Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting





Board Minutes



Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023

Board Members Present

Bart Bouse
Amy Emerson
Janet Foss
Stephen Grissom
Les Thomas Sr.
Timothy Tardibono (arrived at 10:23 a.m.)
Jenna Worthen (virtual)
Karen Youngblood

Absent

Colleen Johnson

Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the July 18, 2023 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Public Comments

No public comment.

<u>Presentation on new Specialized Community Home</u>

Ms. Angela Stevenson introduced her husband Trevin and discussed their plans and goals for their specialized community home and gave an update on the youth currently in their home.

Chair Youngblood: Wonderful. What an amazing update. Where is she located?

Ms. Stevenson: Duncan, OK.

Chair Youngblood: Do you have any curriculum or anything that is supplied to you that assists the kiddos getting launched? Is there any support system, structure, or here is some basic curriculum or life skills to help you?

Ms. Stevenson: I don't necessarily have anything from anyone firsthand. Mary Dash, she runs the other SCH, and she is located in Altus. I talk to her often; she is a wealth of knowledge. She has shared what she does. I would like to take some classes and I will be looking into that.

Chair Youngblood: Sure, I am just trying to wrap around a way to help you, them.

Director Holt: We will work on additional training.

Ms. Stevenson: There are Christian organizations that help out foster care. I have been trying to get to a conference in Oklahoma City, to get help and work with people through there. I can't remember the name of the conference.

Chair Youngblood: I am catching you off guard with my questions. I am just thinking in general, trying to figure out support systems. We definitely want, if anyone is willing to jump into this pool, we want to help with the success factor of it. At this level at OJA, we have so much research, data, and connections. I was just curious of what you had already experienced.

Ms. Worthen: Angela, this is Jenna. The conference is called the Christian Alliance for Orphans, it will be in Oklahoma City. It's a really big deal, it is a huge national conference that brings in subject matter experts around foster care and adoption. Oklahoma City will be hosting that this year.

Ms. Stevenson: Is it this year?

Ms. Worthen: Yes, I need to check the dates. It is a big deal.

Ms. Stevenson: Yes, it's a Christian organization, yes, that is the one I believe someone messaged me about.

Ms. Worthen: Yes, and they will have breakouts and everything.

Ms. Stevenson: I am already aware of it. Hopefully, we will be able to make it for a day or two.

Chair Youngblood: Good.

Dr. Emerson: Angela, this is Amy Emerson. I appreciate you sharing your story with us. I thought it was really interesting that you took this stuff in part because of a relationship with Carol Perry. Which, I think the way human nature works and the power of how your ability to talk to others about what you are doing. I am just curious, and I don't know if you can speak to this or someone else. How were you matched with the young man that is in your home? Were there certain factors that were taken into account? Does he have a dual diagnosis? How are we choosing?

Director Holt: The SCH is a level of placement, so, with all kids that need placement, we try to figure out the correct level. This particular young man finished COJC and was on pass and returning to the home was not ideal for him. It was not the best atmosphere for him. Even though he completed COJC, we knew he needed another placement? We considered Level Es, but he is already a graduate and doesn't need continual education. As we were looking for another placement for him, we were finishing up the contract with Ms. Stevenson. It just kind of aligned perfectly that she was able to take him. With our SCHs, they do have the ability to refuse a kid because this is in their home. This is someone they are bringing into their home. We staff the child with them, and they can, unlike some of our other contracts,

say this isn't a good fit for them. She took this child into her home. What made me ask her to come speak to you, is in my time we have not heard from this level of care. The Board hasn't heard from this level of care, and she wrote a report on this young man. I loved it. You could tell she was former OJA because she was hitting all the high points that you need to know. The love and affection she has for this child was evident in the page and you can hear it here where she keeps referring to him as my kid and our kid. There are a couple other kids at COJC that I would like to maybe use this level of care because of, what she was speaking about, that one-on-one life skill ability. From someone that's especially come from secure care, who probably also came from a lengthy detention stay before then. To either go home or then go to a group home is not always ideal. So, going into a loving caring home where there are adults there to role model but also teach these important life skills like cooking, cleaning, manners is really something. She currently only has one but...

Chair Youngblood: How many can she take?

Director Holt: She can have up to 4. Mrs. Dash, who she references, is a long time SCH provider, had originally started with boys switched to girls, and now has switched back to boys. I also want to acknowledge Deputy Director Greg Delaney, who is in the room, who helped recruit and make this happen, the relationship and him saying this is a perfect match. It is a good thing for our kids.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you for coming and sharing your story with us. Thank you for sharing a perspective we don't have day in day out. Every time we understand more of what is going on inside our system, I think, it makes us better, more rounded board members and that is what we all strive to be at this level. Our best wishes and prayers go with you and continue your good work.

Ms. Stevenson: Thank you very much.

<u>Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed minutes for the June 20, 2023</u> board meeting

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

Note: Ms. Worthen had technical issues and indicated her vote via thumbs up but later in the meeting indicated she wanted to abstain from the vote.

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Thomas, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain: Tardibono and Worthen

Absent: Johnson

The proposed minutes for the June 20, 2023 board meeting approved.

<u>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</u>

Director Holt discussed the attached report.

Dr. Grissom: I remember we used to have judicial conference, is there any possibility of re-doing that? It was an annual thing, we invited lots of people, we called them judicial conferences in deference to judges, but.

Judge Foss: It was juvenile judges.

Director Holt: Was that replaced by the Court Improvement program AOC runs? So, every year the judiciary has their annual conference during the summer that coincides with the DAC conference. Then the Administrative Courts runs the CIP Conference. The Children's Improvement Program Conference, every year it is a big one usually in Norman, and then every other year they do regional breakouts. That is juvenile judges, and they get to invite stakeholders from their courtrooms. They will invite their district attorneys, their OIDS attorneys/ contract attorneys, OJA workers, and DHS workers. We have also, Ben and I, and several of us have presented at those conferences as well.

Judge Foss: I don't think so.

Dr. Grissom: Can you let us know when those are happening in our areas.

Director Holt: Yes, and we have had you speak.

Dr. Grissom: I remember speaking in Norman.

Judge Foss: They were more orientated for DHS, but right before I retired, they started bringing in OJA. I remembered thinking they are bringing OJA in.

Dr. Grissom: Yes, or bringing us back in.

Director Holt: Yes, we are getting more and more slots on the agenda. More of our OJA workers being invited to attend.

Judge Foss: I don't think a lot of people still don't realize there is a Children's Code and a Juvenile Code I remember being kind of shocked, when I am talking to some of the people would come in and want me to sign orders releasing confidential juvenile records. I would tell them you don't need to come to me you can go directly there. There is a disconnect.

Director Holt: We are always trying to educate. With legislation things can change every year. That is why it is important to present. That is why Ben presented and the DAC asked us to present on our updates this year in juvenile law.

Director Holt continued with her report.

Dr. Grissom: I noticed on the COJC report, we had one who completed COJC but went to DOC? Was that a youthful offender?

Director Holt: Yes, yes. That was his original plea, when he pled to that case it was you get to do OJA but will automatically go to DOC. Even knowing he was going to DOC he did a wonderful program and was a wonderful leader. There were some letters written asking for some consideration in sentencing. But he knew from the first day that he was ultimately going to DOC. I am not sure, but I think there was some consideration in sentencing but that was part of his plea deal.

Mr. Bouse: That was kind of an odd sentence.

Director Holt: Yeah, it is an agreed automatic bridge.

Dr. Grissom: It kind of defeats the purpose of youthful offender....

Director Holt: Absolutely.

Dr. Grissom: Which is a carrot and stick deal, and if you take away the carrot it is amazing that he did a good job. That speaks to his character.

Director Holt: Yes.

Mr. Bouse: Does DOC look at that as a treatment program? I can see why a prosecutor would offer that or why his attorney would want that?

General Counsel Brown: It was murder case that was pled down from a Murder I to a Murder II, he had prior delinquent history. The reason the defense attorney wanted to do that, is he had a set number of years with an agreement for consideration depending on how he did for lessening those years. That was the carrot for her. It was a negotiation, also he was younger, DOC has to follow the same rules on sight and sound restriction. DOC has one pod for these kids, and he would have spent a significant amount of time in the pod. OJA did not have a stake in it, but the attorney did ask if staff would be willing to write letters. Some staff chose to write letters on his maturity and how he grew up. OJA did not have any standing in the case, but we did facilitate the movements and provided treatment. We were not going to be part of the sentencing decision but let the defense attorney handle through the OIDS Capitol Unit.

Judge Foss: That is a gray area.

General Counsel Brown: Yes.

Director Holt: I think that is a testament to the programs we are creating. That courts, attorneys, and DAs are giving consideration to our programs to give kids more opportunities.

Chair Youngblood: Glad you asked that question that led into that example. That is just, I am going to have to take some time to process that. I am glad he wasn't sitting in DOC all those years.

Director Holt: DOC has a separate pod for youth under the age of 18, even if they have been certified as adults.

Mr. Bouse: He has already turned 18?

General Counsel Brown: Yes, he has not turned 19 yet in theory he could have stayed a little longer. He was ready to go, and the attorney asked us.

Chair Youngblood: Do we know how many years he has to serve?

General Counsel Brown: I can find out.

Judge Foss: DOC has some other programs for younger offenders, like that delayed sentencing program. He wouldn't be eligible for them?

General Counsel Brown: He wouldn't be eligible for them because of the nature of the crime. I think you are thinking of the RID program, and it is for a non-violent program.

Judge Foss: I thought that was a good program.

General Counsel Brown: Yes, it is essentially a boot camp program.

Director Holt: [OJA Deputy Director] Carol Miller would like you all to know that this kid completed the Grow with Google training.

Chair Youngblood: Wow. Thank you very much for the update, the facts, the reports and thank you for the work you do each and every day.

<u>Update on the Next Generation Campus Project</u>

A quick video of the ongoing project was played, and CFO Clagg discussed the attached presentation.

Judge Foss: We didn't have a subcommittee meeting because we didn't have a change order. These are projects that have been in effect. Terry is really good about keeping me apprised of what is happening.

Chair Youngblood: That is one month off in 6,000 months.

Judge Foss: I told him something in error, we are not meeting next month and the meeting in September is at COJC?

Director Holt: That is the plan.

Dr. Grissom: So the Board meeting in September is contingent on the project?

Chair Youngblood: Yes, we will move to October if needed.

CFO Clagg: We are shooting for the middle of September, but it wouldn't surprise me if it is further delayed.

Dr. Grissom: It is the ongoing supply chain kind of thing?

CFO Clagg: Yes.

Mr. Tardibono: That is what tied their request for the increase?

CFO Clagg: The delay and the staying on the project runs their costs up. We will negotiate with them. Work on Phase III plans will continue.

Chair Youngblood: To clarify, no meeting next month, if it is ready September at COJC if not it will be here. We will keep moving and adjusting until it is done.

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

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay: Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

<u>Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the 2022-23 year-to-date, FY2023, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report</u>

CFO Clagg discussed the attached report.

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Mr. Bouse

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay: Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The 2022-23 year-to-date, FY2023, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

<u>Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the modifications to the 2023-24, FY2024, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School</u>

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Dr. Grissom

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay: Abstain:

Absent: Johnson

The modifications to the 2023-24, FY2024, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School approved.

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Ms. Sanchez gave a quick verbal update to the Board.

Chair Youngblood: Questions/comments? As much as we miss having the other facility, it must be really nice to be consolidated to have all of your students, teachers, and resources all in one place. You not having to drive back and forth. Being able to maximize the synergy and power all in one location.

Principal Sanchez: Yes, and I think the kids do to. I think they get a little tired of being together all the time. The kids are really excited about the STEM class. We will show you when you come to visit.

Chair Youngblood: I expect you to show us when we get there. That is awesome. I am really glad to see students being able to continue with us. Being able to have the continuity of education in sending them forward.

Principal Sanchez: Definitely. I had a visit with one of the moms this morning. She called and she was so excited that her kid was able to stay with us to finish. She wanted to know anything she could do to help and support. It is great.

Chair Youngblood: It is really nice to see on the parent's side. It is really hard to be self-motivated to do the classes, especially without the structure of COJC.

Principal Sanchez: They will get a visit from me if they get a little slow.

Executive Session

Board did not enter executive session.

<u>Discussion and possible vote to return to regular session</u>

N/A

<u>Discussion and/or possible vote on items arising from executive session</u> N/A

Announcements/ comments

Ms. Worthen: I was frozen, and I was thumbs upping that I was still here. I need to change my vote to abstain, I was not at the June board meeting.

Chair Youngblood: The Board acknowledges that. We have clarified when the Board meetings are.

New business

There was no new business.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Dr. Emerson moved to adjourn with a second by Mr. Bouse

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tard Nay: Abstain: Absent: Johnson	ibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood
Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 11:14	a.m.
Minutes approved in regular session on the 19 th da	y of September, 2023.
Prepared by:	Signed by:
Audrey Rockwell, Secretary	Karen Youngblood, Chair

Discussion on 2024 Board of Juvenile Affairs meeting schedule

Proposed Board of Juvenile Affairs 2024 Meeting Schedule

Dates for the 3rd Tuesday of the Month January 16 February 20 March 19 – may be spring break (2nd Tuesday is the 12th or 4th Tuesday is the 26th) April 16 May 21 June 18 July 16 August 20 – may be week school starts (2nd Tuesday is the 13th or 4th Tuesday is the 27th) September 17 October 15 November 19 December 17

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December 18

Dates for the 3rd Thursday of the Month January 18 February 15 March 21 – may be spring break (2nd Thursday is the 14th or 4th Thursday is the 28th) April 18 May 16 June 20 July 18 August 15 – may be week school starts (2nd Thursday is the 8th or 4th Tuesday is the 22nd) September 19 October 17 November 21 December 19

Site Visits at OJA Contracted Level E Group Homes & Juvenile Detention Centers

Melissa White, M.Ed.

