



Quarterly Board Meeting

Friday, July 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
2400 N. Lincoln Blvd., Rm. C-48, Okla. City, OK 73105
Sequoyah Building, Oklahoma Human Services



Board Members

- Sharon Garrity, Guthrie, Chair
- David Blose, Yukon
- Margaret Bond, Broken Arrow
- Mindee Brown, Edmond
- Jeromy Buchanan, OKC
- Sherri Coats, OKC
- Brett Cunningham, OKC
- Debra Espinosa, OKC
- Janie Fugitt, Oklahoma City
- Shelly Greenhaw, Edmond
- Michelle Kelley, OKC
- Lori Hauge, Sapulpa
- Blaine Murdock, Meeker
- Gina Richardson, OKC
- Beth Scrutchins, OKC
- Melissa Sublett, Tulsa
- Lori Wieder, Stillwater
- Dr. Cynthia Wilkett, Tulsa
- Devin Williams, Lawton
- Valerie Williams, OKC

Council Staff

Planning & Grants Director
VACANT

Council Administrator
Alissa Patterson

Advocacy Training Coordinator
Dr. Bradley Mays

Self-Advocacy Training Coordinator
Morgan Davis

Executive Director
Jenifer Randle


Board Member(s) attending via [Teleconference](#)

Meeting ID: 221 690 654 284, Passcode: M3pxMe
Debra Espinosa, 635 W. Texas Ave., Okarche, OK 73762
Shelly Greenhaw, 16916 Shorerun Dr., Edmond, OK 73012
Lori Hauge, 5817 E. 86th St., Tulsa, OK 74137
Lori Wieder, 711 N. Country Club Rd., Stillwater, OK 74075
Devin Williams, 4222 NW Lindy Ave., Lawton, OK 73505

* Possible action item

- I. Welcome and Recognition of Guests: Ms. Sharon Garrity, Chair
- II. Call to Order for July Quarterly Meeting: Ms. Sharon Garrity, Chair
- III. Roll Call and Recognition of Quorum: Ms. Sharon Garrity, Chair and Staff
- IV. Recognition of Guests: Ms. Sharon Garrity, Chair
- V. Council Presentation (30min): State of the States Project and Oklahoma Profile: Shea Tanis, Ph.D. – Principal Investigator State of the States, Gloria Gantt – Senior Assistant Researcher State of the States, and Ryan E. Beaty, M.Ed. – Data Ambassador State of the States. [Pages 13-18](#)
- VI. Council Presentation (7min): Ms. Gina Burchfiel, Executive Director VP, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. [Pages 22-46](#)



VII.  Public Comments from Erin Taylor: Sexuality & Wellness training curriculum

VIII.   Review April 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes*: Ms. Sharon Garrity, Chair [Pages 5-12](#)

IX.    Council Committee Reports*

a.  **Advocacy, Training, & Outreach Updates:** Ms. Janie Fugitt [pp19-20](#)

b.  **State Plan Updates:** Ms. Michelle Kelley

- i. Discussion of State Fair Proposal* [pages 22-46](#)
- ii. Other committee updates

c.  **Finance Updates:** Ms. Lori Wieder [pages 47-53](#)

d.  **Executive Updates:** Ms. Sharon Garrity

X.   Outside Council Reports:

a. **Advisory Committee on Services to Persons with Developmental Disabilities:** Ms. Lori Hauge, Council Representative to Committee

b.  **DD Network: Center for Learning & Leadership:** Dr. Valerie Williams, Director, or Designee

c.  **DD Network: Oklahoma Disability Law Center:** Ms. Melissa Sublett, Director, or Designee


d.  **Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS):** Ms. Beth Scrutchins, Director, or Designee



e.  **Community Living, Aging, and Protective Services (CAP):**
Mr. Jeromy Buchanan, Director, or Designee [pages 54-55](#)

 **Special Education Services (SDS/SES):** Ms. Sherri Coats,
Program Director, or Designee

f.  **Oklahoma Rehabilitation Services (DRS):** Ms. Janie Fugitt,
Programs Field Representative, or Designee

g.  **Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH):** Ms. Gina
Richardson, Early Intervention Manager, or Designee

XI.  Director's Report: Ms. Jenifer Randle, Director


XII.  Old Business*

XIII.  New Business*

XIV.  Federal and State Issues, Legislation, Court Actions*

XV.  Announcements / Upcoming Events of Interest:


- Next [Council Committee Meetings:](#)

-  Friday, August 30, 2024: 1:00 p.m. – A.T.O.


-  Friday, August 30, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - Finance

-  Friday, August 30, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – Executive

-  Friday, September 13, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – State Plan

-  Friday, October 11, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – Full Board



- **July 26, 2024, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – [Celebrate ADA 34 at the State Capitol with other advocates!](#)**
- Discussion with Meta Fund (Ed Long & Sharayah Fore) is scheduled for Monday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This can be attended in person OR online. There will be no voting. It's continuing the great discussions we had in April about the Council, to help us engage with our Stakeholders better.
-  **Council Group Photo: Friday, October 11!** If you have ideas of what to wear, let Alissa know! Last photo we wore our favorite team colors / jerseys.

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Adjournment

Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma Quarterly Meeting Minutes


DATE: Friday, April 26, 2024

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: 2400 N. Lincoln Ave., Room C-48, Oklahoma City OK, 73125

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Friday, April 26, 2024, at 1:00 pm, the Developmental Disabilities Council met at 2400 N. Lincoln Ave., Room C-48 (basement floor), Oklahoma City OK, 73125 in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

NOTICE of the schedule for all regular and special meetings of the DDCO for the calendar year 2024 have been given in writing to the Oklahoma Secretary of State and public notice and agenda having been posted on the Council's website at or before 12:00 pm on Thursday, April 25, 2024, in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act, 25 O.S. Section 311.

- I.  **CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Garrity called the meeting to order at 1:08 P.M. Ms. Garrity welcomed the newest Council member, Dr. Cyndi Wilkett to the Council.

- II.  **ROLL CALL:**

Present: David Blose, Mindee Brown, Jeromy Buchanan, Sherri Coats, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Michelle Kelley, Gina Richardson, Mark Lewis for Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Cynthia Wilkett, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams

Guests: Dee Blose, Ryan Stewart.

Online Voting Member: Lori Wieder, Devin Williams

Online: Maggie Bond, Brett Cunningham, Blaine Murdock (1:10 P.M.),

Absent: Debra Espinosa, Lori Hauge,


Staff: Morgan Davis, John Houston, Bradley Mays, Alissa Patterson, Jenifer Randle

By roll call having determined there were sufficient members to make a quorum, business was conducted.

- III.  **Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2023, Sharron Garrity, Chair**


 **DISCUSSION:** The minutes from January 26, 2024, were reviewed.

ACTION: Ms. Brown moved to accept the January 26, 2024, minutes, seconded by Ms. Kelley.


 **AYES:** David Blose, Mindee Brown, Jeromy Buchanan, Sherri Coats, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Michelle Kelley, Gina Richardson, Mark Lewis for Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Lori Wieder, Cynthia Wilkett, Devin Williams, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams



 **NAYS:**

ABSTAIN:

MOTION: Carried 

IV.  **Committee Reports:**

A.   **Advocacy, Training & Outreach Committee:** Ms. Fugitt reported on Council activities coordinated by Council staff. Partners in Policymaking met in February, March, and April, graduating 15. Work continues for the 2024 YLF and 22 have been invited to attend this year, possibly more due to last minute interviews. Staff continue to attend various resource fairs. Self-Advocacy training continued. All peer trainers have been able to complete at least one training. Trainers meet weekly to practice storytelling, delivering training, learning technology. Dr. Mays reported that Erica Herrera, a PIP Graduate, volunteered to translate the PIP application into Spanish for us. PIP will start September 28. Ms. Davis reported they will start to offer virtual trainings and trainers are learning how to use Microsoft Teams.

B.   **State Plan Committee:** Ms. Kelley reported the FY25 activities that have been reviewed and recommended by the State Plan Committee are listed in detail in the handout provided.

Next, Ms. Kelley introduced two projects the State Plan Committee has heard and provided feedback to the proposals for more information. The first is the Inclusive Communications Council hosted by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma, Autism Foundation of Oklahoma, and Beyond the Spectrum Oklahoma. The committee asked for more information regarding the match funding. The group has requested \$10,240 from the Council and is fundraising for the rest of the needed funds. If funding is not approved by the Council, the conference will continue, the conference will continue, but will have a cost for all attendees. Ms. Kelley asked for questions from the members.

Ms. Felty asked for clarification regarding the vote, explaining the proposal wasn't approved by the State Plan committee so it should be a full Council vote.


Ms. Duplan asked Mr. Houston if the group included their volunteer time in the match funding portion of the request as asked by the committee earlier. Mr.

Houston replied he had relayed the information and asked if they had questions.




DISCUSSION: The Council reviewed the project proposal from the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma, Autism Foundation of Oklahoma, and Beyond the Spectrum Oklahoma for \$10,240 to host the Inclusive Communications Conference in July of 2024.

ACTION: Ms. Duplan moved to accept proposal for the Inclusive Communications Conference seconded by Ms. Brown.

 **AYES:** David Blose, Mindee Brown, Jeromy Buchanan, Sherri Coats, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Michelle Kelley, Gina Richardson, Mark Lewis for Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Lori Wieder, Cynthia Wilkett, Devin Williams, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams

 **NAYS:**

ABSTAIN:


MOTION: Carried 

Ms. Kelley presented another proposal that was submitted to the State Plan Committee from Best Buddies. Currently there are 5 Best Buddies programs in Tulsa schools. This proposal is to create new programming in 5 new areas in the Tulsa area. After receiving a more specific budget from Best Buddies, the committee requested Best Buddies to open these new programs in more areas than Tulsa. Best Buddies said they would open programs in the Tulsa Union, Sand Springs, and the Collinsville school districts. The request is for \$25,000 from the Council.


Ms. Garrity asked if any of the schools were away from the Tulsa area, to which both Ms. Kelley and Ms. Duplan replied they were in the Tulsa metro area, but not Tulsa schools.

Ms. Bond mentioned she had worked for Best Buddies before. She explained there are issues for opening new programs in schools, including the program has to have the school district approval. It's not a process that teachers can sign up because of the permissions they have to go through.

Ms. Brown asked if Edmond Schools had a Best Buddies practice and Ms. Bond reported they didn't.

 **DISCUSSION:** The Council reviewed the project proposal from Best Buddies for \$25,000 to begin new programming in 5 schools in the Tulsa metro area, serving 30 students with I/DD.


ACTION: Ms. Duplan moved to accept proposal for the Inclusive Communications Conference seconded by Ms. Brown.


 **AYES:** David Blose, Mindee Brown, Jeromy Buchanan, Sherri Coats, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Michelle Kelley, Gina Richardson, Mark Lewis for Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Lori Wieder, Cynthia Wilkett, Devin Williams, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams

 **NAYS:**


ABSTAIN:

MOTION: Carried 

- C.  **Finance Committee:** Ms. Wieder brought the Council the FY25 Budget recommendation. Ms. Wieder explained the budget does include both funding proposals approved today (Inclusive Communications conference and Best Buddies). Ms. Randle explained there were increases in some areas and encouraged members questions. Ms. Garrity reminded the Council some projects were no longer being funded. Ms. Garrity asked if we needed two months funding in reserve. Ms. Randle explained that was something started when AJ Griffin was chair. Mr. Lewis added he believes it was started because the Council was overbudgeting a lot in the past and began doing that so that we would have money in reserve. Ms. Garrity asked about the increase to YLF. Ms. Randle explained that was due to the cost of staff. Mr. Lewis asked what happened to OALA. Ms. Garrity explained it wasn't approved through State Plan. Ms. Duplan confirmed it was declined. Ms. Duplan mentioned it's hard to approve expenditures if we don't know what the income is, if they had the FY24 numbers they could predict FY25. We don't know what the money coming in is to approve the money coming out.


 **DISCUSSION:** The Council reviewed the FY25 budget recommendation from the Finance Committee.



ACTION: Ms. Garrity seconded the Finance Committee motion to approve FY25 Budget.

 **AYES:** Mindee Brown, Sherri Coats, Janie Fugitt, Sharon Garrity, Shelly Greenhaw, Michelle Kelley, Gina Richardson, Mark Lewis for Beth Scrutchins, RoseAnn Duplan for Melissa Sublett, Lori Wieder, Cynthia Wilkett, Devin Williams, Wanda Felty for Valerie Williams

 **NAYS:**

ABSTAIN: David Blose

MOTION: Carried 

- D.   **Executive Committee:** Ms. Garrity reported discussed the proposals the Council heard today and the FY25 budget.

v.  **Reports from Outside Committees / Organization:**

- A. **Advisory Committee on Services to Persons with Developmental Disabilities:** Ms. Lori Hauge, Council Representative to Committee, reported the Advisory Committee - Ms. Hauge was unable to be present today but sent information that the Advisory Committee had not met.



Center for Learning and Leadership
Oklahoma's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD)
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center - College of Medicine

- B. **DD Network Partner - CLL/UCEDD:** Ms. Felty shared bookmarks the Center for Learning and Leadership's Consumer Advisory Council created, that lists the 7 Partner Values. Ms. Felty will be talking to parents in Poteau, about waivers and what do you need to know before your child begins transitioning to adulthood.



**OKLAHOMA
DISABILITY LAW
CENTER**

- C. **DD Network Partner - ODL:** Ms. Duplan shared updates. The Law Center continues to investigate information from Greer. The Law Center will be moving offices. Once both offices are moved, they will be changing their name to Disability Rights Oklahoma, following other protection and advocacy agencies in other states.




**OKLAHOMA
Human Services**


- D. **Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS):** Mr. Lewis for Beth Scrutchins shared that DDS had started working the waiting list by dividing about 5000 individuals who had made application through May 2, 2022, into 7 cohorts. DDS has worked through five of the seven. Mr. Lewis shared information from the first 5, which represents just under about 4000 people, 40% have moved to services, 14% that's pending, another 16% that is no longer pursuing services, and another 7% that no longer need services. DDS did not connect with about 23%. 11% of that 23 were unable to be located, and DDS had no responses from another 12%. That would be about 77% of all the applicants on the wait list for cohorts 1- 5. After we finish the process, DDS will go back and try to locate the 23% again. DSS does make a lot of effort to try to locate these people.

DDS uses a third-party search firm many banks and businesses us to help find the people. It's very difficult to identify where people have moved to. Without landlines anymore, people forget to update contact information when they move. Some of those not found may have applied so long ago they may not even remember that they've applied.

Mr. Lewis then shared about the DSP Plus program (DSP+). DSP+ provides incentives for retention and recruiting for DSPs in the field (Direct Support Professional). Thus far, DDS has issued about \$13,000 incentive payments, and spent about \$14.5 million on that. The program is about 1/4 of the way through the one year of this program. Mr. Lewis also shared DDS was given the new access rule this week, which is over 500 pages, so DDS is still working through it. One major change is that it seems to be there's going to be a requirement that 80% of the rate at least within, within agency for personal care must go to the DSP. This causes DDS concern because right now we're hovering around 57%. DDS isn't 100% sure how that will affect DSP providers. We are working with a third-party consultant company to help us review that and the entire packet of information that was put out and nothing's going to change very quickly.

