

August 19, 2025

Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting



**Proposed
minutes for the
July 15, 2025 meeting**





State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

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

Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

Board Members Present

Gail Blaylock
Bart Bouse
Amy Emerson
Janet Foss
Josh Trimble
Jenna Worthen
Karen Youngblood

Board Members Absent

Les Thomas Sr.

Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the July 15, 2025 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. and requested a roll call.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Presentation on Juvenile Competency by Oklahoma's Commission on Children and Youth

Mr. Mark James, Assistant Director, and Mr. Richard Yahola, Juvenile Competency Coordinator introduced the Oklahoma Commission of Children and Youth's (OCCY) statutory mission and its impact on the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA). Mr. James presented and explained the attached presentation.

Mr. Bouse: You mention it is \$1250 per evaluation at 76 evaluations (tentatively for this fiscal year), but it sounds like we are going to be quite a bit short. Are the providers just doing it pro bono at that point?

Assistant Director James: OCCY has covered it up to this point through appropriations and other funds to cover the gap. However, at the end of this fiscal year we will run out of funds. Without funds and/or payment, I am assuming they will not complete the evaluations.

Mr. Bouse: When the youth are found incompetent, are the judges dismissing the cases, filing In Need of Treatment but the issue is where do you put them? Are the prosecutors refiling, what is the process?

Assistant Director James: I cannot answer that question, with hiring Mr. Yahola, hopefully we can begin to track that information.

Judge Foss: I am the one that started this conversation after talking with a judge in Cleveland County. When you are a judge sitting on the bench you have to find a solution. You do get cases of repeat offenders; I cannot imagine a judge is going to put a youth with a heavier offense back into the community. It is a problem; there was a reason Oklahoma did not have competency statutes until 2016. It was not well thought out.

Assistant Director James: We get calls every few months from assistant district attorneys and judges seeking assistance or asking what do we do now?

Judge Foss: Do you get complaints from people on these types of cases? Through your oversight?

Assistant Director James: Yes, we have received some complaints. Not many but a few.

Chair Youngblood: Just to clarify, you talk about now being staffed, is it funding or is it getting up to speed that is really slowing you down in being able to catch up to the numbers? Is it that you are underfunded? Or is it the fact that bless your hearts you lost this amazing person in Dr. Grissom that was doing so many of them? Knowing him I could see him doing these out of his pocket?

Assistant Director James: It is both. We haven't had the staff because we didn't have the funding. Last year, we got the appropriations for the staff position and \$60,000 for the evaluations. Up until we hired Richard, we were not out recruiting evaluators. Richard has been able to start recruiting. First several years, those 5 evaluators were covering everything, but circumstances changed. The loss of Dr. Grissom did hit us hard. So, yes, staff and funding.

Chair Youngblood: If I am hearing you correctly, yes, you have the funding for staff position, but you need additional funds for evaluations. Without these fundings you will now be putting that onus back on the families?

Assistant Director James: We cannot put that onus on the families. We are going to say that we can no longer have the funds to pay for these evaluations.

Chair Youngblood: Correct, that is an important distinction. But you are going to be having to tell the judges that, and I am not trying to make you the bad guy. I am trying to locate the holes in the system. You are going to tell them there are no OCCY funds to pay for these evaluations.

Assistant Director James: Correct.

Judge Foss: Most of those families are on public assistance or economically struggling and that is just going to get worse.

Assistant Director James: I think we understood that, and that is why we tried to get the funds to cover the evaluations.

Judge Foss: I appreciate that you all are thinking about it. Looking at the big picture, it needs to be dealt with by all the state agencies who provide services to children. Before you had competency statutes, we just found a fit for the child. However, you do not want to put a developmentally disabled child with someone with conduct disorder.

Mr. Bouse: Have any of the courts stepped up and paid out of the court funds?

Assistant Director James: We have, our providers routinely submit bills for payments, but to my knowledge they have never been paid.

Judge Foss: They have other bills to pay.

Mr. Bouse, I understand that. In the adult system, does DOC have funds for those or how do they get paid?

Assistant Director James: For competency evaluations, I do not know where the funding comes for that. DMH is the agency rein charge of remediation services for adults; they were named in the lawsuit along with the state of Oklahoma.

Mr. Trimble: In regards to the actual cost, \$1250.00, who sets that number? Where did that number come from?

Assistant Director James: OCCY administration, we do not have a rates and standards committee. We looked at what was equitable at that time and created the rate.

Mr. Trimble: What I am hearing you say is that is the current rate, and it can be adjusted.

Assistant Director James: Correct. That could potentially be a response, at any time contracts can be altered, that we could adjust the payout due to the loss of funds.

Chair Youngblood: I am assuming with your new staff that you have looked at other avenues to start a dialogue. What are some of the things you are looking at to address this issue? Where can OJA plug in?

Mr. James: This is just my opinion.

Chair Youngblood: We are not going to hold you to this, but we need you to pull back the PowerPoint and give us some hints on what you are seeing to start a dialogue. Because in the current scenario Family A gets their evaluation paid for and Family B is ordered to pay. Family B could be so destitute that it could be detrimental to the family to have to pay that money.

Assistant Director James: This is two separate conversations. I thought we were going to discuss the remediation program. However, you brought up loss of funding. These are different issues, we need to explain to the Legislature and the Judiciary the day is coming that the funding will no longer be available

and seek proposed solutions. Is that a supplemental budget request or looking for different funding resource avenues or partnerships?

Chair Youngblood: I was going to point that out, they are out of session. You say you have funds through January but in theory you could be out of funds before they return to session.

Recognition of Director Wisk Jacobi.

Assistant Director James: While the Director comes up, I would like to point out that had we known before the last session ended that the issue was going to occur, we would have addressed it sooner.

Chair Youngblood: We are not looking for blame, we are looking for thought process. Each one of us is plugged into different areas and places. We may have perspective for dialogue.

Director Wisk Jacobi: We did ask for some additional dollars and did not receive them. It has not been ignored but it has not been answered.

Mr. Bouse: I am hearing you are covering the costs from other parts of your budget. Obviously, the families are never going to pay for this, because they just do not have the money for it. The major issue is making sure these get done in the timeframe, and we are working on that?

Assistant Director James: We have the coordinator recruiting evaluators, but it does not solve paying for them.

Director Wisk Jacobi: Or the backlog.

Dr. Emerson: I am sure knowing you that you have looked at other states. I am sure nobody has cracked the code. Can you point to a state or two that we could look for, and you can let us know where has OJA has plugged in? I am now looking at the remediation piece of that.

Director Wisk Jacobi: It is a looming lawsuit.

Chair Youngblood: To OCCY, to the state?

Director Wisk Jacobi: To the state.

Chair Youngblood: That is what I thought.

Assistant Director James: We have reached out to other states, Wisconsin, Oregon, and Colorado. Dr. LaFortune connected us with Wisconsin, curriculum, she has done a lot on her own, there are private agencies that do virtual remediation services and education. She thought maybe I could use the services for the Oklahoma juvenile. It did not end up working. Colorado is a state agency mandated system. Their program was a result of a lawsuit. They had 10 months to create the program. I recommend that

Oklahoma create a system that works because we put something together for compliance, but it is not ideal. I do not know how perfect or great they are. I have not spent enough time to know how involved OJA is in this process.

Mr. Bouse: I assume we have reached out to Mental Health?

Assistant Director James: We have brought it up many times over many years.

Dr. Emerson: One more question, I am sure every one of those children looks different. Are there any trends or commonalities in considering this? Urban v. rural, are they involved with child welfare? Is there anything?

Assistant Director James: I cannot answer that.

Dr. Emerson: Yes, how can we get ahead?

Assistant Director: We collect basic stats, but we have some information, and we can exam them.

Judge Foss: When you get the request do you prioritize based on where they are currently placed?

Assistant Director James: We have attempted that but one judge does not want to have another judge's case prioritized.

Mr. Bouse: Mark, if we had a remediation program who would that likely fall under? Would that occur under OJA, DHS, and/or Mental Health?

Assistant Director James: I would not think OJA because that would be a conflict. This process determines if a youth is adjudicated in the juvenile justice system. My first thought is mental health.

Assistant Director Bouse: Honestly, and I asked my rhetorical question earlier, they have an adult competency restoration system. They ought to develop a system. How do we go about as a state, do we need to get the governor's office involved in? Or do we get the agencies together, is this something OCCY can tackle?

Mr. James: That has been our goal, we hope to the next short months convening the right stakeholders OJA, DHS, DMH, the courts to work on resolving the issue.

Director Wisk Jacobi: I will add that we met with Admiral Slavonic last week, and he is lovely, but he is temporary. I think this is a small barrier, he has other priorities at the moment, he will assist but it is not a priority.

Mr. Trimble: Mark, you can charge this to my naivete, I am curious to know, when completing these evaluations is it best practice or a mandate to complete these in person?

Assistant Director James: Best practice. Our evaluators are adamant being in the presence of the juvenile and family. That is what they do.

Mr. Trimble: Other states, completing them virtually or having individuals being onsite with the juvenile but the evaluators being virtually?

Assistant Director James: I do not know that answer.

Chair Youngblood: That is what you said Wisconsin was doing, correct?

Assistant Director James: Remediation, not evaluation. We will be approaching OJA asking for representation in a work group to resolve these issues.

Chair Youngblood: We appreciate you pulling back the curtains and letting us seeing some of the details. So we can be formulating and bringing our unique perspectives and just being aware better of the separate issues. The things Dr. Grissom did to make it work for the entire state. I wish we had the grand answers to solve this today.

Judge Foss: I appreciate your time and frankness.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed minutes for the June 17, 2025 board meeting

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

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

Nay:

Abstain: Emerson

Absent: Thomas

The proposed minutes for the June 17, 2025 board meeting approved.

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

Director Tardibono thanked Director Wisk Jacobi and Assistant Director James for their time and presentation. Thank you to Secretary Everest for being here today. Thank you Judge Foss for the request to get this presentation started.

We have been having meetings with Arnall and MetaFund for outside funding opportunities for programs. CSG site visits are ongoing with a focus of providing cross systems supports for young people and their families. Specifically, the youth who are being served by multiple agencies, are there models we can enact, there will be a legislative briefing.

The leadership team meeting, as we work to build culture, Director of Training, Samie Harley, worked to get a meeting facilitated by OU Public Management. Monday was our monthly meeting and Samie led us through some activities together and not be so business orientated but long term orientated. Calibration, this is a new performance HR process that the Governor's office has urged the agencies to take on. Our HR Director, Pam Mulvaney, led us in jumping in with all the supervisors. It is a process where you bring leadership and managers together to align their evaluation standards and identifying star performers and rock stars as well as gaps. It has been an interesting opportunity.

Woodward County received their provisional license for the juvenile detention center. This was needed because the previous provider ended their contract with the Commissioners. This led us to identifying the need for contracts for detention services for Muskogee County. Tulsa County has continued to show improvement, their latest audit finding was successful, and we granted full licensure.

Why we do what we do: I got a message from a resident leaving COJC earlier this week. He said, "Thank you for taking the time to work with me on the TLP and helping me find a second shot. Today, I only have 6 days left and I did not know where I was going after COJC. I had said no to the first opportunity, and I thought that meant I would not be given the opportunity again. I know this second opportunity will change my life for the better. I appreciate you, OJA, and COJC for everything you have done for me." It is great to see the youth take ownership of their pathways. I want to thank Randy Sheppard for working with this youth.

Mr. Trimble: Tim, thank you for the report. To broaden my knowledge base, Woodward County received their provisional license, when I read that it is just that. Is there a sunset?

Director Tardibono: Yes, before that time expires, OPI-Licensure Unit will go out and audit for the program for a second provisional license or if a full license should be issued based on the audit findings.

Chair Youngblood: As always, we appreciate the staff reports and the data provided.

Judge Foss: In reading the staff reports, Tim would it be possible to get an organizational chart?

Director Tardibono: Yes, with our recent staffing changes, I will need to reshuffle the chart but, yes, we can send that out.

State Advisory Group (SAG) – Mr. Les Thomas, SAG Chair; Ms. Alison Humphrey, Director of Reentry; and Ms. Constanzia Nizza, Chief of Operational Excellence

Ms. Nizza and Ms. Humphrey discussed and presented the proposals in the attached report.

Dr. Emerson: I would like to do more of this.

Mr. Trimble: With the agenda, it is showing up to..

Ms. Nizza: Correct, we want to provide the opportunity if needed.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed award to Muscogee (Creek) Nation from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

The proposed award to Muscogee (Creek) Nation from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed award Youth and Family Resource Center, Inc. – Shawnee from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

The proposed award Youth and Family Resource Center, Inc. – Shawnee from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed award to Peppers Ranch Inc. (Foster Community) from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00

Mr. Trimble, moved to approve contingent on receiving required documents by September 1st with a second by Judge Foss

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

The proposed award to Peppers Ranch Inc. (Foster Community) from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed award to Heroes in Waiting from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

The proposed award to Heroes in Waiting from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed award to NOBLE and Mindful Resolutions #1 from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

The proposed award to NOBLE and Mindful Resolutions #1 from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed award to NOBLE and Mindful Resolutions #2 from Title II Formula funding up to \$50,000.00

Request for funding was withdrawn. Therefore, not action was taken.

Presentation on recommended Rates and Standards

Ms. Constanzia Nizza, Chief of Operational Excellence, and Mr. Kevin Clagg, Chief Financial Officer

Chair Youngblood: For transparency and accountability, the rates and standards go through an extensive process. Constanzia can you explain the process.

Ms. Nizza walked through each step of the process.

Chair Youngblood: It is a lengthy process, and I wanted to make sure we are all aware of the process. The contracts state we have to follow the rates approved.

Ms. Nizza: Correct.

Dr. Emerson: I would really just like to say how much I appreciate Constanzia's work on this. It is very clear to me, and I think Judge would agree, the responsiveness and response to our partners across the state is clear. I appreciate the relationship building. I didn't know but have learned some of these rates

may only apply to one or two of our partners. I have learned a lot. Thank you very much and we run smoothly because of the work done outside of those meetings. We get a look at the work on the ground, and it is pertinent to understand that this may be the only avenue and/or pathway for funding or services. Thank you to our partners and staff.

Mr. Trimble: Here, here.

Chair Youngblood: It is something we want to roll everyone through. You get a unique view of how the sausage is made. Please keep that in mind. I appreciate Judge and Dr. Emerson for their work. I think the detailed packet lays out the process, allows us to vote.

Public Comment on proposed Rates and Standards

There were no public comments on the proposed rates and standards.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, Tutoring, RS2026-001-001

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Tutoring, RS2026-001-001 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed rates and standards, Group Mentoring, RS2026-001-002

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed rates and standards, Group Mentoring, RS2026-001-002 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, Prosocial Youth Community Activity – In Person, RS2026-001-003

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Prosocial Youth Community Activity – In Person, RS2026-001-003 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed to rates and standards, Demonstrated Need, RS2026-001-004

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed to rates and standards, Demonstrated Need, RS2026-001-004 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, Mentoring, RS2026-001-005

Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Mentoring, RS2026-001-005 approved.

Ms. Nizza took a moment to explain the following proposed edits created a unified set of provider levels.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, Licensed Counselor or Social Worker Base Rate, RS2026-002-031

Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Licensed Counselor or Social Worker Base Rate, RS2026-002-031 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, amending All Staffing Levels Requirements and Standards – All Staffing Levels on the rates listed below

Case Staffing, RS2026-002-001

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Case Staffing, RS2026-002-001 approved.

Community/Home Based Services Travel, RS2026-002-002

Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Case Staffing, RS2026-002-001 approved.

Family Assistance/Support Program Services, RS2026-002-003

Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Case Staffing, RS2026-002-001 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, amending Staffing Level Requirements and Standards – Staffing Level Paraprofessional, Paraprofessional Services, RS2026-002-018

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, amending Staffing Level Requirements and Standards – Staffing Level Paraprofessional, Para-professional Services, RS2026-002-018 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, amending Staffing Level Requirements and Standards – Staffing Levels A, B, and C on the rates listed below

Client Advocacy, RS2026-002-004

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Client Advocacy, RS2026-002-004 approved.

Clinical Supervision, RS2026-002-005

Mr. Trimble moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Clinical Supervision, RS2026-002-005 approved.

Community-based Prevention Services – Direct, RS2026-002-006

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Community-based Prevention Services – Direct, RS2026-002-006 approved.

Crisis Intervention Support – Telephone or Face-to-face, RS2026-002-007
Dr. Emerson moved to approve with a second by Mr. Bouse

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

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Crisis Intervention Support – Telephone or Face-to-face, RS2026-002-007 approved.

Group Counseling with Secondary Counselor - RS2026-002-008
Mr. Trimble moved to approve with a second by Mr. Bouse

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

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Group Counseling with Secondary Counselor - RS2026-002-008 approved.

Group Rehabilitative Treatment, RS2026-002-009
Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Mr. Bouse

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

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Group Rehabilitative Treatment, RS2026-002-009 approved.

Independent Living/Re-entry Coordinator Program Services, RS2026-002-010
Mr. Trimble moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Independent Living/Re-entry Coordinator Program Services, RS2026-002-010 approved.

Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency Services, RS2026-002-011

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Independent Living/Self-Sufficiency Services, RS2026-002-011 approved.

Individual Rehabilitative Treatment, RS2026-002-012

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Individual Rehabilitative Treatment, RS2026-002-012 approved.

Life Skill Training (Target) - RS2026-002-013

Judge Blaylock moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Life Skill Training (Target) - RS2026-002-013 approved.

Parenting Intervention Program Services, RS2026-002-014

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Parenting Intervention Program Services, RS2026-002-014 approved.

Treatment Planning, RS2026-002-015

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Treatment Planning, RS2026-002-015 approved.

Treatment Plan Review, RS2026-002-016

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Treatment Plan Review, RS2026-002-016 approved.

Truancy Intervention Program Services, RS2026-002-017

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Truancy Intervention Program Services, RS2026-002-017 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, amending Staffing Level Requirements and Standards – Staffing Levels A and B on the rates listed below

Outreach for Detained Youth – Jail or Secure Detention Center, RS2026-002-019

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Outreach for Detained Youth – Jail or Secure Detention Center, RS2026-002-019 approved.

Crisis Intervention Outreach, RS2026-002-020

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Crisis Intervention Outreach, RS2026-002-020 approved.

Family Outreach, RS2026-002-021

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Family Outreach, RS2026-002-021 approved.

Group Outreach, RS2026-002-022

Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Group Outreach, RS2026-002-022 approved.

Individual Outreach, RS2026-002-023

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Individual Outreach, RS2026-002-023 approved.

