implicit Bias, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and Adolescent Brain Development.
- Integrated Science of Hope as a strategy for de-escalation and diversion, including the creation of:
 - A Hope-centered training module: *"Hope as a Tool for De-escalation & Diversion"*
 - A Hope Interview & Diversion Guide to assist officers in identifying and supporting youth needs pre-arrest.
- Developed interactive slide decks and printable materials to support hands-on training and real-time field use.

May 29, 2025

I met with Deputy Director of Residential Placement Support and COJC Superintendent: For a gang intervention / prevention discussion for potential assistance in training and development for youth at COJC.

Training Updates for May 2025

Samie Harley, Training Director

- **June schedule creation & approval**
- **Hope in Training Meeting- How to Embed Hope in 2025**
 - 3 Module Hope Follow up
 - MMM 3/17- HOPE Refresher #1
 - MMM 4/7- HOPE 2025 Podcast
 - Collaboration with OHS: Hope Based- Change Implementation
 - Collaboration with OHS: Hope Based- Supervisor Level Training
 - Community of Practice (Jan Hope Navigator Team)
 - Hope Navigator Training- April 2025
- **Training Request:**
 - **Advocate Defenders:**
 - Juvenile Rights Brochure Development- **update with K. Smith feedback**
 - **Creating and Sharing Lists for the Hub e-Learning: Complete**

- **Setting Boundaries: Complete**
 - Launch 4/10/25
- **COJC Recertification Computer Based Training Learning Program: Complete**
 - Workday upload
- **Guardian System Training (COJC)**
- **Team Building utilizing the 5 subjects in the book 5 Dysfunctions of a Team**
 - Outline- in progress
- **Appropriate Language in Professional Settings**
- **YLSI Refresher- In Progress**
 - Part 1- June 9th: Complete
 - Part 2- June 16th
- **Legislative Training**
- **Putting Documents through Adobe Sign- In Progress**
- **Re-Entry e learning**
- **Training Hour Completion & Coding**
 - Coding transcripts
 - Shuffle employees into correct Regions
- **2024 Needs Assessment / 2025 Training Plan- Complete**
- **YLS/CMI Certification and Train the Trainer- Complete**
 - TOT Kickoff Meeting
 - YLS/CMI Certification Training April 7 & 8
 - TOT Training April 15-17th
 - 2 OJA Staff
 - 2 OKCJB
 - 1 TulsaJB
 - 1 Canadian JB
 - 1 Cherokee Nation
 - 1 Chickasaw Nation
 - Certificates issued to TOT participants- Complete
 - Schedule Annual Refresher for all staff
- **MS Form- Evaluation**
 - Language change needed in COJC Procedures to support
 - Need for Tablets/ Technology for COJC Employees- requested 15-20 for in classroom purposes
- **COJC Procedures Update- Sent to team**
 - Training Team: editing in progress
- **ADM Request**
 - Completed in May
 - CBHS: May 13-15
 - In Progress
 - Sovereignty Symposium: (June 12 & 13)
 - OGIA (June 17-20)

- **JSU Training with OU-CPM:**
 - SME Group Coaching Kickoff 4/30/25
 - Pilot: June 26th- 27th
 - Administrative Leadership: June 24th (all day)
 - Classes from CW course list
 - New Trainer Certification @ OU May 13-16th – **Complete!**
 - 3 Training Specialists
 - 3 JSU IIs (one from each Region)
 - Training Director
- **Q1 TAC Mtg**
 - Team Building request
 - Guardian Training request
- **Monday Morning Meetings:**
 - 5/5: Samie OJA check-in & NSSBY Conference Podcast
 - 5/12: Annie E Casey: Adolescent Brain Development (Part 2)
 - 5/19: Hope Refresher #2: Change Implementation with Tammy Williams
 - 5/26: Memorial Day
- **Reporting Numbers & Board Report**
- **Leadership Meeting 5/12**
- **HR & Training: Onboarding Biweekly**
- **HOPE Centered Tools- Supervisors**
 - Meeting w/ OHS
 - Draft Objectives
 - Draft Mentimeter questions
- **Teambuilding through Collaboration @ Regional Meetings**
 - Western Region 4/22- Complete
 - Central Region 5/22- Stillwater
 - Eastern Region- TBD

Hope Centered Tools for Supervisors Meeting

Podcast Filming

Goodwill Meeting

SME Workgroup for review of Day 1: Coaching

OU New Trainer Certification May 13-16th

Calibration Micro Session

- Build course in Workday
- Schedule dates
- Set Team Meetings
- Record and upload to Workday post sessions

Lunch and Learn: Recognizing and Preventing Sexual Harassment- upload to Workday

YLS/CMI Refresher Prep meetings

Central Regional Meeting: Collaboration through Teambuilding- 5/22

SME Workgroup for review of Day 2: Coaching

R/ED Training Discussion-

- 5 modules
 - Feedback for Modules 1 &2

OU Administrative Leadership

- Requested topics sent to OU
- Charter review and feedback
- Survey to leadership
- Survey feedback sent to OU

State Office Training Report

Location	Required # of Annual Regular Training Hours	Regular Training Hour May Totals	Required # Of Annual Supervisory Training Hours	Supervisory Training Hour May Totals	Annual Grand Training Hour Totals:
State Office	2376	344.5	360	77.5	1344.6
District 1	1248	246.5	60	89	1061.25
District 2	896	69	12	25	490
District 3	1928	413.5	84	115.5	1360.75
District 4	1224	252.5	36	56	836.1
District 5	1160	176.5	36	45.15	1072.8
District 6	1488	99.5	84	18	788.75
District 7	1152	262.25	36	75.25	878
Totals:	11474	1863.9	708	501.4	7832.25

The following data shows the progress of staff in completing their required annual training hours as of May 2025.

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- STO: 56% complete
- D1: 85% complete
- D2: 54% complete
- D3: 71% complete
- D4: 68.3% complete
- D5: 92% complete
- D6: 53% complete
- D7: 76% complete
- COJC: 50% complete

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center Training Breakdown May 2025

MANDATORY Refresher Training Information:

Total Mandatory Classroom Training Hours for May:	197
Total Mandatory Computer Based Training Hours for May:	151
Grand Total Mandatory Training Hours for May:	348

102 Staff participated in May Training for 2025 (Mandatory and Non, In-Service, In-person, online, etc.)

13 Staff have COMPLETED All Refresher Training for 2025 (10% complete)

ORIENTATION Training Information:

Total Orientation Classroom Training Hours for May:	719
Total Orientation Computer-Based Training Hours for May:	0
Grand Total Orientation Training Hours for May:	719

OYACS Training Information:

Total OYACS Classroom Training Hours for May:	4
Total OYACS Computer-Based Training Hours for May:	41.00
Grand Total Training Hours for May:	45.00

IN-SERVICE Training Information:

Total Classroom In-service Training Hours for May:	
External/Non-Facility In-Service Training for May:	26
Grand Total In-service Training Hours for May:	132

SUPERVISORY Training Hours:

Grand Total Supervisory Training Hours for May: 286

May Care & Custody Management System (CCMS) Training:

<i>CCMS Hours</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i># Credit hours</i>	<i>Total Class Hours</i>
Orientation Day 1	6	8.00	48.00
Orientation Day 2	6	8.00	48.00
Orientation Day 3	5	8.00	40.00
Re-Certs Day 1	1	8.00	8.00
Re-Certs Day 2	7	8.00	56.00
Totals	25	40.00	200.00
Total # CCMS Hours	200.00		

CCMS Recertification Percentage Completed:

29%

**Total # of Students who attended CCMS in May.
(Orientation and Refresher):**

13

GRAND TOTAL of Training Hours:

Grand Total Training Hours for May: 1244

Total Training Hours for NON-COJC Employees for May: 26

Total Courses for May: 77

Total Course Hours for May: 180

Total Participants for May: 146

SAG and Title II Updates



Updates

- Previous DOJ Audit, 11/17/22
- Recent DOJ Audit, 5/29/25
- Recent DOJ Audit Results Received, 6/6/25

Summer Youth Programs

Organization	Program Title	Location	Amount Requested	Contract Signed
RestoreOKC	Internship Program	OKC	\$50,000	
Pivot, Inc.	It's My Life	OKC	\$50,000	✓
Youth Services for Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain Counties	Rise Up	Hugo	\$30,693	✓
Crossroads Youth and Family Services	Dream Catchers	Norman	\$13,154	✓
Youth Services of Tulsa	Camp Connect	Tulsa	\$50,000	
Hale Middle School	Youth At Heart	Tulsa	\$38,900	

FY26 Title II Funded Programs

Organization	Program Title	Location	Award	Contract Signed
Pivot, Inc.	CIC Intervention	OKC	\$45,000	
Youth Services for Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain Counties	Youth Advisory Council	Hugo	\$45,000	
Youth Services of Rogers County	DBT in Schools	Claremore	\$45,000	
Community Renewal through Shawnee Public Schools	Elevate	Shawnee	\$219,706	
Boys & Girls Club of Ottawa County through Modoc Nation	Expanded Delinquency Prevention Programming	Miami	\$105,657	

State Advisory Group (SAG) Updates

- Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference
- Committee work is ongoing with the following areas of focus:
 - Bylaws
 - Grants
 - Membership
 - Tribal Partnerships
 - Youth Emerging Leaders
- Hoopsfest – Saturday 6.21.25 from 3p – 8p in Scissortail Park
- Next SAG Meeting: 7.11.25 @ 10am

Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference



- Les Thomas
- Pray'Eon Jackson
- Timothy Tardibono
- James Millington
- Melissa Cupp
- Randy Sheppard

Hoopsfest

- Registration Encouraged
- Participants and Volunteers Welcome
- Events Include:
 - 3PT Contest
 - Basketball
 - Food
 - Music
 - Skills Challenge
 - Yard Games





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15PJDP-21-GG-04734-TITL, 2020-JX-FX-0021, 2019-MU-FX-0051, Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

Dear Deputy Commissioner Tardibono:

Thank you for the time and assistance your staff provided during the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) remote monitoring. The remote monitoring provided valuable information on the status of your grant programs.

No issues requiring formal resolution were identified during the site visit. The Title II Formula Grant program appears to be progressing according to the plan presented in the approved application, and it is in compliance with Federal, OJP, and OJJDP guidelines for this award.

If you have any further questions concerning the Remote Monitoring, your program, or available technical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202)-598-1067 or Aloysius.Anderson@usdoj.gov . Thank you again for your cooperation during my recent Remote In-Depth Monitoring visit.

Sincerely,

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THANK YOU

Proposed State Plan for Youth Service Agencies





Office of Juvenile Affairs

State Plan for Youth Service Agencies

Revised 6.9.2025	Attachments: Exhibit A: State Plan Criteria Exhibit B: Rates and Standards Guiding Principles Exhibit C: Catchment Areas Exhibit D: Three Year Plan Exhibit E: OJA Accepted Program Models Exhibit F: Table of Community Emergency Resource Centers
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I. **Introduction**

A. Purpose and Development

The purpose of the Oklahoma State Plan for Youth Services Agencies, (Plan), is to serve as a strategic and collaborative roadmap of how funding is allocated to address the causes and correlates of delinquency. The Plan provides a framework for the advancement, efficient use, and continuity of services provided to children and youth in Oklahoma. While the Plan defines the service population as children and youth, the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) acknowledges that partnerships with families and community stakeholders are an integral part of effective programs and services.