OJA Director of Education

Site Visit Criteria Reviewed

- Online/Traditional/Blended
- Student to Teacher/Staff Ratio
- Summer School
- > Statutory/State Department of Education Requirements
 - ✓ Hours per Day
 - ✓ Days per Week



Site Visit Reports – March 2023

Location	Date	Online/ Traditional/ Blended	School	Summer School	Statutory/ SDE Requirements
, and the second		Shawnee Public Schools	No	8:00-12:15 No Subs	
Woodward County Juvenile Detention Center	March 8, 2023	Online	Woodward Public Schools	No	Class from 8:00-11:00 Counts 1 hour for Rec No Subs
People Inc. Level E Group Home	March 31, 2023	Blended	Sallisaw Public Schools	Yes	7:30-12:00 No Subs
Pittsburg County Juvenile Detention Center	March 31, 2023	Blended	McAlester Public Schools	Yes	8:30-2:15 Lunch 10:45-12 No Subs



Site Visit Reports – April 2023

Location	Date	Online/ Traditional/ Blended	School	Summer School	Statutory/ SDE Requirements
Tulsa County Juvenile Detention Center	April 20, 2023 May 23, 2023	Traditional	Tulsa Public Schools	No	9:00-2:45 Lunch 11:30-1:00 No Subs
Welch Skill Center Level E Group Home	April 20, 2023	Online *Welding and Small Engines	Welch Public Schools	Yes	7:45-12:00 Year No Subs
Craig County Juvenile Detention Center	April 20, 2023	Online	Vinita Public Schools	Yes	9:00-11:00 and 12:30-1:40 No Subs
Creek County Juvenile Detention Center	April 20, 2023	Blended *Art and STEM Days	Bristow Public Schools	No	8:00-3:10 lunch 12:00-1:40 No Subs



Site Visit Reports – May 2023

Location	Date	Online/ Traditional/ Blended	School	Summer School	Statutory/ SDE Requirements	
Canadian County Juvenile Detention Center	May 3, 2023	Online	El Reno Public Schools	No	8:00-1:15 Lunch 1:00 No Subs- Tutors	
Cornerstone Level E Group Home	May 9, 2023	Blended	Norman Public Schools	Yes	8:00-3:30 Lunch 12:00-1:00 Subs	
Lighthouse Level E Group Home	May 9, 2023	Blended	Norman Public Schools	Yes	8:00-3:30 Lunch 12:00-1:00 Subs	
Lighthouse 2 Level E Group Home	May 9, 2023	Blended	Norman Public Schools	Yes	8:00-3:30 Lunch 12:00-1:00 Subs	
Cleveland County Juvenile Detention Center	May 9, 2023	Blended	Norman Public Schools	No	8:30-1:45 Lunch 11:40- 12:30 Subs	
Scissortail Point Level E Group Home	May 9, 2023	Blended *STEM Program	Canute Public Schools	Yes	9:00-3:00 Lunch 11:00-1:00 No Subs	



Site Visit Reports – May 2023 continued

Location	Date	Online/ Traditional/ Blended	School	Summer School	Statutory/ SDE Requirements
Scissortail Landing Level E Group Home	May 9, 2023	Blended *STEM Program	Canute Public Schools	Yes	9:00-3:00 Lunch 11:00-1:00 No Subs
Thunder Ridge Level E Group Home	May 9, 2023	Blended *Carpentry	Canute Public Schools	Yes	9:00-3:00 Lunch 11:00-1:00 No Subs
Comanche County Juvenile Detention Center	May 11, 2023	Online (traditional at times due to security)	Lawton Public Schools	Yes	8:00-2:45 lunch 11:30-12:30 No Subs
Lawton Boys Level E Group Home	May 11, 2023	Online	*Indiahoma Public Schools	Yes	8:00-3:30 lunch 12:00-1:00 No Subs
Garfield County Juvenile Detention Center	May 17, 2023	Traditional Online for 23-24	Enid Public Schools	No	9:00-3:30 lunch 12:00-1:00 No Subs
Oklahoma County Juvenile Detention Center	May 19, 2023	Traditional	Oklahoma City Public Schools	Yes	8:30-2:20 Lunch 12:00-1:20 No Subs
Mustang Treatment Center Level E Group Home	May 23, 2023	Online *Dog Grooming CTE- 1:00-3:00	Mustang Public Schools	No	8:30-3:00 Lunch 12:15-1:00 No Subs

Director's Report





AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023 BOARD UPDATE

OJA Operations

- COJC visits
- Attended the SAG meeting including conversation with COJC youth
- Meeting with Senator Grant Green
- Meeting with Representative Dell Kerbs
- Attended the CJJA Summer Business Conference
- Attended the Aug. 18th OK Commission on Children and Youth Commissioners meeting
- Attended the District 3 meeting at COJC
- Toured OCCC campus with Royce Liston, Assistant Director of Recruitment Strategies
- Interviewed with Kayla Branch, the Frontier
- Met with Council for State Government
- Toured COJC with Dr. Deborah Shropshire, OKDHS Director and Secretary of Human Services
- Met with State COO John Suter, Secretaries Laws and Shropshire, Katie Demuth with Governor Stitt's policy team, and OMES Budget staff
- Attended the Sept. 15th OK Commission on Children and Youth Commissioners meeting

Partner Engagement

- Spoke at the OK Policy Institute Summer Policy Institute panel in Tulsa
- Toured Marie Detty's Lawton and Duncan Offices and met with Director Kerrie Mathews and staff
- Toured People Inc. office and group home and met with Director Jim Harris and staff
- Visited Judge Orendorff, Sequoyah County, for courtroom observation and discussion
- Meeting with OG&E to continue discussions regarding career opportunities for our youth
- Attended STAAR meeting
- Met with OIDS Director and staff
- Met with Oklahoma County Juvenile Court Judges
- Met with Cristian Medina, Course for Change
- Met with Shiloh Kantz, OK Policy Institute
- Phone call with Florida DJJ Secretary Hall
- Attended Juvenile Law Section CLE
- Dr. Deborah Shropshire, OKDHS Director and Secretary of Human Services
- Tricia Everest, Secretary of Public Safety
- Jason Hicks, District Attorney, District 6
- Melinda Fruendt, Director, Department of Rehabilitative Services



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Carol Miller, Deputy Director Residential Placement Support

Board Report – August 2023

July 1st to 31st 2023 activity

Releases (7) from Secure Care

July 2023

Intakes (2) for Secure Care

Paroled - 4

Intakes COJC – 2

Step down to Group Home – 2 Bridged to DOC - 1

Secure Care Treatment Population as of 08/15/23: 50 residents

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) facility events

- July 4th activities included a family game night. Families enjoyed corn hole and snacks.
 Additional activities throughout the day included Basketball, game room activities and board games
- Man Up event held with Lt. Waylon Cubit and 15 mentors supporting 25 youth in processing the 9 values of being a good man.
- Resident talent show was held with COJC staff as Judges.
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) has been implemented at COJC, initial stages include Clinicians and JJS leading skills groups with youth. Direct Care staff training to follow soon. This is the first of many steps to bring this model across the entire facility.
- COJC has added an additional Music Therapist which will be shared with Group Homes. Music therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish goals.
- State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SAG) held a special meeting with a youth listening panel at the OJA training center followed by a youth led tour of COJC.
- Resident birthdays were celebrated on site with cakes donated by the St. John Lutheran Church.
- TORCH on site each weekend for mentoring visit.
- 65 Volunteers donated 49.60 hours of mentoring, bible study and religious services to COJC residents.
- Religious services and bible studies were offed by community volunteers for all residents.
- COJC Volunteer Coordinator Ms. Dillahunt is actively recruiting volunteers and mentors for residents through community involvement. Local Chamber of Commerce, current volunteers, and Tribal Nations have been contacted for volunteers.

Division Leadership Activities

- Met with Missouri Division of Youth Services regarding record and case management systems.
- Met with members of OJA Training Advisory Committee to discuss improvements in New Hire Training.
- OJA policy field reviews and Executive Team reviews continue as facilitated by Melissa Monson
- ACA/PREA Agency Coordinator Cathy McLean attended the National PREA conference to ensure
 OJA is updated on all PREA requirements and ensure compliance with PREA audit.
- Met with Tecumseh Chief of Police and Assistant Chief of Police to staff improvements in response procedures.
- Met with Oklahoma State Dept. of Health (OSDH) for monthly update on Confinement Grant progress in detention and group homes. One year site visit successfully completed.

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- Provided OSDH with monthly update for the OMMA grant providing substance use prevention and education in public schools, nonprofits, and Youth Service Agencies.
- Coordinated Agency wide policy reviews with Policy administrator Melissa Monson.
- Participated in weekly case/placement staffing meeting to assist in least restrictive placement.
- 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.
- Participated in the weekly Personnel Strategy meeting to discuss approach for employee progressive discipline, coaching and retraining issues.
- Met weekly with COJC Superintendent to address goals, facility issues and full implementation of COJC Next Generation Campus upgrades.
- Continue to address new technical applications across the facility to ensure maximum usage.
- Participated in weekly OJA Executive Team meetings with State Office Leadership.
- Continue to review American Correctional Association (ACA) and Prison Rape Elimination Act. (PREA) files for COJC in preparation of the mandated upcoming reaccreditation audits.
- Attended Virtual OJA Board Meeting for July 2023.

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

- OJA Training Department implemented Team Building Training support staff in problem solving, innovation, and enhanced personal growth.
- Information on free Child Care assistance through DHS distributed to COJC staff.
- Digital billboard on Interstate 40 will be researched for possible recruitment information.
- COJC leadership is working on team building through face-to-face conversations and identifying ways to assist other team members.
- OJA Recruiter Sheryl Liepens processes emails to "thousands" of applicants in WordDay for recruitment.
- Direct Care Staff incentives implemented to support direct care staff to not call in and leave the facility short staffed.
- Sign on bonuses and continuous employment bonuses for hard to fill positions in secure care implemented.
- Flyers announcing sign on bonuses distributed on Rose State College Campus.
- To assist applicants, COJC HR has develop a one-stop-shop where applicants can apply, receive fingerprints, nursing assessment, and testing at one location. Walk in hiring events held at the COJC Human Resource office in Tecumseh.
- Employee council meeting held to solicit ideas, suggestions, and concerns about the facility.
- Employee support group COMPASS sold Pizza and COJC T shirts for staff as a fundraiser.
- We continue to review employee training evaluations and resigned staff exit interviews each month to identify suggestions from new and resigning staff for supports and needs.
- Leadership classes held for new staff to discuss facility culture, role modeling, rapport and relationship building.
- Employee of the month is recognized each month during the monthly general staffing meeting.

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Agency Collaborations in Secure Care

- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career Tech)
 - Construction Instructor began his new worker training at COJC.
 - Automotive Shop training for youth has been established, Construction Instructor is in training and Career Tech Building expansion has been requested.
- Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)
 - DRS embedded staff Michael Rolerat is at COJC assisting residents enrolling in DRS.
 Currently 7 residents at COJC are in the paid work program with 4 on the waiting list.
 DRS continues to serve 60 youth who have exited COJC.
 - Successful closures include a youth who works as a foundation repair constructions worker; a youth who works as a grain operator and a youth who works as an auto mechanic.
- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSAS)
 - COJC has put in place a referral process to be sent to the DMH embedded staff for youth who have significant mental health diagnoses to assist with supports in the community.
 - IPADS and books for the Literacy program have been received and awaiting managed mode implementation by OMES.
- Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB)
 - Workforce Work Study Program is for residents come into COJC with a diploma or GED or while at COJC have graduated or received their GED. There are currently 5 residents in the graduate work program.
 - Residents working on site at COJC and receive pay funded under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA).
- OCCY/DRS/OYACS/OJA School to Work paid work program
 - The school to work paid work program at COJC fully implemented. There are currently 3
 residents in the program and there are 5 residents waiting to be interviewed.
 - Residents who are currently enrolled in OYACS at COJC will work onsite at COJC and receive pay through DRS reimbursement.
 - Program provides youth with a work resume, birth certificate, State ID, and financial support upon parole from COJC.



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Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) facility events

- Labor Day was school as usual although additional outdoor recreational activities were held: 5 vs 5 Flasketball (like frisbee with a football), boardgames and 3 on 3 basketball.
- OKC Live Free Peacemakers held a group discussion with COJC youth.
- OJA District 3 JSU unit held their District Meeting at the training center followed by a resident led tour of COJC.
- Oklahoma Blood Institute Bloodmobile on site at COJC for staff Blood Drive as part of community service efforts.
- Tecumseh Pioneer Library held a music mixer for residents.
- The swimming pool is up and running after repairs were completed.
- Resident birthdays were celebrated on site with cakes donated by the St. John Lutheran Church.
- TORCH on site each weekend for mentoring visit.
- 59 Volunteers donated 39.74 hours of mentoring, bible study and religious services to COJC residents.
- Religious services and bible studies were offed by community volunteers for all residents.

Division Leadership Activities

- Participated in ACA mock audit held at COJC in preparation of ACA audit in November 2023.
- Met with potential community partners who are interested into providing mentoring services for COJC residents.
- Facilitated Superintendent Meeting at COJC to discuss division goals, budget, employee
 recruitment and retention efforts, tours, media attention, what does COJC need to thrive,
 advancing youth through programming, auditing departments for compliance and deferred
 maintenance responsibilities.
- Reviewed process for OJA policy field reviews and Executive Team reviews as facilitated by Melissa Monson, efforts continue to update all OJA policies.
- Assisted COJC with Residential Care Specialist IV interviews.
- Met with Oklahoma State Dept. of Health (OSDH) for monthly update on Confinement Grant progress in detention and group homes.
- Provided OSDH with monthly update for the OMMA grant providing substance use prevention and education in public schools, nonprofits, and Youth Service Agencies.
- Attended Performance based Standards Coordinators Training and Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators in Philadelphia. Sharing of information and training concentrated on staff recruiting/retention, services for youth in the community and best practices in programming.
- Participated in weekly case/placement staffing meeting to assist in least restrictive placement.

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- 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.
- Met with the COJC training advisory committee to review training evaluations.
- Participated in Dialectical Behavior Training (DBT) meeting to discuss implementation at the next level of staff.
- Participated in the OJA Parent Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Participated in the weekly Personnel Strategy meeting to discuss approach for employee progressive discipline, coaching and retraining issues.
- Attended Oklahoma Community of Practice: Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees.
- Met weekly with COJC Superintendent to address goals, facility issues and full implementation of COJC Next Generation Campus upgrades.
- Attended Medicaid Special Populations: Meeting the Needs of Justice-Involved Youth.
- Continue to address new technical applications across the facility to ensure maximum usage.
- Participated in weekly OJA Executive Team meetings with State Office Leadership.
- Continued to review Prison Rape Elimination Act. (PREA) files and auditor selection process for COJC in preparation of the mandated upcoming federal audit.

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

- COJC staff attended Critical Incident Stress Management training at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee to provide Secure Care staff with specialized acute emergency mental health intervention following critical incidents.
- Employee support group COMPASS is selling COJC t-shirts to promote staff support efforts.
- Direct Care Staff incentives implemented to support direct care staff to not call in and leave the facility short staffed.
- Human Resource Department set up a booth at various job fairs to include Tinker AFB to recruit for COJC hard to fill positions.
- Sign on bonuses and continuous employment bonuses for hard to fill positions in secure care implemented.
- Employee council meeting held to solicit ideas, suggestions, and concerns about the facility.
- We continue to review employee training evaluations and resigned staff exit interviews each month to identify suggestions from new and resigning staff for supports and needs.
- Leadership classes held for new staff to discuss facility culture, role modeling, rapport and relationship building.
- Employee of the month is recognized each month during the monthly general staffing meeting.

Agency Collaborations in Secure Care

- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career Tech)
 - o Career Tech. Automotive Shop Students began instruction on 08/14/23.
 - Efforts continue to expand career tech instruction into various areas of careers needed in the community.
- Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)
 - DRS embedded staff Michael Rolerat is at COJC weekly assisting residents enrolling in DRS.

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- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSAS)
 - DMH embedded staff went above and beyond to ensure a youth's family was provided with mental health supports in the community.
 - DIPADS donated by DMHSAS and books from the Dolly Parton Imaginary Library have been received. Residents will be able to read a book virtually to their children.
- Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB)
 - Workforce Work Study Program is for residents come into COJC with a diploma or GED or while at COJC have graduated or received their GED.
 - Residents working on site at COJC and receive pay funded under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA).
- OCCY/DRS/OYACS/OJA School to Work paid work program
 - Residents who are currently enrolled in OYACS at COJC work onsite at COJC and receive pay through DRS reimbursement.
 - Program provides youth with a work resume, birth certificate, State ID, and financial support upon parole from COJC.