Screening and Assessment, RS2026-002-024

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Screening and Assessment, RS2026-002-024 approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve proposed modifications to rates and standards, amending Staffing Level Requirements and Standards – Staffing Level C on the rates listed below

Crisis Intervention Counseling, RS2026-002-025

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Crisis Intervention Counseling, RS2026-002-025 approved.

Family Counseling, RS2026-002-026

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Family Counseling, RS2026-002-026 approved.

Group Counseling, RS2026-002-027

Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Group Counseling, RS2026-002-027 approved.

Individual Counseling, RS2026-002-028

Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Individual Counseling, RS2026-002-028 approved.

Screening, Assessment, and Diagnostic Evaluation, RS2026-002-029

Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Screening, Assessment, and Diagnostic Evaluation, RS2026-002-029 approved.

Counseling for Detained Youth – Jail or Juvenile Detention Center, RS2026-002-030

Ms. Worthen moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

Proposed modifications to rates and standards, Counseling for Detained Youth – Jail or Juvenile Detention Center, RS2026-002-030 approved.

Ms. Worthen: I do want to reiterate that we did not have public comment, this was so much work. Thank you both for serving on this committee, I will never serve on this committee. Constanzia, thank you to you and your team. Having no comments speaks about the level of work from you and your team. We raced through it, but we know it is a lengthy process.

Mr. Tardibono: I want to say thank you to Audrey for getting this all together for the meeting.

Ms. Worthen: Yes, thank you Audrey.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

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

CFO Clagg discussed the details of the attached year-to-date finance presentation.

Ms. Worthen: Kevin, you mentioned being behind the \$1.1 million in managed care, is that part of the 3rd party administration hiccup? I had someone else comment on that and saw Senator Bullard comment on this as well. I was just curious if we were being affected by it as well.

CFO Clagg: Yes, it is a new process. Nothing works like they told us it would in the beginning we are navigating through the process. We are making progress. It is very, very frustrating. Yeah, there have been some issues.

Ms. Worthen: Thank you.

Chair Youngblood: I noticed our trust funds have increased, can you give us details?

CFO Clagg: Yes, we have put kids on our payroll. They are earning money, learning about getting taxes withheld. That is the increase we used to handle it in a different matter. The monies were paid by DRS but it is a different system now. Previously, the high numbers were because we were not processing the funds immediately after the youth left placement. At the request of the Board, we are now doing that and after significant attempts to locate the youth, we turn it over to unclaimed properties.

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

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

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

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

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Thomas

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

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Ms. White gave a quick verbal update on OYACS.

Chair Youngblood: Give our best to the teachers in the new year. We are appreciative of our school and its uniqueness.

Executive Session

Board did not enter executive session.

New Business

N/A

Announcements/ comments

Mr. Trimble: I do have one announcement on behalf of Mr. Les Thomas, Sr. Many of you know that Constanzia has tendered her resignation. You all know that Les serves as Chair of the SAG board. He wanted to share some words that he has written. Dear Board Members, as many of you know, this week I am in Missouri with future leaders at Kids Across America Camp. A little history, that is a Christian Camp, and he is serving as a Kaleo. I did not want to miss the opportunity to express to openly express my deep appreciation to Constanzia for all she has meant to OJA and me, personally as I would have if I were present today. Constanzia, thank you. Thank you for your tireless commitment to our state's juvenile justice mission. Over the past 4 years with OJA, your work has helped move the needle forward. You have been a solid rock someone I could always count on, especially in my new role as chair of the State

Advisory Group. Whether helping me coordinate initiatives, offering guidance, or simply responding after hours to my emails, which I tried not to send. Your steady presence and support have made a real difference in my role. You served OJA and our state with excellence, grace, and professionalism all the while going through law school. Now, as you step into what is next, I want you to know I am cheering for you. I believe your next chapter will be even great then the last. Congratulations and thank you for leaving a mark that won't be forgotten. With much sincerity and gratitude, Les Thomas, Sr. I would say in addition to that, with my short tenure and experience, I want to leave you with a quote I learned about this a long time ago and it resonated with me. I seek to apply to individuals not only on their professionalism but who they essentially express themselves to be as a person. "People do not care about how much you know until they know how much you care." You are the epitome of professional, and specifically with your knowledge but ultimately, and just as example with our conversation this morning, you always seek ways to express yourself that you are sincere, daring and honest about caring for people. Another quote that comes to mine, people say don't ever change, I challenge that because if you don't change you remain stagnant. I want to encourage you to change but never forget virtues and values that make you important to people and people see you as important. Thank you. My short tenure but I appreciate you and your excellent work and being able to make a difference in the lives of juveniles in the nation but ultimately in Oklahoma. God bless you.

Ms. Worthen: I just want to say I chair the legislative committee. Constanzia had to put up with me and Bart. Her professionalism, I always had compliments for her from members of the Legislature that worked with you and your thoroughness and, again, that level of professionalism that can get lost over there. You conducted yourself with poise and grace and expertise. I am really disappointed that this is where we had to be because I know where your heart is for kids and for this state. I am concerned that we have had two high level leaders leave recently.

Chair Youngblood: Three, Laura left.

Ms. Worthen: Three, that is great point. Tim, I know Judge asked for an organizational chart. I would like to extend that to better understand some more vision and overall direction. These are some heavy blows in quick and short order. I would be remiss if I didn't express my concern in a public forum. I would like to see some plans, vision casting, tangibles with some dates and deliverables around where we are heading and what that looks like. We are missing key partners and those key relationships that you all spoke to with our community partners. I think we, sometimes, forgot the great work our staff does that then makes the Board look good. It is not lost on us that you make our job easy. Thank you all for that. I am definitely concerned, it is not often that an organization is doing a, seemingly, good job, what am I missing, I would love to see more updates in the future.

Chair Youngblood: To that end, I requested items a couple of weeks before our last board meeting. I will have Audrey forward the list of things that way if you all have additional items, we can add them to the list.

Ms. Worthen: I do not want to generate work that is not required. At this point, really understanding is important. Bart brought up the mental health crisis and the mismanagement over there that they are

still trying to work through. I think all of us serve because we care. I want to make sure we are not missing things. I don't want us on a path we do not need to go down. That might be helpful.

Judge Blaylock: Constanzia, I have known you a long time before I was on this Board. Thank you for what you do, not only what you have done here but what you have done for the state because most people don't even know, we have served on Board together, and I know. You are one of the reasons I said yes to this. It makes me really sad. No, that is true because of the quality person you are. I know that you are going to do great things. I hope you don't forget us on the bottom when you get there. If there is anything I can do to help you along the way, I am here for you. I want to say for your service, the paid, unpaid, and all the other things you do, thank you.

Mr. Bouse: I would just comment, I share some of your concerns, and I took the time to look back but change is inevitable when you change leadership. I think the Board is to blame for some of the issues. I kind of warned us during the dual director thing and the Board made the mistake. If we look back, Rachel changed a significant leadership when she came on Board, Jeffrey changed leadership. I think we need to give Tim some time here. Some of the changes are natural and if they are unnatural, I think we will notice pretty quickly. I have no idea what Constanzia's goals are, and I wish her all of the best. I don't want to say the sky is falling when we don't know that is the issue when we look back at previous leadership and they changed a whole bunch stuff too. I think we have the quality staff, some of them have been here a lot longer than Constanzia. She has been approximately 5 years, but we have people that have been here a lot longer than 5 years. Let staff do their job.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you for your comments. I think I made my comments known when we talked about the history of the agency and its history of strong leadership up to this point. I am not going to rehash that. I am going to make a comment for Constanzia. As you all know I like to read my comments. Rare are the people that can make an exponential impact in a relatively short amount of time. Especially coupled with your amazing ability to be flexible, which is an understatement given all that you have done for this organization, the Board, and the youth we serve. Our state is better because of you. Some of the many ways you have impacted us, the Legislature, Jenna spoke to that. The relationships you brought at your own personal connections, the relationships we did not have before, the way that you worked in the Legislature to free up Rachel to do more of the CEO duties. It was a new focus on the Legislature and to create needed connections. The new priorities that we needed for this organization and for the entire state were successfully passed and partnerships with people we had never partnered with before. To make lasting changes in our state. Our state plan, that was last month, this plan has been contentious at best in the past but is such a plethora of details and process and yet every word in the plan mattered. It mattered that we worked with our partners and to have our partners come forward and make the comment as we are considering it, they have no negative comments. We should have gotten her a plaque for that comment alone. It is an amazing testimony to partnerships. Communications, handling communications for the agency. Making appropriate messaging not grandiose statements but instead small statements that kept us with our heads down and working. Statements that are not grandiose but are appropriate. Our SAG, Les has spoken on that, we saw you in action today, but we saw you earlier this year encouraging partners to use funds in ways they have never used before. Privately, talked about learning the process, but nobody would know that because you portray as the expert you are. I agree, it

is a lot more fun to give away money. The SAG is important and could be quite rogue if we didn't have the vital connection and the commonality of the walk, you provide that for us. The Rates and Standards, which we also saw today, a great meeting to see your fingerprints on so much. The level of details you have gone through to be responsive to our partners, our committee and we are better for it. It is a very arduous process. I am just hitting the big highlights. You have been a faithful servant to the public who pays our bill and deserve the best results. The youth whose lives you have personally touched and through your work but not just theirs but the generations to come. To the organization you leave an imprint on each one of us. I always point out when I am doing leadership work you leave a fingerprint on everyone you encounter. Ours is a stronger handhold from your fingers being entwined and the fingerprint you leave on the organization and our hearts personally knowing you. We wish you the *very* best success because you absolutely deserve it. On behalf of the Board, because she is kind of quiet and she would never stand up and let us do a separate appreciation for her. We will genuinely miss you and thank you Constanzia.

Adjournment

Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 19th day of August, 2025.

Prepared by:

Signed by:

Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Karen Youngblood, Chair

Director's Report





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Timothy Tardibono, Executive Director

AUGUST 2025

BOARD UPDATE

Partner Engagement and Community Outreach

- Met with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth Commission staff to plan the Mental Health Subcommittee
- Met with Sarah Roberts, Inasmuch
- Attended an Office of Faith Based Initiatives meeting
- Toured Youth and Family Services El Reno with John Schneider, Executive Director
- Attended the OAYS Board meeting
- Attended the Attorney General's Opioid Abatement meeting
- Lunch with Gerald Scott, STAAR Foundation
- Met with Perrin Duncan and Mary Beth Buchanan, Arnall Foundation
- Met with the Tulsa County Public Defender Lora Howard and Kelley Feldhake
- Attended the Tulsa Juvenile Detention Advisory Board meeting and toured the TCJDC after the meeting
- Met with it's my community staff

Executive Legislative

- Met with Secretary of Public Safety Tricia Everest
- Attended an agency directors meetings with Oklahoma COO Rick Rose
- Attended a CSG listening session with Directors Keith Reed, Department of Health, Jeffrey Cartmell, Department of Human Services, and Admiral Greg Slavonic, Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, and Chief of Staff and State Medicaid Director Christina Foss, Health Care Authority, and additional staff from all agencies

OJA Operations

- Met with Sharayah Fore, MetaFund about the FFT grant
- Attended the YAP Kickoff presentation
- Attended the graduation ceremony held at the office for a group home youth and youth that had just returned to the community.
- Attended an OYACS Graduation and GED celebration at COJC
- Spoke at the West Region meeting
- Met with Peter Messiah, CEO of the Oklahoma Youth Association (OAYS), and Kody Suanny, OAYS Board President
- Attended meetings with the FFT providers
- Presented at a Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) on the organizational chart adjustments
- Met with Director Jim Harris, Director of People Inc. (Level E Group Home) re: Level E incentives
- Met with Jeffery Cartmell, OKDHS Executive Director
- Participated in Advocate General interviews
- Filmed a Podistively Hopeful podcast for a MMM
- Attended Hope classes at COJC
- Attended part of the SAG of the retreat and the August SAG meeting
- Attended COJC Volunteer Banquet



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Greg Delaney, Chief of Community Based Services

Community Based Services and Juvenile Services Unit

Board Report for August 2025

Contacts and Activities for July 2025

▪ Division Statistics

- 2,492 active cases...1,296 court-involved including 464 youth in OJA custody.
- 309 new referrals - 236 male, 73 female, average age 15.81.
- 13,605 individual contact notes documented in JOLTS.
- 197 intakes were completed during the month.
- 36 youth were activated and/or monitored by GPS.
- 25 placement requests were made during the month: 13 to Level E, 4 to secure care and 8 to own home.
- 38 placement referrals were made including 23 to Level E, 6 to secure care, 7 to own home and 2 to independent/transitional living.
- A total of 47 youths paid \$7,927.61 restitution and other fees.

Greg Delaney, Chief of Community Based Services

- Participated in Executive staff meetings.
- Reviewed placement recommendations/participated in executive staffings for high acuity and/or high-profile cases.
- Participated in meetings with CBS program staff and Regional Directors
- Participated in Personnel Strategy meetings with supervisory staff.
- Participated in Independent/Transitional living placement staffings.
- Attended the Bi-weekly Finance and Administration meeting.
- Attended the Monday Morning trainings.
- Attended the OJA Parent Advisory Board meeting.
- Attended the OJA Board meeting.
- Attended a JSU support meeting.
- Participated in a meeting regarding the placement waiting list.
- Attended a calibration training.
- Participated in CBS calibration.
- Participated in a JSU Roadmap meeting.
- Viewed youth graduations via TEAMS.
- Attended a meeting regarding placement worksheets.
- Attended a meeting regarding specialized community homes.
- Attended personnel staffing.
- Attended the West Regional staff meeting in El Reno.
- Attended a meeting with the Muskogee County Sheriff regarding detention.
- Attended the East Regional staff meeting in Okmulgee.

- Participated in a meeting regarding OK county certification studies.

Division Activities

○ Jeremy Evans, CBS Deputy Chief of Community Based Services

- Reviewed all placement worksheets.
- Participated in weekly TLP staffings.
- Participated in case staffings.
- Attended CBS calibration meeting.
- Attended weekly and monthly regional meetings.
- Attended Cross System Hope and Well Being weekly meetings.
- Attended SAG meeting.
- Attended leadership team meeting.
- Attended monthly Area and Regional meeting.
- Attended the OJA board meeting.
- Attended the Western Regional Meeting.
- Attended the CSG site visit at the state office.
- Attended CPM class in person.

○ Jennifer Thatcher, CBS Field Manager

- GPS – 36 juveniles currently being monitored.
- Attended a meeting with Allied Universal– talked about upcoming audit and identifying employees that no longer worked for OJA.
- Attended weekly TLP Review Staffing meetings.
- Processed 5 URC requests.
- Processed 1 placement appeal.
- Step Down Request – 1- youth placed at TLP, but failed pass.
- Restitution – Approved 4 applications, 0 denied applications, processed 3 activity logs.
- Attended an incarcerated Youth OHCA meeting.
- Processed all Level E, Incentive, Detention, SCH, GPS, and birth certificate claims.

- **Jennifer Creecy, CBS Federal Funding Program Field Rep**
 - Processed 777 targeted case management claims.
 - Engaged in various emails and calls with JSU and Bureau staff regarding the TCM Program.
 - Provided monthly report to supervisors regarding overdue TCM entries.
 - Provided Supervisor TCM/CMS training.
 - Provided TCM one-on-one training.
 - Met with OHCA regarding the ReConnect Workplan Initiative.
 - Conducted a mock TCM audit for AAD Ethan Fry and staff in Clinton, OK.
 - Attended East Region meeting and conducted TCM training.
 - Attended Monday Morning Meetings.

- **Gene Carroll, CBS Detention Program Manager**
 - Attended the Monday Morning Meetings on TEAMS on July 14, 21, and 28.
 - Made a visit to Creek County Detention Center.
 - Made visit to Craig County Detention Center.
 - Made visit to Pittsburg County Detention Center.
 - Reviewed all Critical Incidents reported and followed up if needed.
 - Returned emails and phone calls.
 - Reviewed all Monitor and Liaison reports and followed up if needed.
 - Set up and participated in a meeting between OJA, Muskogee County Sheriff's Office, Muskogee County Commissioners, and potential buyer of the old detention building.
 - Attended CBS Leadership Team Meeting at the state office.
 - Attended West Regional Meeting in El Reno, OK.
 - Attended East Regional Meeting in Okmulgee, OK.
 - Annual Leave July 3-9, 2025.

- **Connie Bever, CBS Placement Program Manager**
 - Attended the Western Region Meeting in El Reno.
 - Attended the Northeast Region Meeting in Okmulgee.
 - Attended the monthly CBS Leadership Meeting at the State Office.
 - Reviewed 25 worksheets and made placement referrals.
 - Published the weekly waiting list report.
 - Sent the 14-day waiting list report.
 - Participated in weekly TLP meetings.
 - Participated in Monday Morning Meetings.
 - Participated in case staffings as deemed necessary.
 - Visited Redhawk group home and met with director, Monica Diaz, and staff members.

- **Darian Bennett, CBS Group Home Program Manager**
 - Reviewed family contacts in JOLTS.
 - Site visits to Redhawk, Mustang Treatment Center (3), Whitetail, Scissortail Pointe, Scissortail Landing, and Scissortail Plus, People Inc, Welch Skills Center, Lawton Boys Group Home, and Cornerstone.
 - Participated in thirty 30-90 Day Treatment Meetings.
 - Assisted in updated the Institutional Residential Directory to reflect current staff changes.
 - Attended Monday Morning Meeting on July 14th, July 21st, and July 28th.
 - Attended a meeting with Mustang Treatment Center to address resident behavioral concerns on July 15th.
 - Attended Youth Advocacy Program meeting (YAP) on July 17th.
 - Attended Bi-Weekly Engagement guide planning meeting on July 22nd
 - Attended West Regional Meeting in El Reno on July 23rd.
 - Assisted with planning Problematic Sexualized Behavior training for Group Homes.
 - Attended Problematic Sexualized Behavior training for Group Homes on July 31st.
 - Worked with Hope Coordinator to schedule Hope training for Mustang Treatment Center residents in August.
 - Assisted with planning Family Contact in JOLTS training.
 - Group Home Liaisons: 194 Youth visited, 12 Youth complaints addressed, 1 OCA referral issued, 6 grievances assisted, and 4 staff concerns addressed.

Western Region Highlights

Jerry Skinner, Regional Director

The west region held a staff meeting on July 22nd in El Reno. Several state office staff made an appearance including Director Tardibono. The Director presented to the group and reminded all staff he had an open-door policy and encouraged staff who might be visiting the state office to stop in and pay him a visit. The Director's message to staff was one that invited staff's ideas and opinions on issues that might improve services to youth and families as well as the overall functioning of the agency. Feedback from staff following the meeting suggested they were appreciative of the opportunity to have input.

Several other state office staff presented to the group including CFO Kevin Clagg, Chief of CBS Greg Delaney, Deputy Chief Jeremy Evans, Janelle Bretten, Jennifer Francis, Roger Wills, Damian Bennett, Randy Shephard, Chris Walker, Samie Harley and Connie Bever.