We should be able to provide a little bit more additional information by next meeting. Mr. Lewis shared that the Multisector State Plan on Aging would be released on June 25.

- E.  **OKLAHOMA Human Services** **Community Living, Aging and Protective Services (CAP):** Mr. Buchanan had to step out, but more information about the Multisector State Plan on Aging will be forthcoming on June 25, as shared by Mr. Lewis.

- F.  **OKLAHOMA Education** **Special Education Services (SDE/SES):** Ms. Sherri Coats, Program Director shared they have two items, one that is currently seeking public comment: IDEA assurances application for our grant from the US Department of Ed. This is an allocation grant. We also have our draft budget on our website (on the homepage at the very bottom of the Special Education website). The budget includes our state level activities. Ms. Coats explained SESs money comes in 'three buckets' from the US Department of Ed. The first is for OSDE administrative work, the second is the largest part of it and it goes directly to school districts. This is called the "flow through." The other bucket is what we call state level activities. This is money we use to contract for certain types of services to support districts. This is the budget that's up for public comment right now. It must be submitted on May 17.

Ms. Coats then shared the Policies and Procedures Manual was last updated in 2022 and there have been legislative changes requiring updates. One change was to the Lindsay Nicole Henry Scholarship Act. This act says for parents to accept the scholarship, parents must state their child no longer has a disability. SDE received a "cease and desist letter from the US Department of Ed that explained you cannot require a parent to revoke their consent and no longer recognize the student has a disability so they could receive this scholarship. Now, as practice and on forms, that has been removed. This is addressed in our Policies and Procedures. We will also have to take this up with the State Legislature next year, but we do not practice that anymore.

Ms. Coats then discussed the new alternate diploma which are for students with significant cognitive disabilities, will begin receiving next month (May 2024). We also put this in the new Policies and Procedures manual.

Ms. Coats spoke to Oklahoma's Policies and Procedures and that it is lengthy, around 350 pages and will be a bit longer. It's large and very procedure heavy. This is done purposefully. Many states don't put all their state procedures in their manuals. We do for a couple of reasons.


The biggest reason is due to significant turnover in our directors of special education across the state. Having procedures there will be consistency across the state, that everybody is doing things the same way. The other reason is it does help us provide helpful information and provides very clear expectations.

The drafted Policies and Procedures will be up for public comment in May and then we will present it to the State Board of Education for their review at the June board meeting and then for their approval at the July board meeting. This gives them a month to review before approval.

Ms. Coats spoke about how parent engagement is measured, using the annual survey completed by parents when they go to their child's IEP meeting. This survey is made of around 10 questions.

Ms. Kelley mentioned not having received this survey.

Ms. Coats explained parents should receive a trifold brochure from the district once a year, typically at the IEP meeting. This brochure explains 3 different ways to access the survey. Data from 2 years ago showed only 9% of parents who were responding, so SDE has started talking to districts about ways to help parents engage and complete the survey. Ms. Wieder mentioned teachers aren't sure what the survey is for either. SED will be engaging with parent groups and other groups to learn more on how to help districts improve.

- G.  **OKLAHOMA Rehabilitation Services** **Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS):** Ms. Fugitt shared that DRS is really embracing the power and science of hope training. Many staff have taken the training. DRS has been able to offer the training to providers. She also shared that the agency vacancy rate is going down for staff. She mentioned the National APSE Conference is in June and there a number of Oklahomans attending.




- H. **Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH):** Ms. Gina Richardson, Early Intervention Manager, needed to leave, but left a couple of upcoming events for Members to be aware: Sooner Start Family Day is May 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Room 450 at the Oklahoma State Capitol and a Newborn Screening Program will be occurring on May 24, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the OU Conference Center in Norman.

VI. Directors Report: Ms. Randle shared a few notes for Council members. She encouraged members to see the photo and card on the sign in table. It's from The Arc of Oklahoma, whom had 3 people attend The Arc of Oklahoma conference with the Council's Consumer Involvement Fund. She also shared that Oklahoma was one of 10 states to receive the NACDD Bridging Aging and I/DD Services grant. For the next three years, the Council will receive \$5,000 from NACDD to work with a State Alliance Team. Ms. Randle encouraged Members to check out the information in their materials about the OIDD Training and Technical Assistance Institute. This is for Council Staff and Members. There are 8 sessions to choose from, all free and all virtual. Ms Randle mentioned that DDS has given the Council 20 total seats to attend their annual Statewide Training and encouraged them to attend.

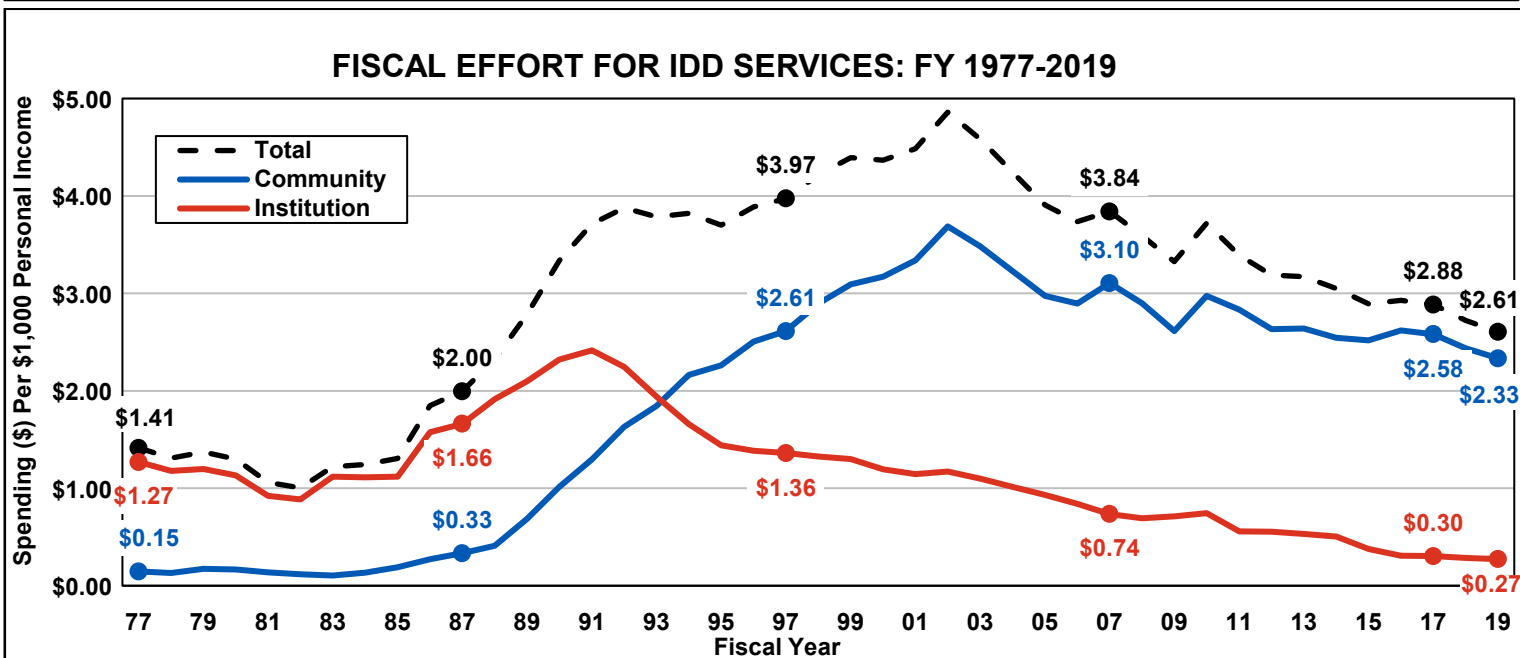
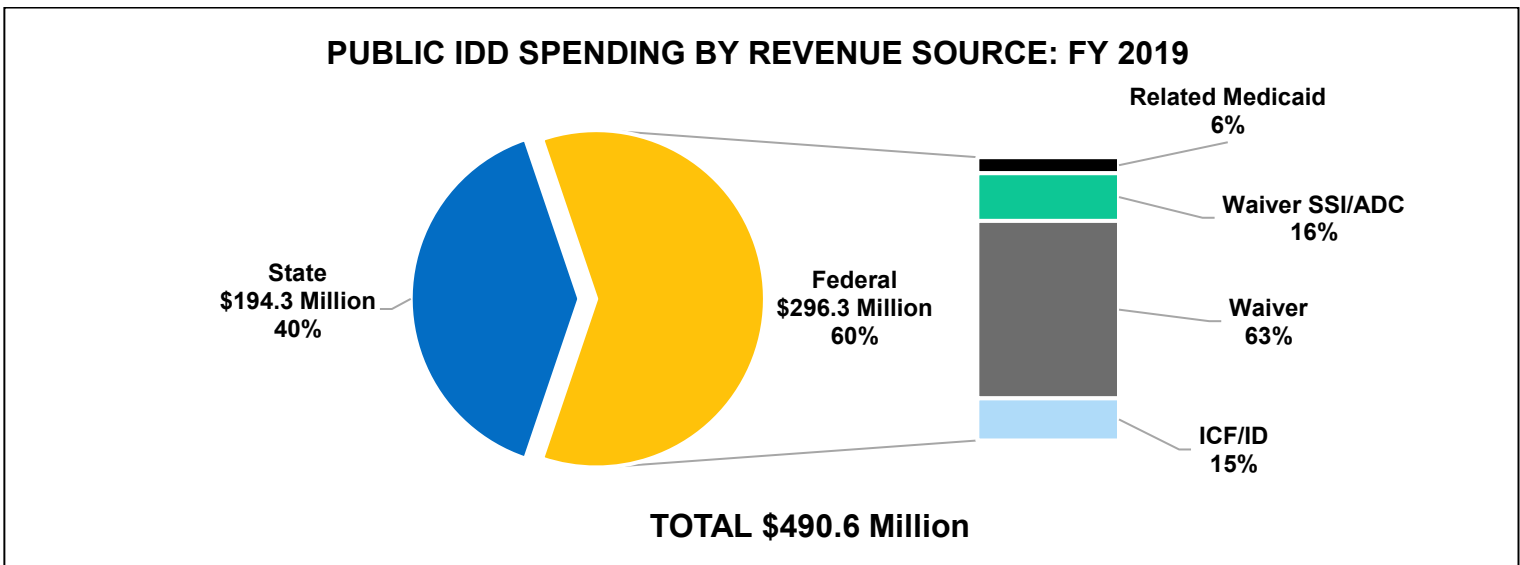
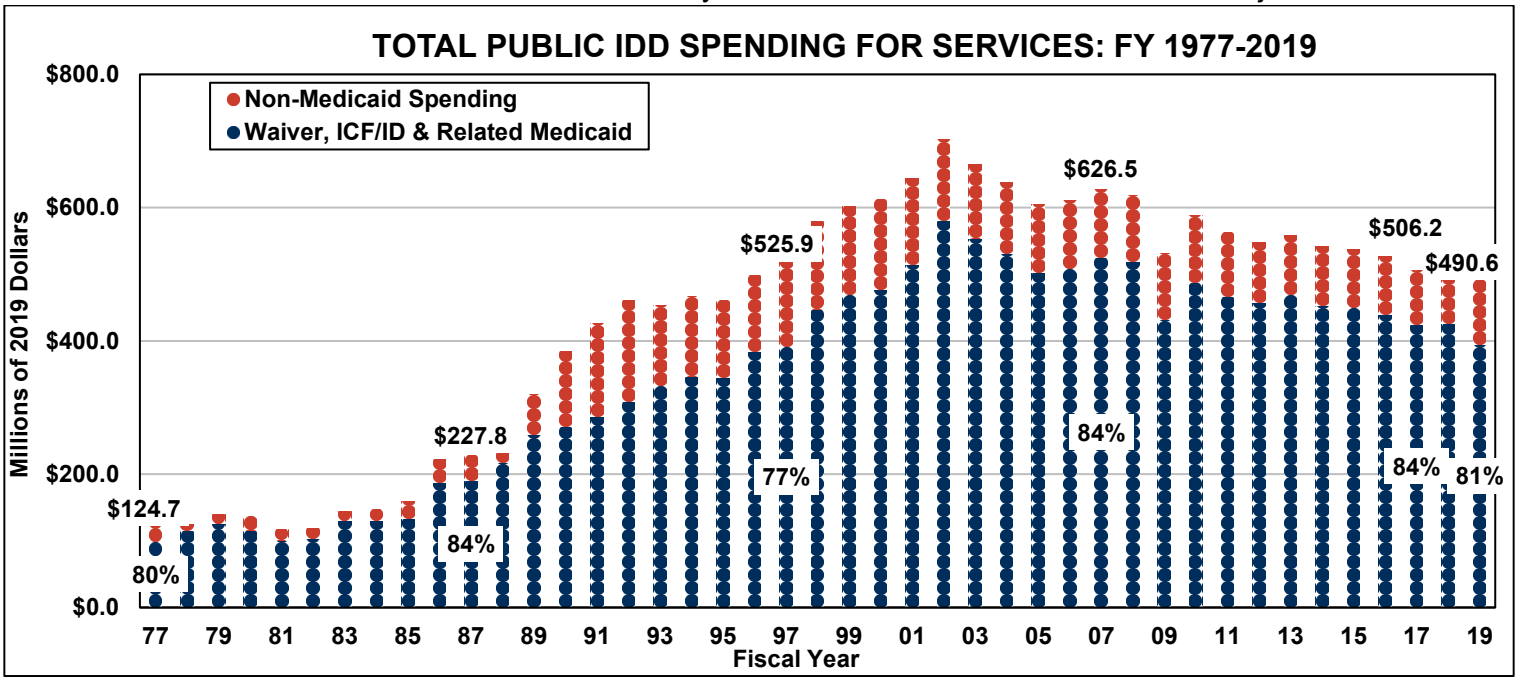
VII.  **Other Old/New Business:** No old or new business.