Juvenile Service Unit Board Report for September 2023 Contacts and Activities for August 2023

Division Statistics

- 2,222 active cases...1,253 court involved including 434 youth in OJA custody
- 409 new referrals-320 male and 89 female...average age 15.35
- 10,054 individual contact notes documented in JOLTS
- 236 intakes were completed during the month
- 40 youth activated and/or monitored by GPS
- > 33 new placement referrals received by the placement unit in August 2023
- ➤ 28 placements made during the month: 23 to Level E, 5 to secure care
- ➤ A total of 32 youths paid \$5,945.95 in restitution and other fees

Deputy Director 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 District Supervisors
- Participated in Personnel Strategy meetings with supervisory staff
- Participated in administrative services meetings
- Participated in Monday Morning training meetings
- Participated in a Level E group home meeting
- Conducted a DS/CBS staff meeting
- Participated in policy review meetings
- Met with Tulsa County detention and OPI staff
- Participated in a new liaison procedures meeting
- Made a visit to Pottawatomie County detention center twice
- Made a visit to Cleveland County detention center
- Met with New Worker training team members
- Attended a meeting regarding a Workforce hybrid worker position
- Met with Community Works staff in Norman
- Made a visit to Garfield County detention center
- Participated in a meeting regarding detention background checks
- Attended a "Lunch and Learn" meeting
- Attended the OJDA quarterly meeting
- Viewed a CCJA webinar "supporting change with youth"
- Made a visit to the Tulsa detention center twice
- Attended the District 3 staff meeting at COJC

- Attended the FFT overview training for new counties
- Participated in a meeting regarding an Embark transportation program
- Made a visit to the Scissortail programs in Norman
- Participated in a Parent Advisory Committee meeting
- Attended the quarterly State PARB advisory board meeting
- Attended the District 5 staff meeting

Division Activities

- Jennifer Thatcher, JSD Program Assistant Administrator, had 40 GPS activations and monitoring cases for the month. She completed 8 URC Step Down/Extension request and processed 1 placement decision appeal. She approved 1 restitution application and 3 restitution claims. Ms. Thatcher also participated in multiple executive case staffings and conducted GPS training with a new worker in District 1. She also conducted 3 RBMS audits.
- Rex Boutwell, Placement Program Manager, received 51 placement worksheets and made 33 placement referrals, including 26 for Level E and 5 for secure care and 2 for specialized community home. He participated in numerous executive placement staffings and appeal meetings. Mr. Boutwell visited youth at the Tulsa County Juvenile Detention Center and viewed unit videos, attended the District 5 staff meeting, attended a Level E group home meeting and a policy task force meeting.
- Jennifer Creecy, JSD Federal Funding Program Field Rep, processed 747 Targeted Case Management progress notes. She attended a Lunch and Learn and attended Monday Morning Meetings. She attended a YLSI training meeting. Ms. Creecy engaged in various emails and calls with JSU and Bureau staff regarding the TCM Program and she reviewed 1 parole request. She assisted with TCM billing for Canadian County Juvenile Bureau and attended a CMS Medicaid unwinding training.
- O Jeremy Evans, JSD Level E/Detention Program Manager, met with Level E providers and visited Scissortail Pointe, Scissortail Plus, Scissortail Landing and Thunder Ridge Group homes. He also visited the Cleveland, Tulsa, Pottawatomie, and Garfield County detention centers. He attended the District 5 staff meeting and is participating in the Liaison and Transportation program updates on the policy task force and participated in multiple executive staffings.

District Highlights from District 1 Supervisor Jerry Skinner

August brought on two new staff for District 1. Miranda Duplissey joined the Kay County unit and Laci Smith was hired to fill the vacancy created by Alyssa Devine's departure to OPI. This leaves the district with two other vacancies that need filled.

Texas County received 25 new referrals during the month. Some of these were very serious referrals as they involved drive by shootings at a home but fortunately nobody was hurt. Additionally, a long spree of stolen vehicles finally unraveled after a youth wrecked a stolen vehicle resulting in 3 youth being hospitalized. There was also a gun found in the vehicle. A separate incident involving a gun occurred where a youth accidently shot a peer. A total of 13 youth were referred for the above incidents. The incidents obviously concerned the community, and the district attorney has treated the incidents with a firm hand, 4 youth were detained and 3 were charged as Youthful Offenders.

JSU staffing with Panhandle Youth Services during the month resulted in 30 youth being referred for services. Luckily, the youth service agency recently hired Raven Scott as an additional staff member that will be assisting youth in receiving services. The Crossroads program youth enjoyed a pizza party during the month after their plan for a swimming party had to be canceled due to weather.

August proved to be a busy month for Canadian and Kingfisher counties. Kingfisher MCART members continue to meet monthly to discuss cases and strategize for the delivery of suitable services. A donation of school supplies was made during the month to the Kingfisher schools to assist students that might be lacking in supplies.

Mustang Treatment Center has experienced a lower census than usual. Liaison visits revealed the youth are content and did not identify any issues with the visiting liaison. The liaisons reported the school sessions seemed to have improved as the girls appear busy in their schoolwork during liaison visits. ADS Belinda Hannon visited with the new Director of Mustang following an OPI audit finding that grievances were not being properly recorded.

The Canadian County Juvenile Detention Center also experienced a low census during the month of August. Otherwise, there are no issues being reported. Two youth were referred to the Canadian County Independent Living program during the last couple of months and one remains there doing very well.

On a favorable note, Woodward County gained Layce Smith as a new JJS. Layce appears eager to get started and is currently spending time shadowing other workers within the area. Woodward county did lose JJS Jamie Sherman during August after she was selected to join the IT unit. Her departure will dictate case assignments needing changed once again as well as a new liaison to the Woodward detention center being named.

District Highlights from District 2 Supervisor Tracie Goad

I'm happy to announce that we have hired and onboarded two new staff! Tristan Harzman in Osage County and Isabella 'Bella' Hardester in Washington County.

The following counties passed the OPI audit with no finding/or corrections needed: Mayes, Rogers, Washington, and Nowata. I am proud of the staff and the work they do every day. It was evident with these wonderful OPI Audit results.

We wanted to take a moment to share an important story that showcases the professional collaboration between JSU and the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center team. Together, we've been working on a comprehensive reintegration plan for a Youthful Offender named Lucas, who arrived at COJC on August 9, 2022.

Lucas made remarkable progress during his time at COJC. He actively participated in individual counseling and group sessions, making significant strides in his treatment. We're happy to report that he successfully completed the Problematic Sexual Behavior Therapy on April 22, 2023. But that was just the beginning of our journey with Lucas. As his parole approached, we faced a unique challenge. He couldn't return home due to the presence of the victim, so we had to find an alternative placement. JSU worker Bryan Clump continued to cultivate trust with the youth and family, working closely with Lucas's father to coordinate placement with the grandparents upon parole. Bryan's efforts didn't stop there. He conducted a home study with the grandparents, and they graciously agreed to welcome Lucas into their home once he was released. To ensure a smooth reintegration, Bryan also connected Lucas with the Hub and Workforce Development Specialist Randy Sheppard. Together, they provided additional support, including developing a backup housing plan for Lucas and his father in case anything went awry with the grandparents' arrangement.

On July 3, 2023, Lucas started his pre-parole pass, and he's been making great progress ever since. He began individual counseling with Youth and Family Services and has engaged in Functional Family Therapy with CREOKS. His counselors have praised his active participation and dedication to the process. In fact, Lucas has already moved on to the second phase of Functional Family Therapy, a testament to his commitment.

In the pursuit of a brighter future, Lucas has been searching for employment with the encouragement of Bryan Clump. Although he hasn't secured a job just yet, Lucas remains proactive and determined to find meaningful work.

Education is another area where Lucas has shown tremendous dedication. While at COJC, he passed three out of four GED exams. To help him complete his GED, Bryan connected him with Bartlesville High School's GED instructor, specifically for support with the math portion.

With his GED in sight, Lucas has set his sights on a career in auto mechanics at Tri County Tech. We couldn't be prouder of his determination to improve his life and build a promising future for

himself. And that's not all—Lucas has even expressed an interest in participating in the "Run the Streets" half-marathon training and mentoring program in Bartlesville, starting on August 26, 2023.

Another noteworthy incident involved a youth under our probation, highlighting the compassionate approach taken by JJS Rebekah Sherwin during this challenging time. On July 17, 2023, a Rogers County probation youth was involved in a serious single-vehicle accident that resulted in her being life-flighted to St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. She had been found face down on the highway after being ejected from the vehicle, and her injuries were severe, requiring her to spend four days in the ICU.

The parents of the probation youth reached out to JJS Sherwin and requested her presence at the hospital. Despite the youth being in and out of consciousness due to medication, JJS Sherwin visited her at the hospital, where she had recently been removed from a ventilator and was breathing on her own. The youth seemed to recognize JJS Sherwin's presence, though she appeared confused about her situation and the extent of her injuries.

The parents informed JJS Sherwin of the extensive injuries their daughter had sustained all over her body, including internal injuries and a brain bleed. The youth had already undergone multiple surgeries, with more planned for the future. The mother also mentioned the likelihood of additional plastic surgery to reduce scarring on facial injuries.

Recognizing the gravity of the youth's medical condition and the life-threatening situation, JJS Sherwin prioritized the well-being of the youth and her family over her probation status. She assured the parents that the focus should remain on meeting the youth's medical needs and supporting the family during this difficult time.

As the youth's condition improved, she reached out to JJS Sherwin a few days later when she was more coherent and able to engage in a phone conversation. This empathetic gesture fostered a sense of trust and support during her recovery process.

On July 29th, the youth was finally discharged from the hospital but will continue to require more surgeries and long-term rehabilitation.

It is with great enthusiasm that we present the latest developments in Washington County's trauma-sensitive mentoring initiative, designed specifically for adolescent females. In collaboration with partners such as the Ray of Hope Advocacy Center, Youth and Family Services, Grand Mental Health, and the skilled yogi/therapist Fay O'Neill, we are thrilled to share that this innovative program has taken significant strides forward. Notably, this initiative focuses on offering mindfulness and yoga classes to young girls navigating the complexities of the justice system, however it is also offered to girls who are not involved in the justice system.

The inaugural season of the "POSE (Place of Self-Empowerment) Project" has proven to be a resounding success. With participation from eight enthusiastic young individuals and three dedicated mentors, we embarked on a journey of transformation, meeting twice a week. A crucial aspect of our success was our collaboration with the Sequoyah Girls Group home, where six girls under the care of the Department of Human Services were able to access this empowering program. Moreover, our efforts extended beyond these boundaries, encompassing two girls from the local community and three mentors.

Every participant was thoughtfully provided with essential resources to enhance their engagement. This encompassed personalized touches like branded t-shirts, yoga mats, journals, and yoga bags.

As we ventured into this uncharted territory with our first session, we were mindful of our scope, considering both the summer schedule and the innovative nature of the endeavor. Building upon the insights garnered, we are now poised to make refinements to our program. With these lessons in mind, we are enthusiastic about our next phase, set to commence on September 5, 2023. This session will see us extending our reach to young ladies within the broader community, as we continue our mission to provide healing and empowerment through trauma-sensitive yoga and mindfulness practices.

Additionally, District 2 Assistant District Supervisor Bob Williams, was highlighted in the Mental Health Minute, see the article below.

Recognizing Inspiring State Employees

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Bob Williams

Assistant District Supervisor and Founder of "Run the Streets"

"When I hung up the phone with Coach Eby, little did I know that a life-altering moment had just occurred at 11 years old. My focus in that moment was on shame and impending parental wrath, but Dusty Eby's compassion that summer day in 1974 would forever change not only my life but also thousands of other kids' lives.

I joined Coach Eby's team at the behest of



my best friend, Tommy. I was the worst player on the best team in the league and we were laying beat-downs on some fools...well, my teammates were the ones dishing out the beatdowns. Dusty Eby's sons were stars, while I stood shaking in right field trying to avoid the ball, much like Scott Smalls in The Sandlot. I played despite knowing full well that I was too old, by just a few weeks, to play on the team. Despite my overage status being revealed after six games, Coach Eby's response wasn't anger, but redemption, even though we had to forfeit every game in which I had played. I had to quit the team but Coach offered me a spot at his baseball camp, covering the fee for my financially challenged family. Through struggles at the camp, I found resilience and learned the beauty of perseverance.



Baseball faded, but Dusty Eby's impact didn't. It was only later in life that I made the connection that his kindness had shaped my destiny. I joined OJA in 1992 and subsequently created Run the Streets in 2009—a redemption path for marginalized

youths. Approximately 2,000 youth have finished half-marathons with RTS, and its influence sparked similar initiatives nationwide. Those

programs have in-turn impacted thousands of other youths.

Recently we launched POSE (Place of Self-Empowerment), a trauma informed yoga and mindfulness program for system involved adolescent girls. Our next project will be to bring Bike Club to Washington County in hopes of serving even more youth. Along the way I've been fortunate to have the unwavering support of Tracie Goad and my co-workers, many of whom have acted as mentors and volunteers is my cockamamie programs. Dusty Eby has long since passed but his legacy of hope endures. Rest assured that RTS kids are already becoming the Dusty Ebys of tomorrow. If that sounds like hyperbole, I should tell you that former RTS finisher Bella Hardester just began her employment with OJA as a JJSI in Washington County.



It only takes one caring adult to change a child's life."



"Bob Williams exemplifies unwavering dedication to children and families. His tireless efforts in ensuring fairness for the youth we serve, coupled with his strong support for his team, showcase his exceptional advocacy. His professional representation of our agency and district is truly commendable. We are all fortunate to have Bob on our team!"

-Tracie Goad, District 2 Supervisor

District Highlights from District 3 Supervisor Jaremy Andrews

July and August proved to be busy months for District 3. Between holidays, workers taking time off, and the new school year starting, both workers and the youth and families we serve have been busy. We also had the opportunity to welcome a new JJS, Jordyn Wheeler and an intern, Devin Acklin.

Jordyn came to us from the department of mental health and substance abuse, and we are excited to have her, meanwhile Devin is a student at UCO pursuing his degree in Criminal Justice.

Oklahoma County staff had the opportunity to celebrate National Ice Cream Day with state office staff when we held an ice cream social at the new shared District/State office at the MC Connors Building. The following week Oklahoma county staff met with the new youth and family advocate with PIVOT INC. She came to hear from our workers on the current issues juvenile justice involved youth faced and how she could better help to advocate for families involved and referred to Pivot.









August started with two counties in District 3 undergoing OPI Assessments. Staff in McClain and Pottawatomie County worked with the Office of Public Integrity (OPI) to ensure we were following best practices and had all necessary documentation in our case files.

Later in August we also had a supervisors meeting for District 3 to go through updates as well as held our quarterly District Meeting with all District staff.



We held our District meeting at the OJA training center at COJC. Staff had the opportunity to hear from COJC leadership, Behavioral Health Clinicians, OYACS educators, Juvenile Justice Specialist Staff at COJC, and a facilitated teambuilding activity from OJA Training Director, Abby McElfresh. In the afternoon, some of District 3's own COJC residents provided tours of the COJC campus to see the updates to the facility.

District Highlights from District 4 Supervisor Blaine Bowers

Payne County JJS III Michele Marshall represented OJA in the Swing for Saville fundraiser event at Lakeside golf course. The Saville Center is a non-profit agency that provides counseling and forensic services to children who have been sexually abused.

District 4 Supervisor Blaine Bowers was recently voted in as the new board president for Resilient Payne County. A board orientation to welcome new members occurred on August 7th, 2023, to welcome our newest RPC board members! L to R: Shane Harland, Director of Stillwater YMCA, BJ Roberson, City of Cushing Council Member, Christina Cook Glossop, Child Abuse Investigator for DHS/CW, Debra Vincent, Assistant District Attorney Payne County, RPC Board President Blaine Bowers, and Todd Misener, Oklahoma State University Wellness Center Director. RPC's



mission is to empower trauma sensitive communities through regional awareness and support

to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) while increasing resiliency skills. These newly elected board members will help further the mission of RPC.