The Plan is developed pursuant to [10A O.S. § 2-7-306](#). The plan is an adaptive document that will be reviewed at least annually and modified as needed to reflect evolving community needs, policy shifts, and stakeholder input. The Plan establishes goals and objectives to enhance service delivery and serves as a framework for future development and refinement of the existing partnership between OJA and Designated Youth Service Agencies (YSA).

The criteria approved by the Board of Juvenile Affairs (Board) will be adhered to in the development and maintenance of the Plan. The Criteria is included as an attachment to the Plan and is labeled Exhibit A.

B. History

Oklahoma's community-based youth services system was born out of local need, national reform efforts, and a commitment to prevent deeper system involvement for youth. In response to recommendations by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and federal support for juvenile justice reform, the Oklahoma Crime Commission funded the state's first YSAs in late 1969 and early 1970. These local, nonprofit agencies provided shelter, outreach, and counseling—services shaped by community priorities and rooted in local relationships.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, youth services expanded in partnership with state agencies. In 1980, the Oklahoma Legislature appropriated a line item in the Department of Human Services' (OHS) budget of \$2.1 million for YSAs. In 1994, the Oklahoma Juvenile Reform Act established OJA as a stand-alone state agency, transferring oversight of YSA contracts from OHS to OJA. The legislation reinforced the use of YSA funds to serve not only justice-involved youth but also those who were deprived, or at risk in their communities. By 2006, YSAs had a combined budget for community-based programs funded by state allocation through OJA exceeding twenty million dollars.

Currently there are thirty-seven (37) YSAs providing a wide variety of services and programs across Oklahoma's seventy-seven counties with a total state funded allocation through OJA exceeding thirty million dollars annually. A wide variety of

prevention services are offered in each YSA's catchment area. Many operate Children's Emergency Resource Centers (CERCs), which serve as safe, temporary placements for youth in OHS or OJA custody or in need of crisis intervention. As Oklahoma's child welfare system shifted away from state-operated shelters, CERCs became a cornerstone of the state's emergency placement strategy. A table of CERCs, the number of their licensed beds, and the number of the contracted beds is attached in Exhibit F.

Attached in Exhibit C is a list of the current YSAs, the location of their home office, and their respective catchment area. The Board, through the Plan, designates primary catchment areas considering recommendations from the local YSA Boards.

II. Guiding Principles

A. Vision

The vision of the Plan is to support and sustain a comprehensive system of quality prevention, early intervention, and treatment services to improve the health, safety, and well-being of all youth in Oklahoma.

B. Mission

The mission of the Plan is to strengthen and maintain a network of locally governed YSAs that provide accessible services to children, youth, and families reflecting Oklahoma's values. These services are designed to prevent system involvement, reduce risk, and support positive outcomes in both the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.

C. Values

OJA will continue to develop, in conjunction with its community partners, a streamlined and coordinated system for the delivery of prevention, early intervention, and treatment services for children and youth.

Values to be incorporated in the Plan:

a. Youth and Family-Centered Support

Providing services that prioritize the well-being of youth and families, ensuring their emotional and physical health, while keeping them connected to their communities.

b. Evidence-Based Practices

Implementing research-based programs while remaining adaptable to new ideas and community-driven solutions.

c. Collaborative and Sustainable Partnerships

Strengthening partnerships to ensure the availability and continuity of prevention, early intervention, and treatment services statewide.

d. Community-Based and Least Restrictive Services

Delivering services in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment, close to the youth's home, while fostering strong community connections.

e. Community Responsive Programs

Honoring Oklahoma's cultural values, reducing disparities among communities, and ensuring programs are accessible, welcoming, and responsive to the unique needs of all youth.

D. Goals

The Plan establishes the following goals to ensure the delivery of high-quality, community-rooted services for children, youth, and families across Oklahoma. These goals reflect the Plan's commitment to equity, sustainability, and collaboration with YSAs as essential partners in statewide service delivery.

a. Continuity of Service

The role of YSAs in promoting continuity throughout the continuum of statewide service is vital. The Designation of YSAs provides OJA with the opportunity to work with service providers on a long-term basis rather than awarding a contract to the lowest bidder every few years. The Designation process is created to maintain a minimum quality of service for Oklahoma's youth and their families while also facilitating consistency.

b. Utilization of Statutory Fixed and Uniform Rate Structure

OJA's Fixed and Uniform Rates, collectively known as Summary of Service will be maintained and updated on OJA's website. Management of the process will be governed by the Guiding Principles approved by OJA's Rates and Standards Committee and is attached as Exhibit B.

c. Data Driven Decision Making

Integrity in the funding allocation and Designation process is maintained by consistent, data driven review and evaluation of the existing system.

Data Driven Decision Making Allows OJA and YSAs to:

1. Improve Services

Measuring successes and identifying areas for improvement are necessary to improve services. Early detection of program weaknesses allows for quicker programmatic adjustments which results in better programmatic outcomes.

2. Communicate Impact

Front-line providers have a deep knowledge of clients' needs and the greatest level awareness about how to improve services and outcomes. Using robust data can strengthen proposals for system improvement by complementing success narratives with objective metrics.

3. Intentionally Allocate Resources

Data provides information that allows program administrators to direct resources where the resources will provide the largest impact. Better data builds stronger support for grant applications and external funding requests. Additionally, when funds are limited, having program data can inform decisions to better allocate limited resources.

4. Demonstrate Evidence of Program Effectiveness

Tracking data allows both OJA and YSAs to monitor trends within a program to determine the program's effectiveness. Analyzing data related to a program's process and outcome effectiveness provides information about a service model's strengths and weaknesses.

III. **Application Elements**

The purpose of the application is to establish or update general information about the YSA, the identified needs of the community, and the YSA's strategic plan for meeting those needs. The application consists of a Request for Application and an Annual Contract.

A. Request for Application (RFA)

Every three (3) years, unless otherwise needed, OJA will issue an RFA for Community-Based Youth Services. Application responses will become part of the resulting contract.

The application will contain the following elements:

1. General Information Including

- a. Brief History
- b. Location(s),
- c. Board Members
- d. Current Annual Budget
- e. Summary of Funding Sources
- f. Goals and Success Measures

2. Needs Assessment

The current needs assessment on file with OJA, as developed and approved by the YSA in consultation with its local board and community partners, will remain in effect and fully recognized for planning and funding purposes until a new Needs

Assessment process is formally adopted and adequate time and support are provided for local agencies to implement the new process. The needs assessment on file may be updated by the YSA at any time to reflect emerging trends, service gaps, or community priorities.

3. Strategic Plan

- a. Each YSA maintains a strategic plan that outlines the specific programs and practices it implements to address the needs identified in its local needs assessment. This strategic planning function is fulfilled through the agency's Annual Management Report, which is submitted to OJA each year. The report guides the delivery of responsive, accessible, and community-based services and is reviewed and updated as needed to reflect changing conditions, local priorities, or new opportunities for innovation and impact.

- b. Program and Service Requirements

Programs and services are delivered in ways that, to the extent practicable, ensure accessibility for the intended population. YSAs provide services in formats and locations that reflect community needs and promote equitable access. Services are community-based and responsive to the environments in which youth and families live, learn, and engage.

- c. Preferred Service Types

The Plan affirms a tiered and practice-informed approach to service delivery. YSAs utilize interventions that are grounded in research, supported by evidence, and responsive to the cultural and contextual needs of the communities they serve.

Priority of service type is as follows:

- (a) Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs)

To the extent practicable, EBPs and Evidence-Based Programming (EB Programs) shall be used. EBPs for the purpose of this Plan is defined as core strategies, methods, and approaches that have demonstrated positive outcomes through rigorous research. These practices—such as trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, restorative approaches, or strengths-based case management—are integrated throughout the agency's service delivery.

- (b) Evidence Based Programs

EB Programs for the purpose of this Plan are defined as structured interventions or curricula comprised of multiple coordinated practices that meet high standards of research validation. EB Programs are implemented when appropriate and feasible, with fidelity to core

components and with consideration of contextual and cultural relevance. To verify a service is evidence-based, it must be rated as such by one of the recommended clearinghouses listed in Exhibit E.

(c) Promising and Research-Based Practices (PRBP)

If EBPs or EB Programs are unavailable, a promising research-based program is the next most desirable service type. What may be perceived as a prohibitive cost is not, in and of itself, justification for avoiding use of an EBP or EB Program. Use of a PRBP is only permitted with prior written approval by OJA. A program proposal will be submitted to OJA containing empirical evidence the PRBP is the most efficient and effective option with a scope of the program. Prior written approval of the PRBP is not required if the service is on the list of OJA Accepted Program Models in Exhibit E.

(d) Legacy and Community-Defined Practices

In the absence of an EBP, EB Program, or PRBP, YSAs can make a case for continuing current service types, but only if a specific timeline is established and approved by OJA in writing for movement to, or toward, an EBP, EB Program, or PRBP within twenty-four (24) months of approval. This will include either gathering evidence for the legacy system or acquiring a replacement. This timeline for movement toward an EBP, EB Program, or PRBP is not required if the Legacy and Community-Defined Practice is included on the list of OJA Accepted Program Models in Exhibit E.

(e) Appeal of Denials to Add Legacy and Community-Defined Practices

In the event a YSA's case for adding a non EBP, non-EB Program, or non PRBP to Exhibit E is denied by CBYS, YSAs will be permitted to appeal the denial to the Executive Director of OJA, or their designee, for additional review.

B. Annual Contract

Each YSA contracts with OJA to support the delivery of community-based services as outlined in the Plan. Technical assistance may be provided to the YSAs in preparation and presentation of their proposals or contract negotiations as provided in 10A O.S. § 2-7-306. The annual contract includes OJA's Standard YSA Contract, the agency's most recent application materials, and any additional documents necessary to reflect the full scope of the partnership.

The term annual contract refers to both the initial agreement and its subsequent renewals. Agencies that maintain good standing, including programmatic and fiscal compliance, and alignment with the Plan, continue service under renewed

contracts without requiring a full reapplication process. New contracts are issued outside of the RFA cycle only when substantive changes to the agency's service model, catchment area, or structure make a simple renewal impractical.

The annual contract contains the following provisions:

1. General

OJA enters into contracts with YSAs for core community-based facilities, programs, and services based on need as indicated in the Plan. All services required of a YSA to remain in compliance with the Plan will be provided through the provisions of an annual contract.

2. Core Services

Programs and services to be provided by YSAs through a contract with the Office of Juvenile Affairs are defined in [10A O.S. § 2-1-103\(11\)](#). These programs and services are considered core community services by the Oklahoma Legislature. Every effort must be made to ensure their provision as reflected in the local community needs assessment, unless a demonstrated lack of availability of funds to OJA prevents provision.