VII.  **Announcements:**

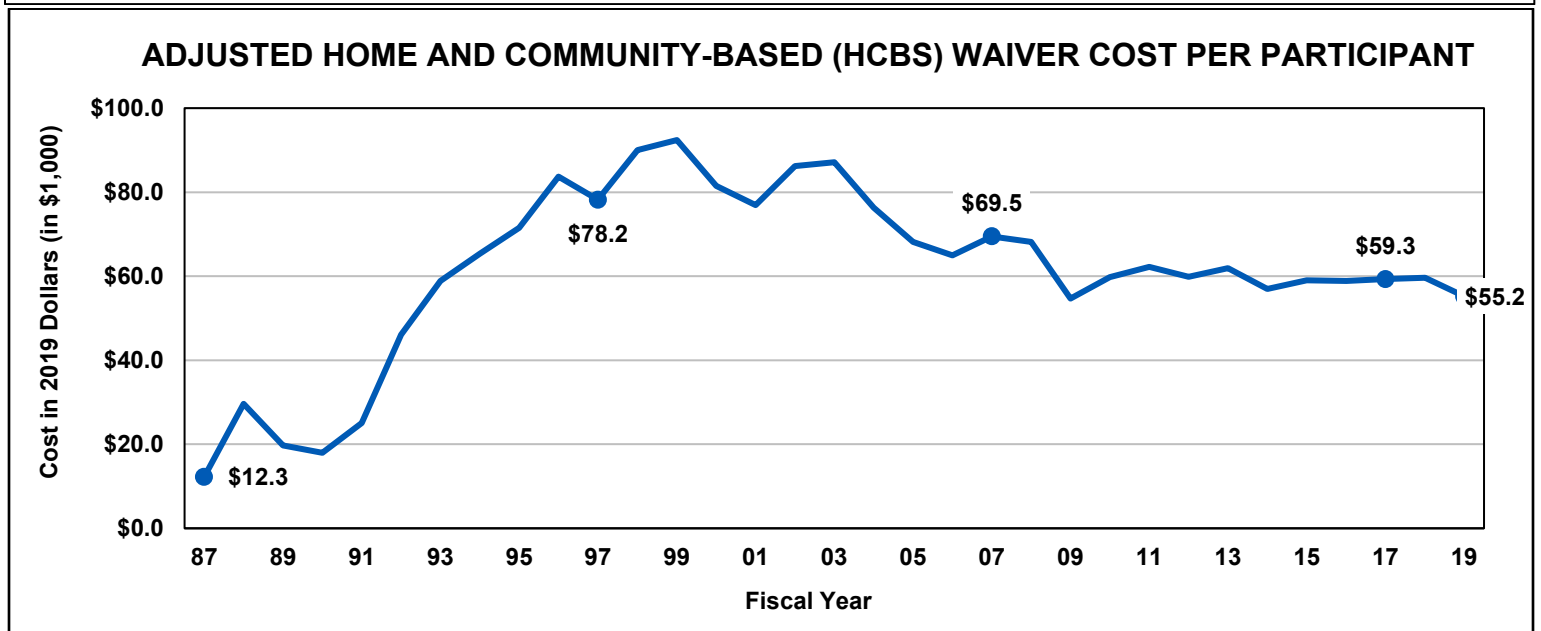
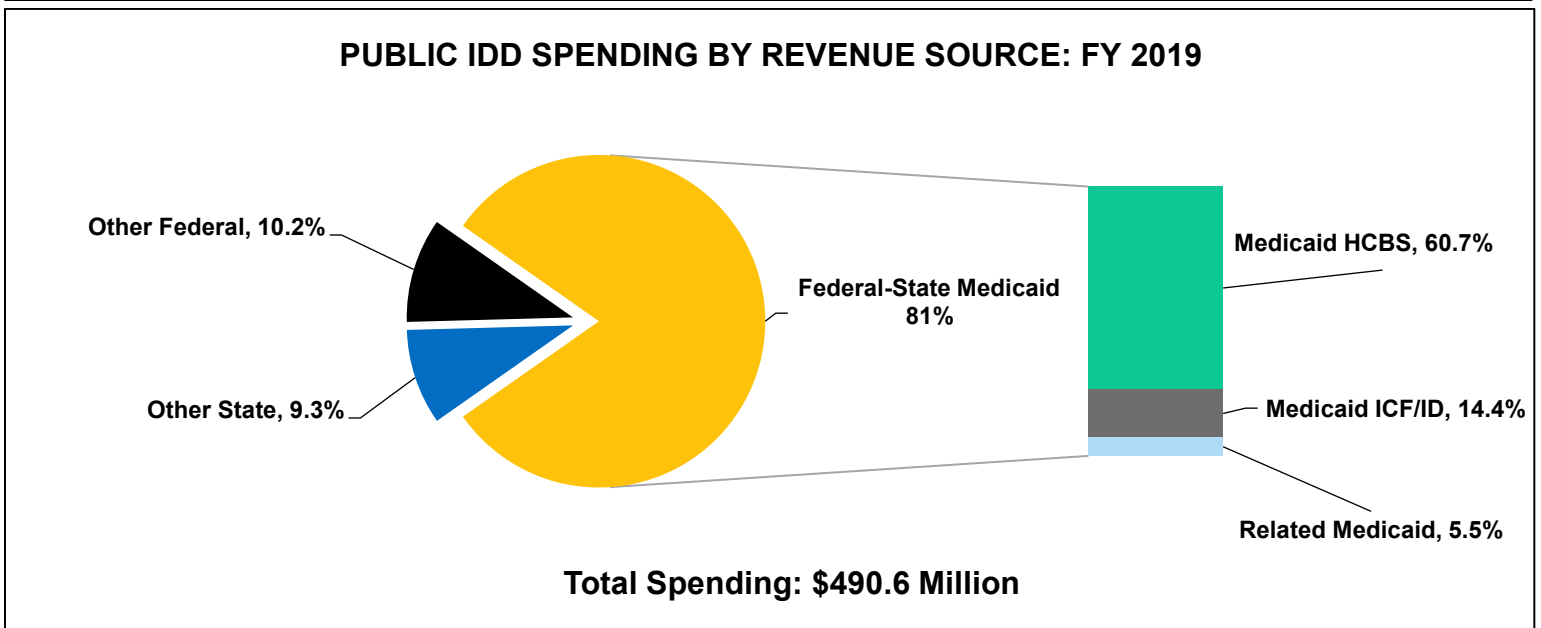
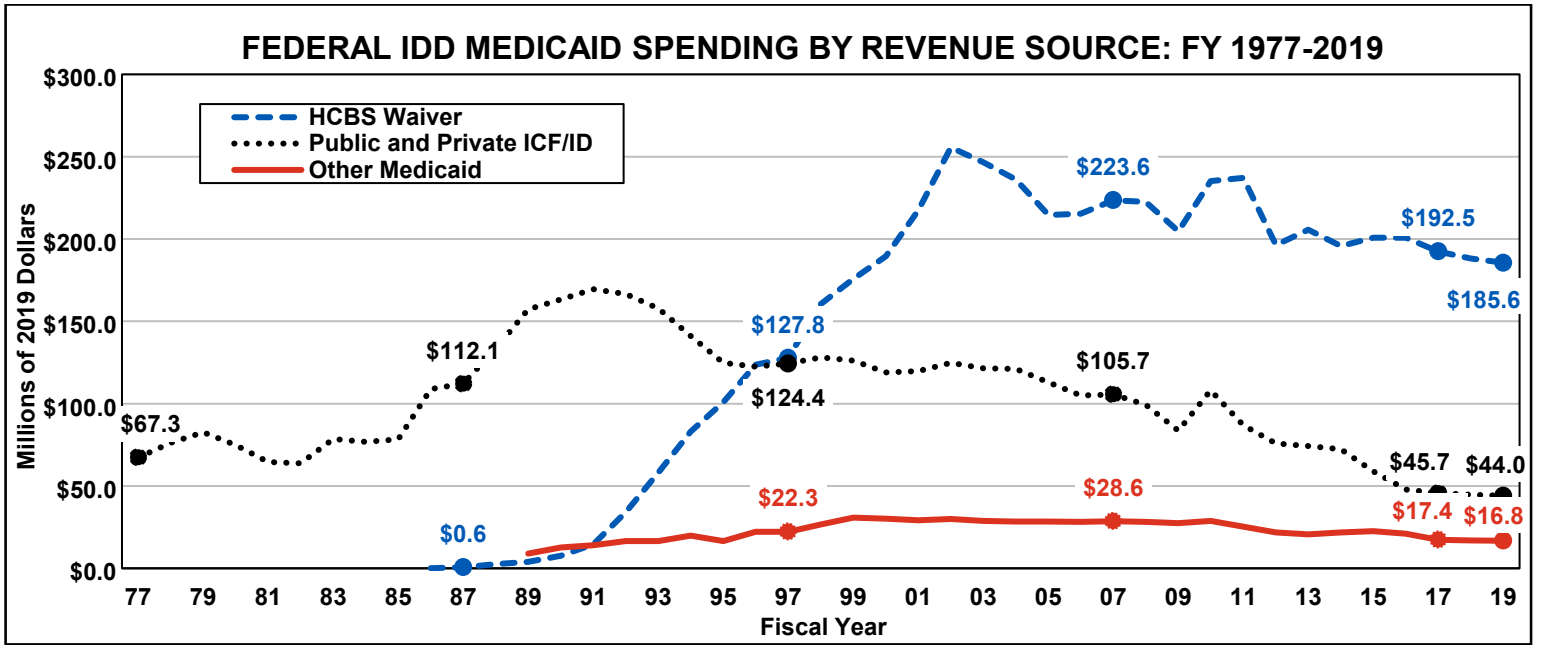
Members introduced themselves and shared something they were looking forward to this year.

VIII.  **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Garrity at 3:18 P.M.

OKLAHOMA OK did not furnish FY2018-19 data this cycle; FY2017 data was carried over and adjusted for inflation.

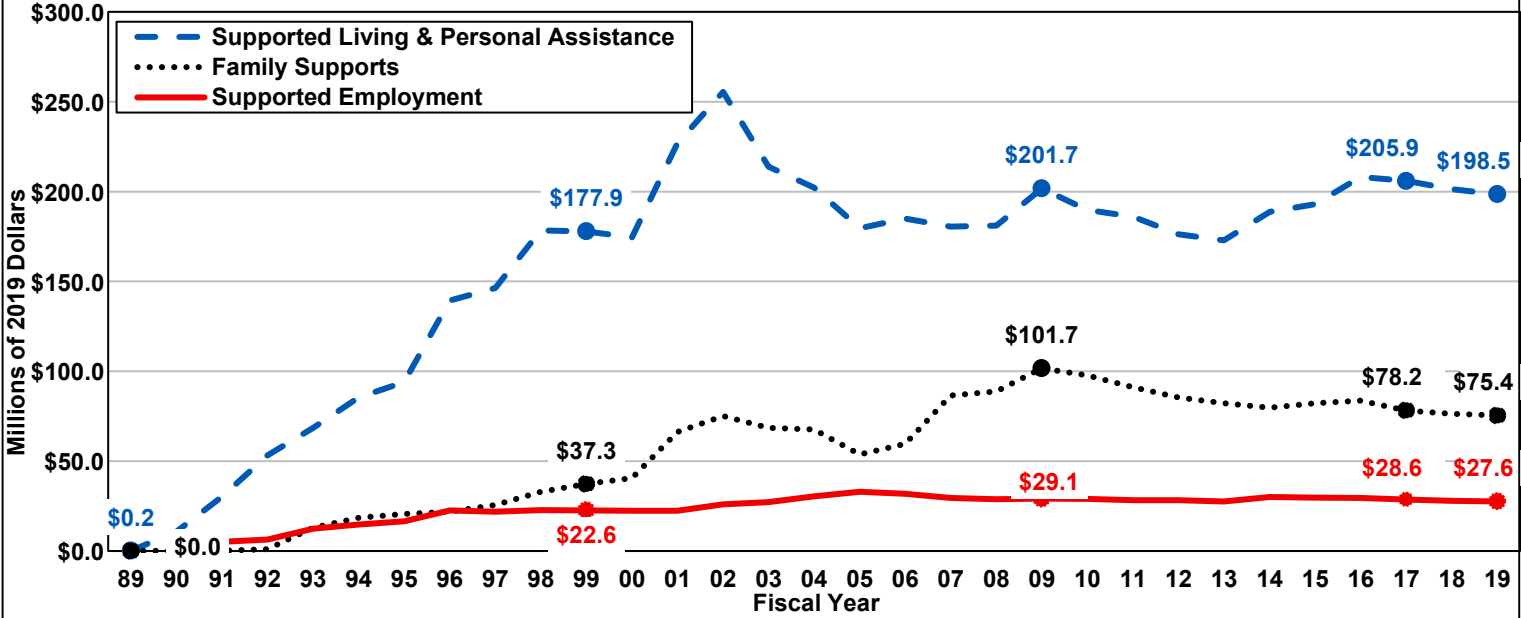


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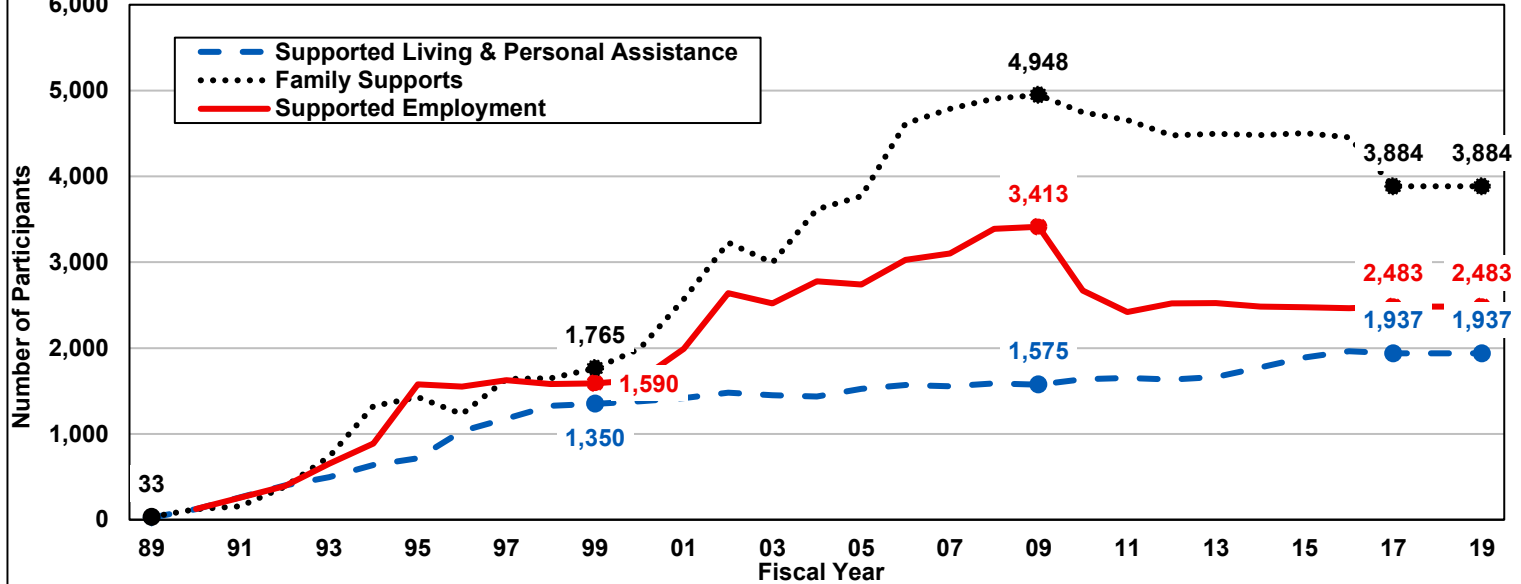