Aaron Schmitt (aka Man Van BBQ with his son Brayden) participated in a Back Yard BBQ Contest at the Lincoln County Fair on August 26, 2023. He competed in a Cooks Choice where he finished fourth with his Pecan Pie Bread Pudding as well Ribs where he finished third serving up his Sweet Chipotle Ribs. Finishing Third Overall for his second year in a row.

District Highlights from District 5 Supervisor Ron Coplan

Cherokee County JSU will be moving into space rented from PEOPLE Inc. at the end of September. The space is much nicer than the existing space, it is also smaller and less expensive. McIntosh County JSU office is also moving. The new office space will be closer to the Court House, and is near other services, and medical facilities that should make getting services to our clients easier.

Director Holt, Constanzia Nizza, Ben Brown, Sharon Millington, and Laura Broyles visited Sequoyah County OJA, PEOPLE Inc., and Juvenile Court on July 25th. Sequoyah County Judge Orendorf had sent an email to Director Holt regarding a case that was frustrating him. They were offering the FFT services to Sequoyah County. Judge Orendorf was very happy with the description of the new services and was encouraged by the possibilities these new services will afford his clients. He was grateful for the attention to his concerns, and very pleased with the visit overall.

The Muskogee County District Attorney believes that juveniles do not fall under the McGirt decision. His rationale is that Juvenile Court is Civil Court rather than Criminal Court. Judge Tucker has initially ruled that McGirt does apply in Juvenile Court. We are waiting to see if the District Attorney will appeal Judge Tucker's decision.

Several staff and I continue to sit on various committees for Hope Muskogee. Hope Muskogee evolved from the RISE Group Home. Their newest project is to set up a "Safe-Place" program in Muskogee. They also have several staff that have been certified Nurturing Parents trainers, and facilitators. The program provides parenting training, and classes.

Our High-Risk Transportation Driver Wayne Rowell has been extra busy during the month. With drivers retiring in District 2, and District 3, the remaining drivers are having to pick up the extra work.

We held a District 5 meeting on August 31st. Jennifer Creecy presented regarding Federal funding, covering TCM, and RBMS. Alison Humphrey and Randy Sheppard talked about workforce, HUB, and FFT. Kheri Smith talked about the HOPE initiative and Navigator program. Greg Delaney, Jeremy Evans, and Rex Boutwell stopped by the meeting and provided programming updates to staff.

District Highlights from District 6 Supervisor Heath Denney

Grady County welcomed two new employees. On July 17th, Tina Palmer began her employment with OJA, prior to joining OJA, Ms. Palmer worked at DHS for 13 years and spent 7 of those years as a Child Welfare Supervisor. Ms. Palmer has hit the ground running and appears to already have a strong understanding of the juvenile justice system. On August 14th, Misty Crutchfield began her employment with OJA. Prior to joining OJA, Ms. Crutchfield spent almost 7 years working at the Altus Airforce Base with most of those years being spent working in the 97th Security Forces Squadron.

Carter County ADS, Michael Humdy, ran into a former OJA Custody Youth, who was asked about retired Carter County ADS, Robert Wilkins. The youth told Mr. Humdy that Mr. Wilkins was his "P.O." back in the day. The youth stated that he spent time in detention and kept "messing up" until he eventually ended up in Thunderbird Youth Academy. He completed Thunderbird and graduated an upperclassman. He ended up enlisting in the Marines. He further informed Mr. Humdy that he had just applied for jobs at the Carter County Sheriff's Department and Ardmore City Hall (PD). He stated both agencies have openings, and he was excited at the prospect of working for either of them. B. B. spoke highly of Mr. Wilkins and wanted to get in touch with him. He is now 36 years-old and doing well.

District Highlights from District 7 Supervisor Rodney McKnight

For the month of August 2023, District 7 served approximately 164, with 120 having a legal status of a deferred filing to custody. Contact notes totaled 1083 with 80 being TCM eligible. Out of the 120 youths, there is 62 supervised cases with 17 being OJA Custody youth and 3 Dual Custody youth. We currently have 7 kids in various placements. There are 8 youths in secure detention, 7 being pre-adjudicatory juveniles and 1 awaiting placement.

Referrals seem to be on an upward trend within the last several weeks. We had 37 referrals in the month of August and completed 46 intakes, most referrals consisted of property and drug

offenses with a few violent crimes happening throughout the district. FFT referrals continue to rise, District 7 currently has 27 youths referred and/or participating in that program.

District 7 activities for the month of August 2023 include monthly MDT meetings, liaison visits to JDC and YS Shelters, CARS staffings, drug coalition, graduated sanctions, and several online trainings.

During the months of July and August, we conducted interviews throughout the district. During August, we were able to hire Tracy Bell for the Pushmataha County position. Tracy comes to us from DHS, where she was CPS worker for the past several years, Cory Cox has started in the Murray County office, Cory has been working at Tinker Airforce Base for the last couple of years but was a counselor in the Ardmore region before that. Alyssa James started in McCurtain County. Alyssa comes to us from the parks division but also, has worked at the local women's shelter in Idabel.

ADS Bobbi Foster and ADS Dotti Brandon have been participating in the New Worker Academy (NWA) Committee in updating lesson plans for the upcoming NWA on October 24th-26th. They have met via TEAMS and in person both in Lawton and El Reno. I am happy to see them participate in this, due to them both having several new workers on boarding with the agency.

ADS TJ Miller and I have been meeting via TEAMS with the Policy Task Force, this a new task force for the both of us and we are both learning quite a bit with this role.

Most caseworkers have also began preparing both clients and their own kids for the beginning school year. Several HUB referrals have been made for client's school supplies and clothes. Staff reports that they are very grateful for this program and the tremendous amount of assistance that it has given to the families that we serve. Once again, we appreciate Alison Humphrey and her team for their quick responses.

During the month of August, District 7 our last 5 counties, Choctaw, McCurtain, Latimer, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha started receiving Functional Family Therapy services. Staff are starting the referral process for youth that meet criteria for the program.



Janelle Bretten, Director of Strategic Planning and Engagement

Board Report

Month of August 2023:

Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (ARTIC) Organizational Survey

- Setting schedule to meet with District leadership teams to discuss ARTIC subscales and targeted training to include hope work.
- Abby and team continue to develop specialized training to target ARTIC subscales with a plan to conduct final ARTIC survey in 2024.
- We have been including webinars in the Monday Morning Meetings that are specific to targeting the ARTIC subscales as well.
- Janelle, Kheri, and Abby presented our OJA hope work and process for implementing trauma informed care and measures with OSDH's executive team.

Science of Hope Initiative

- Kheri and our team decided to implement hope in increments starting with our YLS/CMI assessment. New language to enhance goal setting questions were drafted and the same goal setting suggestions were added to the parent questionnaire. These recommendations have been submitted to the YLS/CMI training team for feedback and implementation considerations.
- Kheri and Abby attended meetings and set schedule for training hope and Think Trauma at the New Worker Academy.
- Our hope navigator, Alyssa Devine, is now serving in a new role as OPI auditor. She was drafting a
 mentor proposal for new workers. We are pausing this progress temporarily while we attend NWA
 and learn how we can best support workers.
- Hope navigator, Brandie Brazell held meetings with a hope navigator team and created a plan for Hope at COJC. On September 20th, we will administer the hope score assessment to all residents, show them Dr. Hellman's TedTalk, process hope with them, discuss with them how hope best fits at COJC and how they would start a peer-led hope planning team and end with hope score assessment.
- We are creating a quarterly meeting for hope that encompasses workforce, OYACS, rehabilitation services, etc. We will continue scheduling this in the upcoming months.
- Our Hope intake pamphlet and intake letter was completed and submitted for approval and use.
- In August, members from the hope navigator team began working with Apryl to begin drafting a Family Engagement Guide.
- Work continued on building Hope page on the OJA website, which is now published on the website.
- Hope continues weekly in our W.I.N. and hope newsletter.
- Our Hope Navigator team has been meeting in preparation for a presentation on our agency's hope work for the Hope Summit scheduled for September 20th.

Family Engagement

- Apryl is in the process of developing a family engagement training for staff.
- Apryl is attending and participating closely in the Thriving Families Safer Children (TFSC)
 initiative/Resilient Oklahoma by attending biweekly meetings. TFSC aligns with statewide family
 voice and engagement efforts.
- Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting held on 8/24 in which we met with Director Holt and got to give the PAC some time to ask questions, as well as visit OJA's website and review new youth and

- family resources page. Laura Broyles also shared updates on the State Advisory Group and incorporating family voice.
- Apryl and I attended collaborative meeting with partners and a few of our PAC members to review and hear feedback on Resilient Oklahoma initiative and building of website.
- Apryl has been working on recruiting efforts to get our PAC more diverse and has been meeting with JSU workers.
- The new resource tab on the OJA website has been completed and is published on the website. New formatting and many new resources are available on this page. This was a result from members of the PAC expressing their needs and providing feedback regarding their experiences leading up to and involvement in the juvenile justice system. We also have a family engagement email where those visiting can reach out to learn more or contact for assistance.
- We attended a policy meeting regarding draft youth parenting policy. Apryl is working to identify
 resources that are in the facilities, resources that are in the community and is visiting with Youth
 Services Agencies to see what is available in terms of parenting classes and supportive services.
- OK Mothers and Newborns Affected by Opioids (OMNO)/OK Safely Advocating for Those in Recovery (SAFER) -Attended multi-agency bi-monthly meeting.
- OCCY Homeless Children and Youth Steering Committee Meeting-
 - Represented OJA at meeting. Presentation provided by OSDH Congregate Settings Project Coordinator regarding pathway to conduct resource fairs across the state.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project/Tulsa

Attended monthly virtual convening. Progress provided of Tulsa's Youth Homelessness
Demonstration Project (YHDP) community implementation plan. Programs will serve
unaccompanied youth between 16-24, as that's generally the age range of the population
seeking/needing services.

Planning and Advisory Council/ODMHSAS

 Represented OJA at bi-monthly meeting and provided agency updates. Updates presented on block grant application.

Children's State Advisory Workgroup (CSAW)/Resilient Oklahoma

- Attended monthly Systems of Care State Advisory Team meeting.
- Attending Trauma Informed Care practice workgroup meetings for continued work on Resilient Oklahoma website.
- Attended OKC Children's Behavioral Health Partnership monthly meeting.
- o Justice Assistance Grant Board- served as OJA designer for meeting.
- OJA/EMBARK Discussion-
 - Greg Delaney and I attended meeting regarding opportunity to support solving transportation needs for justice-involved youth and youth aging out of foster care in the OKC area.

COJC Parole Hearing

Served as hearing officer at parole hearing. Submitted report to parole board.

OJA Standing Meetings

• Executive Team, Executive Team Quarterly Recharge, Rates and Standards, JJS Support meetings, and Lunch and Learns.

Training/Webinars

Attended "Deep Listening as an Act of Compassion" webinar accessed through the PACEs website.
 Shared with Abby for potential segments beneficial for ARTIC work. Webinar was shared on Monday Morning Meeting.

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center Training Breakdown August 2023

MANDATORY Refresher Training Information:

Total Mandatory Classroom Training Hours for August: 470

Total Mandatory Computer Based Training Hours for August: 128

Grand Total Mandatory Training Hours for August: 598

- 45 Staff participated in August Training for 2023 (Mandatory and Non, In-Service, In-person, online,etc)
- 8 Staff have COMPLETED All Refresher Training for 2023 (5% complete)

ORIENTATION Training Information:

Total Orientation Classroom Training Hours for August: 724

Total Orientation Computer Based Training Hours for August: 0

Grand Total Orientation Training Hours for August: 724

OYACS Training Information:

Total Classroom Training Hours for August: 14

Total Computer Based Training Hours for August: 25

Grand Total Training Hours for August: 39

IN-SERVICE Training Information:

Total Classroom In-service Training Hours for August:

128

Total In-service Computer Based Training Hours for August:

External/Non-Facility In-Service Training for August:

0

128

128

SUPERVISORY Training Hours:

Grand Total Supervisory Training Hours for August:

344

August Care & Custody Management System (CCMS) Training:

CCMS Hours	# of Students	# credit hours	Total Class Hours
Orientation Day 1	8	8	64
Orientation Day 2	5	8	40
Orientation Day 3	5	8	40
Re-Certs Day 1	4	8	32
Re-Certs Day 2	5	8	40
Re-Certs Day 1	10	8	80
Re-Certs Day 2	9	8	72
Totals	46	56	368
Total # CCMS Hours	368		•

CCMS Recertification Percentage Completed: Total # of Students who attended CCMS in April (Orientation and Refresher):

22%	
24	

0

GRAND TOTAL of Training Hours:

Grand Total Training Hours for August: 1528 **Total Training Hours for NON-COJC Employees for August:** 39

Total Courses for August:84Total Course Hours for August:217Total Participants for August:95

State Office and District Training August 2023 Training Report

Location:	Training Hour Totals:	Supervisory Training Hour Totals:	Grand Training Hour Totals:
State Office	345.5	344.5	345.5
District 1	56.25	37.5	56.25
District 2	79.5	73	79.5
District 3	116.5	70	116.5
District 4	125.25	99	125.25
District 5	43.5	34	43.5
District 6	130.25	128.75	130.25
District 7	77.5	73.25	77.5
Totals:	974.25	860	974.25

Owner	Project(s)	Objectives	Start Date	Completion Date	Notes
Abby	Implementation of NEAR Science Training @ COJC & JSU NWA	Implementation of NEAR Science Training @ COJC & JSU NWA	June 2023 received Mentor Training	September 2023 for COJC & October 2023 for NWA/STO	Getting more familiar with training materials
Dereck	ASHI New Instructor Certifications	Certifying 2 nurses and Cheryl as new ASHI Instructors	Jul-23	Sep-23	
	Gang Training Revisions	Attending a Gang Conf. in Sept. to update and revise his Gang Training Curriculum	Sep-23	Oct-23	
	Uploading CBT Training into Workday	Upload any finished CBT Training courses into Workday with corresponding documentation	Jan-23	Ongoing	
Cheryl	Updating COJC's CBT (computer- based training) Training	Finish revising COJC's CBT Training & updating tests	Jan-23	Aug-23	
	Creating new CBT Course for COJC (Resident Rights and Grievance Process)	Create curriculum, video voiceover, test, and evaluation for new CBT	Jun-23	Aug-23	
	Becoming Certified as an ASHI Instructor	Complete 2 online courses and attend and co- facilitate with ASHI Instructor Trainer, Dereck Clem	Jun-23	Aug-23	

	Assisting in training Lori as our new admin tech	Provide assistance, and guidance as needed, regarding admin tech duties for the training center to Lori	May-23	Ongoing	
Hunter	ADS Training	Building a curriculum for ADS Training	8/10/2023	TBD - Monthly Reviews	Hunter is still undergoing training for the Dept. as a new Training Specialist
	YLSI Video Review	Taking over the YLSI video submissions, review and scoring process (Amy's prior duties)	Jul-23	By next YLS-CMI T	raining Course (New Hire)
	NWA Team	Added to the NWA team to assist as needed	8/9/2023	Ongoing	
Lori	Ongoing Training Schedules	Working to create cohesive training schedules when new employees are hired throughout the training cycle	May-23	Ongoing	Lori is still undergoing training for the Dept. as a new admin tech

Proposed FY25 Budget Request



FY2025 Budget Request Proposal



FY 2025 Funding Request Priorities

Priority Number	Request Name	Brief Description	FY 2025 Estimated Fund (State Appropria		Ongoing/Recurring or One- time/project?
1	Prevention Services*	Youth Service Agencies have not received a significant increase specifically for prevention services for many years.	\$	9,900,000	Ongoing
2	Detention*	Rate revision to account for rising labor costs in detentions	\$	2,500,000	Ongoing
3	Group Home*	Rate Revision for increased labor costs and to remain comparable with DHS	\$	3,500,000	Ongoing

\$ 15,900,000

^{*}Recent inflation has resulted in fewer services being performed with existing budgets.