This was the first time out to a west region meeting for many of these staff. Completed evaluations from the regional staff suggested they were pleased to be given the opportunity to meet face to face many of these agency staff they interact with on a regular basis. Still other

staff voiced their appreciation from the Director for his invitation to stop in his office and give input on issues of concern.

Multiple positions remain unfilled within the region. However, authorization was recently given to hire a new employee for the Garfield office after several months of having vacancies. With the addition of JJSII Kimberly Wheeler only one vacancy remains in the Garfield office. A request to fill this vacancy is not being made currently. JJS vacancies remain in Custer and Washita as well as a transportation officer vacancy in Comanche.

West RM Jerry Skinner attended youth service agency visits with Amber Miller in El Reno and Lawton during the month. Both Youth Service Agencies have construction projects underway to their existing physical plants and progress is being made at both locations. The project in El Reno is scheduled to finalize in November 2025 while the Lawton project has a projected completion date of May 2026.

Rex Boutwell, Northwest Area Director

Noteworthy activities and details for the Area during July:

We are pleased to announce the recent hire of Kimberly Wheeler for the Garfield County JJS position. Kimberly will be filling the vacant position that was previously held by current Supervisor Jessica Seigars. She will start in her new position on 8-4-2025.

I visited with the Canadian County Detention Director Latonya Freeman. We discussed using the computer equipment for telehealth appointments, interviews, to access services, and some court hearings. Assistant Area Director Belinda Hannon and Juvenile Justice Specialist III Jazmya Cabrera's hard work in assisting with this process has already paid off, and the new computer equipment has been utilized and is very helpful to staff and youth. This has helped us operate more efficiently.

I visited with Jerry Beech Director with Custer County Multi-youth services and Jessica Martinez the Director of Panhandle Services for Children at their offices in Clinton and Guymon. Both meetings were positive, and they report a good relationship with our local staff and have no negative issues or concerns. It was a positive and hopeful discussion. I feel good that we have collaborative and helpful community partners in our areas that serve our youth and families.

Belinda Hannon, Assistant Area Director for Canadian and Kingfisher Counties

The DA's office in Canadian had some changes. We have a new lead ADA, Jeanna Brown. She had been in the downtown Canadian County office years ago and most recently was in Blaine County. We are excited to have her.

The Canadian County Threat Assessment MDT Team is continuing. They are currently following our youth that is in detention pending competency/YO.

Mustang Treatment hired a new director, Abby Wright. Abby was previously the assistant at Canadian County Juvenile Detention. Years ago, Abby was a client and placed at COJC. After her successful completion she went on to college and came back to work in the field that helped her.

Canadian County Detention Liaison continues. There have been some issues of them not notifying us of critical incidents as well as getting all the information that we need. Garfield Detention monitoring is going well. I have not been made aware of any concerns.

FTOP is still not servicing Kingfisher in person currently. During our meeting with youth services this month they stated it was on their radar and knew services for Kingfisher area needed to be improved.

Kingfisher MCART is still going strong. Gabi is continuing to meet monthly with the team. FFT is moving along in all counties. As in previous months we have had some good success. Gabi is our CARS liaison. She continues to meet with CARS staff monthly to check progress and to ensure both parties are still working together successfully.

Gabi recently attended a policy institute training, and we are excited to hear all about it soon. Gabi recently ran into a former client who had recently got a job at the local Dollar Tree in Kingfisher. He was excited to tell Gabi about it when she saw him.

During Gabi's monthly visit to Welch, she took a client some information on the local Career Tech for him to look over to prepare for him coming home.

Jessica Seigars, Assistant Area Director for Garfield, Alfalfa, Grant, Major, and Woods Counties

The Garfield County Assistant District Attorney, Ms. Roisum and Mitchie Lamale, from the Garfield County Juvenile Office continue to attend our scheduled bi-weekly staffing to discuss new pending intakes and updates with current clients. This has been helping with open communication and everyone on the same page. ADA Roisum also discussed with Mitchie and AAD Jessica Seigars about possibly adding parenting classes for our parents of clients on probation. AAD Jessica Seigars met with Brian Wright of Wright Counseling Agency to discuss their parenting classes and will meet next month with ADA Roisum and Ms. Lamale, GCJO, to discuss it further.

Jay Relsperger from Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma continues to come for bi-weekly CARS staffing to ensure all parties are still working together successfully. Jessica was able to meet with the clinical director, Josh Guinn, this month, to discuss available services and implementation. I also checked in to see if there were any issues and everything appears to be going smoothly.

Assistant Area Director, Jessica Seigars brought clothes for a client to the Garfield County Juvenile Detention, so he had something nice to wear for future court hearings. I also checked in with Ms. Thursa to see how things were going and check on any rising issues. Ms. Thursa did not report any issues at this time.

Jessica received a call from an old client, who once was in OJA custody with good news, he got accepted into the Transitional Living Program, Thelma House, though Youth and Family Services of North Central Oklahoma in Garfield County. I also got to meet with Angel Hartley, Thelma House's case manager, to discuss possible applicants and progress with the program.

AAD, Jessica Seigars, went to Norman to participate in the Coaching for Leaders Training Pilot for two days. She learned a lot while at the training and the group had good feedback for the trainers.

Garfield/Grant County JJS, Lyndsay Clarkson did not attend the Garfield County Sooner Success Coalition, due to it being canceled. CART Team was also canceled this month. Lyndsay and AAD Jessica Seigars participated in our first 30-day staffing session with her client who is at COJC.

Woods/Alfalfa County JJS, Melissa Jones is still waiting on an office in Alva, OK. We were told they are in the final process to get it completed and we are now waiting on OMES to finish up their portion so Melissa can have office space.

Melissa sent two FFT referrals for Woods County clients and was informed they could not do them, "Unfortunately, we are unable to accept the referrals at this time due to location constraints in relation to the current budget limitations." Melissa is working closely with a family to assist with getting a client placed into a mental health facility. They are waiting to hear back from Willow Crest.

Garfield County JJS, Jeff Riley and AAD Jessica Seigars attended the Garfield County Specialty Courts 5th Staffing Training/Meeting this month. Jeff assisted parents with trying to get a client placed at a facility for sexual behaviors. Jeff sent in a HUB referral to get a client's mother's gas turned back on.

Garfield/Major County JJS, Chad Mittelstet worked almost an entire day to get medication transferred near the detention center his client was moved to but thankfully got it all worked out. Chad did not attend the Garfield County Domestic Violence Coalition meeting but will participate next month. Chad Mittelstet continues doing the CIC and Youth and Family Services Shelter liaison this month.

Garfield/Grant County JSU, Lyndsay Clarkson continues to provide a very detailed report through her liaison duties concerning Garfield County Juvenile Detention Center.

Canadian County Juvenile Detention Center Monitoring continues and Woods/Alfalfa County JJS, Melissa Jones took over full-time being the monitor and provided a very thorough report.

Rita Holland-Moore, Assistant Area Director for Texas, Beaver, and Cimarron Counties

July has been a very busy month with regional meetings, vacations, summer, etc. Juveniles will begin school in the month of August, and we are waiting to see what might unfold. OJA clients and their families, who are not in this country on a legal status, are discussing whether to attempt enrolling their children in school for many reasons, but specifically because of a document from the State Board of Education that has been circulating throughout our community. The document changes the way the schools will process enrollments, and it has made these families wary of bringing their children to the school. Some of these families, who are not in this country with legal standing, are contemplating whether to self-deport their families in accordance with the Federal self-deportation agreement. We will continue to monitor the situation because we don't know what kind of impact, if any, it will have on our families and the youth we serve.

Functional Family Therapy has been a topic of concern of OJA as a resource for the Panhandle. FFT has been an effective tool that has been providing positive outcomes. We were made aware that their Grant would be ending and that there is not another funding source for this service at this time. Jetty Counseling, the agency that is providing a counselor, Janiece Goldsmith, MSPS, LPC, to our area, has had to make difficult decisions recently on how to disperse the remaining grant money to best serve their area. They have determined that if they continue to pay for travel, for those that travel long distances to meet with our juveniles, they will run out of money within two months. If they cut that expense and only service juveniles that don't require travel, their money will last for four months. The counselors requested permission to continue to provide the service virtually, but it was determined that the program would not be as effective if it were being done virtually, as opposed to an in-person family counselor. We have clients that did not have the opportunity to complete the program, so we have moved them into CARS services through Panhandle Services for Children. As a side note, this is a very big disappointment to have this service pulled from the Panhandle. I'm hoping that funding can be found to continue servicing this program to the Panhandle of Oklahoma along with the rest of the state.

On a positive note, we are looking forward to moving into a different office space that will better service our needs and provide us with a healthy atmosphere. Our Area Director, Rex Boutwell, traveled to the Panhandle to meet with us and was able to see the new space, where the old City of Guymon Offices were located. He was also able to inspect and become aware of the problems we have been having with the building that we are now occupying. I've just been notified that OMES is coming to inspect the new office space next week to determine what is needed for them to set up internet and phones for us. That is a step in the right direction and indicates progress.

Another positive note. All of us, Texas County OJA, traveled to the Regional Meeting this month, in El Reno, and stopped in at the Woodward Detention Facility to visit Texas County Juveniles. We met the director, Tim Polk, and spoke with staff. The facility looks well maintained and taken care of. We have been pleased with the communication between OJA and the detention facility and are looking forward to future interaction with them.

OJA is gearing up to begin working with teachers and staff at all the Panhandle Schools as school will begin in August. We continue to communicate and work with local law enforcement, Judges, DA's and youth's attorneys. There are no problems to report currently.

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

On July 1st, McKenzie StClair and I met with Tim Polk, Director of the Woodward County Juvenile Detention Center. At this meeting I introduced McKenzie as the Woodward County JDC Liaison. McKenzie and I went over the functions and responsibilities of the detention liaison with Tim and answered any questions that he had.

Rex and I met with Jerry Beech, Director of Multi County Youth Services in Clinton on July 15th. We also met with Meranda Littke who oversees their counselors at Multi County. This was a positive meeting in which we discussed how we can better help our youth in resource dry areas. Alyssa Devine, OPI-Licensing, Rex Boutwell, and myself met with Tim on July 16th to discuss how things are going at the detention center and if there is any assistance that he needed. The detention center was running smoothly, and a positive relationship is being established with the director.

Jennifer Creecy was kind enough to come to the Custer County Office on July 17th to provide CMS TCM training for our workers. Sue Brown, McKenzie StClair, Nikole Nickels, and Luzella Williams all attended the training. This was a great opportunity for our staff to learn new things about the TCM process and a great opportunity to relearn the CMS and TCM process. I anticipate this will help our staff resolve any issues we have concerning TCM notes. I have also been in contact with Jamie Sherman in July to try and schedule JOLTS refresher training for our workers. Our first JOLTS training is now scheduled for August 7, 2025.

In the Custer County Office, our staff meeting was held on July 15th. Layce Smith, Madison Brown, and Luzella Williams attended the meeting. We discussed different topics related to JSU field work covering pickup orders, AWOLs, JOLTS, ICJ, HRT, and reintegration services. Staff were attentive and asked questions. The Custer County Office will be busy moving forward as Nikole Nickels' last day was Wednesday, July 31st. I plan to move cases to Layce Smith and Luzella Williams. The staff will be busy, but we have discussed this change together and are ready to take it head on.

The Woodward County staff meeting was held on July 16th. McKenzie StClair and Sue Brown attended. The same topics were discussed that were discussed in the Custer County meeting.

Both workers were attentive during the meeting and asked questions as needed. McKenzie was excited to report that she has a young man on her caseload placed at Lawton Boys Group Home that will be getting his high school diploma. McKenzie also continues to be active in MCAT meetings in her area. Sue is currently doing a great job of reaching out to our community partners and staffing cases with them. Sue has also expressed a desire to take on more cases including some more difficult cases. For this reason, some of McKenzie's cases were shifted to Sue to help with McKenzie's workload. Things continue to go well at the Woodward County Detention Center and a strong and positive relationship is being built with the Director, Tim Polk.

Heath Denney, Southwest Area Director

Noteworthy activities and details for the Area during July:

On July 8th, Jerry Skinner and I met with Assistant CFO, Amber Miller, and Marie Detty Youth and Family Services Executive Director, Kerrie Mathews, at Lawton to tour the new office building and shelter site. The building is still under construction and with a tentative completion date of May of 2026.

On July 14th, a CBS Leadership Meeting was held at State Office. Regional Directors and Area Directors met with other CBS staff including Jennifer Thatcher, Connie Bever, Alyssa Divine, Gene Carrol, Darian Bennett, and Jeremy Evans. Everyone provided an update regarding their specific areas or departments, and informative discussions were held. The meeting was conducted by Greg Delaney.

On July 22nd, a West Region staff meeting was held at the Canadian Valley Technology Center in El Reno. Staff from the Northwest and Southwest areas all came together for a full day of information and training. The presenters included Randy Sheppard, Chris Walker, Samie Harley, Connie Bever, Roger Wills, and Darrian Bennett. AADs, Millie Teague, and Jessica Siegers, presented the Back-to-Basics Parole Module to the group. State Office staff attending included Director Tardibono, Greg Delaney, Jeremy Evans, Kevin Clagg, Janelle Bretten, and Jenn Francis.

The Southwest Area continues to have a vacant transportation officer position and a vacant JJS Position in Washita County (Cordell).

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

Staff meetings with staff were not completed this month due to having a Regional Meeting. The August staff meeting will take place during the last week of the month.

We are moving forward with the request to move the Jackson County office to a new location shared with DOC Probation and Parole. There has been no update since last month on the move in date.

MDT meetings are being attended each month in all 5 counties. Greer did not attend this month due to the worker being out on leave. Workers reported that there were no new OJA youth that were mentioned in the meetings. An MDT training was held at Western Oklahoma State College in Altus. All MDT attendees were required to attend this training including Franklin McLaughlin, Ashleigh Donner, Lyn Wilmes and April Collom. This was an all-day training session.

Harmon County has a 17-year-old male that was placed into Weatherford TLP this month. He has been doing well and has gotten a job, enrolled in High School and his mother is visiting him and glad he is there. He will begin attending Weatherford High School next week.

Jackson County Associate District Judge, Sommer Robbins, sent out invitations for OJA to attend the Court Improvement Conference in Norman in October 2025. All workers attended last year and most likely will attend again this year.

Billy Brown, Assistant Area Director for Grady and Stephens Counties

A Grady County youth will be entering the 10th grade this year. This is impressive considering it is only the 2nd year in his life that he has been to in-person public school. Previously he was denied in-person schooling due to the severity of his mental health and autism. His counselor says he is ready to begin employment as well.

Q. B. successfully completed his 48-hour pass and is set to discharge from Cornerstone on September 5th.

A. T. began PSB counseling with the Bonner Program and is doing well currently.

A Stephens County youth recently was discharged from the Whitetail. While there he talked to another youth and kept him from going AWOL. The staff there stated that D. W. was an exceptional resident and that they were very proud of him.

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

For the month of July, a total of 3 Functional Family Therapy/FFT referrals were submitted and approved.

In July, 3 HUB referrals were disseminated with all youth residing in the Carter County area. T.C., a Carter County youth, is doing some exemplary things while on probation by overcoming the fact that his mother is not truly fulfilling her parental job/role with him. His mother has a history of drug use and wandering off to the point she does not know where her son is.

T. C. currently works at Braum's in Ardmore 40 hours weekly while catching up with his credits at the Take Two Academy in Ardmore. T. C. had taken it upon himself to complete a housing assistance application which would inevitably assist both he and his mother with getting an

affordable apartment. According to JJSII Rasmusson, the youth/family is scheduled to be weeks away from being able to move into an apartment.

T. C. seems to be visibly ashamed of his mother's behavior and is working while keeping his head down and grinding for what the creator has in store for him. Once he reaches 17, he will seek a guardian ad-litem to assist him with gaining control over the social security issued to meet his needs. This will help him ensure the rent and bills get paid and allow him to maintain a stable residence.

Millie Teague, Assistant Area Director for Beckham and Washita Counties

Unfortunately, Millie Teague's husband, Eric, passed away unexpectedly on July 24th. Millie and Eric had been married for sixteen years and made their home in Cheyenne. Eric's funeral services were held on July 30th at Elk City. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Millie and her family during this difficult time.

Levi Schartzter, Assistant Area Director for Comanche, Cotton, and Caddo Counties

Comanche County:

On July 28th Maurine Rinehart, JJS III, Celeste Marlow JJS III, and Robby Evans, JJS III, met with the Lawton Police Gang Task Force for our monthly meeting. This meeting is not only informative for both JSU and the task force but aids in ensuring our objective of keeping our youth and community safe. Gangs in Lawton are always evolving, and new "cliques" are being formed. The task force helps JSU keep current on gang activity, those associated in gangs and new trends.

The task force provided a descriptive document with the attachments being used to alter guns, turning them into automatic weapons making them more dangerous than before. This information is useful in that our youth often brag about guns and alterations made to them then post pictures on social media. The terminology associated with these alterations will help JSU keep the task force informed of any potential risk within the community. Both the task force and JSU collaborate to identify high risk youth on our caseloads and intervene before a situation occurs. Our meetings will be more widespread as the task force is seeing a spike in violence and are busy trying to keep the citizens of Lawton safe."

Central Regional Highlights from Regional Director Jeremy Andrews

Jeremy Andrews and Carlos Sanchez-Medina, North Central Area Director, met with the Executive Director of Payne County Youth Services. We discussed ongoing updates, and Payne Youth Services shared concerns about the impact of federal funding on their independent living program.

Payne County JSU Staff, Michele Marshall, attended a local chamber lunch-in to welcome the new Chief of Police for Stillwater. She also took the opportunity to engage with him on the

juvenile justice system and share contact information for our JSU team as well as an intake pamphlet with helpful JSU information.

In a bittersweet moment for both Payne and Creek County, this past month saw Cynthia Hawk, the Assistant Area Director for the area, retire. She dedicated 45 years to working for the state helping young people and their families. She will be missed, and we look forward to hopefully being able to post her position and elevate one of the many capable workers.

In Logan County, our JSU staff attended a local Logan County Coalition and Multi-disciplinary task meeting. Jay Giezentanner attended on behalf of the office. It is a great opportunity to make community connections and to collaborate on resources development and sharing.

Kay County workers have continued to work hard for the youth and families on their caseloads despite being short-handed with workers and a supervisor. In addition to her duties in Kay County, JJS Typanga Oden has assisted in covering Pawnee and Noble County where we are currently without a worker. She, along with our Area Director, Carlos Sanchez-Medina, met with the local Pawnee County District Attorney's office this past month. They took the time to explain services provided by OJA and our Hope Centered and Trauma Informed approach to Juvenile Justice. Meanwhile, Clinton Robinson connected families with the HUB to assist with their basic needs as well as assisted a family with not yet in OJA custody by connecting them with treatment options to meet the youths needs and prevent further penetration into the juvenile justice system.