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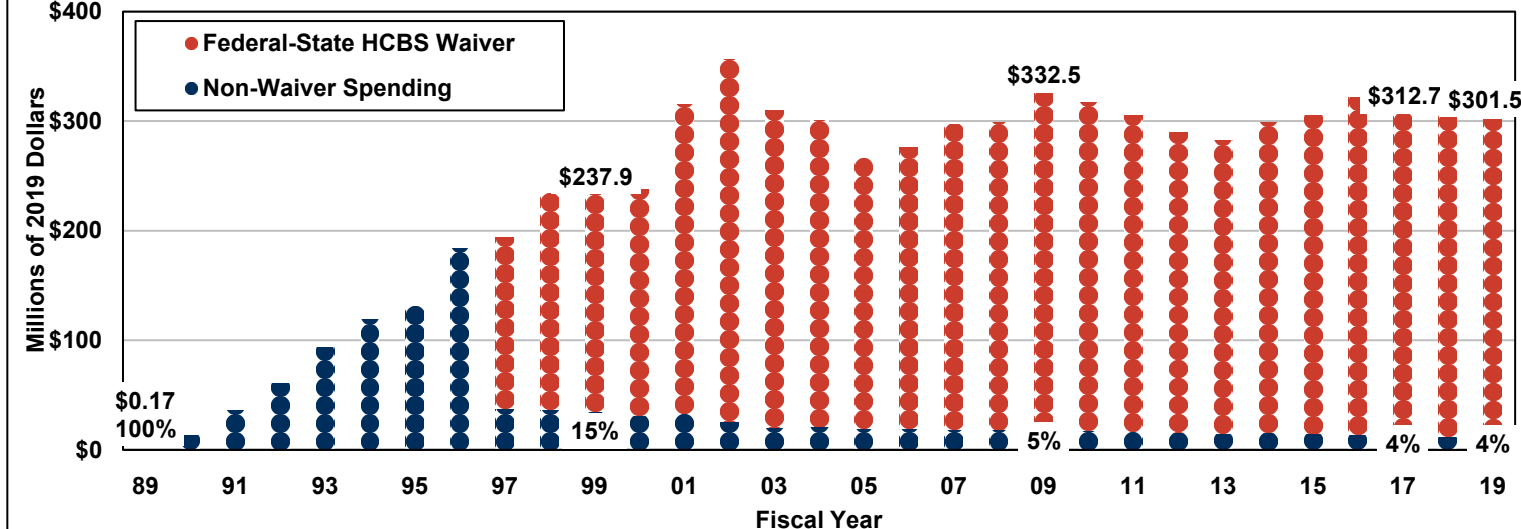
INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT SPENDING: FY 1989-2019



INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT PARTICIPANTS: FY 1989-2019



INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY SUPPORT SPENDING BY REVENUE SOURCE: FY 1989-2019



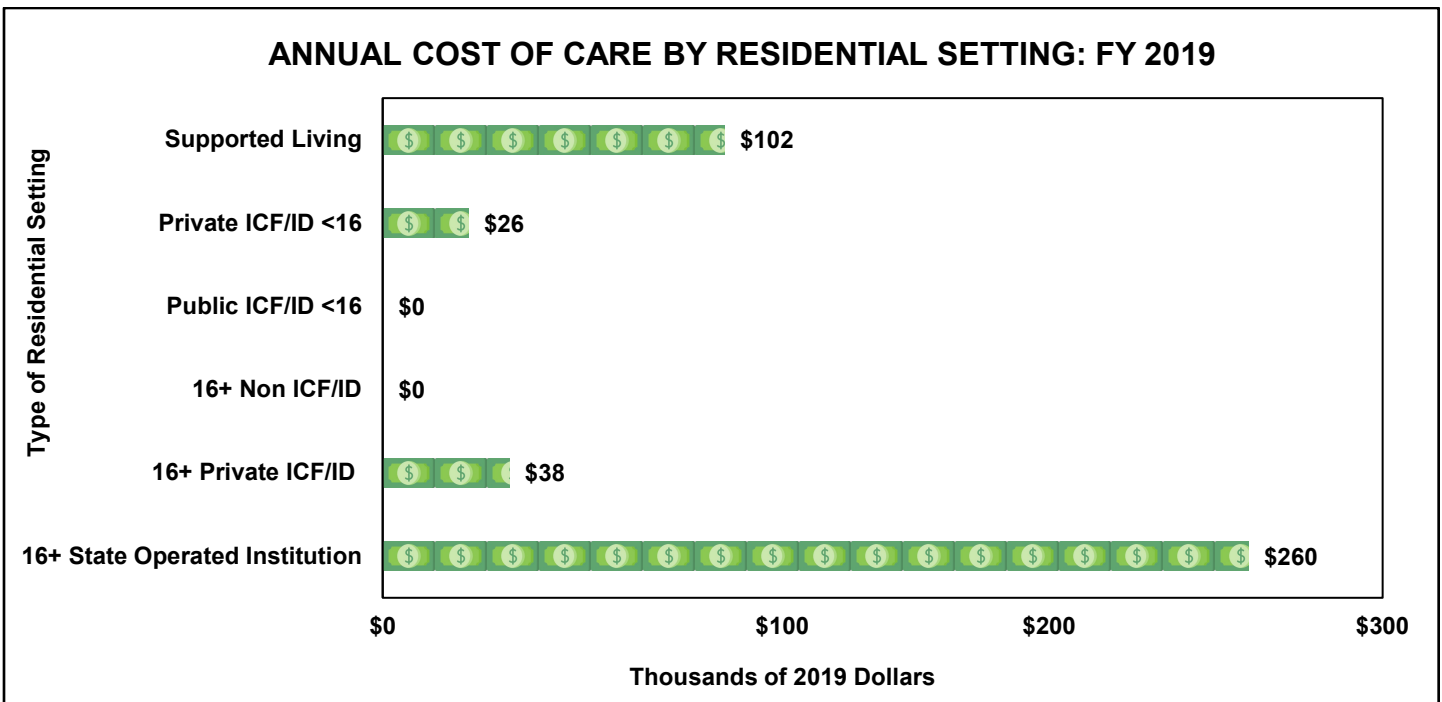
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PERSONS WITH IDD BY SIZE OF SETTING: FY 2009-2019

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
TOTAL	5,670	5,475	5,352	5,510	5,279	5,228	5,303	5,324	5,157	5,239	5,169
16+ PERSONS	2,098	1,965	1,866	1,958	1,752	1,672	1,588	1,630	1,552	1,634	1,564
Nursing Facilities	781	674	616	651	529	543	556	578	490	572	502
State Institutions	339	314	292	291	274	156	66	51	50	50	50
Private ICF/ID	978	977	958	1,016	949	973	966	1,001	1,012	1,012	1,012
Other Residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7-15 PERSONS	546	590	553	650	587	542	625	569	549	549	549
Public ICF/ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private ICF/ID	395	439	409	494	431	371	457	404	383	383	383
Other Residential	151	151	144	156	156	171	168	165	166	166	166
<6 PERSONS	3,026	2,920	2,933	2,902	2,940	3,014	3,090	3,125	3,056	3,056	3,056
Public ICF/ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private ICF/ID	223	158	158	155	157	161	158	131	127	127	127
Supported Living	1,575	1,636	1,650	1,632	1,661	1,775	1,892	1,963	1,937	1,937	1,937
Other Residential	1,228	1,126	1,125	1,115	1,122	1,078	1,040	1,031	992	992	992

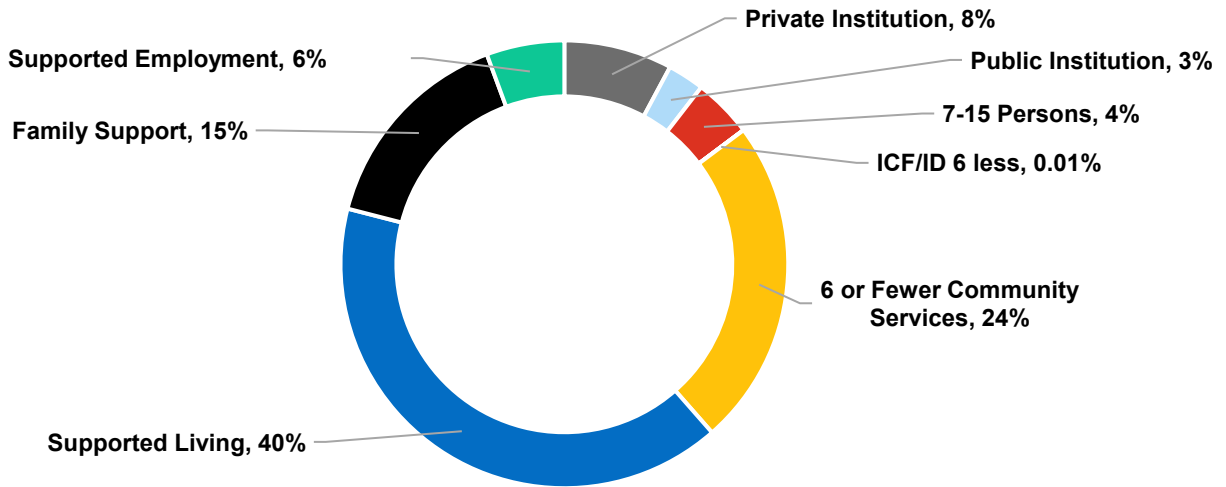
ANNUAL COST OF CARE BY RESIDENTIAL SETTING: FY 2019



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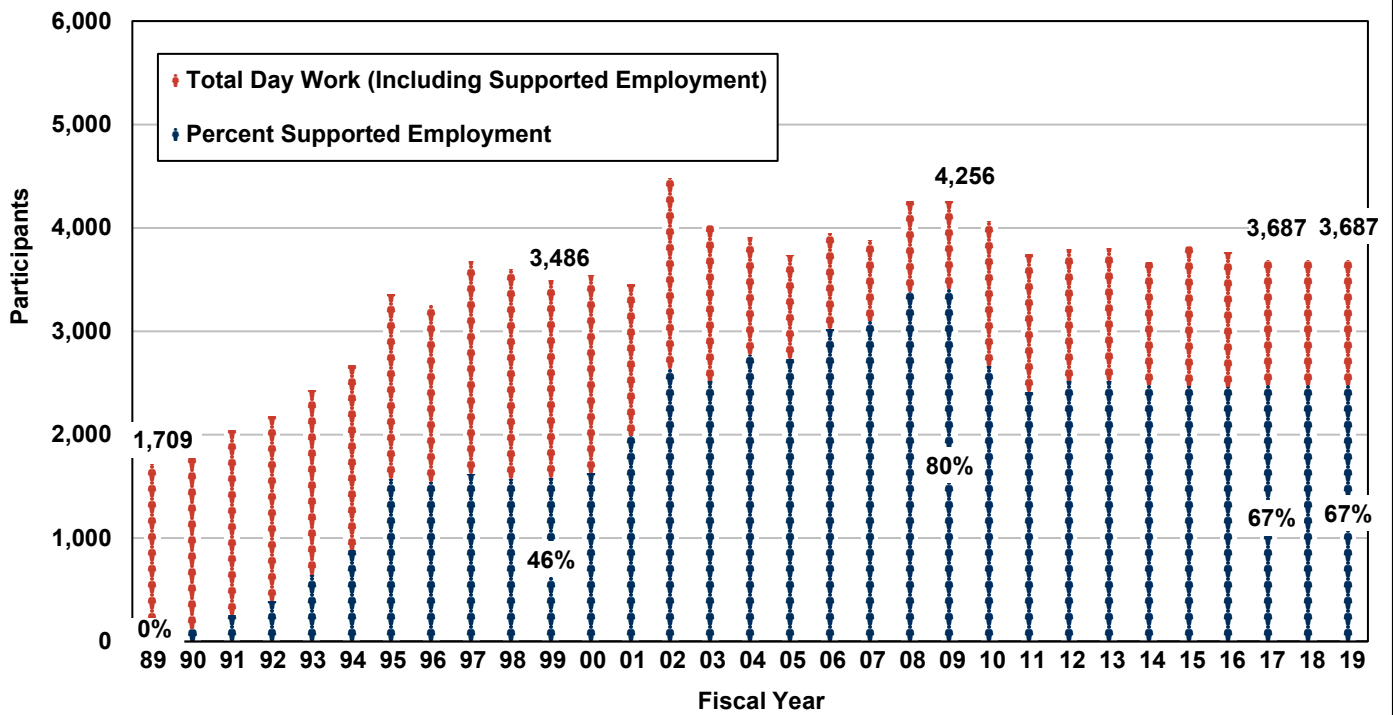
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IDD EXPENDITURES AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SPENDING BY CATEGORY: FY 2019