^{**}OJA will continue to evaluate the need for an increase of \$1,200,000 for Children's Emergency Response Centers, \$2,500,000 to reestablish Community Intervention Centers, and \$500,000 to expand specialized community homes by 16 beds.

Draft Criteria for the State Plan for Youth Service Agencies

Outline of Draft Criteria

- 1. Needs Assessment
- 2. Data Collections
- 3. Allocation Formula Methodology
- 4. Methodology for establishment of primary catchment areas, establishing service contracts to cover all catchment areas and process for updates and changes
- 5. Criteria for designation/de-designation of Youth Service Agencies
- 6. Peer Review Process
- 7. Change/update process for Plan





Draft 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. The Needs Assessment shall be detailed enough to achieve consistency while considering specific local needs.

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.

3. Allocation Formula Methodology

The Plan shall outline methodology to create an allocation formula for assigning funding and other resources by Catchment Area.

- 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.
- vii. Resource Desert level of resource scarcity within catchment area
- 4. Methodology for establishment of primary catchment areas, establishing service contracts to cover all catchment areas and process for updates and changes
 - a. Primary Catchment Areas

These will be assigned to YSAs through a Request for Proposal process that takes into account, 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
- v. financial viability

5. Criteria for designation/de-designation of YSAs

Follow criteria established by Oklahoma Statute and Oklahoma Administrative Code.

6. Peer Review Process

Peer Review means an initial or annual review and report to the Office of Juvenile Affairs of the organization, programs, records and financial condition of a Youth Services Agency... An annual review may consist of a review of one or more major areas of the operation of the Youth Services Agency being reviewed. See <u>10A O.S. § 2-1-103</u>.

The Plan shall define the peer review process and incorporate the following concepts.

- a. The peer review shall be conducted by true "peers" and result in an accurate assessment of performance.
- b. The peer review shall be structured in such a way that it has integrity and is free from personal bias.
- c. The peer review shall account for utilization of resources and measure the effectiveness of outcomes.
- d. The cost of a peer review cannot exceed the benefit derived.
- e. The peer review shall have established standards to measure the designated YSAs ability to effectively implement the elements in the State Plan, including the overall fiscal and programmatic management of services and programs funded in whole or in part with designated YSA funds, including in kind and cash match.

OJA Staff shall work with eligible entities and "peers" to ensure the above concepts are adhered to.

7. 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 30 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 Plan review.

Rates and Standards



Timeline of Proposed Rates and Standards

- On July 18, 2023, the Rates and Standards Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Juvenile Affairs the rates and standards proposed in this presentation.
- In accordance with 74 O.S. 85.7(A)(6)(f), the proposed rates and standards were sent to the Office of Management Enterprise Services (OMES) for consideration and approval by Amanda Otis, Interim State Purchasing Director, on July 20, 2023, letter attached in board packet. On August 1, 2023, Interim Director Otis approved the proposed rates, contingent on the Board's approval, letter attached in board packet.
- This presentation is a brief summary of the proposed new rates and standards. Full descriptions of the proposed rates and standards were attached to the letter sent on July 20, 2023.



Summary of Proposed Rates and Standards

R&S #	Summary of Rate	Amount
RS2024-001-001	Modification: Increase in Group Counseling rate to match the ODMHSAS and OHCA rates	from \$9.44 to \$9.56 per 15 minutes per client
RS2024-001-002a	No Change except the number to reflect adjustment to the Level B rate	No Fiscal Impact
RS2024-001-002b	Modification: Increase in Group Outreach – Level B rate to match the ODMHSAS and OHCA rates	from \$7.55 to \$8.60 per 15 minutes per client
RS2024-001-003a	No Change except the number to reflect adjustment to the Level B rate	No Fiscal Impact
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Services	Definitions	Requirements & Standards	Rate/Unit
MODIFICATION RS2024-001-001 RS22-004-004 GROUP COUNSELING Type: Direct Code(s): Program(s): Direct service tied to individual clients receiving a Group service	Group counseling is a method of treating a group of individuals using the interaction between a counselor and two or more juveniles and/or parents or guardians to promote positive emotional or behavioral change. The focus of the group must be directly related to goals and objectives of each participating juvenile's treatment plan. The juvenile's behavior, the size of the group, and the focus of the group must be included in each juvenile's case record. This service does <u>not</u> include social skills development or daily living skills and must take place in an appropriate, confidential setting, limited to the therapist, and group members. Each group session must be limited to a minimum of 2 participants and a maximum of eight (8) adults (parents or guardians of referred youth) and six (6) juvenile participants. A group may not consist solely of related individuals.	M.D., D.O., Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LCSW, LBP, LADC or APN: includes individuals under supervision for licensure. Required Documentation: Group Progress Note for face-to-face time reflecting Goal and objectives addressed in Group. Individual Progress Note for each participating client in case file reflecting progress demonstrated toward individual Treatment Plan goals, and client response/participation level.	\$9.56 per 15 minutes per client
R&S Approved Date: 01/18/2022	OMES Approved Date: 02/04/2022	BOJA Approved Date: 02/15/2022	Effective Date: 02/16/2022

Services	Definitions	Requirements & Standards	Rate/Unit
MODIFICATION RS2024-001-002a and b RS22-004-005 & 006 GROUP OUTREACH RS22-004-005 Level A Type: Direct Code(s): Program(s): RBC1, RBC2, RBPR, RBSC RS22-004-006 Level B Type: Direct Code(s): Program(s): RBC1, RBC2, RBPR, RBSC RS23-004-006 RS23-004-006 RS24-004-006 RS25-004-006 RS26-004-006 RS26-004-004 RS26-0	Group outreach is a method of treating a group of individuals using the interaction between a service provider and two or more juveniles and/or parents or guardians to promote positive emotional or behavioral change. The focus of the group must be directly related to goals and objectives of each participating juvenile's treatment plan. The juvenile's behavior, the size of the group, and the focus of the group must be included in each juvenile's case record. This service does not include social skills development or daily living skills and must take place in an appropriate, confidential setting, limited to the service provider, and group members. Each group session must be limited to a minimum of 2 participants and a maximum of eight (8) adults (parents or guardians of referred youth) and six (6) juvenile participants. A group may not consist solely of related individuals.	Level A 1. Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and one year of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs; or 2. Bachelor's degree and two years of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or divisionary youth service programs. Level B Master's degree in a behavioral science; or Master's degree and one year of professional experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs	Level A \$6.47 per 15 minutes per client RS2024-001-002b
R&S Approved Date: 01/18/2022	OMES Approved Date: 02/04/2022	BOJA Approved Date: 02/15/2022	Effective Date: 02/16/2022

Services	Definitions	Requirements & Standards	Rate/Unit
MODIFICATION RS2024-001-003a and b RS22-004-002, 003 INDIVIDUAL OUTREACH Type: Direct Code(s): INDI	A method of addressing and treating the issues, problems, and difficulties, which led to the referral. It is provided utilizing face-to-face, one-on-one interaction between a service provider and a juvenile to promote emotional or psychological change to alleviate the issues, which led to the referral. Ongoing assessment of the juvenile's status and response to treatment as well as psychoeducational intervention are appropriate components of this service. This service must be provided in an appropriate, private, confidential setting which may include the juvenile's residence or the provider's	 Level A 1. Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and one year of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs; or 2. Bachelor's degree and two years of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or divisionary youth service programs. 	RS2024-001-003a RS22-004-002 Level A \$14.23 per 15 minutes
Program(s):	office. The service must be goal-directed utilizing techniques appropriate to the treatment plan and the juvenile's developmental and cognitive abilities.	Level B Master's degree in a behavioral science; or Master's degree and one year of professional experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs Required documentation: Progress Note for face-to-face time reflecting Goal and objective addressed from Treatment Plan, progress demonstrated toward goal, and client response/participation level.	RS2024-001-003b RS22-004-003 Level B \$16.6117.21 per 15 minutes Billed Time is the face-to-face service duration
R&S Approved Date: 01/18/2022	OMES Approved Date: 02/04/2022	BOJA Approved Date: 02/15/2022	Effective Date: 02/16/2022

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Services	Definitions	Requirements & Standards	Rate/Unit		
RS2024-001-002a and b GROUP OUTREACH RS22-004-005 Level A Type: Direct Code(s):	Group outreach is a method of treating a group of individuals using the interaction between a service provider and two or more juveniles and/or parents or guardians to promote positive emotional or behavioral change. The focus of the group must be directly related to goals and objectives of each participating juvenile's treatment plan. The juvenile's behavior, the size of the group, and the focus of the group must be included in each juvenile's case record.	1. Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and one year of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs;	1. Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and one year of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs; or 2. Bachelor's degree and two years of experience in juvenile justice, social	1. Bachelor's degree in a behavioral science and one year of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs; or 2. Bachelor's degree and two years of experience in juvenile justice, social	\$6.47 per 15 minutes
Program(s): RBC1, RBC2, RBPR, RBSC RS22-004-006 Level B Type: Direct Code(s): Program(s): RBC1, RBC2, RBPR, RBSC RB - GROUP RBI - GROUPCOUN	This service does not include social skills development or daily living skills and must take place in an appropriate, confidential setting, limited to the service provider, and group members. Each group session must be limited to a minimum of 2 participants and a maximum of eight (8) adults (parents or guardians of referred youth) and six (6) juvenile participants. A group may not consist solely of related individuals.		Level B \$8.60 per 15 minutes per client Pay for Provider time delivering face-to- face service for each group member client		
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Next Generation Campus Update

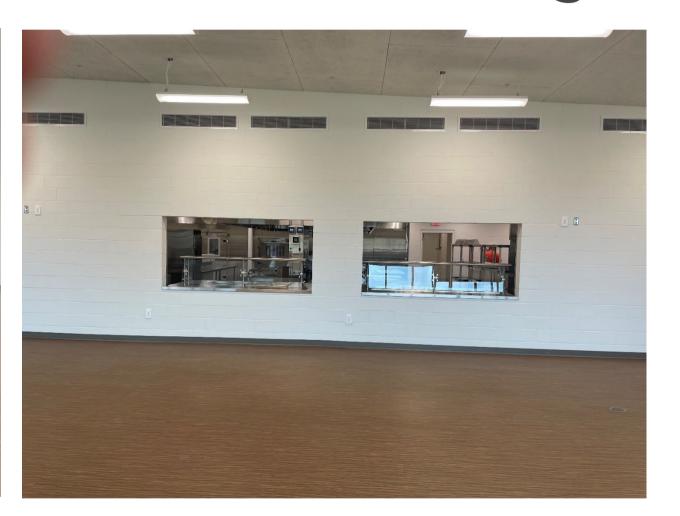


Next Generation Campus Update

1) The new Dining Hall/Canteen/Warehouse has been completed. Finishing up "Punch List" items. The warehouse and kitchen staff are in the process of moving into the new building.