I had the opportunity to join OJA's Federal Jail Compliance Monitor, Josh Holder on his compliance visits in Oklahoma County. We got to meet with several police departments and make introductions. Josh did a great job representing OJA and ensuring law enforcement agencies had access to mental health services for their areas.

COJC hosted their annual Summer Talent Show this past month. We had several youth from the Central Region participate, and workers from around the state were able to attend or join in virtually to view the performances. All the youth did a great job!

Staff from Oklahoma County participated in PIVOT's Community Intervention Center Annual OPI Licensing Assessment. Terrelle Smith and his team did a great job as usual.

Several frontline staff from the central region were able to participate in the Council for State Governments (CSG) Listening Session. This listening session was an opportunity to hear unfiltered feedback and recommendations from staff on how we can continue to improve the system. I was also able to take the CSG staff to tour PIVOT so they could hear from them about services available at their youth service agency, shelter, and CIC.

Oklahoma County staff came together with Youth Advocate Programs Inc (YAP) for the official "Kick-Off" of the YAP Pilot Project for Oklahoma. YAP is an evidenced based "wrap around"

service working with our youth in Oklahoma County. We were excited to have them come present on the services that are going to be available for our youth.



[YAP-OJA Media Release](#)

Central region's area directors along with myself attended OJA's Calibration to discuss employee performance. I, along with the other regional directors, also were able to attend three cross-system meetings addressing youth with complex care needs and how to better support, identify and staff these youth across agencies to ensure their needs are met as soon as possible to prevent involvement in the child welfare or juvenile justice system.

I, along with AD, Wes Evetts were able to meet with District Judges to provide updates and hear feedback regarding our staff in Oklahoma County. Wes and I also joined Director Tardibono and Alison Humphrey to meet with "It's my Community Initiative" ("IMCI") a local non-profit in Oklahoma County. They are doing great things working with young fathers, after school programs, and linking with different work programs.



Following our meeting with ICMI, and after much insistence from Wes, Alison and I also braved the heat for a few extra minutes to snap a shot with the infamous Oscar Mayer Mobile.

To end the month, AD Evetts joined our group home operators on a PSB training course put on with the assistance of OU-HSC's PSB-CBT program and our Chief Psychologist, Dr. Susan Schmidt. There was a great turnout, and we received a lot of positive feedback from our providers on the training and how to better equip them to work with youth with PSB behaviors.



Eastern Region Highlights from Regional Director Rodney McKnight

For the month of July 2025, the Eastern Region served approximately 1,070, with 482 having a legal status for deferred filing to custody. Contact notes totaled 6,830 with 559 being TCM eligible. Out of the 1,070 youths, there are 483 supervised cases with 96 being OJA Custody youth and 8 Dual Custody youth. We currently have 47 kids in various placements. There are 28 youths in secure detention, 18 being pre-adjudicatory juveniles with 6 youth awaiting placement.

The referral rate was down this month, with a total of 122 referrals for the month of July, compared to 132 the month before, with a total of 87 intakes completed, with 29 cases being diverted. Most referrals consisted of property and drug offenses with a few violent crimes happening throughout the district. FFT referrals totaling 8 families participating. HUB referrals had a total of 19 families referred in the month of June. The total amount of restitution collected in July was \$4670.62.

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

July 2nd, Community Based Services met with HR at State Office for calibration for the PMP process.

July 3rd, JJS Stephanie Brazell-Minami was able to close an extremely complex case. She had been working with a custody youth who had been paralyzed from the neck down after successfully paroling from COJC. She went above and beyond to assist the youth and his family. Upon closure of the case, she received high praise from Judge Gray as well as the youth's appointed attorney for "going above and beyond" on the youth's behalf. Judge Gray made it a point to thank Ms. Brazell-Minami directly by saying "thank you so much for all your hard work to ensure that (the youth) receives decent, humane, and caring treatment. You went above and beyond, and we are all grateful for your efforts."

July 8th, an OPI Audit was held for Washington and Nowata Counties. As a result of the audit no findings were found for either county. The east leadership team would like to acknowledge the great work of Washinton County staff JJSs Joshua Bertus, Isabella Hardester and Bryan Clump (who also doubles as the worker for Nowata County) and AAD for Washington and Nowata Counties Bob Williams.

July 23rd, Area Director Bryson Paden and I went to Welch Skills Center for a visit and tour of the group home. Craig County Juvenile Detention Center was also visited with an upcoming tour being scheduled.

July 24th, Area Director Bryson Paden visited the Redhawk Group Home and met the new Director Monica Diaz.

July 28th, Area Director Bryson Paden was introduced to a youth in the Tulsa County JSU office who had come in to visit with his worker DeDondra Carson. It was reported that the young man had a scholarship to play baseball at NEO in Miami, OK.

On July 29th, an East Regional meeting was held in Okmulgee on the OSUIT campus. We had several presenters for the meeting. This was the first regional meeting that has been held. The presenters were Samie Harley, who did a group activity with everyone, Kheri Smith spoke about family engagement, Clayton Cody presented about the re-entry program, and Jennifer Creecy gave informative information over TCM contact notes and treatment plans. Lastly, AAD Stephanie Farley presented the 4th module of the Back to Basics over Parole.

July 30th, Area Director Bryson Paden, Jack Roberts JJS III, OPI TJ Miller and I attended and participated in the RBMS/OPI audit at People, Inc. Group Home in Sallisaw.

August 2025 Board Meeting

Month of July 2025:

- **Science of Hope Initiative/ Family Engagement**
 - Please see the additional attached report from Kheri.
 - Continued meetings with Kheri annual Hope Summit branding.
 - Met with Kheri and Pray'eon to start planning for our hope panel at this year's Hope Navigator Summit.
 - Met with Kheri, Carol, Melissa and Dr. Angela Pharris to review OJA's Hope presentation to be presented in August for the Center of Youth Justice's annual Agency Coordinator's Training, which is being held in Boston. Dr. Pharris will be the keynote speaker.
 - Ongoing weekly strategic planning meetings with Kheri.
- **Prevention and System Improvement-Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RE/D) Coordinator**
 - Oklahoma RE/D FY24 update final report submitted.
 - Attended July State Advisory Group meeting.
 - Drafted Racial and Ethnic Disparity (RE/D) content for PowerPoint to be presented at the August SAG retreat. Content included summary of RE/D FY24 report.
- **Office of Public Integrity Licensing**
 - Please see July monthly report from Alyssa Divine.
 - Meetings with Alyssa to discuss current operations and future planning.
- **Children's State Advisory Workgroup (CSAW)**
 - Attended monthly CSAW meeting. Agenda included two presentations by OJA: Collaboration for Youth and Public Safety Initiative and OJA's Re-entry Program.
 - Attended Resilient Oklahoma Hub Workgroup monthly meeting. Agenda included focus on youth voice. OJA YEL member Pray'Eon has joined the workgroup to support youth/young adult voice.
- **Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program/Crisis Intervention Advisory Board**
 - Served as OJA designee at meeting. Agenda included review and possible approval of grant applications.
- **Tribal Liaison**
 - Attended SAG Tribal workgroup. Planning for a meeting with tribal juvenile justice leaders.
- **Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board**
 - Served as OJA designee at the July joint meeting of DVFRB and the Children's Death Review Board.
 - Met with DVFRB Program Manager to discuss referral options for new treatment program.
- **Western Regional Meeting**
 - Attended July meeting in El Reno.
- **OCCY Strengthening Youth Custody & Transition Services Advisory Committee**
 - Attended meeting. Agenda included OSDH presentation on data from the 2023 Youth Risk Behavior Survey: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) / Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) among runaway and homeless youth.
- **OJA Standing Meetings**
 - Executive Team, Leadership Team, OJA Board meetings, Rates and Standards, JSU Monday morning meetings, and Lunch and Learns. Also serve as OJA parole board member.

- COJC High School and GED celebrations.
- Participated in OJA state office performance management calibration (July).
- **Training**
 - Prevention Grand Rounds. Key findings from the 2023-24 school year Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment (ODMHSAS).
 - Webinar: What Youth Justice Leaders Should Know About Medicaid (Annie E. Casey Foundation).

Kheri Smith, Hope Ambassador

- Meetings with Janelle
- Meetings with the Director
- Monthly Leadership Meetings
- Weekly meetings with Apryl for Family Engagement
- Meeting with COJC hope team to create a hope orientation.
- Meetings with Oklahoma Human Services to plan Hope Navigator Summit.
- Multiple meetings for Tool Kit for Reentry Project.
- Meetings for Engagement with Functional Family Therapy and Youth Emerging Leaders Project
- Meeting for Man Up and Gang Intervention Classes at COJC Project
- Attended and presented at the Eastern Regional Meeting.
- Meetings and content creation for hope class at Mustang Group Home.
- Follow Up meeting to Hope Navigator training for project on Hope-Centered progressive discipline plan.
- Multiple meetings with Carol, Melissa, Janelle and Dr. Pharris to plan Boston Presentation.
- Created curriculum and facilitator guide for monthly COJC hope classes and hosted class and entered case notes.
- Started new video project for the Hope Navigator Summit.
- Attended Monday Morning Meetings.
- Meeting/Planned Podcast content/wrote segments.
- Attended Joi Horsford's biweekly Family Engagement Guide Planning Meetings.
- Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice: Centering Youth Well-Being Training

Apryl Owens, Family Engagement Coordinator

- Weekly staffing's with Kheri.
- Contacted those JSU workers introduced herself and outlined her new role in assisting with family engagement.
- Contacted families inviting and supporting them for their 30-day staffing.
- Attends 30-day group home transition meetings to identify and facilitate family engagement
- Case notes contacts with families on JOLTS
- Attend Monday Morning Meetings
- Attended Lunch and Learn
- Attended Positive Youth Development Webinar
- Set up Office of Juvenile Justice Family Advisory Council (OJJFAC) agenda, records attendance, sends follow-up email for billing
- Attends Bi-Weekly Family Engagement Guide Planning Meeting with Reentry team

Alyssa Devine, OPI Audit Manager
OPI Licensing Division

Staffing & Meetings

- Conducted weekly staff meetings with Assistant Deputy Director Jeremy Evans.
- Conducted weekly staff meeting with OPI's TJ Miller.
- Attended the Monthly Community Based Leadership meeting.

Background Checks

- Reviewed and signed off on all FBI background checks for potential detention staff statewide.

Detention Center Assessments

- Scheduled the 90-day preliminary assessment for Woodward County Detention Center for 9/18/25.

JSU Audits

- Completed Washington and Nowata County JSU assessments on 7/8/2025.

Group Home and CIC

- Completed Pivot CIC assessment on 7/10/2025.
- Completed the Scissortail Landing assessment on 7/17/25.
- Completed the People Inc. Assessment on 7/30/25.

Upcoming Assessments.

- Scheduled Corner Stone Group home annual assessment for 08/19/25.
- Scheduled and prepared for Garvin, McClain, Pontotoc, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Hughes, McIntosh, and Seminole JSU assessments.
- Scheduled Welch Group home annual assessment for 9/04/25.

Director Summary – At a Glance

Note: This summary highlights key accomplishments and outcomes from each program area for July 2025. For those seeking full activity logs, meeting details, and supporting documentation, please see Appendix A – Detailed Activity Log on page 2 of this report.

Reentry:

- 14 birth certificates and 11 state IDs obtained for youth.
- 49 FFT cases assigned to partner agencies.
- Completed quarterly reentry grant report and attended YAP kickoff for Oklahoma County pilot.

HUB:

- 92 HUB meetings with JSU staff.
- 69 assistance requests completed for clients.

Family Engagement:

- Coordinated family involvement for multiple TPS and Grand Staffing meetings.
- Reviewed monthly visitation logs to identify and address gaps.
- Planned upcoming family engagement event for September.

Continuum of Care (CoC):

- OJJDP approved CoC Budget Modification, planning underway for Employment Readiness Event.
- Completed and submitted Bi-Annual Grant Performance Report.
- Ongoing FLUXX system testing for grantee portal improvements.

Compliance / R/ED:

- 62 site inspections completed; 100% compliance rate achieved.
- 15.65% inspection increase from June; backlog fully cleared.
- Developed new 3-phase action plan and inspection scheduling process.

Interpreting / Support Services:

- Provided interpreting support in multiple counties for intakes, therapy, and FFT meetings.
- Participated in youth and parent interviews.
- Attended webinar on Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice.

Appendix A – Detailed Activity Log

Projects - Reentry

- Obtained 14 Birth Certificates
- Completed 11 State IDs for youth in facilities
- Bi-Weekly Yel Meetings
- Bi-Weekly Workforce Meetings
- Weekly TLP meetings to evaluate youth for placement
- Assisting Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau with referrals/ understanding of the program.
- Continuing weekly staffing meetings with OCJB. These meetings serve as a crucial platform for discussing officer caseloads, identifying cases eligible for FFT, and addressing ongoing FFT-involved cases. This provides an opportunity for officers to ask questions and gain clarity on the FFT process.
- Completed reentry grant report for this quarter
- Attended YAP kickoff for Oklahoma County pilot project.
- Attended CSG Reentry planning meeting.
- Attended YEL interviews for new potential members.

Projects/Research – Continuum of Care

- **CoC Grant and FE Events** – On July 18, 2025, OJJDP approved the Continuum of Care (CoC) Grant GAM. Youth Services of Tulsa (YST) was quickly notified, and planning for the Employment Readiness Event is now underway. YST is currently discussing event logistics, including the date, time, and participating community partners and organizations. A follow-up planning meeting will be scheduled once Joi returns to the office.
- **BJA Quarterly Report** – Met with director, Alison, to gain a better understanding of the reporting processes and procedures. Completed and submitted the quarterly report for the period of April–June 2025.
- **CoC Bi-Annual Grant Performance Report** – Engaged with Joi on July 17, 2025, to review the process for completing the Bi-Annual Grant Performance Report. A shared document and folder were created to facilitate collaborative work and document submission by the CoC team. Relevant deliverables uploaded included JSU Family Engagement Guidelines, Family Engagement Guide, STAAR Quarterly Performance Report, STAAR Post-Event Report, and State Policy Board Meeting Deliverables. The report and all deliverables were finalized and submitted on July 28, 2025. Creating the shared drive will streamline data collection and allow for continuous report development over the next six months.
- **FLUXX Administrator Testing** – Continued collaboration with the Project Manager on testing the OJA FLUXX portal to ensure a seamless experience for grantees and internal users. Testing for Cycles 1 and 2 has been completed and signed off. Testing for Cycle 3 is in progress and includes KPI tracking, payment workflows, and report generation. Coordination with the finance team may be necessary to define user roles. Additionally, IT is in discussions with FLUXX regarding DocuSign licensing and PeopleSoft system integration.
- **Hub Invoicing Procedures and Restructure** – Met with Alison to review current invoicing practices and expenditure tracking tools used by the reentry team. Redesigned both the Youth Expenditure and Fiscal Year Expenditure spreadsheets by converting them into structured, user-friendly tables. Key improvements include automated formulas to calculate FY25 expenditures per youth and overall totals, separate FY26 tabs created for future tracking, and applied proper

formatting for currency fields. Research is ongoing to resolve issues within the current PDF form using JavaScript. If unresolved, I will create a new version of the form that will be developed to support the necessary calculations.

- **YSA & Title II Grant Reporting** – I have recently been assigned duties to complete the required reporting for OJA grants. Constanzia sent 3 hyperlinks that are required to complete this reporting, and I have accessed all of them. A virtual meeting was held and recorded on July 24th with me, Constanzia, and Alison to explain the grant reporting processes through multiple websites and forms. Discussions were also had regarding timelines for when reporting can start. Constanzia has sent Alison and I the PMT fillable form, and copies have been made to my Forms application to ensure the form will still be accessible once she departs from OJA. I have setup a calendar reminder for Alison and I for the applicable deadlines and obtained email templates from Constanzia that are sent to sub-grantees. These tools will be useful in organized and easy reporting practices. I have also obtained the UEI #, Grant #, and link for the DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training which is required to be completed to perform these assigned Grant Reporting tasks. I will start this training tomorrow, 7/31/25, with the hopes of finishing it that day or Friday at the latest.

Reentry Meetings 30-day, 90-day, Exit meetings

- 37- 30-day meetings attended
- 34- 90-day meetings attended
- 17- Exit meetings attended

COC-Family Engagement Secure Care Meetings

- Called the family of B.T. on 07/08 to inform them of his scheduled TPS meeting and COJC family engagement. His mother didn't answer the phone or reply to my text message. I notified his JSU worker DeDondra Carson and added a JOLTS note.
- Notified JSU Stephanie Brazell on 07/15 that I would be contacting the family of V.Q. to inform them of his scheduled TPS meeting and COJC family engagement. I requested the contact be made by Spanish Translator Ulises Villalobos.
- Called the family of K.C. on 07/15 to inform them of his scheduled TPS meeting and COJC family engagement. I called his mother who was interested in attending virtually and advised her to contact JSU to make arrangements. I notified JSU Wendi Grant and added a JOLTS note for the contact.
- Called the family of A.J. on 07/22 to inform them of his scheduled TPS meeting and COJC family engagement. I spoke with his mother who was interested in attending the meeting in person. She vented about their family circumstances for several minutes and brought up some concerns. I sent a follow up email to JSU, JJS, and Reentry after the phone call, and I added a JOLTS note for the contact.
- Called the family of H.A. on 07/22 to inform them of his scheduled TPS meeting and COJC family engagement. I called his father who was interested in attending. I advised him to contact JSU. He had a couple questions that I advised him would be good to ask during the meeting. I notified JSU Carol Kalcevic and added a JOLTS note for the contact.
- Called the family of R.W. on 07/29 to inform them of his scheduled TPS meeting and COJC family engagement. The mother didn't answer, but she did respond to my text saying she wanted to attend. I notified JSU Stephanie Brazell and added a JOLTS note for the contact.