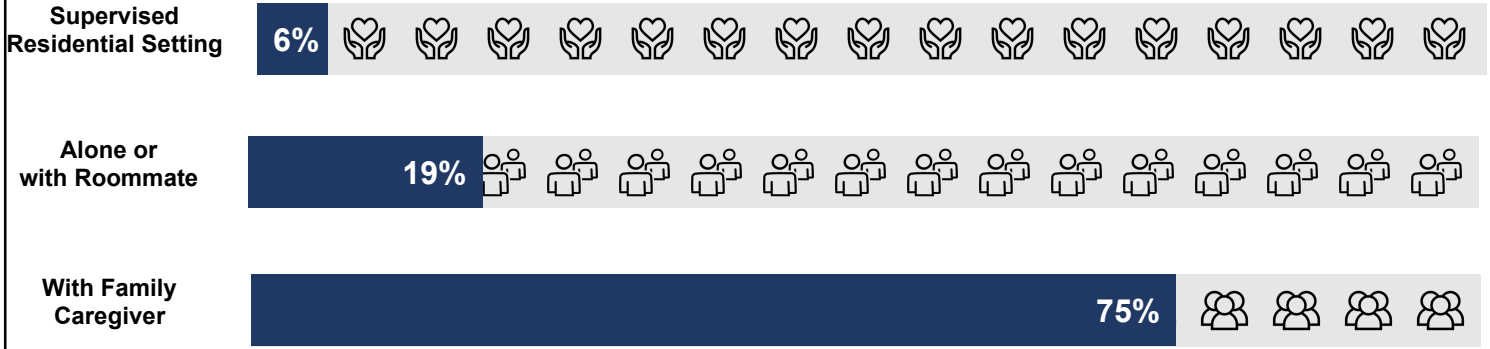
Total Spending \$490.6 Million

TOTAL DAY WORK PARTICIPANTS AND PERCENT IN SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: FY 1989-2019

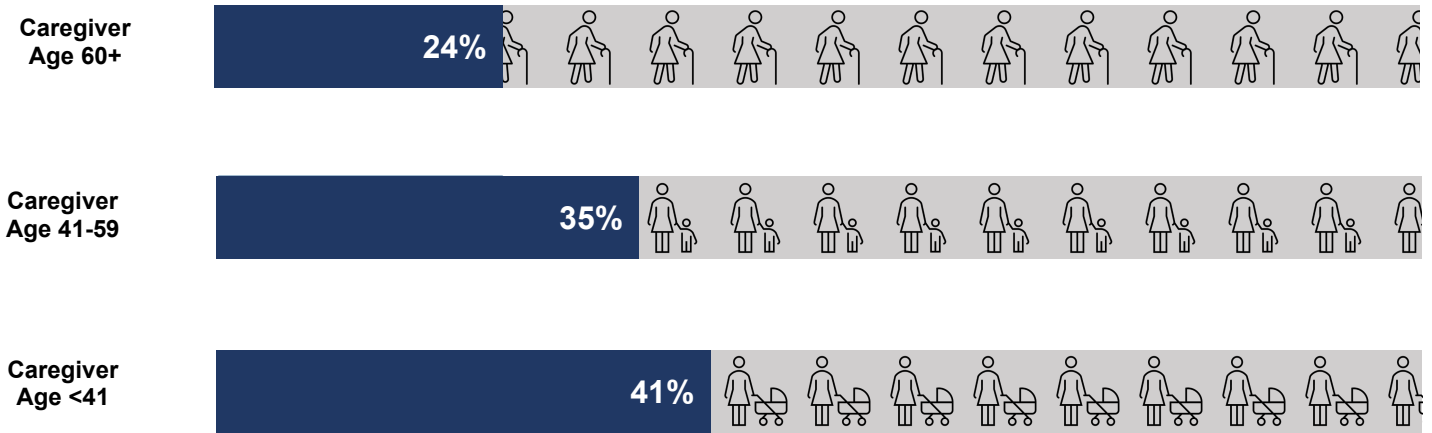


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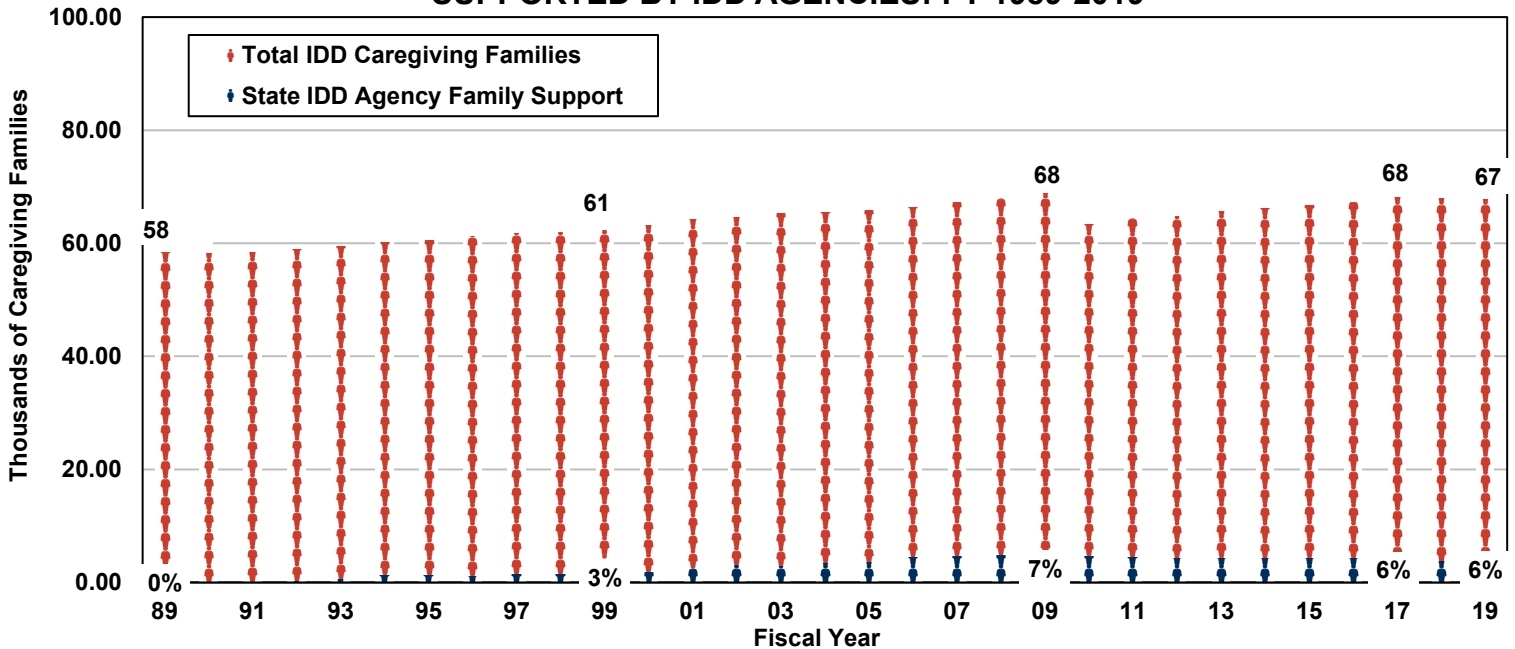
PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH IDD BY LIVING ARRANGEMENT: FY 2019



ESTIMATED PERCENT OF IDD CAREGIVERS BY AGE: FY 2019



ESTIMATED NUMBER OF IDD CAREGIVING FAMILIES AND FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY IDD AGENCIES: FY 1989-2019



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Advocacy, Training, & Outreach (ATO) Update

Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Update

May-July

Preparation for 24-25 PIP ongoing

- 45 applicants for PIP. Zoom/Phone interviews are underway.
- **Dates for PIP:**
 - Weekend 1 – Sept 27-28, 2024
 - Weekend 2 – Oct 25-26, 2024
 - Weekend 3 – Nov 8-9, 2024
 - Weekend 4 – Jan 17-18, 2025
 - Weekend 5 – Feb 21-22, 2025
 - Weekend 6 – Mar 28-29, 2025
 - Weekend 7 – Apr 11-12, 2025

Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) Update

June

- The 21st Oklahoma Youth Leadership Forum held June 18-22 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.
- 17 delegates completed the week and awarded certificates for outstanding leadership and advocacy during YLF.
- Delegates shined during a mock legislative debate in the US House of Representatives. Representative Mickey Dollens was the Speaker of the House.

7/17/2024: “Beyond Accommodations: Fostering Success in the Community and Workplace” Presentation at the 2024 Inclusive Communications Conference in Oklahoma City.

Self-Advocacy Training Updates

- 64 work sessions held with Self-Advocacy Trainers (Aug 2023 –June 2024)
- 7 Self-Advocacy Trainers
- Social media Pages on Facebook and Instagram created
- Self-Advocacy Trainers learning Microsoft teams
- Self-Advocacy Trainers practicing on delivering curriculum, with a focus on sharing personal stories.
- Morgan Davis will be a 24-25 Long Term LEND Trainee
- Self-Advocacy Trainers discussing virtual training schedule.

19 Self-Advocacy Trainings completed

- January 12 - SALT for OU Peer Mentoring Program
- January 25 - Stand up to Bullying for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Oklahoma (DSACO) Self-Advocates
- January 30 - Taking Control of your health for DSACO Self-Advocates
- February 8 - Stand up to Bullying for Bridges Foundation
- February 29 – SALT for DSACO Self-Advocates
- March 12 - Emergency Preparedness Training for DSACO Self-Advocates
- March 16 - Stand Up to Bullying for We Rock the Spectrum
- March 19 - Emergency Preparedness Training for Bridges Foundation
- April 8 - Standing Up to Bullying delivered virtually
- April 10 – SALT delivered virtually
- April 11 - Emergency Preparedness Training for Bridges Foundation
- April 25 - Taking Control of your Health for Bridges Foundation
- May 10 Stand up to Bullying delivered virtually
- May 17 SALT, Part 1 delivered virtually
- May 21 and 22 SALT for DDS Statewide Training
- May 31 SALT, part 2 delivered virtually
- June 7 - Talking Control of your health delivered virtually
- June 13 – DD Awareness Training for Safe Care Super Summer with Family and Children Services, Inc. in Tulsa
- June 14 Talking Control of your health part 2 delivered virtually

Upcoming Trainings

- August 13 - Standing up to Bullying for Bridges Foundation
- September 10 - DD Awareness for Bridges Foundation

Project Proposal Summary

Project: Access for all at the Oklahoma State Fair

Organization: [Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.](#)

Proposal:

To provide everyone the opportunity to attend the State’s Premier Family Attraction with confidence, dignity, safety, and fun. Adding the additional services (a universal and accessible restroom and a calming room) and activities (sensory friendly time with pre-visit communications) can provide comfort and inclusion for any families which may have felt attendance was not realistic for or applicable to them.

Council	Match	Total
\$25,000	\$15,689.50	\$40,689.50

Targeted Council Goal:

Goal 3, Community Awareness and Inclusion: Objective 5 - By 2026, individuals with developmental disabilities will have greater opportunities for meaningful friendships and relationships, recreation activities and social inclusion in their communities.



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Unsolicited Proposal & Application for Contract Funding

**Read this entire publication prior to
starting the application.**

General Information

The Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma (DDCO) welcomes unsolicited proposals and applications for contracts to fund activities to advance the independence, productivity, and inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

- All proposals and applications must be for activities currently included, or eligible for inclusion, in the 5 Year DDCO State Plan found at <https://oklahoma.gov/ddco/about/state-plan.html>.
- Applications must be complete for consideration by the Council.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Council does not provide grants. All funding is provided through a contract in which the vendor agrees to perform specific duties. DDCO requires all contractors to contribute matching funding that is not derived from federal sources. Matching funds are expected to equal or exceed 25% of the total activity costs. An exception to this rule is made for projects specifically serving a designated poverty area. In those situations, the Council expects a contractor to contribute a minimum of 10% of the total activity costs. Other exceptions to the 10% or 25% match requirement may be negotiated but are rarely approved. The required match may be in the form of cash, direct expenditures, indirect expenditures, or in-kind contributions, but may not include any direct or indirect federal funds.

Federal law prohibits the Council from investing in real property, building enhancements, vehicles, or vehicle enhancements. Generally, any equipment purchased via a Council contract should be an item that could be returned to the Council in the event of contract cancellation.

The Council does not consider grant applications that would provide any item solely for the use of a single individual – such as a wheelchair or other personalized assistive technology.

Proposals for a contract of \$5,000 or less:

- Proposals for contracts less than \$5,000 can be approved by the Executive Committee.
- Applications received prior to the last day of the month are reviewed at the next scheduled meeting, usually the following month.
- The applicant will be notified by email within ten business days of meeting of the decision.
- A resulting contract will have an effective start date of no less than 45 days from the approval date.
- Per Oklahoma Statute, no funding will be reimbursed for any good or service purchased prior to the effective start date of a contract.

Proposals for a competitive contract more than \$25,000:

- Per Oklahoma statute, proposals from non-governmental entities more than \$25,000 must be competitively bid. Governmental entities include state agencies, local government agencies, tribal governments, public school districts, or public colleges and universities. Non-governmental organizations include, but are not limited to, not-for-profit corporations and for-profit corporations. Individual persons are also non-governmental organizations for this purpose.
- All state purchasing, including competitive contracting, is managed by the Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Questions regarding the competitive bidding process should be directed to the Central Purchasing Division at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. The website for purchasing guidelines is <https://oklahoma.gov/omes/services/purchasing.html>.
- DDCO is prohibited from having any contact with persons or organizations submitting proposals **that are subject to competitive bidding**. If you or your organization is submitting a response for a competitive contract or is part of any other organization's proposal for a contract, please DO NOT discuss or disclose any information about your proposal with any DDCO member or staff.
- General Timelines:
 - Proposals received between May 1 and October 31 are evaluated by a committee, and if approved, a recommendation is forwarded to the full Council for a decision in January. If approved by the Council, contracts may become effective March 1 or April 1.
 - Proposals received between November 1 and April 30 are evaluated by a committee, and if approved, a recommendation is forwarded to the full Council for a decision in July. If approved by the Council, contracts may be effective September 1 or October 1.
- The applicant shall be notified by email within ten business days of a final decision.
 - Per Oklahoma Statute, no funding shall be reimbursed for any good or service purchased prior to the effective date of a contract.

If you have questions, contact DDCO through email: staff@okddc.ok.gov and John.Houston@okdhs.org, or call (405) 521-4984.

REQUIRED SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL

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APPLICATION FOR CONTRACT FUNDING

PART I – Contact Information

Full Legal Name of Organization: Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.

Mailing Address: 3001 General Pershing Blvd.

City: Oklahoma City State: Oklahoma Zip: 73107

Email: gburchfiel@okstatefair.com

Phone: (405) 948-6722 FAX: (405) 948-6828

Website: www.okstatefair.com

For DDCO Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Reviewed by: _____

PART II – Contract Limitations & Conflict of Interest

The Oklahoma Office of Management and Enterprise Services has established policy for the purchase of goods or services by a state agency. A contract with DDCO represents such a purchase. As part of the Council's compliance with the Central Purchasing Act, staff must ensure no collusion or conflict of interest exists between the Council and any individual or organization entering into a contract. Entities of State Government are exempt from the Central Purchasing Act.

Please read below, check appropriate boxes, then sign and return the page with your packet.

A1 I am submitting this proposal on behalf of an entity of State Government.

Yes No

If “Yes,” this form needs only to be signed at bottom of the page, if “No” continue to A2.

A2 I understand and agree that submission of this proposal on behalf of myself as an individual, or on behalf of an organization of which I am a part that is NOT an entity of State Government, creates the following restrictions for proposals more than \$5,000:

- Prohibits persons, whether as individuals or as an affiliate or an organization, from participating in the development of a competitively bid contract, including, but not be limited to, writing a scope of work or developing a project outline.
- Causes myself and my organization to be ineligible to respond to any resulting ITB, RFP, or other competitive purchasing methodology defined in the Central Purchasing Act.

I understand and agree to the restrictions as outlined in A2 above: Yes

A3 Do you, or does your organization, have personal, professional, or financial relationship with any members or staff of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma? This disclosure does not necessarily create a real or perceived conflict of interest, but disclosure of such relationships is required.

Yes No

If “Yes”, please attach a separate page detailing the relationship(s).

See attachment #1

A4 Under penalty of perjury, I attest the above representations are complete and correct.

Gina Burchfiel
Signature of Applicant

July 11, 2024
Date

Gina Burchfiel, Executive VP, Oklahoma State Fair Inc.
Printed Name

PART III - Proposal

The DDCO reviews complete and materially accurate submissions. The information provided in Part III will assist committee members in understanding your application and any expectations for DDCO. Provide responses to the following questions on a separate attachment.

B1 Provide a written overview of the proposal. (750 words or fewer)

See Attachment #2

B2 Has a needs assessment been completed?

Yes No If no, why not?

We are asking for a professional assessment as part of this project request which will include a public survey for Fair attendees and an onsite inspection by a professional organization.

B3 Provide a list of all people and organizations proposed to work on the project.

Oklahoma State Fair, Inc., as the host organization for the activities to which this proposal refers, will engage our entire team to be involved in additional training to increase our awareness of better practices for welcoming, accommodating, and addressing any additional needs of our general public. Gina Burchfiel, Executive VP, will lead the team with regard to this project.

Square Holes, an Oklahoma City based small business, owned and operated by Beth Varner and David Turnbull.

Momentum Refresh, a non-profit founded in 1945 and a California located company, has multiple facets focusing on greater inclusion for all through access to products and services that assist with empowerment in the areas of care, connection, employment, mobility, advocacy and access. For the purposes of this proposal, Oklahoma State Fair will engage the division that provides mobile accessible restrooms. They self-describe as follows: "Momentum Refresh champions human and civil rights through cutting-edge, universally designed, and fully accessible mobile restrooms. Our bold strategy challenges the status quo of stagnant ADA guidelines, fearlessly leading the way with transformative design and inclusive solutions. By opening up the world and providing hope, Momentum Refresh offers a more equitable future for people with disabilities. With each restroom, we reinforce the notion that accessibility is a fundamental human right."