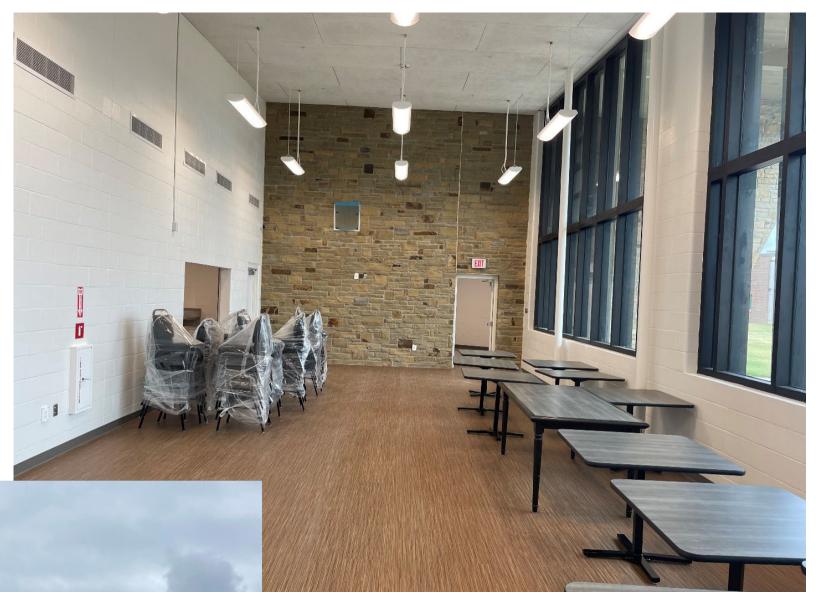






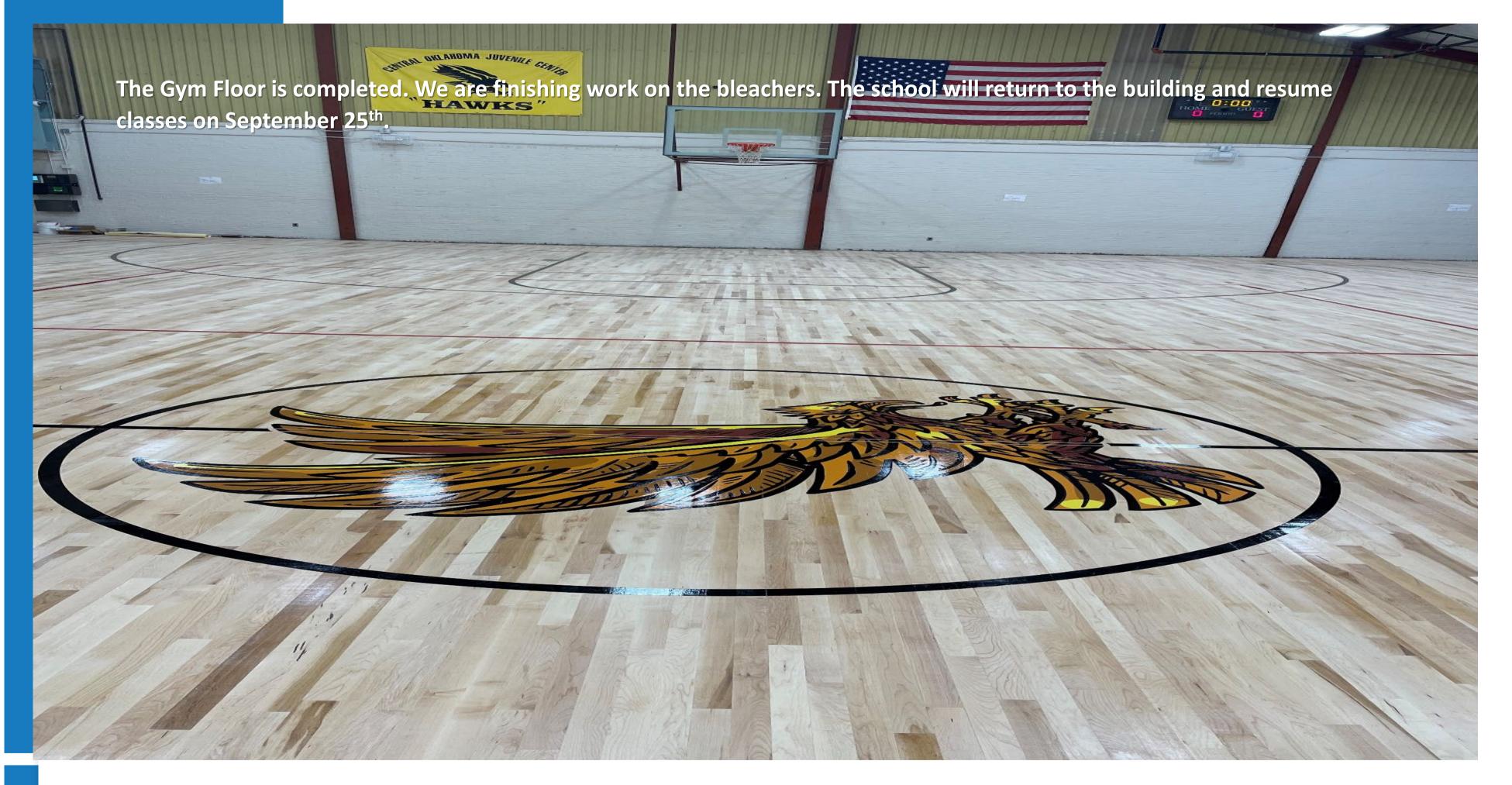














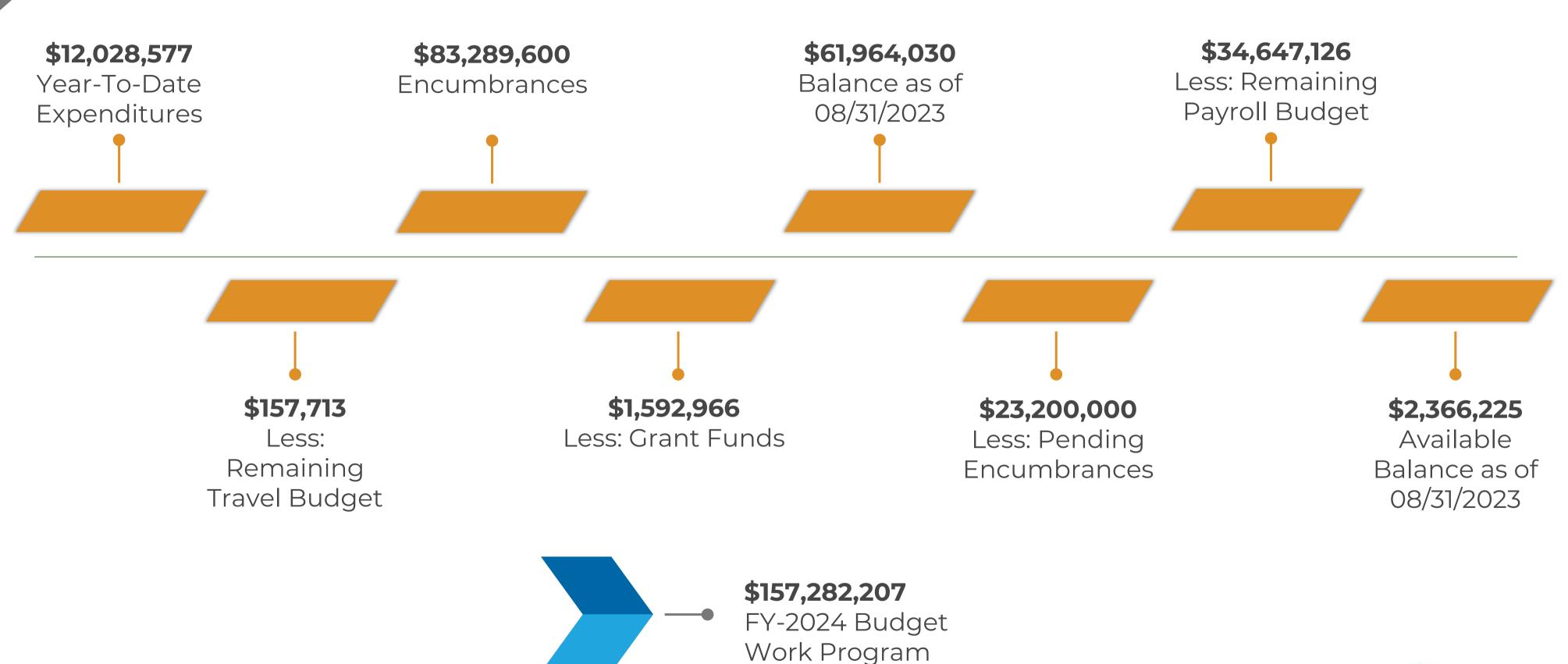
The new temporary fence is being installed. After the staff move out of the old kitchen/warehouse we will demolish the building. We will demolish the building by November 1st.



OJA Finance Report



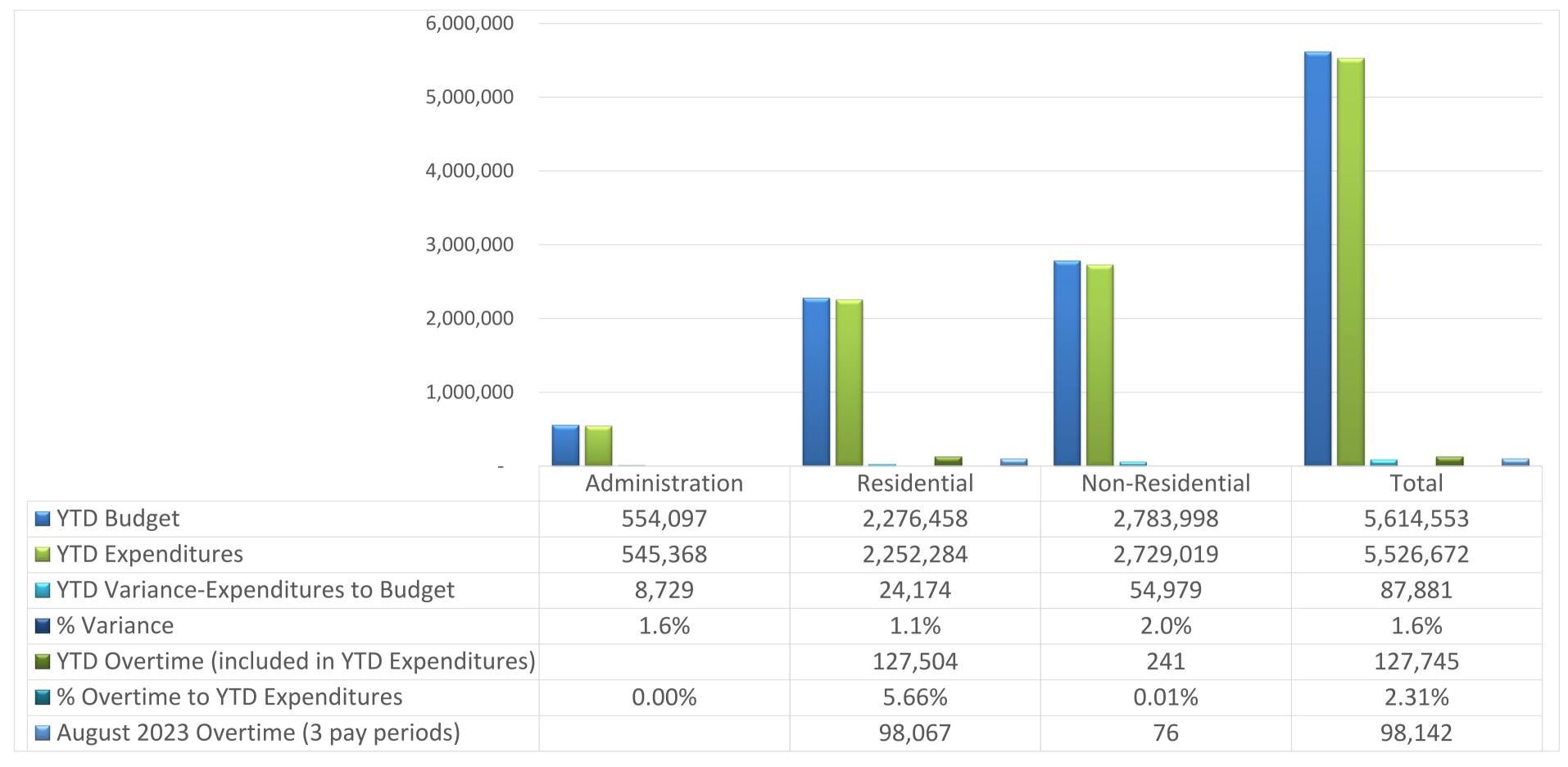
FY-2024 Operation/Capital Budget Projections As of 08/31/2023





FY-2024 Payroll Budget to Actual Year to Date

As of 08/31/2023







FY-2024 Revolving Funds Revenue Projection



As of 08/31/2023

Receivable Source	F\	/-24 Budget	Bud	get to Date	Receipts	ln-	Transit	r (Under) udget
SSI and SSA	\$	100,000	\$	8,333	\$ 20,077			\$ 11,744
Income from Rent		17,802		1,484	1,434			(50)
Charter School State Aid/Grants		700,000		58,333	92,252			33,919
School Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks Program		57,213		4,768	13,612			8,844
Sales		90,000		7,500	6,036			(1,464)
Child Support		150,000		12,500	35,259			22,759
Other Receipts		86,000		7,167	5,099			(2,067)
Total Revolving Funds	\$	1,201,015	\$	100,085	\$ 173,769	\$	-	\$ 73,684
Reimbursements and Refunds	F	Outstanding FY-24 Budget YTD Expenses Receipts Reimbursements		nce to YTD openses				
DHS Safety Shelter, OSDH Rehabilitation Drug and Alcohol Services, Miscellaneous Refunds	\$	4,540,000	\$	233,289	\$ 233,289	\$	-	\$ (0)
Total Revolving Funds Revenue	\$	5,741,015	\$	333,374	\$ 407,058	\$	-	\$ 73,684

FY-2024 Federal Funds Revenue Projections As of 08/31/2023



Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	Projected Annual Revenue		Budget to Date		Actual Revenue		In-Transit		_	ots Variance to Budget
Fixed Rates Reimbursements from Other State Agencies										
Residential Behavior Management Services (RBMS)	\$	6,700,000	\$	1,116,667	\$	453,880	\$	966,014	\$	303,227
Targeted Case Management (TCM)		2,300,000		383,333		342,559		192,636	\$	151,862
IV-E Shelter		155,000		-					9	-
Indirect Cost Reimbursement (OHCA)		185,766		-					9	-
Total Fixed Rates Reimbusements From Other State Agencies	\$	9,340,766	\$	1,500,000	\$	796,439	\$	1,158,650	\$	455,089
Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	FY-2	4 Budget	•	enditures eports	Ro	eceipts		standing oursements	_	ots Variance to D Expenses
Direct Federal Grant, OJJDP Formula	\$	1,368,120	\$	138,467	\$	138,467	\$	-	9	\$ -
DAC-RSAT		225,000		1,755		1,755		-		-
Detection and Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities		1,604,580		205,653		185,250		20,403		0
State Recovery Fund (ARPA)		18,438,192		1,037,685		1,903,022		-		865,337
Total Feferal Fund Cost Reimbursements	\$	21,635,892	\$	1,383,560	\$	2,228,494	\$	20,403	\$	865,337
Total Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	\$	30,976,658	\$	2,883,560	\$	3,024,933	\$	1,179,053	\$	1,320,426

700 Fund Accounts

As of 08/31/2023

Trust Fund - 701
Established to account for all the funds a juvenile received or expended while in OJA Custody



**Cash Balance as of 08/31/2023 \$10,463.51

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 08/31/2023 \$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 08/31/2023 \$13,170.88

Trust Fund - 704

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



**Cash Balance as of 08/31/2023 \$17,328.84



The Oklahoma Economy

Volume of gross receipts to the State Treasury indicate a slowing economy. This August compared to last August reveal a drop of 121.8 million or 8.9%. Gross production tax collections fell from \$205 million to \$82.3 million a 60% decrease.

Revenue for the current 12-month cycle is still ahead of the prior 12-month cycle by \$434.44 million (2.6%).

Other Indicators:

The U.S. Jobless rate dropped to 3.5% in July, down by .1% from prior month. Oklahoma unemployment rate for July is 2.7% - same as June.

Annual inflation rate rose by .2% in July to 3.2%

Regional Economic Trends indices for Oklahoma improved in August from 41.1 to 46.9.

Aggregate income and sales taxes made modest gains from previous month.



Emergency Purchases As of 9/13/2023

Vendor Description Location	Description	Vendor	Date	EMR#
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None to Report



Sole Source Purchases As of 9/13/2023

Location Amount	Description	Vendor	Date	Sole Source#
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None to Report



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS)

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances School Year 2022-2023 as of June 30, 2023	OJA General and Revolving Funds	Fund 25000	Totals as of 08/31/2023	COJC (972)	SOJC (975)	Total
<u>Revenues</u>						
Foundation/Salary Incentive Alternative Ed Grant ESSER II Formula Fund Flowthrough IDEA Redbud School Funding Act Title I N&D Title IA Title IV-A LEA Textbooks/Ace Technology Child Nutrition Program _Operation/Admin Cost Child Nutrition Program _Breakfast	\$	\$ 199,643.37 110,593.63 158,931.55 55,648.02 21,808.52 140,687.82 96,753.60 20,000.00 3,729.75 12,039.72 55,167.89	\$ 199,643.37 110,593.63 158,931.55 55,648.02 21,808.52 140,687.82 96,753.60 20,000.00 3,729.75 12,039.72 55,167.89	\$ 199,643.37 110,593.63 158,931.55 55,648.02 21,808.52 140,687.82 72,330.64 15,000.00 3,729.75 12,039.72 53,704.75	\$ - - 24,422.96 5,000.00 - - 1,463.14	\$ 199,643.37 110,593.63 158,931.55 55,648.02 21,808.52 140,687.82 96,753.60 20,000.00 3,729.75 12,039.72 55,167.89
Child Nutrition Program _Lunches and Snacks Refund Office of Juvenile Affairs **	1,153,551.59	117,522.64 2,432.40	117,522.64 2,432.40 1,153,551.59	112,731.61 2,432.40 971,397.90	4,791.03 - 182,153.69	117,522.64 2,432.40 1,153,551.59
Total Revenues	\$ 1,153,551.59	\$ 994,958.91	\$ 2,148,510.50	\$ 1,930,679.68	\$ 217,830.82	\$ 2,148,510.50
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Equipment and Library Resources Operational Expenses Payroll Expenses Professional Services Training and Travel	\$ 169,363.79 87,571.28 877,201.81 - 19,414.71	\$ - 137,787.61 814,085.15 5,200.00	\$ 169,363.79 225,358.89 1,691,286.96 5,200.00 19,414.71	\$ 169,285.81 194,910.31 1,459,735.70 2,600.00 15,790.56	\$ 77.98 30,448.58 231,551.26 2,600.00 3,624.15	\$ 169,363.79 225,358.89 1,691,286.96 5,200.00 19,414.71
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,153,551.59	\$ 957,072.76	\$ 2,110,624.35	\$ 1,842,322.38	\$ 268,301.97	\$ 2,110,624.35
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Fund Balances August 1, 2022 Fund Balances 2022-2023 School Year	\$ - - \$ -	\$ 37,886.15 358,340.75 \$ 396,226.90	277,569.97	287,422.73	70,918.02	358,340.75
**OJA Funds Fund 191/192 Fund 19301 Fund 20000 Fund 41000	COJC (972) \$ 6,033.84 \$ 809,462.05 \$ 9.10 \$ 158,931.55 \$ 974,436.54		Total \$ 12,106.24 \$ 982,504.70 \$ 9.10 \$ 158,931.55 \$ 1,153,551.59			