- Received a call from A.J.'s mother on 07/31. She was making a request for a family friend to be added to his phone and visitation list. I forwarded the request to his JSU, JJS, and BHC workers.
- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for B.T. on 07/15. I called and sent a text to his mother the week prior, but she did not respond or attend the meeting. M. Cupp was present with for Reentry.
- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for V.Q. on 07/22. His mother was present via phone with Ulises Villalobos. Reentry couldn't attend, and the notes were sent to M. Cupp.
- The 30-day TPS meeting for K.C. was rescheduled due to injury, so I called his mother to notify her of the cancelled meeting on 07/22. I added a JOLTS note for the contact.
- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for K.C. on 07/28. I had his mother via telephone. She was active in the meeting, giving input on his treatment goals and reentry plans. Reentry worker M. Cupp was present.
- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for A.J. on 07/29. His mother was present in person and his father via video. Reentry worker M. Cupp was present.
- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for H.A. on 07/29. I had his father on via telephone. Reentry couldn't attend, and the notes were sent to M. Cupp.
- Participated in Grand Staffing for B.G. on 07/01. I was unable to attend his TPS meeting, so I introduced myself at this meeting. His mother wasn't present. His JSU worker stated they couldn't get ahold of her. M. Cupp with HUB was present.
- Participated in a Grand Staffing for D.M. on 07/29 to cover for Reentry.
- Reviewed monthly visitation logs for youth not receiving visitation. Five youth were shown to have no visitation in June. Three of the youth had been released prior to June, and two youth were released in June.
- Met with COJC Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Kelley on 07/22/25 to discuss planning for family event in September.
- Assisted JSU Lyn Wilmes with a request to bring a youth's mother for visitation outside of normal visitation hours to accommodate Ms. Wilmes' driving time. I checked with COJC staff and received approval for a timeframe outside of normal visitation. I responded to Lyn and informed her of the approval for this visit and what is likely to work for future visits.
- Completed 4 Family Engagement Questionnaire with youth at COJC. The questionnaire was sent to JSU, JJS, and BHC. JOLTS note added.

Workforce HUB Meetings with JSU Staff/ Assistance requests

- Attended 92 Hub meetings with Staff
- Completed 69 Hub assistance requests for clients.

Supportive/Interpreting Services

- Assisted with 2 Intakes in Carter County
- Assisted with a Check-in in Tulsa County
- Assisted with 2 Individual Therapies in Murray County
- Assisted with 1 FFT meeting in Oklahoma county
- Attended 2 YEL meeting
- Provided Hub Services to a Family in Oklahoma County (Barbara Wilson)
- Attended a Webinar: Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice: Centering Youth Well-Being
- Attended a Parent Interview in Tulsa County

Team & partner Meetings/Training, etc.

- Attended meet and greet with JJS and DA's office
- Met with local JSU staff to discuss FFT involvement with their caseloads and potential clients
- Assisted with verifying services for invoicing purposes for CREOKS, Empowerment Community Services, Spring Eternal, and Jetty Community Services
- Assigned 7 OCJB referrals, and 42 OJA referrals to partnered FFT involved agencies. Totaling 49 case assignments completed
- Attended and presented at the Western Regional Meeting
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- Tulsa Assessments Meeting with Tri-West Group & Healthy Minds of Tulsa
- Tulsa Children's Behavioral Health Partnerships
- FLUXX Cycle 2 Meeting
- Family Engagement Meeting
- Re-entry Team Meeting
- YST Employment Readiness Event Discussion Meeting (Caroline Olsen)
- Attended HUB/Reentry Unit Meeting
- CoC Grant Report Meeting w/Alison
- Tulsa Youth Evaluation Services Meeting
- Positive Youth Development in Juvenile Justice Webinar
- BJA Reporting Process Review with Alison
- FLUXX One-on-One Program Testing
- YST Employment Readiness Event Discussion II (Caroline Olsen)
- Hub Invoice Process Review with Alison
- Phone meeting -Zana Williams with Mindful Resolutions
- FLUXX Cycle 2 Sign-off
- YEL Board Meeting
- Impact405 CRC Meeting
- Impact405 and YEL Meeting
- Title II Reporting Process Review with Constanzia and Alison
- YEL Applicant Interview
- FLUXX Cycle 3 Meeting
- CSG Meeting
- Completed tracking forms for all community meetings and forwarded to Data Outcomes Manager.

SAG Compliance and R/ED Coordinator Report

- Compliance Accuracy by 7/30/25: 100%
- 62 Sites Inspected
 - 15.65% Increase from June
- End of July Backlog Count: 0 (Backlog will be removed from future reports)
- Supporting Activities:
 - Created an updated Compliance Universe
 - Developed a 3 Phased Plan of Action
 - Developed a new process by which On Site Inspections will be scheduled
 - Formally assumed the role and responsibilities of R/ED Coordinator

- Began assisting with OPT State Audits

County	# of Inspections
Blaine	1
Canadian	9
Carter	7
Cherokee	1
Craig	1
Creek	7
Dewey	2
Garfield	1
Greer	1
Lincoln	2
Muskogee	2
Okfuskee	1
Oklahoma	2
Osage	2
Payne	1
Pittsburg	1
Sequoyah	9
Tulsa	1
Woods	2
Woodward	1
MONTHLY TOTAL	62
Δ FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	9
YTD TOTAL	376

August 2025 Board Meeting

Month of July 2025:○ **Worker's Compensation**

- **New Cases:** 13 cases opened in July; 4 have been fully resolved
- **Return to Duty:** 11 of the 13 employees have returned to either full duty or light duty assignments.
- **Coordination Efforts:** Conducted weekly meetings with COJC supervisor to review worker's compensation cases and identify light duty opportunities.
- **Ongoing Claims:** Two June claims were related to slips/trips/falls along the exterior perimeter of the COJC fence.

○ **Safety**

- **Perimeter Inspection:** Completed the first joint exterior and interior perimeter fence line walk with COJC RCS staff member.
- **Findings:** During the inspection, several safety hazards were identified, including uneven terrain, washouts, and holes of varying depths that pose a risk of serious injury. *Image 1* depicts an RCS stepping into a hole with the knee positioned below ground level, indicating a depth sufficient to cause a potential femur fracture. *Image 2* shows an RCS standing in a hole approximately ankle-deep, which could result in a potential ankle fracture. RCS staff must remain within arm's length of the perimeter fence to inspect security concerns such as holes, dugouts beneath the fence line, and sagging sections of fence.
- **Immediate Actions:** Coordinating with COJC maintenance staff to fill holes with dirt as a temporary measure.
- **Long-Term Solutions:** Soil erosion following heavy rainfall continues to be a concern for the integrity and maintenance of the perimeter fence. Partnerships with community-focused organizations (e.g., Lowe's, Home Depot) are being explored to assist with needed improvements. Such collaborations would allow these organizations to demonstrate their community support while helping reduce costs to the OJA budget.
- **Interagency Collaboration:** Initiating discussions with other state agencies to establish a monthly forum for Risk and Safety Managers to share best practices.

○ **Policy and Procedures**

- **Ongoing Review:** Reviewing and revising Risk Management Policies and Procedures to ensure alignment with current operational needs and safety standards.

Images of potential injuries:

Image 1:



Image 2:





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Board Report – August 2025

July 1st to 31st 2025 activity

Releases (1) from Secure Care

July 2025

Intakes (8) for Secure Care

Released at court to OJA supervision - 1

COJC census as of July 31, 2025 – 57 residents

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) facility events

- July 4th Fun Day activities were held for COJC youth, including bounce youth, water slides, additional recreational activities and food.
- The summer talent show was held at COJC with youth showcasing their musical talents.
- Five members of the Capitol House communications team completed a youth led tour of COJC.
- Oklahoma Capitol House communications staff were so impressed by COJC young men oral presentation skills during their tour that they provided pizza for the youth.
- Derek Sier with the STARR Group implemented a new group for youth at COJC called the Huddle Group. The premise of this group is participants will discuss the goals of the youth, the people they want to become and action steps it will take to get them there.
- Man Up Group held a daylong session with 23 youth. Man Up was facilitated by Wayland Cubit and volunteer mentors.
- Two residents were transported to obtain their State IDs and learner's permit.
- Upper phase youth enjoyed an outing to Fire Lake Bowling Alley to bowl with staff.
- Congratulations to two residents who received their GED and High School Diplomas. Graduation ceremonies were held with family in attendance.
- OJA Hope Navigators held Hope sessions on each unit for all residents; Director Tardibono attended Hope sessions on cottages. Groups discussions were held on problem solving, potential barriers or threats.
- A leadership dinner was held for eleven Community and Leadership phase youth and served in the Canteen.
- Resident/family engagement visitation for July – 74 in person visits with a total of 144 visitors, 142 virtual visits and 426 telephone calls.
- Volunteers from Waterloo Baptist Church, Antioch Community Church, Life Church Switch, Powerline Church, Torch Program, and Pioneer Library provided Bible Study, Mentoring and Church services for youth.
- The COJC Volunteer Coordinator reported for the month of July 2025: 63 community volunteers donated a total of 260.22 hours of volunteer services.

Division Leadership Activities

- Participated in the Training Advisory Committee meeting with OJA training department.
 - Met with Dr Pharris and OJA Hope Ambassador Kheri Smith to prepare for HOPE presentation for the Center for Improving Youth Justice in Boston, Mass in August.
 - Completed weekly walk throughs of COJC units provide open dialogue and support for residents and staff.
 - I participated in the COJC multipurpose building and control building update.
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- Progress continues to update Gang awareness groups and curriculum at COJC to provide resources for intervention.
- Met bi-weekly with OJA Executive Director.
- Assistant Deputy Director Melissa Shaw facilitated reviews of treatment team meetings, grand staffing, and treatment plan staffing's to ensure fidelity and quality of processes.
- Provided Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) with monthly update for the OMMA grant providing substance use prevention and education in COJC, public schools, and nonprofits.
- Held weekly TEAMS meetings with Division staff to ensure quality coverage of all liaison and oversight duties to ensure we are working toward division and agency goals.
- Met weekly with COJC Superintendent to address goals, facility issues and full implementation of COJC Next Generation Campus upgrades.
- Participated in weekly OJA Executive Team meetings and monthly Leadership meeting with State Office Leadership.
- I attended the OJA Board Meeting in July 2025.

Recruitment and Retention Efforts

- Employee of the month of July is Customer Service Rep Miley.
- Four COJC staff were selected to be part of the Critical Incident Stress Management training to be held in August.
- The COJC Leadership Academy's onboarding of new staff members implemented growth plans to improve hiring and staff retention. Emphasis was placed on encouraging relationships and rapport building among staff members and juveniles.
- General Staffing was held to celebrate birthdays, employee longevity and training topics.
- Employee Assistance Program and Support Linc Flyers were placed at locations throughout COJC notifying staff of assistance that is available after stressful incidents.
- The Employee Council Meeting was held to discuss any identified issues and seek possible solutions to give staff a voice.

Agency Collaborations in Secure Care

- Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education (Career Tech) –
 - A meeting was held at OJA state office with a team from the College and Career (Guidance) and Skills Center (Justice-Involved Programs) divisions.
 - Career Tech. Automotive Shop and Carpentry Students are actively attending classes and receiving certificates of participation.
 - Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) –
 - DRS embedded staff Michael Rolerat is at COJC weekly to assist residents in enrolling in DRS services.
 - Currently 11 clients are at COJC, and all have a plan completed with DRS and are getting paid in the work program.
 - Successful client reports for FY25 include attendance in vocational school, employment in construction, enrollment in HVAC training, 5 clients currently participating in CDL training, youth enrolled at OU for Mechanical engineer degree, numerous clients in full time employment, culinary training, Southwest Technology center for Aviation, Tri County Technology for HVAC, Mid Del Technology center for plumbing, and roofing
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companies. One client completed truck driving, and another completed his EMT training and is currently in Firefighter Academy.

- DRS provides aftercare services for 49 youth who have left COJC and reentered the community. All youth have complete DRS plans.
 - Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSAS) –
 - Discussions continue with ODMHSAS to secure an embedded staff to assist with reentry services for youth and families.
 - Chuck Fletcher of the Evolution Foundation through their contract with DMHSAS visited COJC in February to assist parents in overcoming barriers to in person visitation.
 - Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB) –
 - Workforce Work Study Program is for residents who come into COJC with a diploma or GED or while at COJC have graduated or received their GED.
 - DRS/OYACS/OCCY/OJA School to Work paid work program –
 - Residents who are currently enrolled in OYACS at COJC work onsite at COJC and receive pay through DRS reimbursement.
 - The Program provides youth with a work resume, birth certificate, State ID, and financial support upon parole from COJC.
 - The work program has 9 graduates and 5 non-graduates. 8 youth being paid through DRS, other youth are working on community service hours.
 - All residents participated in classes on learning about stocks and the stock market, how to start a landscape business and safer operations of lawn equipment.
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Training Report Summary

July 2025

Schedule & Planning

- August schedule creation & approval
- Q2 TAC Meeting–7/17/25
- Eastern Region Training Roadshow #1(Collaboration) -7/29
- Training Roadshow #2 (Coaching) – Western Region 7/22, South Central 8/21
- Training Roadshow #3 (Professionalism) – Dates TBD
- New Worker Academy Planning and Preparation
 - Sept 15-19
 - Sept 30- Oct 3

Program Updates & Development

- Hope Refresher (MMM 7/14)
- Collaboration with OHS – Change Implementation & Supervisor Training
 - Pilot with LeLand Jones (Hope Tools) – Scheduled 8/8
- Adobe Sign Process – Complete
- Team Building (5 Dysfunctions) – Outline In Progress
- Professionalism Training (Regions)– Development Phase
- Coaching in Mentoring (Regions)
- Back to Basics- Parole e-Learning- In Progress
 - Next: 3 additional Back to Basics Modules
- Onboarding Framework:
 - PREPare and RISE– In Development (values-driven model)
- SOW for SAG Retreat
- COJC Annual Report
- RED Training transition to Joshua Holder

Delivered Trainings & Meetings

- [\[OJA\] Lunch & Learn: CuraLinc Overview - Workday](#)
- [\[OJA\] Monday Morning Meeting: July 14th, 2025- HOPE Refresher #2 - Workday](#)
- [\[OJA- COJC\] Recertification Program - Workday](#)
- JSU Coaching – Schedule monthly- In Progress

Monday Morning Meeting Topics:

July 7	Tribal Conference Podcast
July 14	Hope Refresher Two (Mandatory)
July 21	Understanding Trauma Part II- Annie E Casey
July 28	Tim Talks (1st 30 Minutes)
August 4	Children's Behavioral Health Conference Podcast
August 11	August 11- Family Engagement Annie E Casey – Apryl Owens
August 18	August 18- Family Engagement cont. + updates – Apryl Owens/Austin
August 25	Tim Talks (1st 30 Minutes) & Melissa White on OYACS
August 4	Children's Behavioral Health Conference Podcast

Ongoing Initiatives & Collaboration

- HR & Training: Onboarding Biweekly
- Hope-Centered Tools for Supervisors – feedback from 8/8 pilot
- Meeting with Regional Team – Training Update
- ACA OneDrive Setup & Share
- Rise 360 for HR Compliance/ Onboarding Training
- SB870- employees, contractors, partners, facilities
- SCH 6 Hour Orientation

Evaluation, Surveys & Admin

- Training Hour Coding – Transcripts & Regional Shuffling
- MS Form Evaluation

Conferences & Events

- CISM – COJC Enrollment
- PPT Design for OJA CIYJ Hope Boston

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center Training Breakdown July 2025

MANDATORY Refresher Training Information:

Total Mandatory Classroom Training Hours for July:	148
Total Mandatory Computer Based Training Hours for July:	23
Grand Total Mandatory Training Hours for July:	171

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

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

ORIENTATION Training Information:

Total Orientation Classroom Training Hours for July:	337
Total Orientation Computer-Based Training Hours for July:	0
Grand Total Orientation Training Hours for July:	337

OYACS Training Information:

Total OYACS Classroom Training Hours for July:	319.00
Total OYACS Computer-Based Training Hours for July:	1.50
Grand Total Training Hours for July:	320.50

IN-SERVICE Training Information:

Total Classroom Non-Facility Training Hours for July:	9
Facility In-Service Training for July:	15
Grand Total In-service Training Hours for July:	24

SUPERVISORY Training Hours:

Grand Total Supervisory Training Hours for July:

161

July Care & Custody Management System (CCMS) Training:

<i>CCMS Hours</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i># Credit hours</i>	<i>Total Class Hours</i>
Orientation Day 1	3	8.00	24.00
Orientation Day 2	3	8.00	24.00
Orientation Day 3	2	8.00	16.00
Re-Certs Day 1	20	8.00	160.00
Re-Certs Day 2	14	8.00	112.00
Totals	42	40.00	336.00
Total # CCMS Hours	336		

CCMS Recertification Percentage

Completed:

36%

**Total # of Students who attended CCMS in July.
(Orientation and**

Refresher):

24

GRAND TOTAL of Training Hours:

Grand Total Training Hours for July:

852

Total Training Hours for NON-COJC Employees for July:

9.00

Total Courses for July:

68

Total Course Hours for July:

165

Total Participants for July:

100

State Office and District Training Report July 2025

The following data shows the progress of staff in completing their required annual training hours at the end of July 2025.

Location:	Required # of Annual Regular Training Hours	Regular Training Hour July Totals:	Required # Of Annual Supervisory Training Hours	Supervisory Training Hour July Totals:	Annual Grand Training Hour Totals:
State Office	2568	153.65	360	42.5	2207.75
District 1	1248	282.55	72	26.25	1450.3
District 2	896	153.50	36	0	770.5
District 3	2008	89.50	84	5	1742.5
District 4	1184	162.75	36	11	1121.6
District 5	1120	249.25	48	24.25	1445.55
District 6	1488	288.75	84	46	1460.50
District 7	1232	191.50	60	6.5	1192
Totals:	11744	1571.45	780	161.5	11390.70

STO: 86% complete
 D1: 116% complete
 D2: 86% complete
 D3: 87% complete
 D4: 95% complete
 D5: 129% complete
 D6: 79% complete
 D7: 98% complete
 COJC: 83% complete

Proposed Rates and Standards



Timeline of Proposed Rates and Standards

- On July 11, 2025, 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, State Purchasing Director, on July 30, 2025, letter included in board documents. On August 4, 2025, Director Otis approved the proposed rates, contingent on the Board's approval, letter included in board documents.