B4 Describe the experience and qualifications of the persons and or organization proposed to provide goods and services associated with the proposal.

Oklahoma State Fair Inc. - Gina Burchfiel is a 30+ year veteran of large public events.

Square Holes - Beth Varner has been working with developmentally disabled students as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist for more than 15 years. She also has a Masters in Non-Profit Management and a history of working with non-profit arts organizations. David Turnbull has worked with individuals with autism in a variety of settings for 20 years. He is an occupational therapist and PhD autism researcher who has focused on community and belonging for autistic and other neurodivergent adolescents and adults. Square Holes works with cultural institutions to ensure that their spaces and programs are welcoming and fully accessible for our neurodivergent community members.

Momentum Refresh – has a full-time staff and engaged board operating the approximately \$50 million non-profit focused primarily on adult community integration services, adult residential living, community living, pediatric services, applied behavior analysis (ABA) services, and mobile accessible restrooms. The current Co-Chairs for Momentum are Tamara Hatwan with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and J.J. Levenstein, MD, FAAP.

B5 Describe how the proposal will help DDCO meet the goals in the 5 Year DDCO State Plan found at <https://oklahoma.gov/ddco/about/state-plan.html>.

The resources and materials created and sourced for the 2024 Sensory Friendly Time and the Calming Space are directly related to Goal 3 of DDCO's 5 Year Plan, Community Awareness and Inclusion. Research has shown that individuals with autism experience high rates of loneliness and social isolation, even when compared to other disability groups (Deckers, Muris, & Roelofs, 2017; Ee, Hwang, & Reppermund, 2019; Petroutsou, Hassiotis, & Afia, 2018). These feelings of isolation can contribute to the overall poor outcomes that are seen across all measurable areas for autistic adults (Anderson, et al., 2020; Croen, et al., 2015; Lord, et al., 2020; Zerbo, et al., 2019). Our plan at the 2024 Oklahoma State Fair will provide resources for autistic and other neurodivergent Oklahomans and their families to attend the Fair prepared for what to expect, ready to make their own informed choices related to sensory exposure, and secure in the knowledge that there is a calm and safe place to take a break should the need arise. Our pre-visit toolkit will provide visitors to our Sensory Friendly Time with social narratives and other structured resources that set expectations and reduce executive functioning demands and anxiety. We will provide resources for fair volunteers, employees, and vendors outlining the guidelines and expectations for the day, describing available accommodations and resources, and offering tips for communication with neurodivergent fairgoers. Taken together, this effort will ensure that the Fair is open and accessible for all Oklahoman families, providing the opportunity for meaningful participation in our numerous recreational activities, enriching programs, and a sense of inclusion in our community.

The Momentum Refresh mobile accessible restroom will provide an opportunity for guests with disabilities who need a little more space, assistance, or equipment than is currently available in the permanent family restrooms and who may not currently be comfortable attending the State Fair event at all or who come but only for a very short stay to have access to a fully-equipped and attended restroom allowing them to visit at all or to stay longer during their visit. This also relates to the goals desired in section 3 of the DDCO's 5 Year Plan.

B6 Define the characteristics of the benefitting population by describing the age, geographic region, culture, language, support needs, type of disability, and the like.

We believe that the addition of an accessible restroom, the activities of Sensory Friendly Time, and the upgrade to the area known as the Calming Space will span all demographics.

B7 Describe the expected impact on the target audience described above.

Ultimately, we hope the overall impact is as simple but as meaningful as being able to simply attend the State's Premier Family Attraction with confidence, dignity, safety and fun - as is our goal for any guest. We hope these additional services and activities provide comfort and inclusion for any families which may have felt attendance was not realistic for or applicable to them.

We believe that having an accessible restroom with these specifications will be paramount to opening the door for guests with special mobility or other needs being able to attend the Fair or, if they currently attend, to stay longer and enjoy more. We believe this mobile facility will give families the assurance that they can take care of their personal hygiene needs with confidence and dignity in a

clean, safe, and well-equipped space.

We believe the Calming Space will grow into an area of true respite for guests that need to take a break from the stimulus of the Fair's activities. This space will allow guests an opportunity to reset and continue their day of fun and community if needed. Using the materials we will develop for pre-visit information, we feel particularly the neurodivergent community can attend with confidence and awareness of what to expect and how best to navigate the stimulus of the Fair. The final Sunday will be an additional benefit for guests who wish to attend certain aspects of the Fair like the carnival but are unable to at other times due to strobing lights and/or loud music for example.

B8 Describe the expected, broad impact on people with developmental disabilities.

See B7. We believe these specific activities transcend age, gender, cultural and other dissecting characteristics of the overall benefiting population.

B9 Is the proposal a duplication, continuation, or expansion of work being done in Oklahoma or elsewhere?

Yes No

If yes, describe what is being duplicated and what makes this project unique or different.

B10 Will the proposed project use current best or promising practices in the field of developmental disabilities?

Yes No

We are open to any best practices for projects such as this that exist but were unable to find any that directly related to these specific and unique circumstances. Our goal is to always use the knowledge base in the community when available for us to garner.

If yes, explain what they are and how they will be incorporated. Please cite source material.

B11 When the work is complete, how will it have provided capacity building or systemic change to programs or services for people with developmental disabilities?

We see this as our next step in what we hope is a long road being paved for more amenities and activities servicing the disabled community during the Oklahoma State Fair. We anticipate that this will add greatly to the activities and services we have in place and be a springboard for increased momentum in these efforts.

By contracting fully accessible restrooms with an adult changing table and other equipment, guests who possibly have felt they could not comfortably attend the State Fair for hygiene reasons can now attend or extend their stay. Activities during Sensory Friendly Time and in the Calming Space will provide guests with ways to be comfortable during their visit and experience perhaps more of the Fair than they could in the past. With the data we will gather from our needs assessment and public survey, we will plan additional services and activities for guests in the future so that participation in areas like competitive exhibits, livestock showing, and other elements of the Fair are increasingly more accessible as well.

Lastly, but certainly equally transformative, will be the efforts we engage to train our staff, vendors,

and volunteers on how to ensure our spaces and activities are more welcoming and accessible for our entire community. We will be including resources for all of our commercial vendors in packets upon their arrival and providing training materials for our staff and volunteers to improve their knowledge of our current and available services in these areas.

B12 Will the proposal be implemented or offered statewide?

Yes No

If no, define the counties and cities served and the rationale for why these locations were selected.

Of course the Oklahoma State Fair is open to all, but our event location is limited to Oklahoma City for the 11 days of the annual Oklahoma State Fair.

Include all supporting documentation and provide any additional information you would like considered by the DDCO.

See Attachment #3

PART IV – Performance Measures

The DDCO is required to provide performance measure reports to evaluate the effectiveness of our activities. As a result, DDCO requires contractors to submit performance measure reports annually, at the request of Council staff. Please note that regardless of contract dates, **performance measures must be reported within the period of October 1 – September 30** that is inclusive of a contract period. Performance reports include actual counts and / or the collection of survey information, including baseline measures. As a required component of the application, indicate on the list below on the line to the left of the measure data you expect to collect during the proposed work of the contract. Not all measures are applicable. You may identify measures not applicable to this application as “N/A” in line to the left of the measure.

The Council reviews this information carefully. Proposers are strongly encouraged to consider data elements their proposals CAN collect and to *minimally* use “N/A.”

These measures and their definitions are listed on the Council’s website:

<https://oklahoma.gov/ddco/about/state-plan.html>.

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ADVOCACY

YES IFA 1.1 The number of people with developmental disabilities who participated in the contractor’s project activities designed to increase their knowledge of how to take part in decisions that affect their lives, the lives of others, and or systems.

YES IFA 1.2 The number of family members who participated in the contractor’s project activities designed to increase their knowledge of how to take part in decisions that affect the family, the lives of others, and or systems.

N/A IFA 2.1 After participation in the contractor’s project activities, the percentage of people with developmental disabilities who report increasing their advocacy because of Council work. This measure will require a baseline percentage and post-activity percentage.

N/A IFA 2.2 After participation in the contractor’s project activities, the percentage of family members who report increasing their advocacy because of contractor’s work. This measure will require a baseline percentage and post-activity percentage.

N/A IFA 2.2.1 The percentage of people who are better able to say what they want or say what services and supports they want or say what is important to them. Percentage derived from total number of people who received a service or support because of the contractor’s activities. This measure will require a baseline percentage and post-activity percentage.

N/A IFA 2.2.2 The percentage of people who are participating now in advocacy activities. Percentage derived from total number of people who received a service or support because of the contractor’s activities. This measure will require a baseline percentage and post-activity percentage.

N/A IFA 2.2.3 The percentage of people who are on cross disability coalitions, policy boards, advisory boards, governing bodies and/or serving in leadership positions. Percentage derived from total number of people who received a service or support because of the contractor’s activities. This measure will require a baseline percentage and post-activity percentage. *Note: The names of these boards/organizations must be reported.*

YES IFA 3.1 The percentage of people with developmental disabilities satisfied with a project activity. Percentage derived from total number of people who received a service or support because of the contractor’s activities.

YES IFA 3.2 The percentage of family members satisfied with a project activity. Percentage derived from total number of people who received a service or support because of the contractor’s activities.

SYSTEMS CHANGE

YES SC 1.1.1 The number of policy and or procedures created or changed.

N/A SC 1.2.1 The number of statutes and or regulations created or changed.

YES SC 1.3.1 The number of promising practices created.

YES SC 1.3.2 The number of promising practices supported through Council activities.

YES SC 1.3.3 The number of best practices created.

YES SC 1.4.1 The number of people trained or educated through Council systemic change initiatives.

YES SC 1.5.1 The number of Council supported systems change activities with organizations actively involved.

YES SC 2.1 The number of Council efforts that led to the improvement of best or promising practices, policies, procedures, statute, or regulation changes.

YES **SC 2.2** The number of Council efforts that were implemented to transform fragmented approaches into a coordinated and effective system that assures individuals with developmental disabilities and their families participate in the design of and have access to needed community services, individualized supports, and other forms of assistance that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, and integration and inclusion in all facets of community life.

YES **SC 2.1.1** The number of policy, procedure, statute, or regulation changes improved as a result of systems change.

YES **SC 2.1.2** The number of policy, procedure, statute, or regulation changes implemented.

YES **SC 2.1.3** The number of promising and/or best practices improved by systems change activities.

YES **SC 2.1.4** The number of promising and/or best practices that were implemented.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

The Council's federal funders also require demographic information about the people who participated in the activities funded by the Council. This information should be collected from persons who implement the activity; any advisory committee members involved in the activity; participants in any conference, training or similar event; and any "service" or "support" recipients. Data will be collected in the areas of Race/Ethnicity, Gender, Disability Experience, and Geography. Following is the EXACT format required by the Council and its federal funders:

RACE/ETHNICITY:

- White, alone
- Black or African American alone
- American Indian or Alaskan Native alone
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian alone
- Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander alone
- Two or more races
- Race Unknown

GENDER:

- Female
- Male
- Other

DISABILITY EXPERIENCE:

- Individual with a Developmental Disability
- Family Member of an Individual with a Developmental Disability
- Other

GEOGRAPHY:

- Urban

Rural

SEXUAL ORIENTATION:

- Lesbian or gay
- Straight, that is, not gay or lesbian
- Bisexual
- Two-Spirit
- Uses a different term
- Don't know
- Prefers not to answer

GENDER IDENTITY (What sex were you assigned at birth):

- Female
- Male
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

CURRENT GENDER:

- Female
- Male
- Transgender
- Two-Spirit
- Uses a different term
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

In addition to these measures, consumer satisfaction data will also be required annually – in formats provided by the Council. Please discuss this with Council staff upon completion of any signed contract.

PART V – Additional Requirements for Contract Funding

Financial Information (Required for all submissions) See Attachment #4

Proposals must include a detailed revenue and expenditure budget, in a proper accounting format, detailing the total costs and revenues of the proposed project. This budget must include:

- The amount requested from DDCO within the context of the budget.
- Identification of funding not currently in place.
- A segregated and detailed account of matching funds to be contributed to the project, and their source.

- A narrative explaining each category of expenditure and source, or revenue associated with the project. Revenue sources might include conference registration fees, third party grants, booth rentals, in-kind contributions, etc.

Please note, our federal funding requires specific cost identification for all expenditures associated with the project identified within the terms of the contract. In addition, DDCO funds must be the funding of “last resort.” If net proceeds from the project exceed total expenditures and generate a profit, the DDCO reimbursement shall be limited to the lesser of the contract amount or the amount required to break-even.

A Statement of Work (SoW) is required for all submissions **See Attachment #5**

Provide a proposed statement of work for the contractual requirements detailing the goods and services you will provide in exchange for DDCO funding. An example of the format is included.

A Sustainability Plan is required for activities that will continue beyond one year **See Attachment #6**

For projects / activities expected to continue indefinitely, sustainability plans must be included. Typically, DDCO will fund an activity for a maximum of five years. Include a detailed plan and timeframe for the project to become sustainable, including projected budgets, identified partners, annual funding goals for each year, or other such indicators that a project or activity will continue. Sustainability is not solely focused on financial support.

For example, a project to train teachers on positive IEP strategies result in a policy change within a school district or a change in teacher certification requirements. This sustainability proves systems change.

Proposals for activities such as studies that would not continue past a project period do not require sustainability plans.

Logic Model (Required for contracts in excess of \$5,000) **See Attachment #7**

A logic model is a tool used by DDCO to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. An example is included, or you may use one of the many formats found by Googling “logic model.”

Are you a registered vendor with the State of Oklahoma in the OMES Supplier Portal: Yes No

If the Council approves funding, you will be required to be a registered vendor. You can learn more about becoming a vendor online: <https://oklahoma.gov/omes/services/purchasing/supplier-portal/supplier-and-payee-training.html>.

Legal Entity

Is the proposed vendor applicant an IRS Registered corporation?

Yes No

If yes, which type: 501(c)3, not-for-profit corporation

Is the proposed vendor a government entity:

Yes No If yes, provide form of government and name of entity:

Is the proposed vendor a Tribal Nation:

Yes No If yes, name Tribe(s) _____

Is the proposed vendor a sole proprietor: Yes No

Is the proposed vendor a registered partnership: Yes No

Social Security or FEI Number: 73-6017980

Authorized Signer

Name of individual with contract signatory authority:

Name: Gina Burchfiel

Title: Executive VP

Telephone: (405) 948-6722

Email: gburchfiel@okstatefair.com

Primary Contact

Name of individual to contact regarding contract performance & operations:

Same as above

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Legal Notices

Name of individual to send legal notices:

Same as above

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Finance Contact

Name of individual responsible for finance and accounting:

Same as above and also Kevin Rogers, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc.

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Telephone: (405) 948-6819

Email: krogers@okstatefair.com

Please ensure your proposal is complete. Incomplete proposals will not be forwarded for consideration.

Applicants will be notified by email within 10 business days of a decision per the specific timeframes in General Information.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact us through email at John.Houston@okdhs.org.

Submit application and all required information by email to:

John.Houston@okdhs.org

ATTACHMENT #1

Disclosure of relationship between Contractor and members or staff of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma.