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances School Year 2023-2024 as of August 31, 2023		A General and volving Funds	F	und 25000	Totals as of 08/31/2023	COJC (972)	S	OJC (975)	Total
Revenues Foundation/Salary Incentive Alternative Ed Grant ESSER II Formula Fund	\$	-	\$	36,689.40 - -	\$ 36,689.40 - -	\$ 36,689.40			\$ 36,689.40 - -
Flowthrough IDEA Redbud School Funding Act Title I N&D Title IA				- - - 32,373.61	- - - 32,373.61	32,373.61			- - - 32,373.61
Title IV-A LEA Textbooks/Ace Technology Child Nutrition Program _Operation/Admin Cost				- 4,066.03 -	- 4,066.03 -	4,066.03			- 4,066.03 -
Child Nutrition Program _Breakfast Child Nutrition Program _Lunches and Snacks Refund Office of Juvenile Affairs **		311,209.67		4,442.88 9,168.64 293.90	4,442.88 9,168.64 293.90 311,209.67	4,442.88 9,168.64 293.90 311,209.67			4,442.88 9,168.64 293.90 311,209.67
Total Revenues	\$	311,209.67	\$	87,034.46	\$ 398,244.13	\$ 398,244.13	\$	-	\$ 398,244.13
<u>Expenditures</u>									
Equipment and Library Resources Operational Expenses Payroll Expenses Professional Services Training and Travel	\$	41,183.10 3,186.92 265,887.51 - 952.14	\$	- 6,860.80 14,466.85 -	\$ 41,183.10 10,047.72 280,354.36 - 952.14	\$ 41,183.10 10,047.72 280,354.36 952.14			\$ 41,183.10 10,047.72 280,354.36 - 952.14
Total Expenditures	\$	311,209.67	\$	21,327.65	\$ 332,537.32	\$ 332,537.32	\$	-	\$ 332,537.32
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	-	\$	65,706.81	\$ 65,706.81	\$ 65,706.81	\$	-	\$ 65,706.81
Fund Balances August 1, 2023		-		396,226.90	315,456.12	375,780.03		20,446.87	396,226.90
Fund Balances 2023-2024 School Year	\$	-	\$	461,933.71	\$ 381,162.93	\$ 441,486.84	\$	20,446.87	\$ 461,933.71
**OJA Funds	•	COJC (972)							
Fund 19301 Fund 19401	\$	527.03 310,682.64							
runa 19401	\$	311,209.67							



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Request for 2023-2024 Encumbrances

Encumbrance#	Description	Vendor	Amount
2024-028	3% Administrative Fee per 70 O.S Section 3-142 (A) for Salary Incentive from OSDE (2024 Allocation amount \$407,659.99)	Oklahoma Department of Education	\$ 12,229.80
2024-029	BASC-3 global administration digital report with intervention recommendations (70x\$4)	Pearson Assessments	280.00
2024-030	Conners-3 Parents, Teachers and Self Report Digital Forms for determination of residents' qualification for Special Ed services	Multi-Health Systems Inc (MHS)	375.00
2024-031	3-year lease of 23 laptop computers \$48.15 (36x48.15x23)	Dell Computers	39,868.20
2024-032	14 Docking stations required to provide connectivity to external monitors/network for new laptops at \$179.81 each	Dell Computers	2,517.34
2024-033	Essential office supplies and educational supplies	TBD	6,000.00

TOTAL \$ 61,270.34



Estimate of Needs for 2023-2024 Board of Education of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School District No. J-1 County of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma

3210 Foundation and Salary Incentive Aid	\$ 443,652.00	
3400 State - Categorical	4,099.00	
3600 Other State Sources of Revenue	1,400,000.00	
4200 Disadvantaged Students	60,596.00	
4300 Individuals With Disabilities	60,926.00	
4400 No Child Left Behind	18,473.00	
4600 Other Federal Sources Passed Through State Dept Of Education	516,124.00	
5000 Non-Revenue Receipts	2,377.00	
6110 Cash Forward	 358,340.75	
TOTAL ESTIMATE OF NEEDS	\$ 2,864,587.75	



Financial State of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board of Education of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School District No. J-1 County of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma

Balance Sheet for June 30, 2023					
ASSETS	Amount				
Cash Balances	\$ 396,226.90				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 396,226.90				
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:					
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$ -				
CASH FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2023	\$ 396,226.90				
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND CASH FUND BALANCE	\$ 396,226.90				

Financial State of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Board of Education of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School District No. J-1 County of Oklahoma, State of Oklahoma

Statement of Fund Balance for June 30, 2023

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME	
3210 Foundation and Salary Incentive Aid	\$ 199,643.37
3300 State Aid - Competitive Grants - Categorical	110,593.63
3400 State - Categorical	25,538.27
3600 Other State Sources of Revenue	1,153,551.59
3700 Child Nutrition Program	1,191.30
4200 Disadvantaged Students	237,441.42
4300 Individuals With Disabilities	55,648.02
4400 No Child Left Behind	20,000.00
4600 Other Federal Sources thru OSDE	158,931.55
4700 Child Nutrition Programs	183,538.95
5000 Non-Revenue Receipts	2,432.40
6110 Cash Forward	 358,340.75
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME	\$ 2,506,851.25
EXPENDITURES	
1000 INSTRUCTION	\$ 1,110,237.54
2100 Support Services - Students	67,978.60
2200 Support Services - Instructional Staff	71,206.16
2300 Support Services - General Administration	230,584.92
2400 Support Services - School Administration	204,403.47
2500 Support Services - Business	76,023.01
3100 Child Nutrition Programs Operations	188,826.70
4700 Building Improvement Services	158,931.55
5600 Correcting Entry	 2,432.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,110,624.35
CASH FUND BALANCE	\$ 396,226.90



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Administration Report

OYACS Board Meeting September 19, 2023

Meet the amazing OYACS Team!



S'Vana Wallace, Jessie Johnson, Stephen Saenz, Don Stelzer, Lisa Perrone, Mindi Anderson, Jerry Roark, Katrina Massey, James Weaver, Elizabeth Parker, Kimberly Hayes, Janie Kopp, Carol Buchanan, Chelsie Childers, Paul Otieno, Sonya Parsons and Leticia Sanchez