3. Contract Monitoring

a. Fiscal

The OJA Contracts Monitoring Unit (CMU) will audit YSA contracts during each fiscal year, at a minimum, in accordance with the time frames outlined in the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC). CMU will monitor more frequently if lack of supporting details, questionable costs, erroneous billings occur in continued areas, or at a level that raises concern. CMU will use a risk-based approach to auditing claims.

b. Programmatic

The OJA Community Based Youth Services Unit (CBYS) will programmatically monitor YSA contracts during each fiscal year at a minimum of once annually, and more frequently if during a programmatic monitoring visit there is a lack of supporting documentation provided, concerns are raised about quality or consistency of service delivery in the YSA's catchment area, or repeated JOLTS data issues occur. CBYS will provide technical assistance and training to all YSAs to ensure issues discovered are sustainably remedied. CBYS will monitor for minimum safety and quality standards of the YSA's program delivery.

4. Catchment Areas

See Exhibit C – Current Catchment Assignments will be used.

5. Allocation Formula

FY26 allocations will be the same as FY25, less any one-time adjustments. OJA is committed to continuing to work with stakeholders to create an objective formula for a fair and equitable allocation of increases in appropriated dollars designated for YSAs. For the purpose of this section, one-time means amounts specifically provided to a YSA for a specific, limited scope purpose. The \$2.5 million appropriations increase that was distributed in FY25 is not considered a one-time. The \$2.5 million appropriations increase that was distributed in FY25 will be included in the FY26 allocations in the same manner as FY25.

6. Service Provision Guidelines

The three categories of service provision are defined as follows:

a. Direct Services

Services are provided to a specific, eligible youth. Direct Services are preferred because outcomes for that individual child can be more accurately measured over time.

b. De-identified Direct Services

When services are provided to a specific, eligible youth, but due to perceived barriers to identification, the service recipient remains anonymous, the service is a de-identified direct service.

c. Indirect Services

Services provided to a group of recipients where it is impracticable to identify each service recipient specifically is an indirect service. While OJA recognizes the value of indirect services, provision of these services in excess of the level indicated by a YSA's needs assessment diverts funding from direct services with impact which can be more accurately measured.

IV. **Continuity of Services**

If an agency cancels their contract, or is no longer designated as a YSA, the Board will make adjustments necessary to ensure services continue in the catchment areas impacted. On behalf of the Board, the Director of OJA is authorized to take necessary action to ensure services are not disrupted in the interim while preparing a permanent plan to be presented to the Board. The Plan will be adjusted as quickly as practical.

In the event that a YSA is unable to provide services sufficient to meet the needs of a particular catchment area according to the requirement of the Plan, OJA will seek services by providing the services directly, or through a contract with other entities. The long-term goal will be to provide services through a YSA, but providing services to clients is the number one priority.

V. **Designation**

Establishing a new designated YSA agency may be necessary from time to time, whether that is to replace an agency that chose to withdraw, or for other reasons. If the remaining YSA network cannot absorb the catchment area(s) efficiently and effectively, an RFA will be issued to seek candidates for designation. The process will adhere to statutory requirements.

VI. **System Review and Improvement**

OJA will establish standing committees to coordinate efforts for system review and improvement. Permanent committees will focus on supporting on-going work. Temporary committees will be established as needed to support one-time efforts. Permanent and temporary committees serve as key structures for coordination, planning, and shared action.

1. **Permanent Committee Descriptions**

a. **Rates and Standards Review and Development**

This committee will meet regularly to discuss the development and revision of rates and standards to ensure services are sustainable and aligned with the needs of youth and communities.

b. **State Plan**

This committee will meet at least annually, and as needed, to review and revise the Plan. The committee's purpose is to ensure the Plan remains practical, mission-driven, and grounded in what is working well for youth and families across the state.

c. **Technical Assistance**

This committee will meet regularly to discuss technical assistance needs of YSAs and to provide feedback to OJA about the quality and nature of technical assistance provided. The committee will focus on identifying training needs, sharing tools and resources, and providing feedback on the support YSAs receive. This committee supports continuous growth and helps build agency capacity through shared experience.

d. **JOLTS**

This committee will meet at least quarterly to explore ways to enhance the use of JOLTS. Additionally, common challenges with JOLTS will be reviewed to identify training needs, which will then be referred to the Technical Assistance committee.

2. Committee Governance

- a. Generally accepted rules of professionalism, transparency, and mutual respect will govern all committees. Agendas will be prepared, and meetings will be moderated by OJA staff with input from committee members. Committee membership will be limited to designated YSA personnel and YSA Board Members. When needed, additional voices may be invited to contribute specific expertise.

Criteria for the State Plan for Youth Service Agencies

In accordance with [10A O.S. § 2-7-306](#), “[t]he State Plan (Plan) for Youth Services Agencies shall be adopted in accordance with criteria approved by the Board of Juvenile Affairs after full consideration of any recommendations of the Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services. The criteria and plan adopted by the Board shall designate community-based Youth Services Agency (YSA) Service Areas that will serve as the primary catchment area for each Youth Services Agency...”

1. Needs Assessment

The Plan shall define the requirements of the Needs Assessment to promote statewide consistency and to provide a method to maximize the ability to meet the most critical needs of the communities. A Needs Assessment shall be detailed enough to achieve consistency while considering specific local needs.

- a. A Needs Assessment may include input from relevant and appropriate community stakeholders, including, but not limited to:
 - i. Schools,
 - ii. Churches,
 - iii. Non-profit organizations,
 - iv. Healthcare providers,
 - v. Juvenile justice workers, and
 - vi. Law enforcement.
- b. Data Sources to consider during review of community needs may include state and local data provided from state agencies such as:
 - i. State Department of Education,
 - ii. Department of Health,
 - iii. Oklahoma Healthcare Authority,
 - iv. Oklahoma Human Services,
 - v. Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
 - vi. Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth,
 - vii. Department of Corrections, and
 - viii. Office of Juvenile Affairs.

2. Data Collections

The Plan shall promote actions with maximization of information and data to determine specific inputs and resulting outcomes to ensure that funding is being utilized efficiently. The Plan will follow federal and state statute regarding the privacy of those receiving services.

3. Allocation Formula Methodology

The Plan be developed giving full consideration to input from OAYS and shall outline methodology to create an allocation formula for assigning funding and other resources by Catchment Area. The Plan shall be consistent with current contracts between OJA and YSAs. It is the intent of OJA not to reduce any YSA's current funding level notwithstanding a budget shortfall or significant deficiencies with contract performance.

a. Children's Emergency Resource Center (CERC)

- i. The Plan shall have a method/formula to determine the most efficient and effective way to provide a statewide system of CERC beds. The method/formula shall review historical utilization and any factors that may impact future need.

b. Non-Shelter Services

Allocation for YSA contracts will be determined by a formula which considers, by catchment area, the following elements:

- i. Designation – a base amount to cover basic needs,
- ii. Population,
- iii. Education – dropout rates, truancy considerations,
- iv. Referral Volume and/or Crime Statistics,
- v. Poverty Level and Unemployment,
- vi. Special Allocations – matching funds, innovative pilot projects, etc., and
- vii. Resource Desert - level of resource scarcity within catchment area.

c. New Funds

The Plan shall contain a general description on how OJA will fairly and equitably distribute any increases in appropriated dollars designated for YSAs.

4. Methodology for establishment of primary or to modify primary catchment areas, establishing service contracts to cover all catchment areas and process for updates and changes.

a. Primary Catchment Areas

It is the intent of OJA that historical catchment areas will remain in place. This does not preclude OJA's ability to make adjustments to catchment areas to remedy significant deficiencies in service provision within particular catchment areas. These will be assigned to YSAs through a Request for Proposal process that considers, at a minimum, the following:

- i. historical performance,
- ii. quality of needs assessment,
- iii. efficient utilization of resources,
- iv. ability to track and demonstrate outcomes, and
- v. financial viability.

- b. Modifications to Primary Catchment Areas
 - i. Catchment deserts defined and identified
 - ii. Give existing provider a probationary period to remedy the ongoing situation
 - iii. Voluntary De-designations
 - iv. OJA will consult with surrounding YSAs to determine a course of action to address community needs.
 - v. Include utilization of needs-based criteria.
 - c. Vacated Catchment Areas

To the extent it is otherwise permitted, an RFP will be utilized to assign vacated catchment areas, with preference given to the most qualified YSA.
5. Criteria for designation/de-designation of YSAs
Follow criteria established by Oklahoma Statute and Oklahoma Administrative Code.
6. Change/update process for Plan – Next Steps
- a. Any changes to the Draft Criteria for the State Plan for Youth Service Agencies created by or in conjunction with OJA staff shall be placed on the next available Board of Juvenile Affairs meeting agenda for consideration.
 - b. If approved by the Board, the draft will be distributed to OAYS, DHS and YSAs for input.
 - c. In the communication to partners informing them of the Plan review, as approved by the Board, OJA will communicate the 60 calendar days to review period and set a date, time, and location, including a virtual option, for a meeting to provide comment and input on the Criteria and/or Plan review. Following that meeting, OJA shall meet internally and make any changes to the Criteria and/or Plan OJA deems appropriate. Communication shall be sent to partners informing them of what, if any, changes were made. If requested, OJA will hold an additional meeting with partners to discuss. This second meeting shall occur at least 10 days before the item is placed on an OJA Board meeting agenda.
 - d. Annual opportunity to review state plan, which shall include meaningful comment period with OAYS, YSAs and DHS.

Rates & Standards for Youth Service Agency Contracts

Guiding Principles



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Introduction

- OJA & the OAYS Rates Committee meet monthly to discuss current Rates and Standards Issues.
- OJA Rates and Standards Committee meets monthly after the Board of Juvenile Affairs meeting (3rd Tuesday of the month). The purpose of this meeting is to:
 - Provide an update to the committee on progress made toward agenda items
 - Give guidance to staff on data and information needed to make informed decisions concerning rates and standards
 - Vote on any item that is deemed ready for such consideration
 - Submit Rates and Standards information for items approved by this committee
 - Update and Modify Agenda in preparation for future meetings
- All rates and standards will be reviewed annually. The order that this occurs will be developed by this Committee with input from interested parties.

Guiding Principles

1. Rates and Standards are developed to faithfully represent the theoretical cost of a specific “Service”.
 - A. The Rate is a composite total of each identified quantified components that represents the labor and materials necessary to accomplish the standards required for the Service.
 - B. The Standards are the minimum requirements necessary to be eligible to collect the specified rate.
 - C. Actual expenditures used to perform the Service, are an important input in considering the components and assigned value of those components. This information is used to determine what the service should cost on average.
 - D. If there is a component that is only used some of the time, then a ratio will be developed and applied to the assigned cost of that component.
 - 1) If a typical ratio cannot be developed, then the component in question will be considered as an add-on item or a separate tier of the same Service or a new Rate and Standards might be developed.