Services	Definitions	Requirements & Standards	Rate/Unit
New Rate RS2026-003-001 LIFE COACHING Type: Direct Code(s): Program(s):	The youth and life coach will work one-one to create a plan with customized objectives and activities for achieving the youth’s goal. The life coach will then meet regularly with the youth to track progress, motivate the youth, and celebrate achievements. Objectives may be focused on: - Physical wellbeing, - Psychological wellbeing, or - Lifestyle changes.	Paraprofessionals - Be at least twenty-one (21) years old, if directly working with youth. - Possess, at minimum, a high school diploma or its equivalent. Level A - 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 - Bachelor’s degree and two years of experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs - Bachelor’s degree and CADC Level B - Master’s degree in a behavioral science, including counseling or social work; - Master’s degree and one year of professional experience in juvenile justice, social work, education, community-based prevention, or diversionary youth service programs - Master’s degree and CADC Level C M.D., D.O., Ph.D., LPC, LMFT, LCSW, LBP, LADC, or APN; includes individuals under supervision for licensure Staff at any level performing this service must be certified by the International Coaching Federation or similar entity.	All Levels \$9.42 per 15 minutes
R&S Approved Date: 07/11/2025	OMES Approved Date: 08/04/2025	BOJA Approved Date:	Effective Date:

SAG

Title II Funding proposals



Back to School Transition Programs

Organization	Location	SAG Recommended Amount
Peaceful Family Solutions	Edmond & Yukon Public Schools	\$50,000.00
Oklahoma City Public Schools	Oklahoma City	\$100,000.00
The Common Good	Northwest Tulsa	\$50,000.00
Lilyfield	South OKC & N Tulsa	\$50,000.00
Tecumseh Public Schools	Pottawatomie County	\$70,000.00
Western Plains Youth and Family Services	Northwest Oklahoma	\$40,000.00
Shawnee Public Schools	Shawnee	\$78,000.00
Poetry and Chill	Tulakes Elementary	\$40,000.00

Proposed State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services



Edits to 2019 State Plan

1. Made the History section more succinct.
2. Moved the State Plan section which creates the layout for the plan after the Law section and combined the Best Practices into this section; as Best Practices should define our plan.
3. Removed the BKD audit section, added it into the history section as it was our guiding force for the update to the State Plan.
4. Removed all the data on Right Sizing Detention. Moving forward the Plan will continue to be updated, starting in March of 2026, every year for the Fiscal Year Contracted Bed Needs.
5. We also kept the map with the breakdown of admissions for FY25.
6. Cleaned up the Formula Section and added a Summary Section that matched the formula starting on page 9.

Focus for the next 5 years

1. Mental and Behavioral Health Services
2. Potential Expansion of OYACS
3. Growing the partnerships between Detention Centers and their locally Youth Service Agencies. Including creating a local resource list for the community.
4. Financial and Programmatic Audits – Carryover from previous plan
5. Unlawful Use of Detention Beds – Carryover from previous plan
6. Training Expectations – Updated language but this is not new.
7. Regional Bed System – Focus on monitoring the regional system to make sure all counties have access to detention beds.



State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services

State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Board of Juvenile Affairs is authorized by law to develop, adopt and implement a plan for the establishment of detention facilities and services known as the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services; and

WHEREAS, the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services may be amended or modified only by the Board of Juvenile Affairs as necessary and appropriate;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board has not and will not delegate its authority to any person to act on its behalf or to make representations as to the Board's intent in determining the number or geographic location of beds to be included in the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services.

History

Prior to 1995, the Department of Human Services was the agency that administered juvenile detention services in the state of Oklahoma. A brief overview of that time is necessary for the understanding of juvenile detention services. In 1978, Governor David Boren directed the Criminal Justice Services Division of the Department of Economic and Community Affairs to conduct a study of the State's detention practices for juveniles. This request was made to address growing concern over the negative effects of incarcerating juveniles in adult jail facilities.

The outcomes of the study documented that in 1979 seven thousand eight hundred (7,800) juveniles were confined in locked facilities. Four thousand one hundred fourteen (4,114) were held in adult facilities. Data collected from the same geographic region in 1980 indicated that rural admissions of juveniles into adult jail facilities had increased to four thousand nine hundred (4,900). Incidents of abuse, mistreatment and loss of life by suicide increased with the rise of incarceration. In response to the study, the Oklahoma Legislature passed reform legislation that prohibited the jailing of juveniles who were alleged to be Deprived or In Need of Supervision. The restrictions for the use of adult jails broadened in 1982 when the legislature mandated that "after July 1, 1985, no child may be detained in any jail, adult lockup or other adult detention facility." In 1982, the Oklahoma Commission of Human Services was given a statutory mandate to "develop and implement a plan for juvenile detention services." The initial "Plan for Juvenile Detention Services" was adopted in February 1984; now this document is known as the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services (State Plan).

The original plan called for a system of short-term and full-service facilities. The two (2) short-term facilities were to hold juveniles up to five (5) days and were not required to provide the youth with educational or recreational services. The five (5)-day time frame

was later changed to fifteen (15) judicial days. After fifteen (15) days, youth would be transferred to a full-service facility and provided a variety of services including education and recreation. However, this system never fully came online. The State Plan was again modified in 1994. Additional secure detention services were added, and the two short-term facilities were converted into full-service facilities. Transportation services are an integral part of the State Plan. Legislation was passed in 1994 directing county sheriffs, their designee, private contractors, or juvenile court officers to provide transportation services to and from secure detention for the purposes of admission, inter-facility transfer, discharge, medical or dental attention, court appearance or placement.

In 1995, in response to the Terry D lawsuit, the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA), was created and given statutory authorization over the Oklahoma juvenile justice system. A major directive in the Terry D lawsuit was the philosophy that when a youth sent to an out-of-home placement that placement needs to be both the smallest population possible and close to their local community. This change started with detention facilities, now commonly referred to as juvenile detention centers. To address additional issues the detention centers are required to be certified by OJA's Office of Public Integrity (OPI). Juvenile detention centers must meet standards for certification promulgated by the Board of Juvenile Affairs (Board), the body responsible for juvenile detention facilities and services. The standards shall include, but are not limited to, screening for detention, providing education, providing recreational and religious programming, and providing emergency medical care including dental and mental health care. In 1997, the Board authorized OJA to explore the need for additional secure detention beds in north and south-central Oklahoma. OJA examined the need for additional detention beds and at the time it appeared that although there were geographical gaps, there was not a need for additional beds and no new detention facilities were built.

The State Plan was revised in 2008 to reflect changes in trends. Arrest and admissions data reflected a need to either expand the six (6) bed centers or add an additional two (2) detention centers. This expansion did not occur as OJA began an effort to diligently educate local judiciary, district attorneys and law enforcement to reduce the numbers of youth inappropriately placed in secure juvenile detention centers. Although youth are placed in secure detention through a judge's court order, OJA has been more active and vocal in recommending youth not be placed in detention if they do not meet the statutorily defined criteria. These efforts have helped reduce the inappropriate placement of youth in juvenile detention centers.

Other recommendations, in 2008, included placing the youthful offender population on separate pod/units within juvenile detention centers so that they would not be housed with younger, non-violent or less aggressive offenders. New legislation, in 2016, prohibited status offenders from being detained solely on a status offense or violations of a valid court order. This legislation, coupled with increased education of stakeholders, has led to a reduction in low-level offenders being detained and, therefore, the need for separation is not as imperative as in 2008. The federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act, reauthorized in 2018, required Oklahoma to revise the Youthful Offender Act regarding their eligibility for placement into adult jails.

Youth with mental health needs have placed additional stress on the detention centers, the youth and their families. The ability of these centers to obtain adequate mental health screenings and services plays a vital role. For youth, who have been determined to have a serious mental and/or behavioral health need, efforts began to screen these youth out of detention and into more appropriate settings. In addition, funding has been approved by the Board to initiate mental health services for youth in detention centers. Appropriate referrals should be made for mental health services to include in-home crisis management, inpatient mental health services and wraparound services for the youth and their family in the community.

Additionally, Section 2-7-401 of Title 10A of the Oklahoma State Statutes, addresses the Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund. OJA continues to recommend the Legislature appropriate monies to allow for capital improvements to juvenile detention centers. OJA began to fund capital improvements, and will continue this funding, if funding is available.

In 2019, the Board updated the 2008 State Plan. The modified State Plan focused on nine (9) changes for OJA to focus on over the next five (5) years. Between 2019 to 2024 OJA accomplished addressing the following changes: placing limitations on detaining youth under the age of twelve (12); OJA paying one hundred percent (100%) of OJA custody youth awaiting out-of-home placement in detention; expanding the use of technology for youth to attend court hearings virtually or by phone, and adjusting the detention rates so that six (6) bed facilities were not being paid a rate higher than an eight (8) bed facility. In addition to those changes, OJA under the recommendation of the BKD Performance Assessment, worked to “right-size” detention, this work started with the 2019 State Plan adoption that included a Formula to Determine Annual Contracted Bed Need. This Formula, in conjunction with the Covid-19 pandemic, allowed OJA to collect data necessary to continue to use data informed decisions to annually adopt the contracted beds for detention every year.

Oklahoma Law on Secure Detention

It is imperative to the people and the children of Oklahoma, that the use of secure detention for juveniles is utilized in accordance with Oklahoma law. See [10A O.S. § 2-3-101](#). When a child is taken into custody pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code, the child shall be detained only if it is necessary to assure the appearance of the child in court or for the protection of the child or the public.

Lawful Use of Detention – See [10A O.S. § 2-3-101\(A and B\)](#)

A. When a child is taken into custody pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code, the child shall be detained only if it is necessary to assure the appearance of the child in court or for the protection of the child or the public.

1. a. No child twelve (12) years of age or younger shall be placed in a juvenile detention facility unless all alternatives have been exhausted and the child is currently charged with a criminal offense that would constitute a felony if committed

by an adult and it has been indicated by a risk-assessment screening that the child requires detention. The detention of any child twelve (12) years of age or younger shall be judicially reviewed pursuant to subparagraph c of this paragraph.

b. Any child who is thirteen (13) or fourteen (14) years of age may be admitted to a juvenile detention facility only after all alternatives have been exhausted and the child is currently charged with a criminal offense that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult and it has been indicated by a risk-assessment screening that the child requires detention.

c. No preadjudicatory or predisposition detention or custody order shall remain in force and effect for more than thirty (30) days...

B. No child shall be placed in secure detention unless:

1. The child is an escapee from any delinquent placement;
2. The child is a fugitive from another jurisdiction with a warrant on a delinquency charge or confirmation of delinquency charges by the home jurisdiction;
3. The child is seriously assaultive or destructive towards others or self;
4. The child is currently charged with any criminal offense that would constitute a felony if committed by an adult or a misdemeanor and:
 - a. is on probation or parole on a prior delinquent offense,
 - b. is on preadjudicatory community supervision, or
 - c. is currently on release status on a prior delinquent offense;
5. The child has willfully failed or there is reason to believe that the child will willfully fail to appear for juvenile court proceedings;
6. A warrant for the child has been issued on the basis that:
 - a. the child is absent from court-ordered placement without approval by the court,
 - b. the child is absent from designated placement by the Office of Juvenile Affairs without approval by the Office of Juvenile Affairs,
 - c. there is reason to believe the child will not remain at said placement, or
 - d. the child is subject to an administrative transfer or parole revocation proceeding.

Preadjudicatory or Predisposition Detention – 30 Day Limit – See [10A O.S. § 2-3-101\(A\)\(1\)\(c and d\)](#)

c. No preadjudicatory or predisposition detention or custody order shall remain in force and effect for more than thirty (30) days. The court, for good and sufficient cause shown, may extend the effective period of such an order for an additional period not to exceed sixty (60) days. If the child is being detained for the commission of a murder, the court may, if it is in the best interests of justice, extend the effective period of such an order an additional sixty (60) days.

Detention Review Hearing – Every 15 Days – See [10A O.S. § 2-3-101\(A\)\(1\)\(d\)](#)

d. Whenever the court orders a child to be held in a juvenile detention facility, an order for secure detention shall remain in force and effect for not more than fifteen (15) days after such order. Upon an application of the district attorney and after a hearing on such application, the court, for good and sufficient cause shown, may extend the effective period of such an order for an additional period not to exceed fifteen (15) days after such hearing. The total period of preadjudicatory or predisposition shall not exceed the ninety-day limitation as specified in subparagraph a of this paragraph.

Sanctions for Probation Violations – 5 DAYS – See [10A O.S. § 2-2-503 \(A\)\(7\)\(f and g\)](#)

f. sanction detention in the residence of the child or facility designated by the Office of Juvenile Affairs or the juvenile bureau for such purpose for up to five (5) days, order weekend detention in a place other than a juvenile detention facility or shelter, tracking, or house arrest with electronic monitoring, and

g. impose consequences, including detention as provided for in subparagraph f of this paragraph, for postadjudicatory violations of probation.

State Plan for Secure Detention Services

The focus of the State Plan is to establish an effective balance between detention alternatives and secure detention services. Throughout the state, alternative programs are in place (although they need to be further enhanced) and secure juvenile detentions exist in strategic geographic locations. This system helps to ensure adequate protection of the public from those juveniles who are violent, aggressive, habitual offenders and, also, helps ensure that youth considered to be flight risks appear for their scheduled court hearings.

The appropriate use of detention and detention alternatives safeguards against further traumatizing youth who have encountered law enforcement. Oklahoma has consistently been recognized as leading the nation in childhood adversity, with 28.5% of Oklahoma children experiencing 2 or more ACEs. Frequently, children in the juvenile justice system score high on the ACEs matrix. (Beaman, Miner, and Bolinger, *Quantifying Adverse Childhood Experiences*). The youth that meet this statistic have dealt with childhood trauma, and this could be further impacted if the youth is inappropriately ordered into secure juvenile detention. It is imperative to the mental and physical health of Oklahoma's children and their future that the use of secure detention is limited to the children that meet statutory requirements for detention and that detention stays are continuously assessed for appropriateness and are as brief as possible. OJA will continue to strive towards the best practices in juvenile detention, as outlined below.

1. There will always be a percentage of Oklahoma youth who require secure detention services, OJA's hope is that these numbers continue to decrease across the State. Every effort has been made, and will continue to be made, to establish a statewide system that will be neither quickly outgrown nor overbuilt.
2. Within twenty-four (24) hours of admission into a juvenile detention center, the youth shall be administered the MAYSI-2. For youth who score for Caution or Warning for Suicide Ideation a referral to the Youth Crisis Mobile Response Unit will be made and local JSU staff/liaisons notified for further assistance and location of available beds. For youth who score Caution or Warning on all additional scales, notification will be made to local JSU staff/liaisons for appropriate service referrals.
3. Prior to requesting a youth being detained, a standardized and OJA approved detention screening shall be completed on youth. This will give all parties the level of risk a youth poses to the community and if further detention is necessary or appropriate.
4. Education must be provided to youth in accordance with the State Department of Education minimum standards and not less than four point twelve (4.12) hours per school day or as required by the State Board of Education. The local school district or an OJA approved alternative is responsible for providing educational programming. Detention centers are only required to provide summer school if the local school district provides this to the entire community. OJA will continue to appropriately work with detention facilities to address detained youth's education needs.
5. OJA will continue to use the adopted formula to make data-informed decisions for each fiscal year on the number of contracted beds needed. Additionally, they will continue to review the effectiveness of the formula and propose adjustments to the Board as needed.
6. OJA, in consultation with detention providers, will annually report to the Board data on the use of juvenile detention and a proposal on contracted beds for the next fiscal year. The Board approved contracted beds will be added as an amendment to the State Plan.
7. The Board shall perform a comprehensive review of the State Plan at a minimum of five (5) years from the date of last year's approval.
8. OJA commits to communicating and collaborating with detention providers on major revisions to the state plan for detention.

State Plan for Alternative Detention Services

The development and support of community-based alternatives to detention programs played an important role in the formulation of the State Plan. OJA is currently, as funding allows, maintaining funding for the following alternatives to detention: electronic monitoring and youth services shelter care.

Screening guidelines were adopted by the Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 13 Judicial Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Supreme Court in 1984. These screening guidelines are crucial to the success of the detention plan for both alternative detention services and secure detention. These guidelines are used in each of the seventy-three (73) non-metro counties and are provided to the four (4) metropolitan counties (Oklahoma, Tulsa, Comanche and Canadian) where screening is conducted by juvenile bureau operators, or their designees. When juveniles are screened at the time of their apprehension, a better determination of the appropriateness of detention alternatives can be made. Juveniles being screened for detention shall be administered a standardized and approved OJA detention screening.

When deemed appropriate, a “promise to appear” contract may be initiated by law enforcement to release the juvenile to his/her parents or other responsible adult who will assure that the juvenile appears for an intake interview with the OJA or the juvenile bureau.

Crisis Intervention Centers (CIC) are short-term holding facilities used for juveniles taken into custody by law enforcement for an alleged law violation and for whom detention is unavailable or inappropriate. Juveniles may be held in a CIC for a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to being released to their parent, guardian, attorney or responsible adult. The juvenile and his/her parent are required to sign a release or a “promise to appear” as described above. CIC’s are staff secure and can be open twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. CIC’s are funded through the municipalities, who they contract with, and are no longer funded by the OJA. It could be beneficial to explore rates to fund additional preventative services, which could be implemented in existing CICs. CICs are currently located in El Reno, Enid, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa.

Attendant care is a service designated to meet the needs of juveniles who require short-term supervision or crisis intervention. Attendant care must be authorized by the court and is administered in the local community. An attendant remains with the juvenile until the circumstances requiring the intervention no longer exist. This program has been ideal for alcohol and drug related offenses, juveniles who are flight risks, or juveniles who are exhibiting behaviors for which they would normally be returned home if a responsible adult could be located. Attendant care has worked well in smaller, rural areas and this is one of the community-based alternatives OJA would like to bring back into the array of services.

Electronic monitoring expands on the ability to account for the juvenile’s whereabouts through the use of electronic equipment as well as a daily tracking schedule and itinerary.

The use of an electronic monitor can be utilized as a condition of their release from detention or as an alternative to detention, ordered by the local Judge, during normal working hours. The use of electronic monitoring should be expanded, statewide, as an alternative to detention for youth who can be served in the community with added structure, accountability and services. The use of a universal assessment or screener could aid courts in determining potential candidates for this alternative.

Children Emergency Resource Centers (CERC) are youth shelters that can as alternatives to secure detention and provide structured, residential care to juveniles. Shelter programs provide around-the-clock staffing patterns and programming for crisis intervention, twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. In a partnership with youth service agencies, OJA has been able to increase the use of these shelter beds with juvenile justice involved youth. Additionally in 2019 the Board of Juvenile Affairs approved a rate to pay CERCs an additional \$20.00 per bed day used added on to the tier rate being billed for the youth.

In certain rural areas, it may be determined that the best and most cost-effective alternative is for OJA to provide enhanced transportation and/or law enforcement support either directly or by subcontracting with County Sheriffs.

These types of alternatives to detention play a vital role in the success of the State Plan by allowing appropriate youth to avoid admission or extended stays in a secure juvenile detention.

Formula to Determine Annual Contracted Bed Need

Juvenile detention center sites are determined by several factors. Those factors include arrest data, analysis of the juvenile population, and the number of admissions to detention, geographic factors such as access to major transportation arteries and distance from other detention centers, community support and services, number of existing detention beds, adequate funding and other factors of need.

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

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

Less

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

Plus

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

Plus

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

Less

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

Less

Adjustment for youth detained awaiting OJA placement – reallocate funding from detention to therapeutic placements.