Gina Burchfiel, Executive VP, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. is acquainted with Jenifer Randle, Executive Director of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma through a social and community service organization of which they are both members: Junior League of Oklahoma City.

ATTACHMENT #2

PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

In an effort to better serve our guests with disabilities who desire to attend the annual Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. ("OSF") requests funding to assist with the following initiatives.

Mobile, fully-accessible restroom: Currently, OKC Fairgrounds, a City of OKC-owned property, is not equipped with a restroom that can accommodate the hygiene needs of those who require an adult changing table, space for multiple caregivers/assistants, or other special needs beyond that which a standard compliant family restroom provides. To eliminate this gap in facilities for the annual State Fair event, we would like to partner with Momentum Refresh, a full-service company offering everything required to accommodate any needs, inclusive of a full-time attendant to clean between guests and help operate the chair lift, etc. More information and pictures of the unit can be found in the additional materials section.

Since April of 2022, Refresh has been hired to provide restroom accommodations at hundreds of events across CA, FL, MN, IN, TX and OH. Examples of the venues Refresh has been at include: LA Auto Show, Anaheim Ducks, USC, UCLA, MN State Fair, Circleville Pumpkin Show, LA Abilities Expo, Getty Center, LA Broad Museum, Regan Library, LA Dodgers, Oxnard State Beach, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Taste of Cincinnati, Columbus Arts Festival, LA Marathon and many more.

Calming Space: OSF has a space dedicated for guests who need to step away from the hustle and bustle of the Fair's activities; however, the room needs to be further and equipped with some temporary features to make it more accommodating and beneficial for those who use it. See the materials needed in the budget and additional materials section.

Training & Resource Development: OSF desires to engage with Square Holes who can assist in the areas of 1) A Needs Assessment (creation and implementation) inclusive of a public survey; 2) A Social Narrative for the OSF Sensory Friendly Time; 3) A Vendor Resource and Training Sheet; 4) Staff/Volunteer Training Materials; 5) Calming Room assistance with setup/design and attendants when possible.

The Needs Assessment and Public Survey will be conducted onsite during the State Fair event from both within the Calming Space and also on the general grounds and through digital means (i.e. QR code available on Fair materials and through emails sent to ticket buyers as part of their post event general survey).

These initiatives will provide the foundation for what OSF hopes is many years of growth in opportunities for all persons attending the Fair to do so with increased confidence, dignity, safety and fun. We plan on including additional offerings in our contests and entertainment activities as well as our competitions in the near future. We, however, would like the results of our needs assessment/survey to help determine what is desired to be offered, of course.

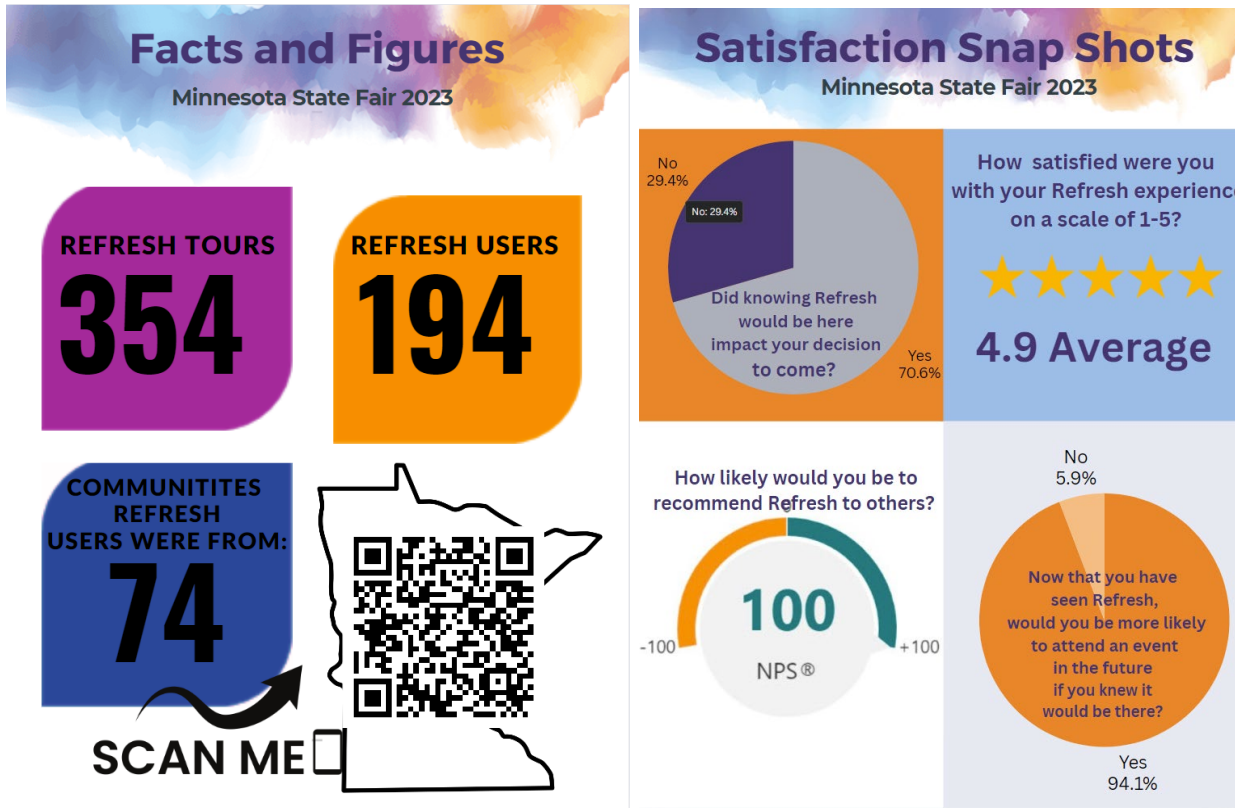
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Additional Materials / Photos

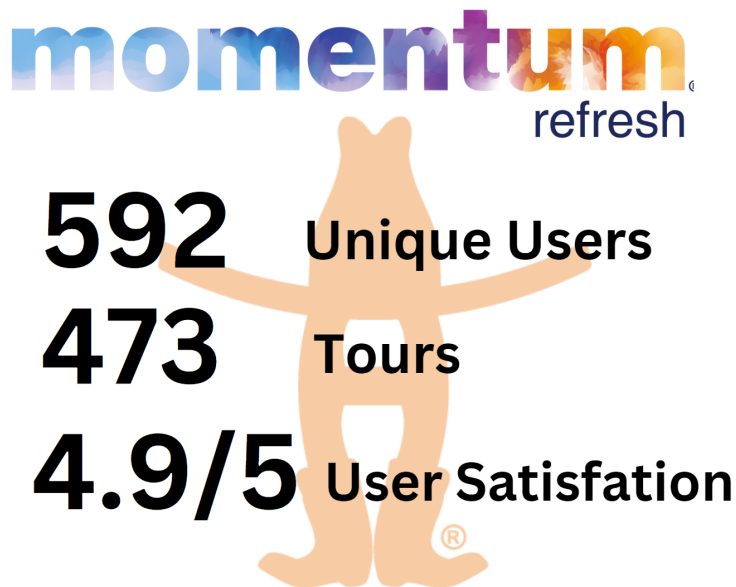




Momentum Refresh at the Minnesota State Fair



At the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo



ATTACHMENT #4

Overall Budget

2024 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF OK - PROPOSAL

Budget for total of Projects					
ITEM	Unit Cost	Units	Total	Notes	
Mobile, fully-accessible restroom trailer	\$2900/day	11	\$ 31,900.00	power, water provided by OSF in addition to this cost is not requested for reimbursement	
Physical Items to complete Calming Space			\$ 1,664.50	see additional page for breakout of items to be purchased	
Development and Assistance with Calming Space			\$ 750.00	includes setting up the space and manning it much of the Fair to get guest feedback and encourage participation in the public survey	
Needs Assessment & Public Survey			\$ 5,250.00	includes development, implementation and survey results interpretation	
Social Narrative for the Sensory Friendly Time	\$750/narrative	1	\$ 750.00		
Vendor Resource Sheet	\$375/sheet	1	\$ 375.00		
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET			\$ 40,689.50		

Funding			
BY	Total	Notes	
Square Holes	\$ 7,125.00	In kind services donation to Oklahoma State Fair	
Oklahoma State Fair	\$ 8,564.50		
Unfunded / Requested from DDcofOK	\$ 25,000.00		
Percent unfunded	61.44%		
Percent funded	38.56%		

Calming Space Items Budget

What	Price	Quantity	Description	Link	Total Price	+ Tax	Priority
Wiggle Seat	\$ 69.99	1	Inflatable seat pads to give calming sensory input, 8 pieces	https://www.amazon.com/Libi	\$ 69.99	\$ 76.03	high
Beanbag Chair	\$ 38.99	2	Wipeable beanbag chairs to provide alternate seating options	https://www.amazon.com/Big	\$ 77.98	\$ 84.71	high
Sound panels	\$ 58.99	1	50 pack of accoustic panels to reduce echoes and dampen sounds	https://www.amazon.com/Pan	\$ 58.99	\$ 64.08	high
Texture Panels	\$ 41.99	1	Panels to provide differing tactile input that can be calming and regulating, 15 pieces	https://www.amazon.com/Hau	\$ 41.99	\$ 45.61	medium
Weighted Lap Pad Small	\$ 37.99	2	wipe clean weighted lap pad	https://funandfunction.com/wj	\$ 75.98	\$ 82.53	medium
Weighted Lap Pad Medium	\$ 39.99	2	wipe clean weighted lap pad	https://funandfunction.com/wj	\$ 79.98	\$ 86.88	medium
Weighted Lap Pad Large	\$ 40.99	2	wipe clean weighted lap pad	https://funandfunction.com/wj	\$ 81.98	\$ 89.05	medium
Weighted Lion Stuffed Animal	\$ 52.49	1	Wipe Clean weighted stuffed animal	https://funandfunction.com/lec	\$ 52.49	\$ 57.02	medium
Weighted Worm Stuffed Animal	\$ 37.99	1	Weighted worm stuffed animal	https://funandfunction.com/wj	\$ 37.99	\$ 41.27	medium
Liquid Floor Tiles	\$ 119.00	1	6 pack - 12x12 liquid filled floor tiles.	https://www.amazon.com/Cry	\$ 119.00	\$ 129.26	low
Bubble Tubes	\$ 119.00	1	4 pack - color changing, 4 foot tall light up bubble tubes	https://www.amazon.com/Bre	\$ 119.00	\$ 129.26	low
Busy Board	\$ 19.99	1	Activity board	https://www.amazon.com/lab	\$ 19.99	\$ 21.71	low
Busy Board	\$ 26.99	1	Activity board	https://www.amazon.com/Mor	\$ 26.99	\$ 29.32	low
Busy Board Tiles	\$ 19.99	1	6 life skills busy board panels	https://www.amazon.com/Mor	\$ 19.99	\$ 21.71	low
Room Modifications:							
LED Tube Lights						\$ -	high
Light Covers						\$ -	high
Soft Floor Covering		400 sq. ft.	interlocking, cushion tiles, temporary install	amazon	\$ 100.00	\$ 108.63	high/medium
Shelving/storage for materials		1	rolling, locking, storage cabinet	Uline	\$ 550.00	\$ 597.44	high
GRAND TOTAL					\$ 1,532.34	\$ 1,664.50	

ATTACHMENT #5

Scope of Work

Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. ("Contractor")

Contractor shall engage these activities with a spirit of ensuring that the Fair is open and accessible for all Oklahoman families providing the opportunity for meaningful inclusion and participation in the Fair's activities and programs.

Contractor shall engage the services of a mobile, fully-accessible restroom vehicle for the 11 days of the annual Oklahoma State Fair for guests whose needs are better met through this vehicle. Satisfaction and other survey information will be gathered and shared with the council post-event. The vehicle includes:

- Electric, height adjustable changing table for individuals of all ages and sizes.
- Powered ceiling hoist to ensure safe transfer of person from a wheelchair to the table or toilet. Guests may bring any sling of choice.
- Height and width adjustable grab bars.
- Powered, adjustable sink.
- Peninsular toilet and bidet, offering an option for more independence.
- Motorized platform lift into the vehicle.
- Professionally trained attendant.

Contractor will enhance the space, known as the Calming Space, to be dedicated and available during building hours of the annual Oklahoma State Fair. This space will be free of charge to guests who need to escape the stimulus of the Fair's activities. It will be outfitted with the following:

- Soft floor covering
- Storage for cleaning and other materials provided
- Tables, chairs
- Sound and texture panels
- Weighted comfort items
- Wiggle seats, beanbag chairs
- Busy boards, bubble tubes, tiles
- HVAC
- Personnel within the nearby area for guest assistance
- Opportunity to sign in (to get a count of room usage) and provide feedback and participate in the needs assessment/public survey

Contractor will provide council with post-event usage and survey results from the Calming Space.

Contractor will engage expert services to provide materials and training for staff, vendors and volunteers in how to assist, educate, and engage with guests of different abilities and needs. Contractor will provide the council feedback on the final outcome of the distribution and effectiveness of training materials and any assessment and survey results.

- A Vendor Resource Guide will be created to inform vendors and staff about the accessibility resources throughout the Fair and provide tips for supporting and communicating with visitors with disabilities and/or sensory differences. This Guide will be placed in all 600 commercial exhibitor contract packets as well as at all of the contact points for guest services in the carnival.

- The Resource Guide will be distributed to and reviewed with State Fair staff and volunteers as part of the pre-Fair training program.
- A Social Narrative will be created for the Sensory Friendly Time at the Fair to prepare guests for what they can expect at the Fair in general and also in line with the specific time on the final Sunday of the Fair. This document will be available on the OSF website.
- A Needs Assessment & Public Survey will be developed and conducted by recognized professionals to identify areas of needed improvement the OSF can consider addressing in the future and to gather valuable feedback from the fair-going public in need of services during the event.
 - Onsite evaluation will occur both pre-Fair and during the Fair.
 - A public survey will be created to be accessible by QR code in the Calming Room and on Sensory Friendly Time materials as well as included in the OSF's post event ticket buyer email survey.

Contractor will provide a Sensory Friendly Time at the Fair on the final Sunday of the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. whereby the lights, sounds and other senses of the Fair are lowered as much as possible allowing those with sensory sensitivities to be able to access more areas than might be possible at any other given time. The carnival will operate without rides lights (except where required by safety) and without added music/sound (except where required by safety) and games and vendors will be asked to lower the levels of their amplification equipment during this time. Special entertainment show times will also be available for guests who would like to attend a show with lower sound, lights and other sensory difficulties. An event guide will be created for those who would like to participate in the Time, and it will be available on the OSF website in advance of the event. The opportunity to gather feedback will also be part of this event and Contractor will share results with the council.

Contractor shall complete and share with participants the council satisfaction survey.

Contractor shall create a final report which will include an evaluation and participant satisfaction responses for any trainings, a summary of the evaluation and participant satisfaction feedback, a summary of the contract activities and scope of work requirements. The final report will be submitted within 30 days after the contract ends.

DDCO may request additional reporting information, in a specified format, from Contractor. Upon request by DDCO, Contractor shall fulfill the request to the best of its ability.