Guiding Principles continued

2. Service rates will not be artificially inflated to cover inequities in other service rates. Two wrongs don't make a right. Specific rates that are suspected to be too low or too high will be given priority. If possible, service rates that need reduction will be reviewed concurrently with any specific rates that are perceived to be too low. The goal will be to make each item more accurate, not necessarily to directly offset and zero out the cumulative rate changes.
3. There is a small margin or sweet spot for any Service Rate. This Committee will attempt to place the Rate in the middle. The Committee at times may establish a rate on the higher end of the range in an effort to promote service delivery.
4. The committee will not reduce rates for the sole purpose of reducing service delivery. The committee's responsibility is to establish a fair and equitable rate within an acceptable range. Rates as approved, represent the highest amount that can be paid for the defined service. Less can be paid as long as it is applied across the board.
5. If a Service rate is being used more than expected or more than the needs of a catchment area would normally indicate, the Committee may review the rate to determine if it is perhaps too generous. This is not an attempt to manipulate the volume of service delivery, but to make sure that the Committee is meeting its fiduciary responsibilities.

Guiding Principles continued

6. Types of Rates:

All rates established for YSA services will fall under the following categories in order of priority:

- a. Direct – The primary use of state funding should go to direct services.
- b. De-Identified Direct – for valid reasons (determined on a case-by-case basis, identification of a specific youth is not something that can be done at this time. We should be actively working to minimize the use of these rates and moving toward a method to identify service recipients in such a way that data can be obtained and analyzed.
- c. Prevention – Services provided as a component of a well defined program with trackable outcomes to determine the effect on reducing the need for juvenile justice involvement.
- d. Base Rate – Administrative Support.
- e. Indirect – should be minimally used and only when it leads to improvements in finding referrals in a YSA's catchment area

Agency	City	Catchment Areas
Unity Point Counseling And Resource Center	ADA	Coal, Pontotoc
Northwest Family Services	ALVA	Alfalfa, Woods
Community Childrens Shelter	ARDMORE	Carter, Love
Youth & Family Services Of Washington County	BARTLESVILLE	Washington, Nowata, Osage
Southwest Youth & Family	CHICKASHA	Caddo, Grady, Cotton
Tri City Youth & Family	CHOCTAW	Oklahoma
Rogers County Youth Services	CLAREMORE	Rogers
Multi-County Youth Service/Committee Of Concern	CLINTON	Custer, Dewey, Roger Mills
Youth Services Of Bryan County	DURANT	Bryan
Youth & Family Services, Inc. - El Reno/ Youth & Family Services Of Canadian County	EL RENO	Blaine, Canadian, Kingfisher
Youth Services Of North Central Oklahoma	ENID	Grant, Garfield, Major
Logan Community Services, Inc	GUTHRIE	Logan
Panhandle Services For Children Inc.	GUYMON	Texas, Cimmaron, Beaver
Great Plains Youth & Family Services, Inc.	HOBART	Beckham, Greer, Kiowa, Washita, Harmon, Jackson, Tillman
Youth Services For Choctaw Pushmataha & McCurtain Counties	HUGO	Choctaw, Pushmataha, McCurtain
Marie Detty Youth & Family Services	LAWTON	Comanche, Stephens, Jefferson
Citizens Advisory Committee For Pittsburg County/ Youth Emergency Shelter	MCALESTER	Latimer, McIntosh, Pittsburgh
Mid-Del Youth & Family Center, Inc.	MIDWEST CITY	Oklahoma
Moore Youth And Family Services, Inc.	MOORE	Cleveland
Muskogee Co Council Of Youth Services	MUSKOGEE	Muskogee, Wagoner
Crossroads Youth & Family	NORMAN	Cleveland
Edmond Family Counseling	OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma
Pivot	OKLAHOMA CITY	Oklahoma
Okmulgee-Okfuskee County	OKMULGEE	Okmulgee, Okfuskee
Northern Oklahoma Youth Services	PONCA CITY	Kay, Noble, Pawnee
Leflore County Youth Services	POTEAU	Haskell, Leflore
Mcclain-Garvin County Youth & Family / Frontline Family Solutions	PURCELL	McClain, Garvin
People Inc Of Sequoyah Co	SALLISAW	Adair, Sequoyah, Cherokee
Youth Services Of Creek County	SAPULPA	Creek
Youth And Family Resource	SHAWNEE	Lincoln, Pottawatomie
Payne County Youth Servic	STILLWATER	Payne
Counseling Inc	TISHOMINGO	Atoka, Murry, Johnnston, Marshall
Street School Inc	TULSA	Tulsa
Youth Services Of Tulsa	TULSA	Tulsa
Rocmnd Area Youth Service	VINITA	Delaware, Craig, Mayes, Ottawa
Youth & Family Services For Hughes & Seminole	WEWOKA	Seminole, Hughes
Western Plains Youth & Family	WOODWARD	Harper, Ellis, Woodward

I. First Year - FY26

A. Provide Uniform Guidance to perform effective, comprehensive Needs Assessments to document problems to be addressed

1. Develop a uniform needs assessment survey instrument to be incorporated into the existing Youth Service Agencies needs assessment for each catchment area.
2. Describe existing data sources to include in the needs assessment.
3. Identify state and local entities whose opinions will be requested for input.
4. Develop schedule and timelines to complete the needs assessment process.
5. Support the Stakeholders Prevention Taskforce Committee, which will recommend guidelines for prevention services, identify training opportunities, and review best practices
6. programs for introduction into the system.

B. Data Collection

1. Establish a statewide database that measures resources and provides indicators for service provision.
2. Develop data systems for non-offenders for reasons of confidentiality.
3. Include local needs assessments in the resource/indicator database.
4. Ensure technical assistance regarding data analysis is available for YSA.
5. Analysis of the statewide evaluation outcome data is conducted, and data findings are utilized to document and to report on service priorities and needs, as well as to demonstrate effectiveness of services and to identify areas for improvement in the state prevention, intervention and treatment systems.
6. Outcome findings on prevention, intervention and treatment services for children and youth are made available in various formats for use by state and local decision- maker s, in particular progress reports.

C. Assist YSAs to deliver efficient and effective prevention, intervention and treatment services.:

1. Develop an at-risk assessment instrument that addresses core competencies.
2. Core competencies for prevention and intervention service providers are finalized and integrated into the application of a uniform assessment instrument.
3. Data from the uniform assessment instrument is utilized to identify client service needs; and the training and technical assistance needs of service providers.

II. Second Year – FY27

A. Clarify the roles of OJA and YSAs

1. Develop a Standard Proposal for Designated Youth Service Agencies.
2. Develop and maintain a timely contracting process.
3. Establish guidelines and standards for the contract monitoring, peer review, and evaluation of

Youth Service Agencies.

III. Third Year – FY28

A. Add Tasks based on new Issues and Lessons learned.

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OJA Accepted Program Models

OJA has approved the following services for use by YSAs.

Anger Management

- Anger Control Workbook-McKay and Rogers
- SAMHSA Anger Management
- Too Good for Violence

Crisis Intervention & Response

- ABC Model of Crisis Intervention
- Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention
- Hope Squad
- Lerner and Shelton's 10-step Acute Stress & Trauma Management
- McDonald 6-Step Model of Crisis Intervention
- Mental Health First Aid
- Mitchel's Critical Incident Stress Foundation
- +QPR
- Roberts' 7-stage Crisis Intervention Model
- SAFER-R Model-Crisis Intervention

Family Relationships

- CYC Families First
- Fatherhood is Sacred/Motherhood is Sacred
- It's My Life
- Strengthening Families
- Within My Reach

Healthy Relationships & Violence Prevention

- Love Notes
- PREP Within My Reach

Life Skills

- Botvin LST
- First Steps To Success
- It's My Life
- KIVA Anti-bullying Program
- PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies)
- PAYA

Mentoring

- Mentoring Central

Parenting

- Ending ACES
- Nurturing Parenting Program 0-11
- Nurturing Parenting Program-Teens
- Parenting Project
- Parenting Wisely
- Parenting With Love and Logic
- STAR Parenting
- STEP 0-5 (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting)
- STEP 6-12, STEP Teenagers
- Strengthening Families Program 10-17
- Triple P-Positive Parenting Program (for high-need families, DHS-referred families)

Problem Solving & Life Skills

- It's My Life
- The PATHS® (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) Curriculum

Social Skills

- GirlStrong

Social Media Dangers

- Digital Citizenship-Common Sense Education
- K-2 Digital Citizenship
- iSAFE Social Media Awareness

Substance Use Prevention & Education

- Catch My Breath
- Too Good for Drugs

Suicide Prevention

- Model Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (MASPP)
- SOS Suicide Prevention
- Sources of Strength

Trauma & Resilience

- Dialectical Behavior Therapy-school based
- Seeking Safety
- The Blues Program

Tutoring & Academics

- Responsive Classroom
- Why Try

The services listed above are approved in addition to any program rated as effective or promising by one of the following sources:

- [Best Practices for Youth Violence Prevention A Sourcebook for Community Action](#)
- [Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development – Committed to Healthy Youth, Families and Communities](#)
- [Building Safe Communities: State and Local Strategies for Preventing Injury and Violence | Office of Justice Programs](#)
- [The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare](#)
- [Clearinghouses and Evidence-Based Resources | Research to Policy Collaboration \(research2policy.org\)](#)
- [Collaborative Academic, Social, and Emotion Learning](#)
- [Crime Solutions](#)
- [National Dropout Prevention Center’s Model Programs Database](#)
- [National Institute of Justice](#)
- [Office of Justice Programs, Community-Based Programs](#)
- [Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation](#)
- [Model Programs Guide | Home | Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention](#)
- [Pew Charitable Trust Results First Clearinghouse](#)
- [Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#)
- [Results First Clearinghouse Database](#)
- [Risk Assessment in Juvenile Justice: a Guidebook for Implementation](#)
- [SAMHSA’s Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center](#)
- [Social Programs That Work](#)
- [Social Science Research Institute](#)
- [Strengthening the Safety Net](#)
- [Suicide Prevention Resource Center \(SPRC\)](#)
- [Systems of Care: Promising Practices in Children’s Mental Health \(Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice\)](#)
- [The Adolescent-Based Treatment Database and Comparison Matrix](#)
- [The National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse](#)
- [Washington State Institute for Public Policy](#)
- [Youth.gov’s Program Directory](#)

If a service you wish to use is not rated by one of the provided clearinghouses, or included on OJA's list of approved services, a YSA will need to seek approval from OJA before pursuing the service. In the request for approval, a YSA should include a specific timeline for movement to, or toward, an Evidence-Based Practice, Evidence-Based Program, or Promising and Research-Based Practice within twenty-four (24) months of approval.

The following services are not approved for reimbursement.