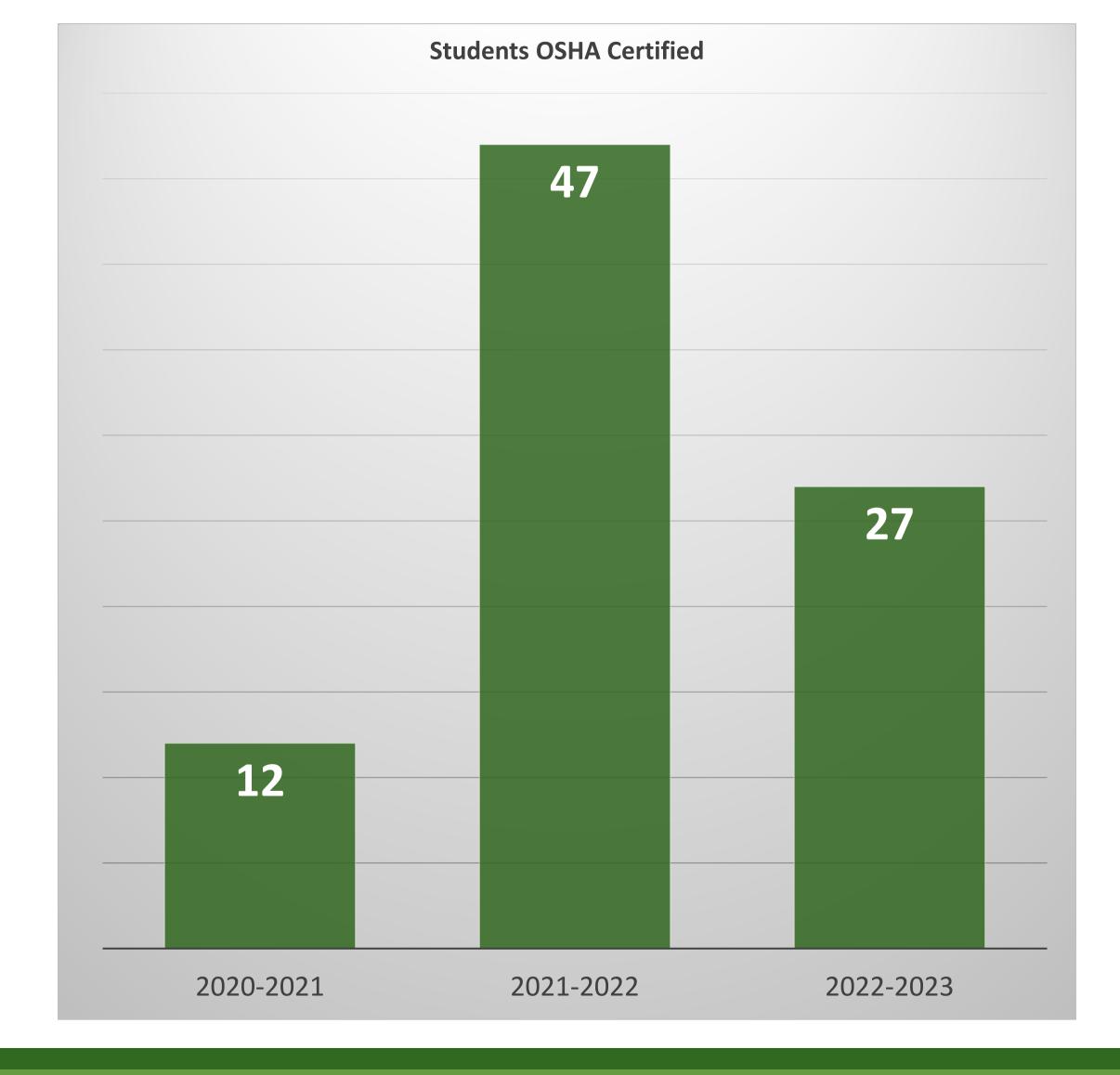
Teacher of the Year Dr. Don Stelzer

Support Staff of the Year S'Vana Wallace

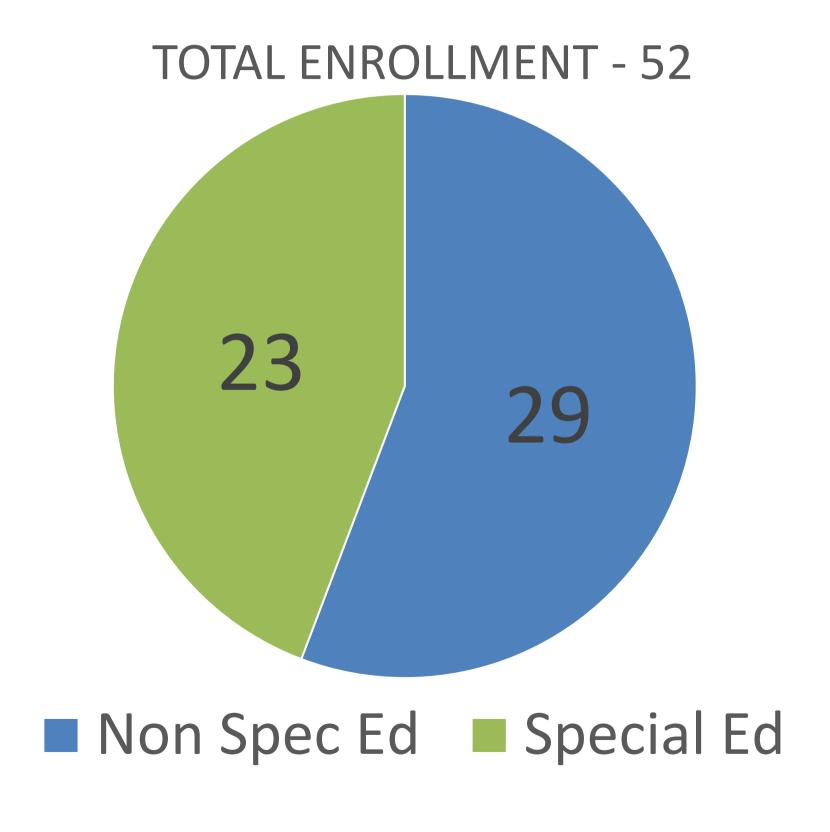


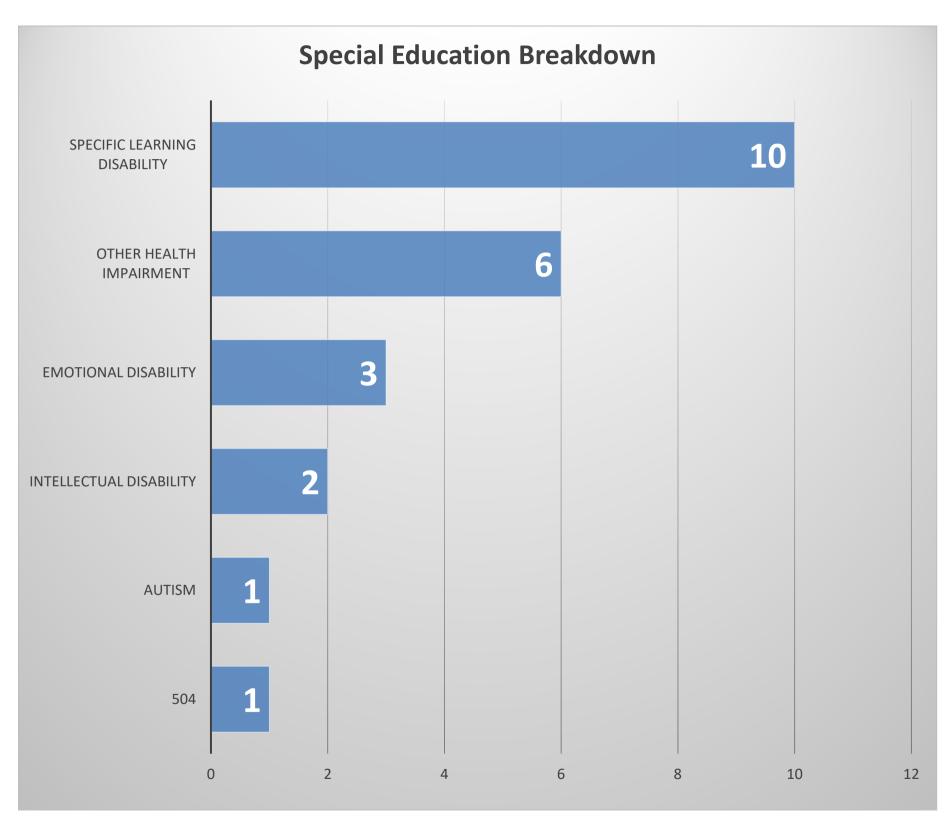


Occupational Safety and Health Administration



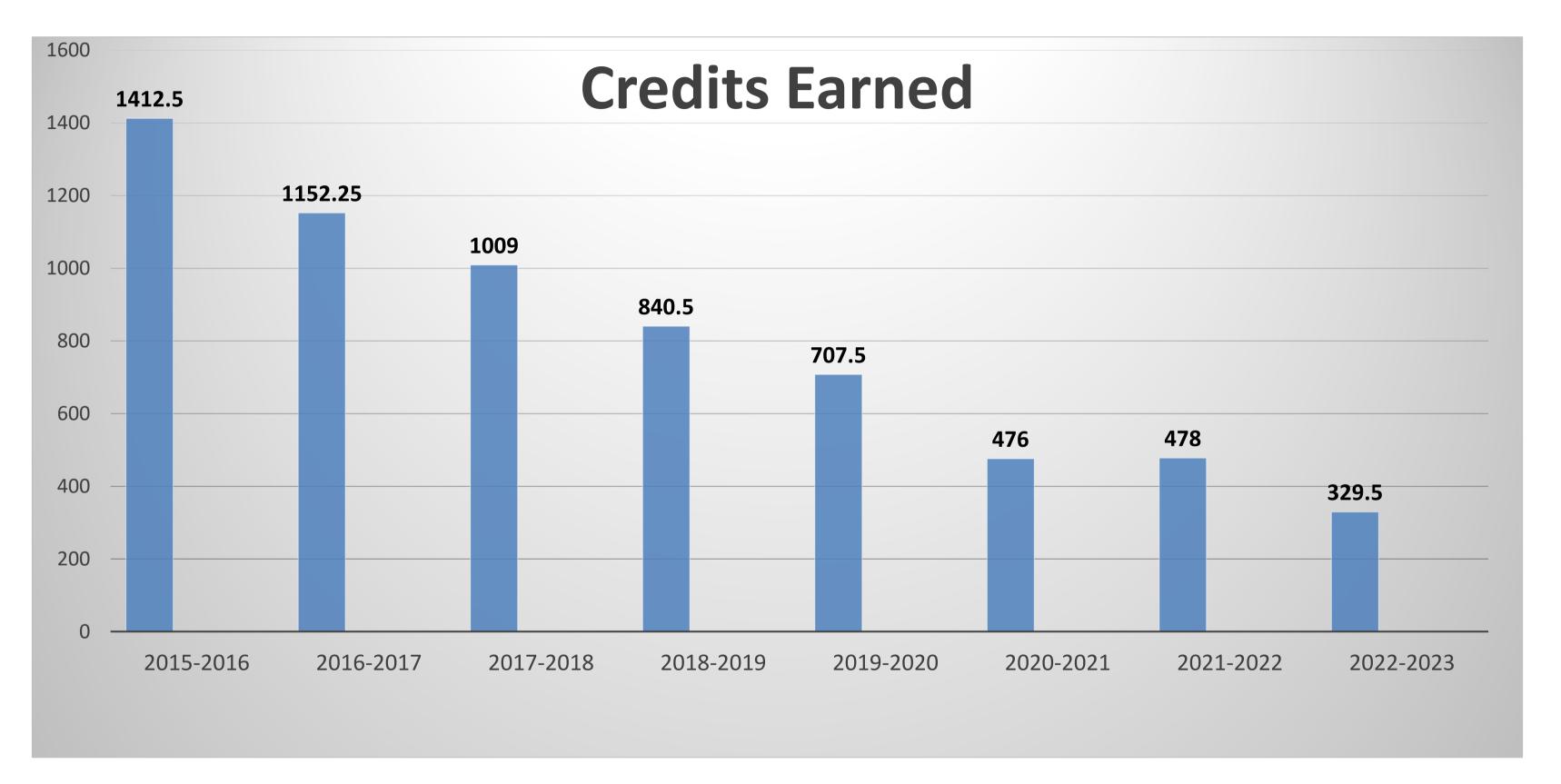
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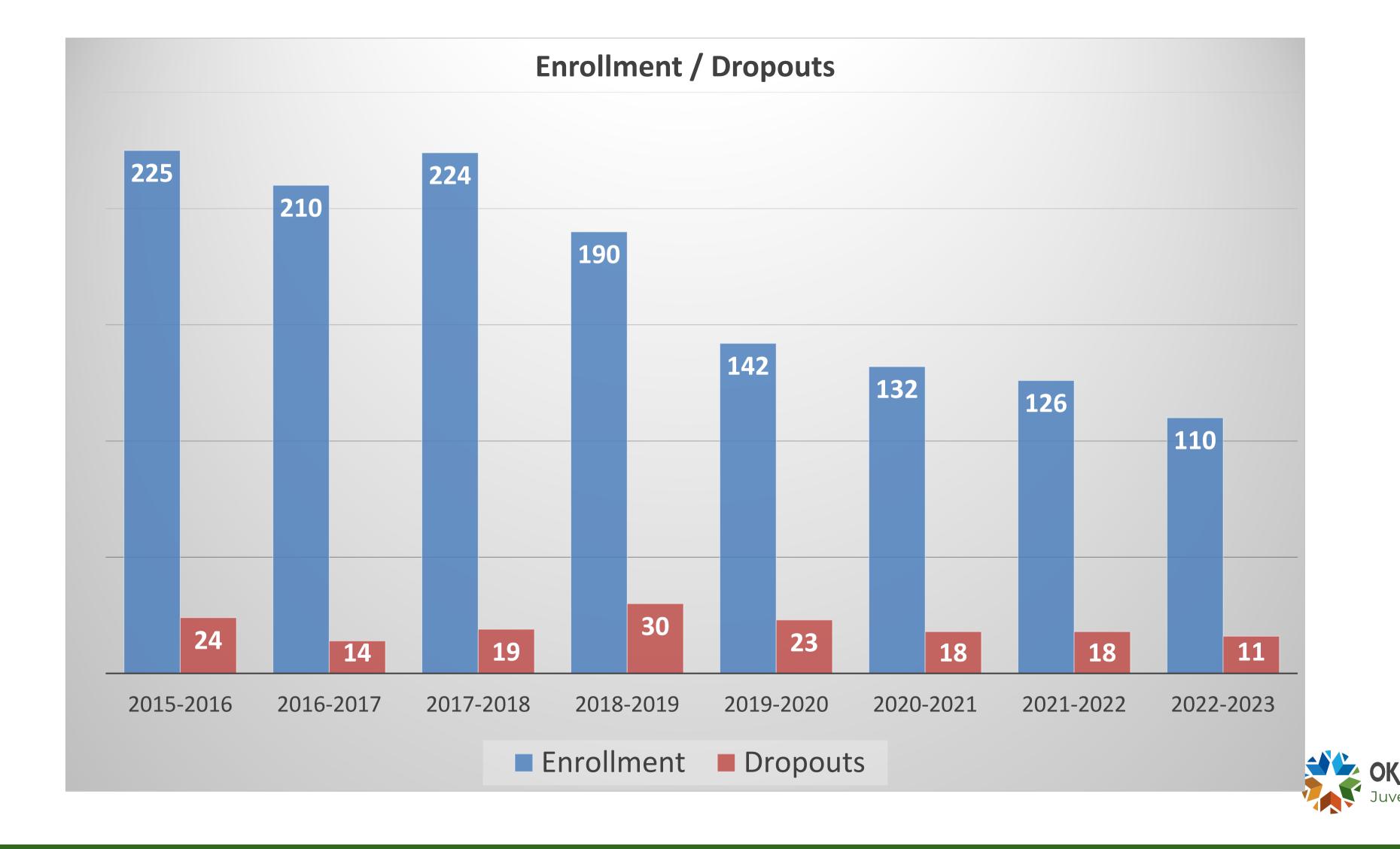


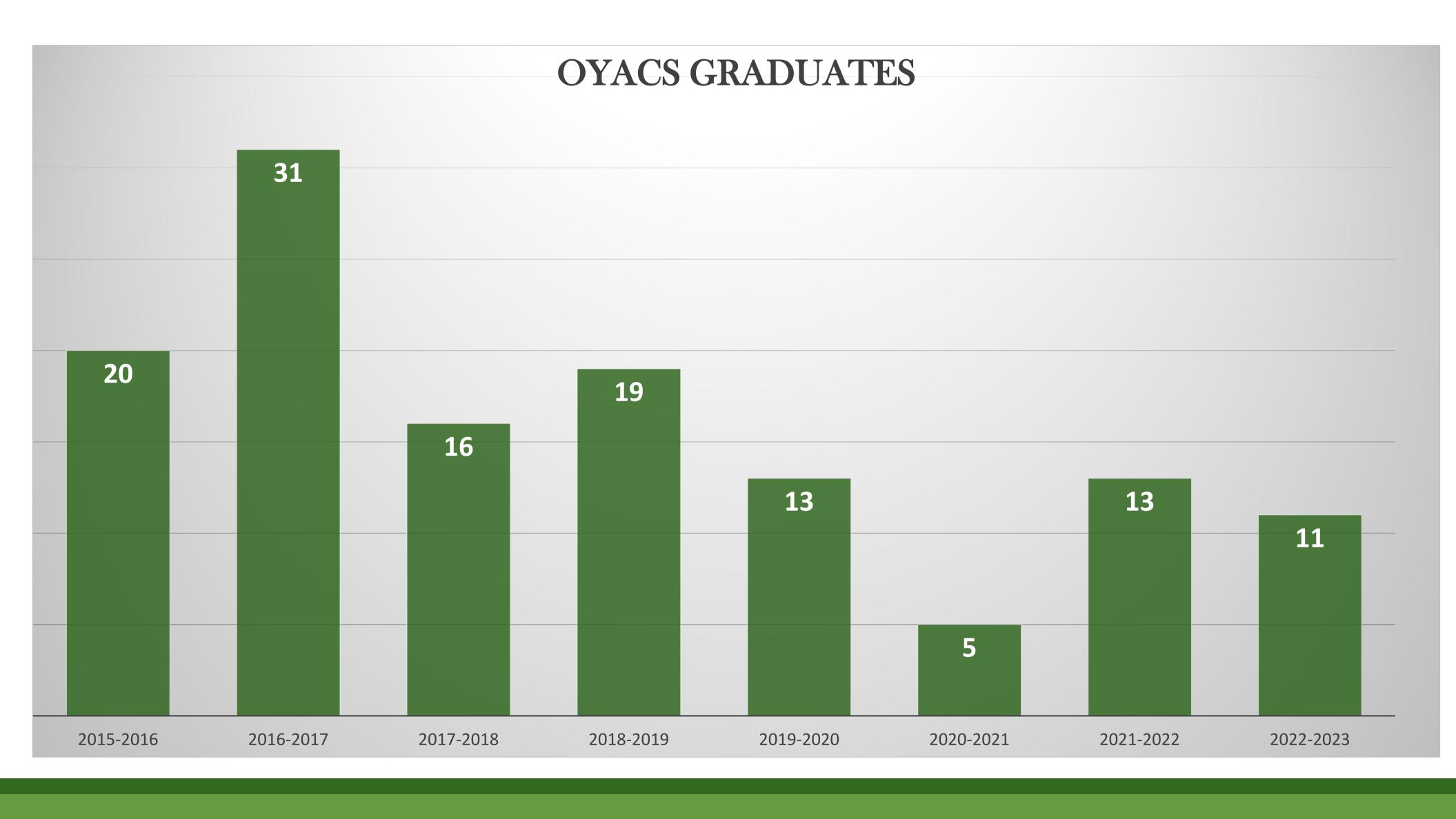


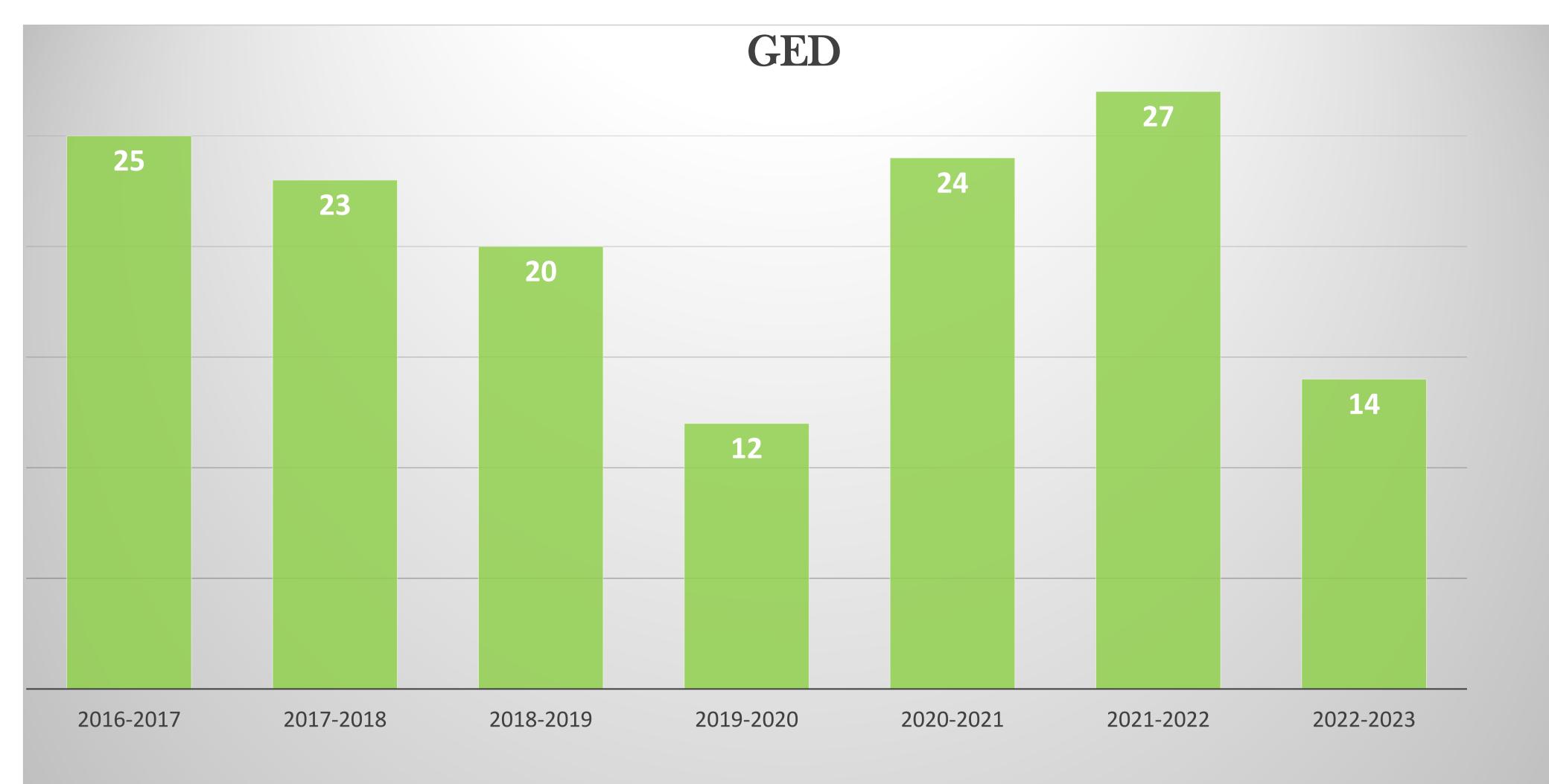
Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Annual Dropout & Student College Remediation Report











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