Process for determining “Projected Need” as used in the above formula

- If prior year demonstrates a decline in need, projected need shall be the average demand of the last ninety (90) days.
- If prior year demonstrates an increase in need, projected need shall be the average demand for the last thirty (30) days plus an escalation of beds by quarter equal to the amount suggested by the statistical slope of the trend line based on a bed utilization timeline plotted in Cartesian coordinates. If need exceeds available capacity and budget, then the normal process of seeking additional resources will be employed.
- If need is relatively stable, based on the trend line, then the prior year’s State Plan will be continued.

To account for temporary upward fluctuations in this formula, OJA may also contract for additional beds on an as needed basis. If a detention center has certified beds that are not part of the standing capacity contracted by OJA, OJA may elect to contract for one (1) or more of these beds. Payment for these beds shall not exceed the daily rate established for the detention center and will only be paid if the bed is utilized.

Prior to each budget year OJA will issue the Projected Need calculation in August for the previous fiscal year. This data will be used in production of the budget request for the upcoming year. A second Projected Need calculation shall be conducted prior to the budget work program being filed in June or July. If the projected need indicates changes to the number and location of beds for the detention system and if contracts have already been issued for the next fiscal year, modifications to the contracts will be issued.

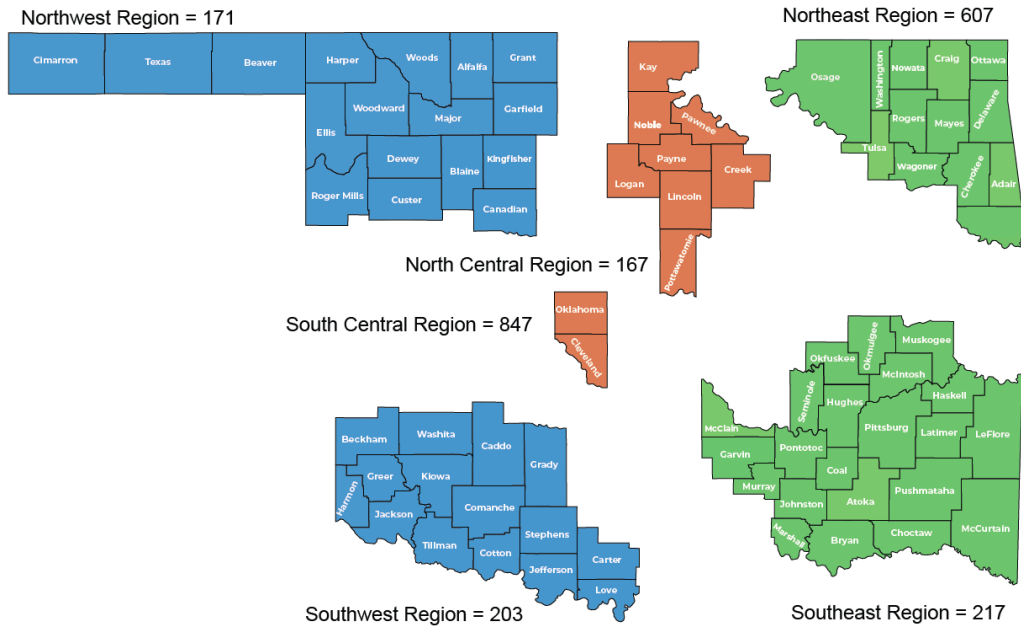
This formula is summarized as follows:

Formula for Determining Contracted Bed Needs
Projected Need based most recent trend line
Plus 10% normalizing/conservative factor
Less unlawful detention stays (status offenses - adjusted for accuracy)
Less youth that would be better served in alternatives to detention of misdemeanors and judicial orders (adjusted for accuracy)
Less increase in therapeutic beds up to average youth in detention waiting placement
Plus/Less Any necessary adjustments for the average Length of Stay for Youthful Offender or Juveniles pending Conviction on Adult Charges
Projected Secure Detention Bed Need for FY2020

Current Site Locations and Capacities

The State Plan outlines a system of secure juvenile detention facilities strategically located throughout the state.

The map below shows the number of detention beds utilized in each Juvenile Service Unit Region for FY2025.



The following chart depicts the licensed beds, along with the current contracted beds.

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

Proposed Rule, Policy, Contractual Language, and Legislative Changes

The following are areas of consideration for changes to the current system.

1. Mental and Behavioral Health Services

The growing partnership between OJA and ODMHSAS has allowed for youth to more quickly access mental and behavioral health services. However, the need for these services continues to grow across the state, OJA will continue to work with ODMHSAS to continue making sure detained youth receive care. Additionally, OJA is working with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, on access to acute services at their new behavioral health center. ODMHSAS continues to establish Urgent Recovery Centers (URC) across the state. OJA will assist in establishing a connection between these programs and their utilization as deemed appropriate on an individualized basis.

As funding allows, OJA will continue its work to find and collaborate with agencies to provide attendant care for youth that may be in the hospital pending placement or assessment for mental and/or behavioral health services.

OJA will assist with growing the partnerships between detention centers and local youth service agencies to provide services to youth in detention under the approved rates.

OJA will continue to coordinate with the Medicaid expansion and how those services will impact the youth placed in detention.

2. Expansion of Education Services

OJA is working to statutorily expand access to the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School for youth not in the custody of OJA. This would allow detention facilities to use OYACS for educational programming. For youth detained and awaiting placement at the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) this will provide continuity of education services. Additionally, through the proposed expansion, this may allow youth to receive summer school programming through OYACS if their local district is not providing those services.

3. Partnerships with Youth Service Agencies and Detention Centers

Local OJA juvenile service unit offices will work with the local youth service agency and juvenile detention center to develop a Resource List for their communities to distribute to youth and families.

4. Independent Financial and Programmatic Audit of Detention Center Operations

As needed, give authorization for OJA to perform (at OJA's cost) an independent financial and programmatic audit of the detention center operations. This will allow for a more accurate analysis which will aid in the development of fair and equitable rates and standards for secure detention.

5. Unlawful Use of Detention Beds

If it is determined, by OJA, that detention beds were utilized for unlawful detention services, OJA may recoup or withhold payment for the daily rate of the bed. If a third party provides detention services for the county, and payment is assigned to the third party, OJA will pay the daily rate to the third-party provider and then charge the county for the unlawful use of the bed. If the county operates the detention center, payment will be reduced on the next claim after discovery of the unlawful use of the secure detention bed.

6. Training Expectations

OJA will continue its work to provide information through trainings and presenting at conferences attended by juvenile justice stakeholders including but not limited to county commissioners, members of the judiciary, district attorneys, and detention administrators about the appropriate use of juvenile detention.

7. Regional Bed System

OJA is committed to verifying all counties in the state of Oklahoma have access to juvenile detention beds. To achieve this commitment, OJA will be working with each county to make sure they have at least one contract with an existing juvenile detention center.

If needed, OJA will propose adjustments to the Board on amending the number of contracted beds to meet the needs of the regional system.

Conclusion

As the state of Oklahoma's juvenile justice system continues to use a research based, data driven, service provision system it is imperative that we continue the work to right size the number of detention beds and ensure those beds are being used appropriately. This will lead to better outcomes for young people and their families in addition to their local community. OJA will continue to work with detention providers to ensure public safety, education and mental health needs are met for youth requiring detention services. The continued monitoring of contracted beds and the appropriate use of juvenile detention, allows both OJA and the counties of Oklahoma to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars.

Adopted by the Board of Juvenile Affairs the XX day of Month, 2025.

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Juvenile Detention Revolving Fund



Juvenile Detention Revolving Fund

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

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

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

Applications for FY2025

Replacement of Center’s perimeter fence

- Fence is worn and impacted by environmental elements
- Repairs are not possible due to the state of the current fence

Woodward County Juvenile Detention Center	
OJA Request	\$9,169.38
County Match (15%)	\$1,618.12
Total	\$10,787.50

Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund Application (FY23)

Date: 8/12/25

Detention Center: Woodward County JDC

Owner of Record of Detention Center Legacy

Project Title: Fence Replacement

Description:

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

Fence Replacement for the safety & security of the youth & the communities

Justification:

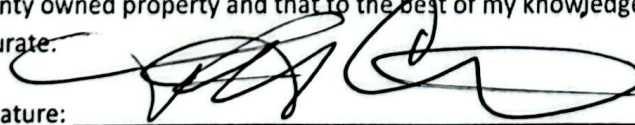
Why it is critical that this project be funded – how does this improve safety, security and/or quality of life.

Fence has been repaired numerous times and is now deteriorating. No longer can provide the necessary security required.

Budget Narrative (attach spreadsheet and or quotes). Budget must express that a 15% match will be provided. If application is approved, funds for this project will be provided on a cost reimbursement basis. OJA must receive documentation in the form of paid receipts. Compensation will be up to the amount approved less 15% match.

Payment will be made to the County Commissioners unless an assignment affidavit is submitted with the application.

By signing, I certify that any funds provided pursuant to this application are only to be used for State or County owned property and that to the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is accurate.

Signature: 

Print Name: Robert Cornelius Title: Exec. Dir. Date: 8/12/25

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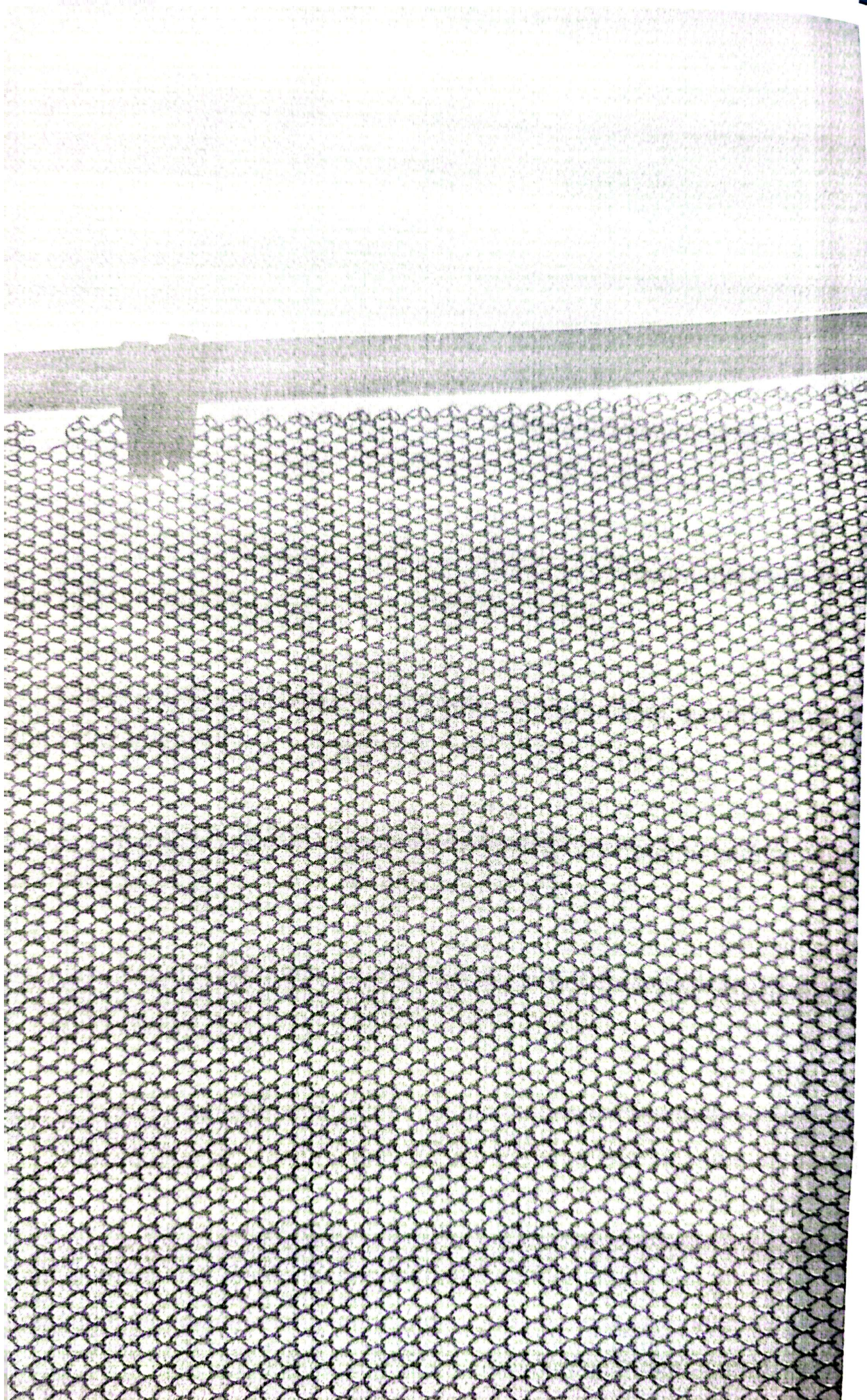
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Next Generation Campus Phase III Update

Visitation & Wellness Building



Next Gen Update

Multi-Purpose Building:

Design Documents Have Been Completed and Construction Documents & Budget Are Being Developed

Components:

- 1.Family Visitation Unit**
- 2.Music Therapy Unit**
- 3.Fitness Center**
- 4.Recreation Center**

Design & Subcontract Schedule – Design-Build Concept

- 1.Construction Documents Completed 9/30**
- 2.Fire Marshall Issues Permit 9/30**
- 3.Construction Mgr. Issues Bid Requests 9/30**
- 4.Construction Mgr. Selects Low Bids 11/17**
- 5.Construction Mgr. Issues Subcontracts 12/15**
- 6.Construction Begins - January 2026**

Next Gen Update

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

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

Estimated costs will be assigned to each item as developed and a tentative time-line established.

OJA Finance Report



FY-2026 Operation/Capital Budget Projections

Budget Work Program (BWP)	Year-to-Date Expenditures	Encumbrances Filed and In Progress	Preliminary Balance
\$153,396,702	\$1,542,186	\$94,390,779	\$57,463,737

Deductions from preliminary balance – unencumbered and restricted items

Remaining Payroll Budget	Remaining Travel Budget	Federal Grants	Remaining Encumbrances
\$43,333,753	\$350,747	\$989,780	\$11,000,000

Balance (Bottom Line)

\$1,789,457

Notes:

BWP is less than Board approved budget of \$156,640,062 because FY25 carryover, estimated at \$3,243,360, is still being prepared for transfer. Amounts will vary from estimates, and the difference will be reported to the Board at or before the November Board Meeting.

Observations:

Federal Funding:

49.2 Million of OJA's BWP is from non-appropriated sources. Besides carryover from prior year savings, a significant portion of the funding we rely on for continuous operations is Medicaid. We will continue to monitor the status of this and all federal funding.

Managed Care and OHCA issues continue to slow down the reimbursement flow and we still have issues with claims expiring before they can be paid.

General Economic Conditions:

There is talk in the national news of indicators pointing to a possible recession. Oklahoma's economy is stronger than many states, but this could mean a reduction in appropriations. There will be little cushion in the FY26 and FY27 budgets – hard to predict beyond that.

Budget to Actual by Program

Description	Total Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses	Remaining Encumbrances	Balance	% Utilized	
						Total%	YTD%
YSAs & Tech Assist	32,826,096	668,173	10,700	31,316,175	1,509,921	95%	2%
Community Treatment	19,767,187	499,926	9,690	21,293,091	(1,525,904)	108%	2%
Detention & HRT	14,492,065	301,189	18,758	13,954,986	537,079	96%	6%
Psych Services (Field)	1,197,252	24,943	21,546	752,214	445,038	61%	86%
Juvenile Services	23,159,712	465,175	669,313	21,451,868	1,707,844	90%	139%
Institutional Services	22,889,456	480,264	578,751	19,965,490	2,923,966	85%	121%
Delinquency Prevention Grants	2,243,962	46,749	24,661	1,392,270	851,692	61%	53%
JOLTS/Case Management SYS	4,255,945	100,124	70,707	5,408,429	(1,152,484)	125%	80%
Administration and Oversight	5,135,169	105,886	128,926	4,582,885	552,284	87%	121%
Capital Projects	27,429,858	570,906	9,133	18,479,932	8,949,926	67%	2%
Totals	153,396,702	3,263,335	1,542,186	138,597,340	14,799,362	89%	48%

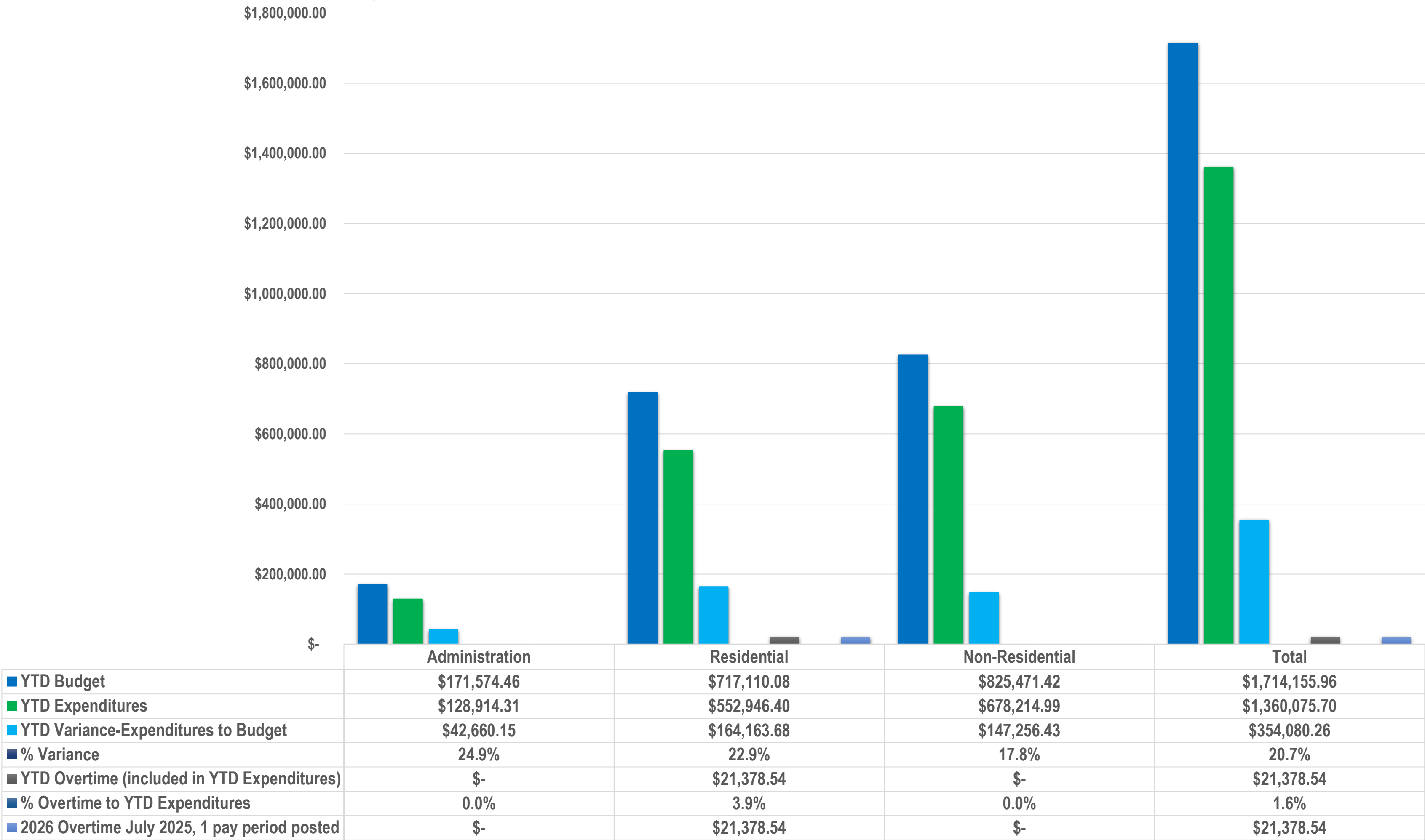
Notes: Totals may vary slightly due to round-off errors