- Bullying Workbook For Teens
- Circle of Security Parenting
- Good Behavior Game
- Seeing Red Anger Management
- Steps To Respect
- W.A.G.E.S

Youth Services Agencies

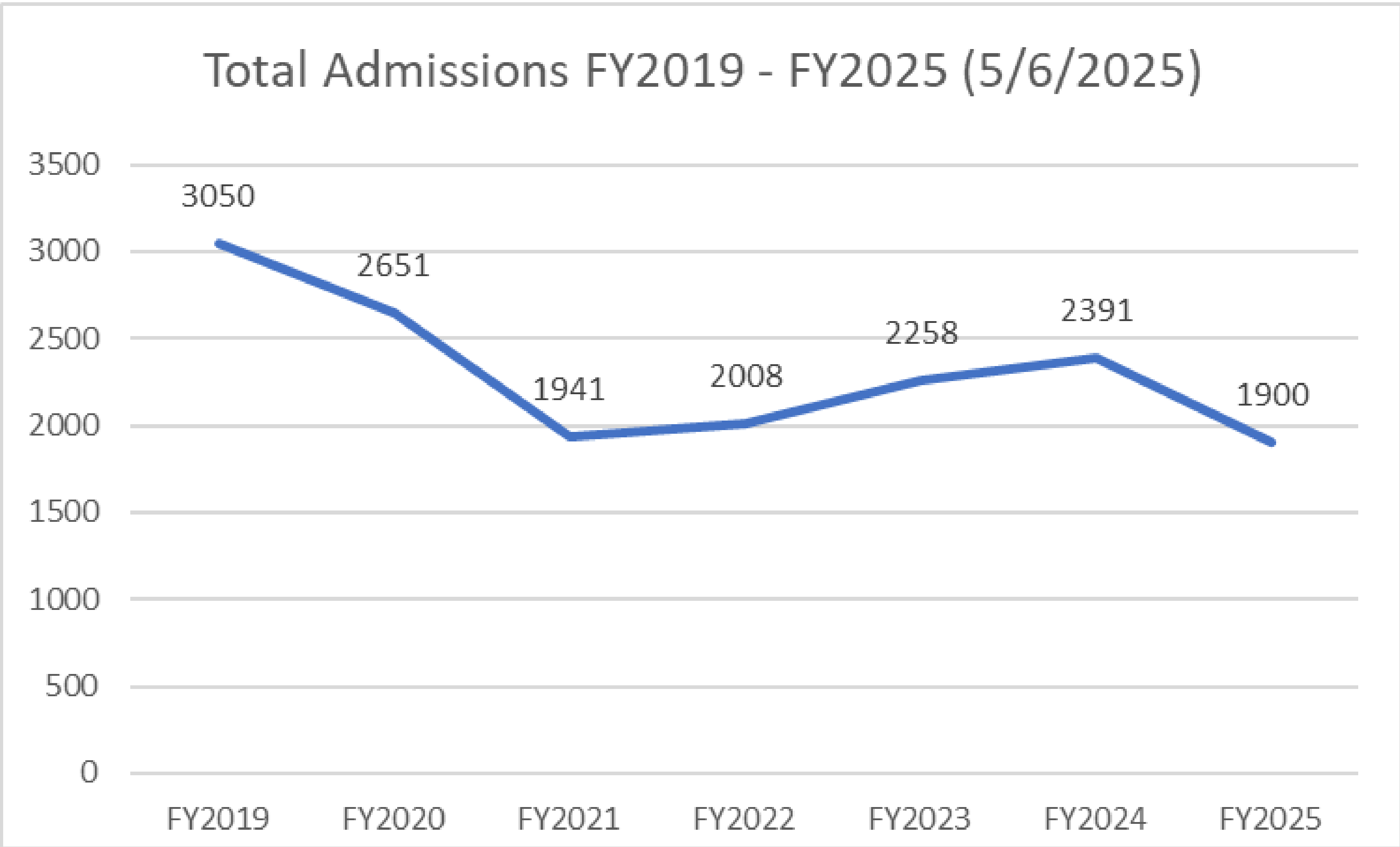
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YS Agency	Location	Contracted Beds	Licensed Beds
Unity Point Counseling	Ada	8	12
Community Youth Services of Southern Oklahoma	Ardmore	8	22
Youth & Family Services of Washington County	Bartlesville	8	8
Youth Services of Bryan County	Durant	5	10
Bryan County Covid Shelter/OHS	Durant	5	10
Youth & Family Services Canadian	El Reno	8	16
Youth & Family Svs-North Cntrl OK	Enid	6	14
Logan Community Services	Guthrie	6	8
Great Plains Youth & Family Servs	Hobart	0	0
Marie Detty Youth & Family Center	Lawton	12	16
Youth Emergency Shelter	McAlester/Eufaula	8	16
Mid-Del Youth & Family Center	Midwest City	6	11
Crossroads Youth & Family Servcs	Norman	8	12
Youth Services for OK County	Oklahoma City	16	18
Northern Oklahoma Youth Services	Ponca City	8	12
LeFlore County Youth Services	Poteau	5	8
Youth Services of Creek County	Sapulpa	6	12
Youth & Family Resource Center	Shawnee	8	16
Payne County Youth Services	Stillwater	8	17
Youth Services of Tulsa	Tulsa	12	20
Western Plains Youth & Family Sv	Woodward	8	23
TOTAL		159	281

Current Status of Secure Juvenile Detention



Total Detention Admissions FY2019 – FY2025 (5/6/2025)



FY2025 Projected Totals

Averaging 190 youth detained per month for FY 2025.

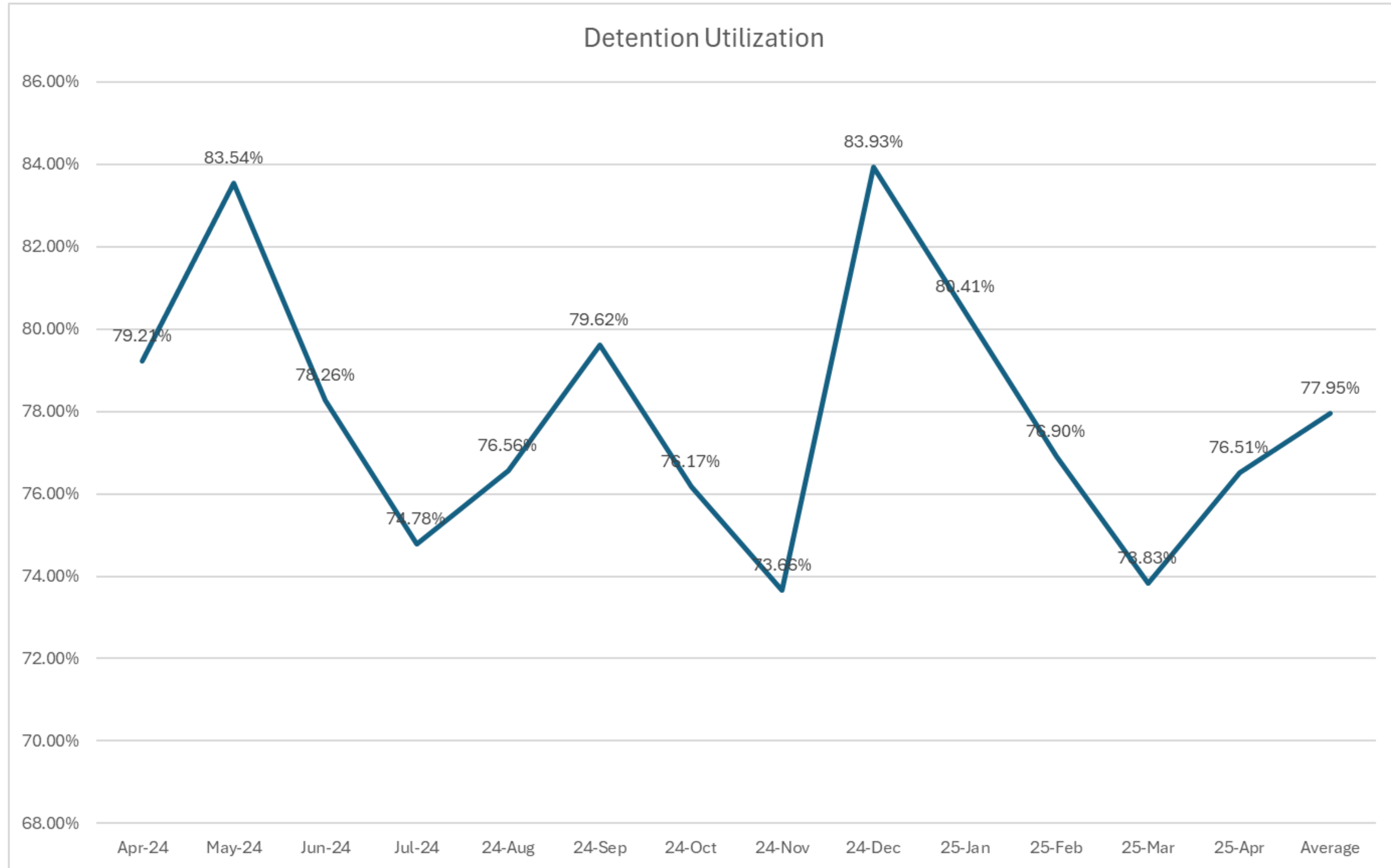
If detention rate maintains it is estimated the total youth detained for FY 2025 will be 2,280 youth. (4.7% decrease from FY 24)

Total Youth Detained FY18- FY25	
FY19	3050
FY20	2651
FY21	1914
FY22	2008
FY23	2258
FY24	2391
FY25	1900 (5/7/2025)

Youthful Offenders

- At this time there are no adult jails certified to house juvenile offenders.
- At this time, all Youthful Offenders have been transitioned to Juvenile Detention Centers.
- For FY24, there were 142 YO's detained, and to date for FY25, 144 YO's have been detained in juvenile detention centers.

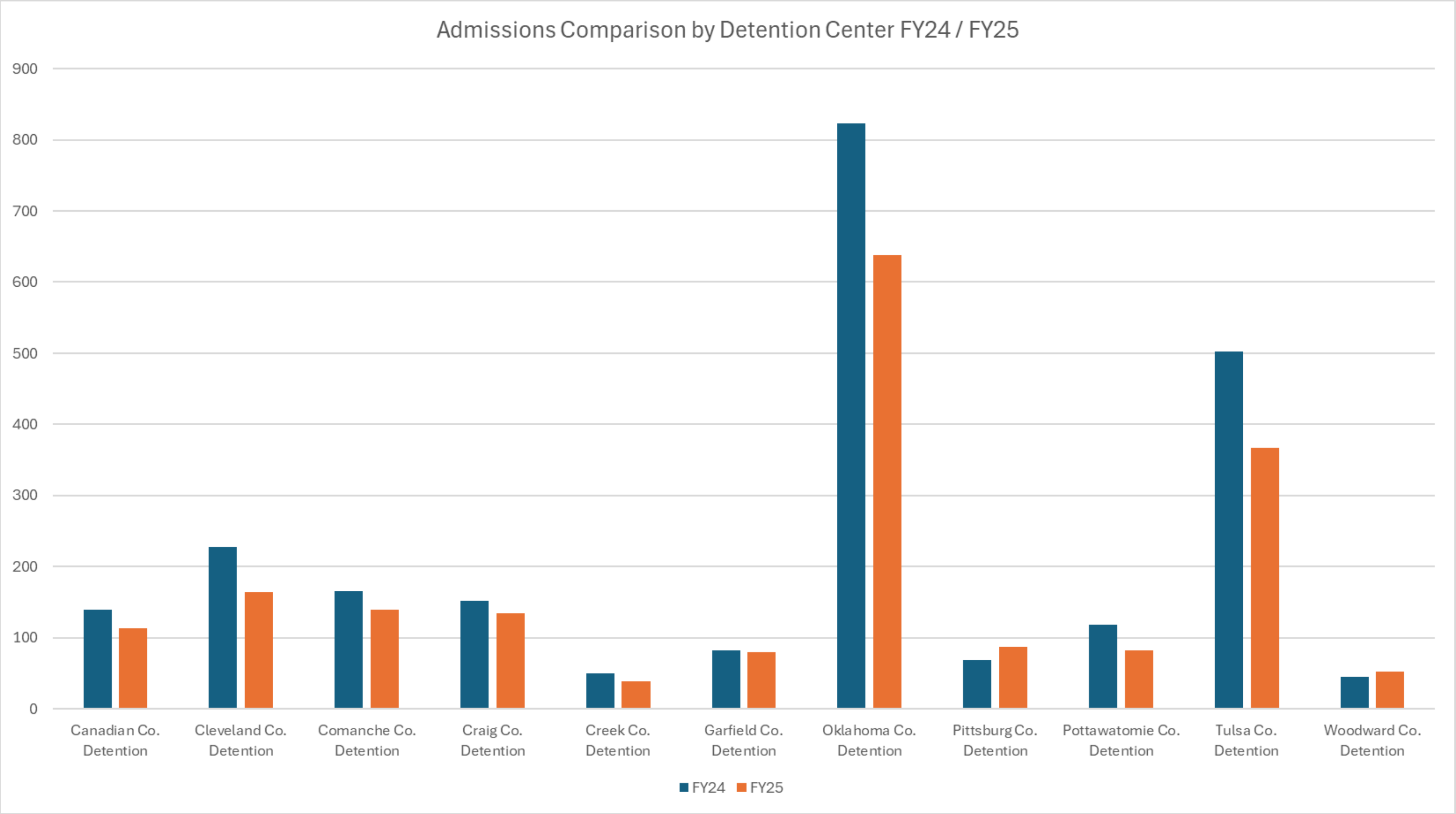
Detention Utilization Rates (April 2024–25)



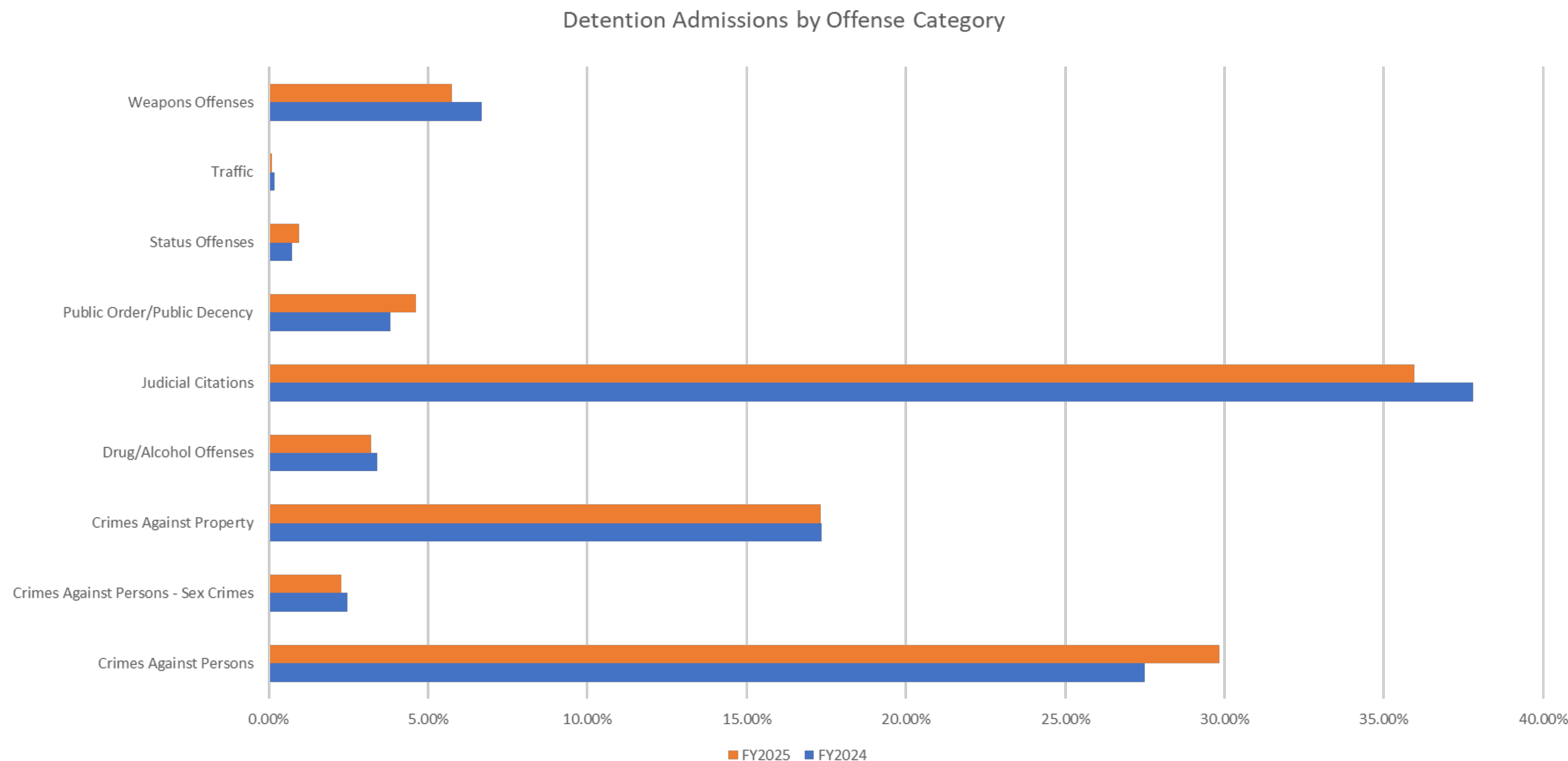
Detention Usage for FY2024-25

Total Detention Averages	FY24	FY25 (5/6/2025)
Total # Detention Admissions	2,375	1900
Average Length of Stay	30.75 days	24.50 days
Male	32.59 days	25.59 days
Female	22.82 days	19.63 days
Average Age at Admission	15.55 days	15.63 days

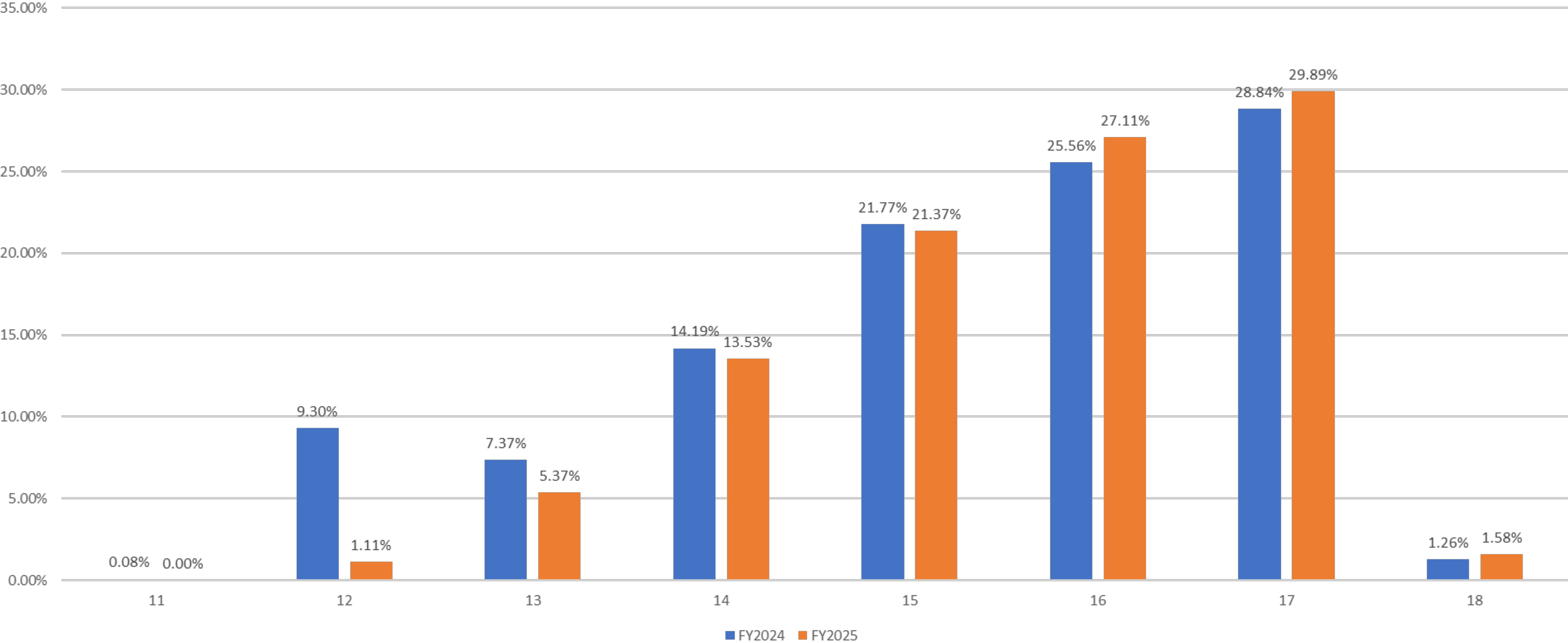
Admission Comparison by Detention Center FY24-25



Detention Admission by Offense Category



Age Breakdown of Detention Usage



Detention Utilizations by Center

Location	Contracted Beds	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	24-Aug	24-Sep	24-Oct	24-Nov	24-Dec	25-Jan	25-Feb	25-Mar	25-Apr	Average
Canadian County	10	95.33%	76.45%	51.00%	46.45%	59.35%	63.33%	63.87%	84.67%	98.39%	95.48%	78.57%	69.03%	99.33%	75.48%
Cleveland County	26	57.18%	74.81%	67.18%	72.58%	50.87%	62.18%	77.17%	71.92%	77.92%	63.65%	65.11%	51.36%	50.51%	64.80%
Comanche County	25	91.73%	96.13%	89.47%	94.71%	82.97%	93.07%	97.16%	89.20%	96.77%	90.06%	92.57%	93.29%	75.87%	91.00%
Craig County	16	81.25%	84.27%	65.42%	88.51%	87.10%	86.46%	89.72%	86.04%	91.94%	87.10%	80.36%	82.86%	83.13%	84.17%
Creek County	6	100.00%	100.00%	90.56%	100.00%	100.00%	95.00%	65.05%	46.49%	55.91%	68.82%	70.83%	65.59%	62.22%	78.50%
Garfield County	10	57.00%	82.90%	83.00%	87.10%	89.68%	88.67%	84.52%	85.67%	96.45%	75.48%	65.36%	74.52%	73.33%	80.28%
Oklahoma County	50	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.94%	93.00%	97.55%	100.00%	100.00%	99.68%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.24%
Pittsburg County	10	85.67%	92.26%	90.67%	91.29%	96.45%	86.67%	87.10%	67.00%	91.29%	86.45%	95.36%	74.52%	93.00%	87.52%
Pottawatomie County	12	84.17%	86.02%	91.94%	47.04%	81.72%	72.78%	56.45%	88.06%	80.91%	82.53%	69.35%	75.81%	73.89%	76.21%
Tulsa County	34	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	77.18%	70.56%	76.33%	69.26%	61.18%	73.05%	79.41%	82.98%	70.97%	80.29%	80.09%
Woodward County	10	19.00%	26.13%	31.67%	17.67%	23.55%	58.33%	50.00%	30.00%	60.65%	55.81%	45.36%	54.19%	50.00%	40.18%
Average		79.21%	83.54%	78.26%	74.78%	76.56%	79.62%	76.17%	73.66%	83.93%	80.41%	76.90%	73.83%	76.51%	77.95%

FORMULA FOR “RIGHT-SIZING” DETENTION CAPACITY

The following formula will be used with variations depending on if use is declining, increasing or holding steady.