BTA by Account Code

Code	Description	Budget	YTD Budget	Expenditures	Remaining Enc	Total %	YTD%
11	Labor	44,568,055	928,501	1,360,076	44,310,362	146%	102%
15	Professional Services	3,561,616	303,367	21,872	2,643,473	7%	75%
21	Travel	107,891	2,248	959	-	43%	1%
22	Training	250,765	5,224	-	6,950	0%	3%
31	Misc Admin	1,816,033	37,834	23,022	699,190	61%	40%
32	Rent/Lease (Office Space)	1,820,162	37,920	52,215	736,981	138%	43%
33	Maintenance	1,385,000	28,854	1,836	249,705	6%	18%
34	Specialized Supplies	875,838	18,247	328	211,261	2%	24%
35	Safety Equipment	175,000	3,646	-	-	0%	0%
36	Office Supplies	328,500	6,844	394	65,134	6%	20%
37	Lab,Medical Supplies-Materials	30,000	625	-	10,300	0%	34%
41	Furniture, Equipment, Software (inv)	628,500	13,094	70,687	278,854	540%	56%
42	Library Resources-Textbooks	10,000	208	-	-	0%	0%
43	ARPA/Next Gen	13,659,864	55,414	-	5,335,726	0%	39%
51	Client Assistance	116,640	2,430	1,107	59,533	46%	52%
54	Approved Program Reimbursement	84,062,838	1,751,309	9,690	79,893,897	1%	95%
60	Purchase Card - trans added to above	-	-	-	2,628,788		
		153,396,702	3,195,765	1,542,186	137,130,153		

BR-2026 Payroll Budget to Actual Year to Date

As of 07/31/2025



FY-2026 Payroll Overtime

Quarter FY 26	No. of Pay Period	Administration		Residential Services		JSU/Community Services		Total Overtime
		Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	
	1	1	-	-	712	\$21,379	-	712
	2		-	-	-	-	-	-
	3		-	-	-	-	-	-
	4		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	\$0	712	\$21,379	-	\$0	712
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)		-		8.90		-		8.90
Quarter FY 26	No. of Pay Period	Administraction		Residential Services		JSU/Community Services		Total Overtime Hours
		Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	Hours	Amount	
Quarterly Summary								
1st Quarter	1	0	-	712	\$21,379	-	\$0	712.36
2nd Quarter		-	-	-	\$0	-	\$0	-
3rd Quarter		-	-	-	\$0	-	\$0	-
4th Quarter	-	-	-	-	\$0	-	\$0	-
Average Per Pay Period								
1st Quarter	1	0	\$0	712	\$21,379	-	\$0	712.36

FTE Budget To Actual

For FY2026 as of 07/31/2025

FTE Budget for FY2026 (1 payrolls processed)	520.00
Actual Paid	<u>487.76</u>
Variance	32.24

FY-2026 Revolving Funds Revenue Projection

As of 7/31/2025

Receivable Source	FY-26 Budget	Budget to Date	Receipts	In-Transit	Over (Under) Budget
SSI and SSA	\$ 75,000	\$ 6,250	\$ 11,120		\$ 4,870
Income from Rent	9,201	767	\$ -	767	-
Charter School State Aid/Grants	700,000	58,333	\$ 112,754		54,421
School Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks Program	57,213	4,768	\$ 12,696		7,928
Sales	20,000	1,667	\$ 220	-	(1,447)
Child Support	90,000	7,500	\$ 6,869		(631)
Other Receipts	5,000	417	-		(417)
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 956,414	\$ 79,701	\$ 143,659	\$ 767	\$ 64,724

Reimbursements and Refunds	FY-26 Budget	YTD Expenses	Receipts	Outstanding Reimbursements	Variance to YTD Expenses
DHS Reimbursements, OMMA/OSDH Rehabilitation Drug and Alcohol Services, Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 4,227,002	\$ 431,576	\$ 285,108	\$ 146,468	\$ -
Total Revolving Funds Revenue	\$ 5,183,416	\$ 511,278	\$ 428,767	\$ 147,235	\$ 64,724

FY-2025 Federal Funds Revenue Projections

As of 07/31/2025

Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	Projected Annual Revenue	Budget to Date	Actual Revenue	In-Transit	Receipts Variance to Budget
FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements from Other State Agencies					
Residential Behavior Management Services (RBMS)	\$ 6,000,000	500,000	\$444,785.98	292,334	\$ 237,120
Targeted Case Management (TCM)	1,700,000	141,667	\$82,645.44	67,075	\$ 8,054
IV-E Shelter	100,000	8,333	\$0.00		\$ (8,333)
Indirect Cost Reimbursement (OHCA)	50,000	4,167	\$0.00	13,281	\$ 9,115
Total FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements From Other State Agencies	\$ 7,850,000	\$ 654,167	\$ 527,431	\$ 372,690	\$ 245,955
FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	FY-26 Budget	Expenditures Reports	Receipts/Balance	Outstanding Reimbursements	Receipts Variance to YTD Expenses
Direct Federal Grant, OJJDP Formula	\$ 2,092,821	\$ 124,684	\$ 95,913	\$ 28,771	\$ -
DAC-RSAT	225,000	15,851	\$ 18,153	(2,302)	-
Arnall Award	558,371	23,536	\$ 252,028	-	228,492
State Recovery Fund (ARPA)	13,573,815	752,100	\$ 4,309,406	-	3,557,307
Total FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	\$ 16,450,007	\$ 916,170	\$ 4,675,500	\$ 26,469	\$ 3,785,799
Total Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	\$ 24,300,007	\$ 1,570,337	\$ 5,202,931	\$ 399,160	\$ 4,031,754

700 Fund Accounts

As of 07/31/2025

Trust Fund - 701

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



****Cash Balance**
\$21,733.97

Donations- 703

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



****Cash Balance**
\$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**
\$9,813.49

Restitution- 704

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



****Cash Balance**
\$2,477.83

The Oklahoma Economy

July Revenue – \$1,410,174,403

Month over Month Comparison:

Revenue has decreased by 66.2M/4.5%

Monthly Comparison Current to Previous Year:

Revenue has increase by 49.3M/3.6%

12 Month Rolling Comparison:

Gross receipts total 16.97B, increased by \$43.93M/.3%

Oklahoma Business Conditions Index:

49.0 – manufacturing exports up by 300M YTD Relative to Prior Year*

Unemployment:

Oklahoma: 3.1% - Unchanged National: 4.2% - Unchanged

Consumer Price Index:

Annualized at 2.7%

***two-month lag**

U.S. Economic Snapshot – August 2025

U.S. Economic Snapshot – August 2025

Growth & GDP (BEA)

- Q2 2025 GDP grew at an annual rate of **3.0%**, rebounding from a **0.5% decline** in Q1.
- The growth was driven by **increased consumer spending** and a **drop in imports**, though **investment and exports declined**.

Labor Market

- **Unemployment remains low** at around **4.1%**, but this is partly due to **declining labor force participation**.
- **Hiring freezes** and **reduced work hours** are becoming more common, especially for recent graduates.

Inflation & Consumer Spending

- **Consumer spending has flatlined**, and **personal income growth remains weak**, posing risks to future demand.

Business & Industry

- Construction and manufacturing sectors are contracting.
- **Industrial output** has stagnated, and **business investment is dampened** by high interest rates and policy uncertainty.

Internal Controls - How we stay out of trouble

Internal controls are processes and procedures put in place by an organization to:

Ensure the **accuracy and reliability** of financial reporting

Promote **operational efficiency**

Safeguard **assets** from fraud or misuse

Ensure **compliance** with laws and regulations

These controls can be preventive (e.g., authorization protocols), detective (e.g., audits), or corrective (e.g., disciplinary actions).

The 5 components of internal controls

1) Control Environment

Tone at the Top: Leadership promotes ethical behavior, integrity, and accountability.

Organizational Structure: Clear lines of authority and responsibility.

Policies & Procedures: Documented codes of conduct, ethics policies, and HR policies.

2) Risk Assessment

Risk Identification: Identifying internal and external risks that could affect objectives.

Risk Analysis: Assessing the likelihood and impact of risks.

Fraud Risk Assessment: Evaluating potential for fraud and implementing prevention controls.

3) Control Activities

Segregation of Duties: Ensuring no single individual controls all aspects of a transaction.

Authorization & Approval: Transactions must be authorized by appropriate personnel.

Reconciliations: Regular bank and account reconciliations.

Physical Controls: Safeguarding assets such as cash, equipment, and inventory.

IT Controls: Managing user access, system backups, and cybersecurity protocols.

4) Information and Communication

Reliable Reporting: Accurate and timely financial and operational reports.

Internal Communication: Clear channels for employees to report concerns

External Communication: Transparent reporting to the public, oversight bodies, and auditors.

5) Monitoring Activities

Ongoing and Separate Evaluations

Reporting Deficiencies

Emergency Purchases

As of 07/31/2025

EMR#	Date	Vendor	Description	Location	Amount
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None to Report

Sole Source Purchases

As of 07/31/2025

SS#	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
None				

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS)

School Board Meeting

July 15, 2025

Finance Report



OYACS Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances for School Year 2024-2025 as of June 30, 2025		OJA GENERAL & REVOLVING FUNDS	FUND 25000	TOTALS EFFECTIVE 6/30/2025	TOTAL OYACS-COJC FY25		
REVENUES							
State Aid - Foundation/Salary Incentive (000)			193,103.43	193,103.43	193,103.43		
State Aid - Driver Education (317)			3,217.50	3,217.50	3,217.50		
State Aid - Redbud School Funding Act (318)			26,523.12	26,523.12	26,523.12		
State Aid - Textbooks/Ace Technology (333)			3,210.76	3,210.76	3,210.76		
SRO/School Security (376)			183,829.62	183,829.62	183,829.62		
CNP - State Matching (385)			981.94	981.94	981.94		
State Aid - Alternative Ed Grant (388)			82,574.39	82,574.39	82,574.39		
Title IA - Basic Programs (511)			21,187.78	21,187.78	21,187.78		
Title IA - School Support (515)			162,331.96	162,331.96	162,331.96		
Title ID - Neg/Del/At Risk Youth (531) - 55A310			10,654.04	10,654.04	10,654.04		
Title IIA Staff Training/Recruiting (541)			-	-	-		
Title IVA - Academic Enrichment Formula Grants (552)			-	-	-		
Title VB - Rural/Low Income (587)			-	-	-		
Flowthrough and ARP IDEA (621)			-	-	-		
Flowthrough and ARP IDEA (628)			-	-	-		
CNP - Operation/Admin Cost (700)			-	-	-	OYACS - COJC (972)	OJA FUNDS
CNP - Lunches/Snacks (763)			102,268.12	102,268.12	102,268.12	261.39	Fund 19311
CNP - Breakfast (764)			50,516.80	50,516.80	50,516.80	37,090.69	Fund 19401
ARP ESSER III (795)			282,734.40	282,734.40	282,734.40	1,125,264.26	Fund 19501
Refunds (TRS)			617.63	617.63	617.63	117,529.16	Fund 20000
Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs		1,280,145.50	-	1,280,145.50	1,280,145.50	1,280,145.50	
TOTAL REVENUES FY25		\$ 1,280,145.50	\$ 1,123,751.49	\$ 2,403,896.99	\$ 2,403,896.99		
EXPENDITURES							
Equipment and Library Resources		131,289.48	151,051.28	282,340.76	282,340.76		
Operational Expenses		62,456.00	166,284.63	228,740.63	228,740.63		
Payroll Expenses		1,077,457.09	674,589.38	1,752,046.47	1,752,046.47		
Professional Services		3,756.66	40,253.97	44,010.63	44,010.63		
Training and Travel		5,186.27	200.00	5,386.27	5,386.27		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY25		\$ 1,280,145.50	\$ 1,032,379.26	\$ 2,312,524.76	\$ 2,312,524.76		
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-	91,372.23	91,372.23	91,372.23		
Fund Balances 2023 - 2024 School Year (End Bal - Prior Yr)		-	254,801.96	254,801.96	254,801.96		
Fund Balances 2024 - 2025 School Year		\$ -	\$ 346,174.19	\$ 346,174.19	\$ 346,174.19		

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oklahoma and the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge as of this 30th day of June 2025.

OYACS Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances for School Year 2024-2025 as of July 31, 2025		OJA GENERAL & REVOLVING FUNDS	FUND 25000	TOTALS EFFECTIVE 7/31/2025	TOTAL OYACS-COJC FY25
REVENUES					
State Aid - Foundation/Salary Incentive (000)			193,103.43	193,103.43	193,103.43
State Aid - Driver Education (317)			3,217.50	3,217.50	3,217.50
State Aid - Redbud School Funding Act (318)			26,523.12	26,523.12	26,523.12
State Aid - Textbooks/Ace Technology (333)			3,210.76	3,210.76	3,210.76
SRO/School Security (376)			183,829.62	183,829.62	183,829.62
CNP - State Matching (385)			981.94	981.94	981.94
State Aid - Alternative Ed Grant (388)			82,574.39	82,574.39	82,574.39
Title IA - Basic Programs (511)			21,187.78	21,187.78	21,187.78
Title IA - School Support (515)			162,331.96	162,331.96	162,331.96
Title ID - Agency Neg/Del/At Risk Youth (531) - 55A310			10,654.04	10,654.04	10,654.04
Title IIA - Staff Training/Recruiting (541)			-	-	-
Title IVA - Student Support/Academic Enrichment (552)			-	-	-
Title VB - RLIS - Rural/Low Income (587)			-	-	-
IDEA - Flowthrough/ARP - Special Education (621)			-	-	-
IDEA - Flowthrough/ARP (628)			-	-	-
CNP - Operation/Admin Cost (700)			-	-	-
CNP - Lunches/Snacks (763)			102,268.12	102,268.12	102,268.12
CNP - Breakfast (764)			50,516.80	50,516.80	50,516.80
ARP ESSER III (795)			282,734.40	282,734.40	282,734.40
Refunds (TRS)			617.63	617.63	617.63
Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs		1,303,264.60	-	1,303,264.60	1,303,264.60
TOTAL REVENUES FY25		\$ 1,303,264.60	\$ 1,123,751.49	\$ 2,427,016.09	\$ 2,427,016.09
EXPENDITURES					
Equipment and Library Resources		131,289.48	151,051.28	282,340.76	282,340.76
Operational Expenses		69,581.79	170,493.82	240,075.61	240,075.61
Payroll Expenses		1,093,230.40	726,122.02	1,819,352.42	1,819,352.42
Professional Services		3,756.66	40,253.97	44,010.63	44,010.63
Training and Travel		5,406.27	1,175.00	6,581.27	6,581.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY25		\$ 1,303,264.60	\$ 1,089,096.09	\$ 2,392,360.69	\$ 2,392,360.69
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		-	34,655.40	34,655.40	34,655.40
Fund Balances 2023 - 2024 School Year (End Bal - Prior Yr)		-	254,801.96	254,801.96	254,801.96
Fund Balances 2024 - 2025 School Year		\$ -	\$ 289,457.36	\$ 289,457.36	\$ 289,457.36

OYACS Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances for School Year 2025-2026 as of July 31, 2025			OJA GENERAL & REVOLVING FUNDS	FUND 25000	TOTALS EFFECTIVE 7/31/2025	TOTAL OYACS-COJC FY26
REVENUES						
	State Aid - Foundation/Salary Incentive (000)			-	-	-
	State Aid - Driver Education (317)			-	-	-
	State Aid - Redbud School Funding Act (318)			-	-	-
	State Aid - Textbooks/Ace Technology (333)			-	-	-
	SRO/School Security (376)			-	-	-
	CNP - State Matching (385)			-	-	-
	State Aid - Alternative Ed Grant (388)			-	-	-
	Title IA - Basic Programs (511)			48,466.41	48,466.41	48,466.41
	Title IA - School Support (515)			-	-	-
	Title ID - Agency Neg/Del/At Risk Youth (531) - 55A310			88,329.50	88,329.50	88,329.50
	Title IIA - Staff Training/Recruiting (541)			6,409.56	6,409.56	6,409.56
	Title IVA - Student Support/Academic Enrichment (552)			10,129.52	10,129.52	10,129.52
	Title VB - RLIS - Rural/Low Income (587)			1,834.32	1,834.32	1,834.32
	IDEA - Flowthrough/ARP - Special Education (621)			24,424.13	24,424.13	24,424.13
	IDEA - Flowthrough/ARP (628)			-	-	-
	CNP - Operation/Admin Cost (700)			-	-	-
	CNP - Lunches/Snacks (763)			8,498.50	8,498.50	8,498.50
	CNP - Breakfast (764)			4,197.52	4,197.52	4,197.52
	ARP ESSER III (795)			-	-	-
	Refunds (TRS)			-	-	-
	Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs			15,735.39	15,735.39	15,735.39
TOTAL REVENUES FY25			\$	15,735.39	\$	208,024.85
EXPENDITURES						
	Equipment and Library Resources			-	-	-
	Operational Expenses			-	-	-
	Payroll Expenses			15,735.39	42,884.07	58,619.46
	Professional Services			-	-	-
	Training and Travel			-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY25			\$	15,735.39	\$	58,619.46
	Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			-	149,405.39	149,405.39
	Fund Balances 2024 - 2025 School Year (End Bal - Prior Yr)			-	289,457.36	289,457.36
	Fund Balances 2025 - 2026 School Year		\$	-	\$	438,862.75

Proposed 2025-26 Encumbrances



OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS OF THE 2025-2026 ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance#	Description	Vendor	Amount
2026-036	Welding Tools (mig-Welder, worktable, carbon steel plates, angle grinder, spiral tip cleaner, victor cutting welding outfits, Channellock welding pliers, shoe protectors and etc.)		14,000.00

QUESTIONS