Projected Need determined by analysis of prior budget cycle (process is described below)

Less

Number of beds used during the prior budget cycle that according to JOLTS data were not eligible for detention

Plus

Adjustment for known changes to the system that will increase bed demand (pending changes in rules and/or law)

Plus

5 to 10% cushion to account for temporary fluctuations as a conservative factor

Less

Adjustment for implementation of alternatives to detention as outlined in the State Detention Plan

Less

Adjustment for new legislation limiting length of stay for Delinquent youth pre-adjudication

State Plan for Detention Formula

FY26 Formula for Determining Contracted Bed Needs		
Projected Needs		190
Less	Unlawful Detention Stays (status offenses - adjusted for accuracy)	-2
Plus	Adjustment for known system changes (pending legislation or administrative rules + YO length of stay adjustment)	+4
Plus	5 to 10% adjustment to account for system fluctuations	+19
Less	Implementation of Alternative to Detention	-4
Less	Pre-adjudication length of stay of 30 days for Delinquent Petitions	0
Projected Secure Detention Bed Need for FY 2025		207

County	Licensed Beds	FY25 Contracted	FY26 Proposed
Canadian County	21 (-7 for CIC)	10	10
Cleveland County	28	26	24
Comanche County	25	25	25
Craig County	18	16	16
Creek County	16	6	6
Garfield County	11	10	10
LeFlore County	10*	0	0
Oklahoma County	78	50	50
Pittsburg County	10	10	10
Pottawatomie County	14	12	12
Tulsa County	34	34	34
Woodward County	10	8 (+2 for Texas County)	8 (+2 for Texas County)
TOTAL	275	209	207

*LeFlore County Detention is licensed by OJA but utilizes all licensed beds for tribal nation contracts.

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 A/C unit for the classroom and dayroom

- System stopped working
- Repairs would not allow the system to maintain licensure standards

Pittsburg County Juvenile Detention Center	
OJA Request	\$9,350.00
County Match (15%)	\$1,650.00
Total	\$11,000.00

Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund Application

Date: 6.3.25

Detention Center: P. Asburg CO Juvenile Detention

Project Title: AC Replaced

Description:

List project description here – must be to improve safety, security and/or quality of life.

AC unit for the Day Room & Class Room went out.

Justification:

Why it is critical that this project be funded – how does this improve safety, security and/or quality of life.

Standards say acceptable temperature in the Area should be 66 degrees to 80 degrees.

We could not maintain that with the unit being out.

Budget Narrative (attach spreadsheet):

Note that there is a 15% match requirement and this would be paid on a cost reimbursement basis.

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is accurate.

Signature: Ada Fox

Print Name/Title/Date: Ada Fox Superintendent 6.3.25

Inv #407060 dtd 5/13=25

Equipment Purchased Pitts

11,000.00

PAID

5/30/25

Blackburn Plumbing & Air

\$11,000.00

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Sub-Total	\$11,000.00
Tax	\$0.00
Total	\$11,000.00
Payment	\$0.00
Balance Due	\$11,000.00

Thank you for choosing Blackburn Plumbing & Air of Eastern Oklahoma, LLC

This invoice is agreed and acknowledged. Payment is due upon receipt. A service fee will be charged for any returned checks, and a financing charge of 1% per month shall be applied for overdue amounts.

I find and agree that all work performed by Blackburn Plumbing & Air of Eastern Oklahoma, LLC has been completed in a satisfactory and workmanlike manner. I have been given the opportunity to address concerns and/or discrepancies in the work provided, and I either have no such concerns or have found no discrepancies or they have been addressed to my satisfaction. My signature here signifies my full and final acceptance of all work performed by the contractor.

P. H. Shoberg
Maintenance



Blackburn Plumbing & Air of Eastern Oklahoma,
LLC
P.O Box 1781
McAlester, OK 74502

Invoice 407060
Invoice Date 5/13/2025
Completed Date 5/13/2025
Payment Term Due Upon Receipt
Due Date 5/13/2025

Billing Address
Pitts City Juv. Detention Ctr
1208 North West Street
McAlester, OK 74501 USA

Job Address
Pitts City Juv. Detention Ctr
1208 North West Street
McAlester, OK 74501 USA

Description of work

Installed new Lennox 5 ton gas Package Unit with curb adapter. Price includes modifying electrical and Crane usage and costs incurred on previous visits

Service #	Description	Quantity	Your Price	Total
Material	LPR13GEK60108EP Lennox 5 Ton Gas Package Unit with Cub Adapter and Crane Use	1.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00

Sub-Total	\$11,000.00
Tax	\$0.00
Total	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
Payment	\$0.00
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Next Generation Campus Phase III

Update



Visitation & Wellness Building



Next Gen Update

Most of the work since the previous report has been with the Architect, Contractor and Consultants preparing updated drawings, specifications, and draft bid documents. We continue to have meetings to make sure we are asking for what we need.

We continue to obtain information about other smaller projects that will be considered as we are sure funding is secured. These are:

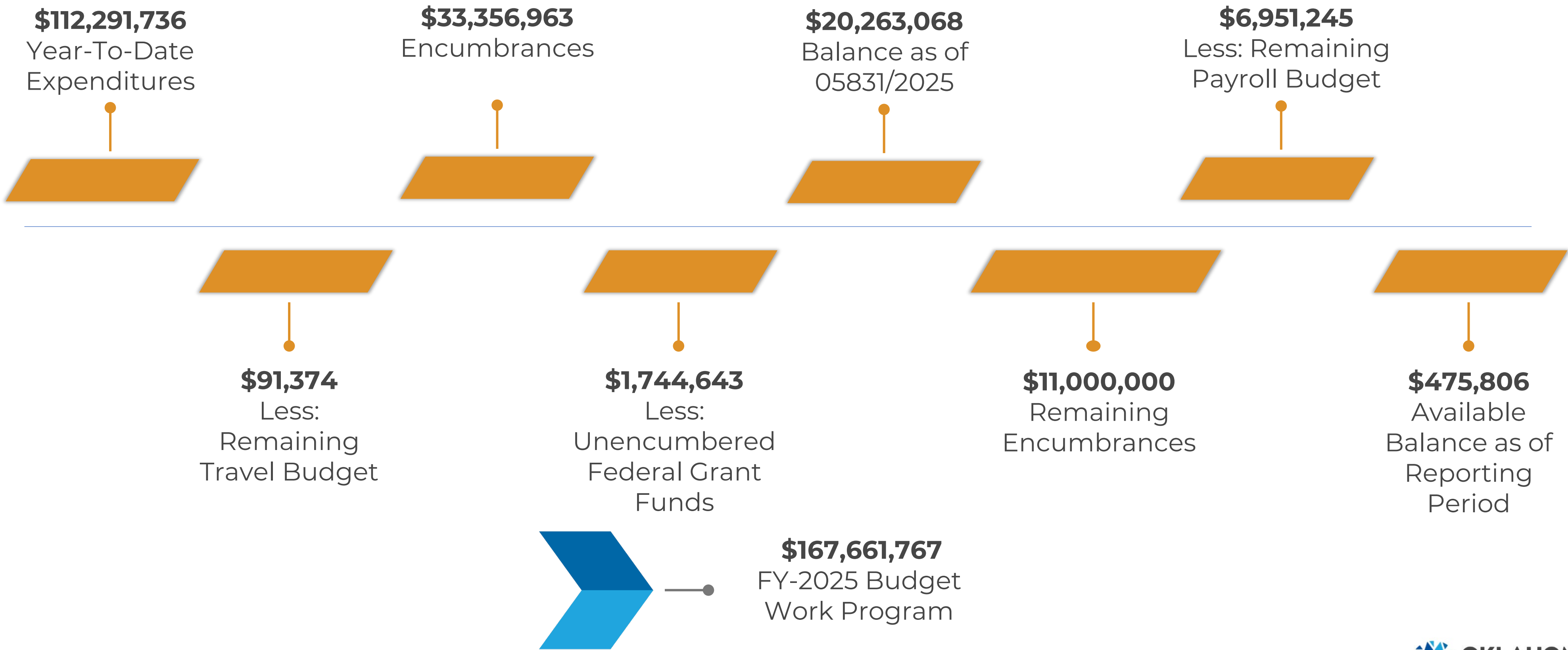
- 1) Career Tech Building Upgrade**
- 2) New Doors and Windows on Admin Building**
- 3) Upgrade Exterior of Swimming Pool**
- 4) Conduct Survey of Facility Property**
- 5) Install Fence Around Facility Property**
- 6) Construct New Maintenance Storage Building**

OJA Finance Report



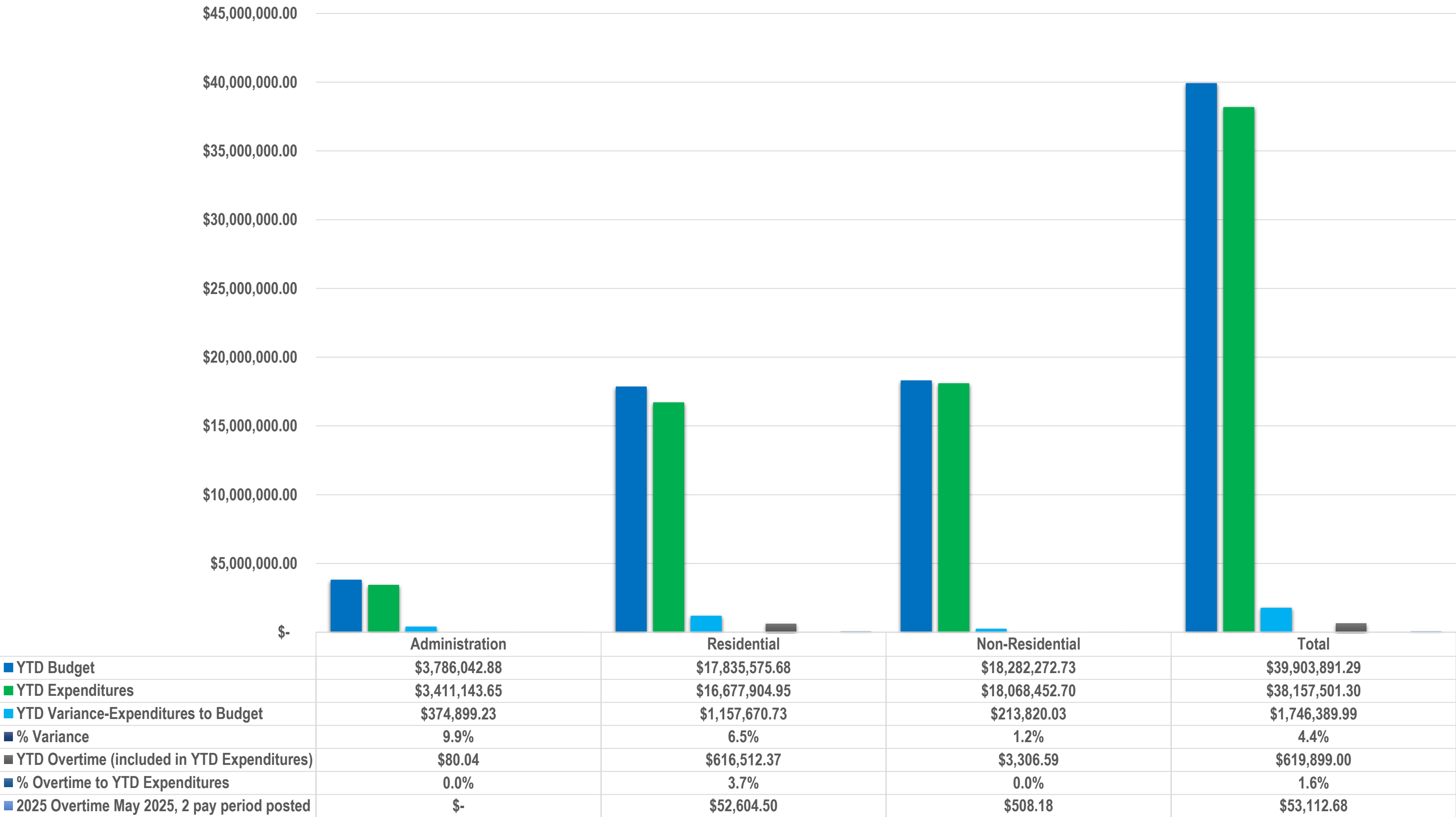
FY-2025 Operation/Capital Budget Projections

As of 05/31/2025



BR-2025 Payroll Budget to Actual Year to Date

As of 05/31/2025



FY-2025 Payroll Overtime

As of 05/31/2025

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		
1	6	-	-	5,213	142,812	4	99	5,217	142,911
2	6	3	79	5,443	178,236	20	388	5,465	178,702
3	7	0	1	5,665	187,471	105	2,306	5,770	189,778
4	4	-	-	3,474	107,994	22	513	3,496	108,507
Total	23	3	\$80	19,795	616,512	151	\$3,307	19,949	\$619,899
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)		0.00		10.76		0.08		10.84	

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
4th Quarter	4	-	-	3,474	\$107,994	22	\$513	3,496.47	\$108,507

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
4th Quarter	1	0	\$0	869	\$26,998	5.59	\$128	874.12	\$27,127

Current Quarter Detail

May	2	-	\$0	1,743	52,604.50	22	508.18	1,765	\$53,113
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FTE Budget To Actual

For FY2025 as of 05/31/2025

FTE Budget for FY2025 (23 payrolls processed)	520.00
Actual Paid	<u>507.03</u>
Variance	12.97

FY-2025 Revolving Funds Revenue Projection

As of 5/31/2025

Receivable Source	FY-25 Budget	Budget to Date	Receipts	In-Transit	Over (Under) Budget
SSI and SSA	\$ 100,000	\$ 91,667	\$ 75,993		\$ (15,674)
Income from Rent	17,802	16,319	\$ 11,868	1,483	(2,967)
Charter School State Aid/Grants	500,000	458,333	\$ 804,021		345,688
School Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks Program	57,213	52,445	\$ 77,936		25,490
Sales	75,000	68,750	\$ 117,265	74	48,588
Child Support	150,000	137,500	\$ 88,662		(48,838)
Other Receipts	45,000	41,250	9,773		(31,477)
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 945,015	\$ 866,264	\$ 1,185,518	\$ 1,557	\$ 320,811

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	\$ 4,132,972	\$ 2,756,634	\$ 1,376,339	\$ -
Total Revolving Funds Revenue	\$ 6,724,335	\$ 4,999,236	\$ 3,942,151	\$ 1,377,895	\$ 320,811

FY-2025 Federal Funds Revenue Projections

As of 05/31/2025

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	5,591,667	4,324,787	221,724	\$ (1,045,156)
Targeted Case Management (TCM)	1,700,000	1,558,333	1,057,146	19,164	\$ (482,023)
IV-E Shelter	155,000	142,083	84,390		\$ (57,693)
Indirect Cost Reimbursement (OHCA)	100,000	91,667	75,876	13,711	\$ (2,080)
Total FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements From Other State Agencies	\$ 8,055,000	\$ 7,383,750	\$ 5,542,199	\$ 254,599	\$ (1,586,952)
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	\$ 580,652	\$ 316,725	\$ 263,927	\$ -
DAC-RSAT	225,000	216,121	\$ 140,208	75,914	-
Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities	1,761,100	662,646	\$ 651,562	-	(11,085)
Arnall Award	654,463	73,279	\$ 348,120	-	274,841
State Recovery Fund (ARPA)	16,714,739	9,179,649	\$ 10,492,795	-	1,313,146
Total FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	\$ 21,078,941	\$ 10,712,348	\$11,949,409	\$ 339,841	\$ 1,576,902
Total Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	\$ 29,133,941	\$ 18,096,098	\$17,491,608	\$ 594,439	\$ (10,050)

700 Fund Accounts

As of 05/31/2025

Trust Fund - 701

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



****Cash Balance as of 04/30/2025**
\$16,397.95

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 04/30/2025**
\$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 04/30/2025**
\$7,961.83

Trust Fund - 704

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



****Cash Balance as of 04/30/2025**
\$4,402.85

The Oklahoma Economy

May Revenue – \$1,282,905,932

Month over Month Comparison:

Revenue has decreased by 732.4M/36.3%

Monthly Comparison Current to Previous Year:

Revenue has decreased by 21.8M/1.7%

12 Month Rolling Comparison:

Gross receipts total 16.88B, down 53.35M/.3%

Oklahoma Business Conditions Index:

50.5 – 5th consecutive month over 50% - manufacturing exports up by 100M Q1 Relative to Prior Year

Unemployment:*

Oklahoma: 3.2% - down .1%: National: 4.2% - Unchanged

Consumer Price Index:*

Annualized at 2.3%

*two-month lag

Emergency Purchases

As of 05/31/2025

EMR#	Date	Vendor	Description	Location	Amount
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None to Report

Sole Source Purchases

As of 05/31/2025

SS#	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount

FY2026 Budget Work Program



Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs				
Proposed FY26 Budget Work Program (BWP)				
Program Area:		Program Totals	Proposed FY26 Budget	% of Total
Community Services:			72,539,984.00	46%
	YSA and Technical Assistance/Support	32,072,289.59		
	Out-of-Home placement:	23,996,457.85		
	Level E (includes plus and enhanced programs, TLP, SCH, and Foster Care			
	High Risk Transportation/Detention Transportation	1,087,800.00		
	Secure Detention	13,369,264.95		
	Psych Services (Field)	1,197,252.00		
	General Services	816,920.00		
Juvenile Services Unit			21,511,490.00	13%
Institutional Services – COJC/OYACS			23,052,670.00	15%
Delinquency Prevention Grants (OJJDP – Federal)			2,243,937.00	1%
JOLTS/Case Management Systems			4,805,945.00	3%
Santa Claus Commission			5,000.00	0%
Administration and Oversight			5,077,548.00	3%
Capital Projects – ARPA and Next Generation Phase III			27,403,489.00	17%
Total			156,640,062.00	100%
State Appropriations			107,423,786.00	69%
Non-Appropriations			49,216,276.00	31%
Total			156,640,062.00	100%
Notes:	1) Total FTE count will remain constant.			
	2) Medicaid collections continue to be a significant challenge - the new systems are not easy to maneuver.			
	3) The Salary Administration Plan needs adjusting, but difficult to accomplish without new appropriations and uncertainty about revenue..			

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS)

School Board Meeting

June 17, 2025

Finance Report



OYACS Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances for School Year 2024-2025 as of May 31, 2025			OJA GENERAL & REVOLVING FUNDS	FUND 25000	TOTALS EFFECTIVE 5/31/2025	TOTAL OYACS-COJC FY25		
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)			981.94	981.94	981.94		
	State Aid - Alternative Ed Grant (388)			82,574.39	82,574.39	82,574.39		
	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)			-	-	-		OJA FUNDS OYACS - COJC (972)
	CNP - Lunches/Snacks (763)			93,539.62	93,539.62	93,539.62	Fund 19311	261.39
	CNP - Breakfast (764)			46,205.68	46,205.68	46,205.68	Fund 19401	37,090.69
	ARP ESSER III (795)			282,734.40	282,734.40	282,734.40	Fund 19501	1,090,901.58
	Refunds (TRS)			617.63	617.63	617.63	Fund 20000	117,529.16
	Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs		1,245,782.82	-	1,245,782.82	1,245,782.82		1,245,782.82
TOTAL REVENUES FY25			\$ 1,245,782.82	\$ 988,705.64	\$ 2,234,488.46	\$ 2,234,488.46		
EXPENDITURES								
	Equipment and Library Resources		131,289.48	151,051.28	282,340.76	282,340.76		
	Operational Expenses		61,138.96	148,068.90	209,207.86	209,207.86		
	Payroll Expenses		1,044,841.45	581,455.42	1,626,296.87	1,626,296.87		
	Professional Services		3,546.66	9,450.00	12,996.66	12,996.66		
	Training and Travel		4,966.27	200.00	5,166.27	5,166.27		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY25			\$ 1,245,782.82	\$ 890,225.60	\$ 2,136,008.42	\$ 2,136,008.42		
	Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-	98,480.04	98,480.04	98,480.04		
	Fund Balances 2023 - 2024 School Year		-	254,801.96	254,801.96	254,801.96		
	Fund Balances 2024 - 2025 School Year		\$ -	\$ 353,282.00	\$ 353,282.00	\$ 353,282.00		

Proposed Modifications to 2024-25 Encumbrances



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Encumbrance#	Description	Vendor	Amount
	No action items		

Proposed 2025-26 Encumbrances



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Encumbrance#	Description	Vendor	Amount
2026-030	Annual Independent Audit	Wilson-Dotson	

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