Contractor shall include the funding support statement below, acknowledging the financial support that contributed to the development of this project on any products created under this contract.

“This project is provided and funded by the Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma, supported by grant numbers 2301 OKSCDD and 2401OKSCDD by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington D.C. 20201. Grantees undertaking projects with government sponsorship are encouraged to express freely their findings and conclusions. Points of view or opinion do not, therefore, necessarily represent official ACL policy.”

Contractor shall use the DDCO logo and DDCO branding in manuals, documents and training materials created under this contract.

ATTACHMENT #5

Sustainability

Most of the items, processes, and materials that make up this proposal can be easily sustained into the future without additional funding requests. This includes:

- Items purchased for the Calming Space
- Materials created for the Sensory Friendly Time, social narrative, etc.
- Materials created for the Vendor Resource Guide
- Materials created for training Staff and Volunteers
- Needs assessment results and recommendations
- Public survey implementation – This may have a need to be updated or have some funds annually dedicated to developing any new survey questions, the continued collection of responses and the compilation of results.

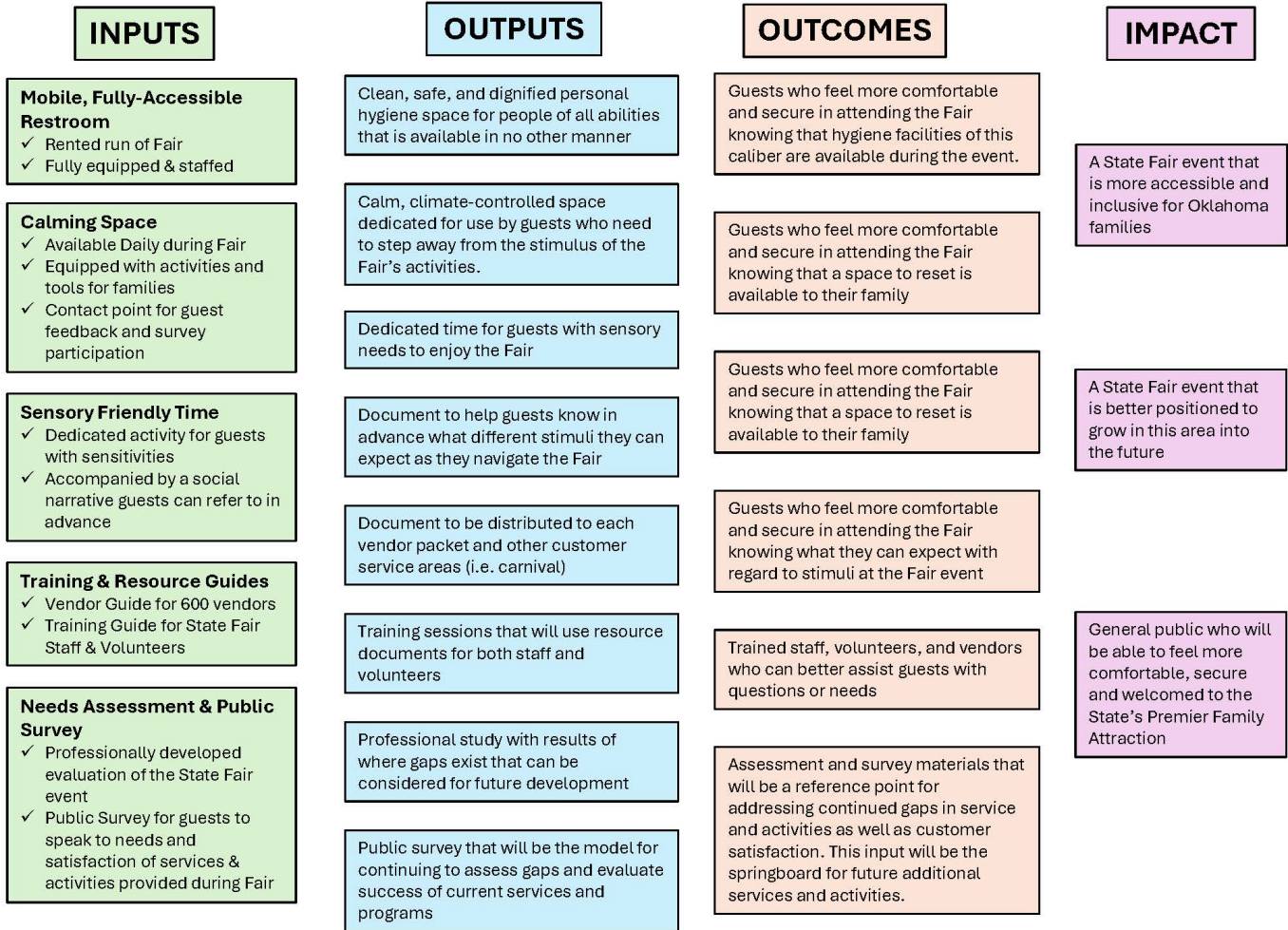
The processes for training and providing information will be embedded into our standard practices from this point forward. We will evaluate the efficacy of each element annually and update or expand for each coming year.

The service that is more difficult to predict sustainability into the future is the Mobile Restroom. It would be ideal if facilities could be created for permanent use; however, that is not an option the State Fair event can speak to as being only the Lessee to the City of Oklahoma City. We are hopeful that by having the unit at the Fair we can engage financial support from other organizations who could assist in covering this cost each year when they can see in person the impact such service has on the community.

Oklahoma State Fair is committed to increasing services, support, and activities for our guests. We look forward to utilizing the foundation set in 2024 as a launching pad for many more things to come.

Logic Model

LOGIC MODEL – OKLAHOMA STATE FAIR, INC. PROPOSAL





Developmental Disabilities
Council of Oklahoma

Finance Committee Financial Report For the Month Ended March 2024

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Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma - Expenditures & Funding SFY24 - Through March 31, 2024

	2023						2024						Total
	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	
MONTHLY EXPENDITURES													
State Fund Year 2022	\$ 7.00	\$ 870.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 882.00
State Fund Year 2023	48,129.00	120,783.00	29,321.00	25,135.00	471.00	236.00	412.00	514.00	44.00	-	-	-	225,045.00
State Fund Year 2024	1,915.15	43,994.00	59,896.85	89,766.00	96,473.00	99,501.00	92,485.00	36,846.00	97,545.00	-	-	-	618,422.00
Total Direct Expenditures	\$ 50,051.15	\$ 165,647.00	\$ 89,220.85	\$ 114,902.00	\$ 96,944.00	\$ 99,737.00	\$ 92,898.00	\$ 37,360.00	\$ 97,589.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 844,349.00
Allocated, Rent, Postage, Etc.	21,855.85	13,344.00	(11,208.85)	7,766.00	12,754.00	1,972.00	10,454.00	8,040.00	8,386.31	-	-	-	73,363.31
Total Expenditures	\$ 71,907.00	\$ 178,991.00	\$ 78,012.00	\$ 122,668.00	\$ 109,698.00	\$ 101,709.00	\$ 103,352.00	\$ 45,400.00	\$ 105,975.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 917,712.31
												9 Month Average Expenditures	101,968.03
												Annualized Expenditures	1,223,616.41
FUNDING SOURCES													
FFY-22 Federal Grant	\$ 27,377.53	\$ 113,951.00	\$ 46,000.47	\$ 76,890.00	\$ 60,433.00	\$ 56,056.00	\$ 53,463.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 434,171.16
FFY-23 Federal Grant	24,062.70	44,038.00	30,951.33	-	-	-	728.84	7,678.00	55,404.00	-	-	-	162,862.87
COVID GRANT	2,500.00	6,294.00	-	2,155.00	-	18,403.00	2,506.00	-	-	-	-	-	31,858.00
FFY-24 Federal Grant	-	-	-	32,675.25	36,505.13	29,633.03	39,697.50	31,788.38	42,242.81	-	-	-	212,542.10
Total Federal Grants	\$ 53,940.23	\$ 164,283.00	\$ 76,951.80	\$ 111,720.25	\$ 96,938.13	\$ 104,092.03	\$ 96,395.50	\$ 39,466.38	\$ 97,646.81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 841,434.13
State Funding	\$ 17,966.77	\$ 14,708.00	\$ 1,060.20	\$ 10,947.75	\$ 12,759.87	\$ (2,383.03)	\$ 6,956.50	\$ 5,933.62	\$ 8,328.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,278.18
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 71,907.00	\$ 178,991.00	\$ 78,012.00	\$ 122,668.00	\$ 109,698.00	\$ 101,709.00	\$ 103,352.00	\$ 45,400.00	\$ 105,975.31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 917,712.31

Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma - Federal Grant Reconciliation
For the Period Ended December 31, 2023

	FFY21-COVID	FFY22	FFY23	FFY24	Total
Grant Award	\$ 45,822.00	\$ 905,386.00	\$ 915,094.00	\$ 915,094.00	\$ 2,781,396.00
Expenditures					
Prior Year Expenditures	\$ 977.84	\$ 183,647.55	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,625.39
EOM July 2022 *	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,000.00
EOM August 2022 *	-	17,372.50	-	-	17,372.50
EOM September 2022 *	-	39,870.00	-	-	39,870.00
EOM October 2022 *	-	-	29,959.13	-	29,959.13
EOM November 2022 *	-	-	44,146.75	-	44,146.75
EOM December 2022 *	-	-	6,644.37	-	6,644.37
EOM January 2023 *	-	-	21,795.25	-	21,795.25
EOM February 2023 *	2,500.00	-	22,916.00	-	25,416.00
EOM March 2023 *	-	-	38,719.57	-	38,719.57
EOM April 2023 *	3,059.00	95,282.79	11,675.50	-	110,017.29
EOM May 2023 *	2,365.00	17,977.00	28,650.50	-	48,992.50
EOM June 2023 *	-	71,065.00	17,763.19	-	88,828.19
EOM July 2023	2,500.00	27,377.53	24,062.70	-	53,940.23
EOM August 2023	6,294.00	113,951.00	44,038.00	-	164,283.00
EOM September 2023	-	46,000.47	30,951.33	-	76,951.80
EOM October 2023	2,155.00	76,890.00	-	32,675.25	111,720.25
EOM November 2023	-	60,433.00	-	36,505.13	96,938.13
EOM December 2023	18,403.00	56,056.00	-	29,633.03	104,092.03
Adjust for Underspending - Grant Reduction	7,568.16	-	-	-	7,568.16
Adjust for Reconciliation	-	-	13,400.14	-	13,400.14
EOM January 2024	2,506.00	53,463.16	728.84	39,697.50	96,395.50
EOM February 2024	-	-	7,678.00	31,788.38	39,466.38
EOM March 2024	-	-	55,404.00	42,242.81	97,646.81
EOM April 2024	-	-	-	-	-
EOM May 2024	-	-	-	-	-
EOM June 2024	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$ 47,350.16	\$ 721,738.45	\$ 398,533.27	\$ 212,542.10	\$ 1,380,163.98
Grant Balance	\$ (2,506.00)	\$ -	\$ 516,560.73	\$ 702,551.90	\$ 1,216,606.63

* @ Denotes Reconciled with OKDHS Finance CARE UNIT



Statement of Activity

Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council Fiscal Sponsorship Fund
January 01, 2024 through March 31, 2024

FUND ACTIVITY

		01/01/2024
Beginning Balance		1,108.93
Receipts		
Dividend Income		6.56
Interest Income		0
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	6.56
Distributions		
Reimbursements		0
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	0.00
Ending Balance		1,115.49
Spendable Balance		

ACTIVITY DETAIL

DATE	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024-01-31	Dividend Income	January 2024 Revenue Share	2.30
2024-02-29	Dividend Income	February 2024 Revenue Share	2.09
2024-03-31	Dividend Income	March 2024 Revenue Share	2.17



Statement of Activity

Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council Fiscal Sponsorship Fund
 April 01, 2024 through April 30, 2024

FUND ACTIVITY

		04/01/2024
Beginning Balance		1,115.49
Receipts		
Dividend Income		9.82
Interest Income		0
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	9.82
Distributions		
Reimbursements		0
	TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	0.00
Ending Balance		1,125.31
Spendable Balance		

ACTIVITY DETAIL

DATE	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024-04-30	Dividend Income	April 2024 Revenue Share	9.82



Statement of Activity

Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council Fiscal Sponsorship Fund
 May 01, 2024 through May 31, 2024

FUND ACTIVITY

	05/01/2024
Beginning Balance	1,125.31
Receipts	
Dividend Income	4.83
Interest Income	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4.83
Distributions	
Reimbursements	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	0.00
Ending Balance	1,130.14
Spendable Balance	

ACTIVITY DETAIL

DATE	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024-05-31	Dividend Income	May 2024 Revenue Share	4.83



Statement of Activity

Oklahoma Developmental Disabilities Council Fiscal Sponsorship Fund
 June 01, 2024 through June 30, 2024

FUND ACTIVITY

	06/01/2024
Beginning Balance	1,130.14
Receipts	
Dividend Income	4.13
Interest Income	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	4.13
Distributions	
Reimbursements	0
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	0.00
Ending Balance	1,134.27
Spendable Balance	

ACTIVITY DETAIL

DATE	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2024-06-30	Dividend Income	June 2024 Revenue Share	4.13

DID YOU KNOW?

THE POPULATION OF OLDER OKLAHOMANS IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE 21.3% BY 2034. AMERICANS AGED 60 AND OLDER WILL OUTNUMBER PEOPLE UNDER 18 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY.

OKLAHOMANS 60 AND OVER



Year 2000
455,950



Year 2010
506,714



Year 2020
653,078

For the first time ever, adults 60 and over are expected to outnumber children in Oklahoma.

As the population of older Oklahomans increases, so does the need to provide effective and efficient resources for healthy living. Older Oklahomans need services, like transportation and home-delivered meals, to help them live independently as long as possible. With the population increase of older adults expected, our current systems will not be able to keep up.

Every Oklahoman needs to recognize how this population shift will change our society.

Oklahoma Human Services and community partners developed Aging Our Way Oklahoma: a Multisector Plan on Aging to look ten years into the future. The goal is to give every Oklahoman confidence to live on their terms and provide them with the resources needed to lead a healthy life.

Biggest Challenges About Aging in Oklahoma

Responses to a survey related to aging in Oklahoma revealed these top four challenges:



People do not have enough money to care for themselves after retirement



Older adults need affordable housing options that meet their needs



As more people need services, better alignment of resources will help the government and other organizations keep up



Individuals don't know how to access services

AGING OUR WAY: PLAN AT A GLANCE



CONTACT US AT CAPMPA@OKDHS.ORG OR VISIT OKLAHOMA.GOV/AGING FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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GOALS AND PATHWAYS

GOALS 1 & 2: AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND RESOURCES

Develop a partnership network for awareness and education about available services and support.

Address geographic challenges to improve availability of services.

Establish methods to identify and track service gaps and unmet needs for Oklahomans.

Explore and evaluate the potential of artificial intelligence systems and new technology to monitor and evaluate needs, services and available resources.

Identify and implement improvements for eligibility processes for services.

Create a network of certified No Wrong Door Navigators.

Create a central website for older Oklahomans and caregivers to access services and support.

GOALS 3 & 4: ACCOUNTABILITY, COORDINATION, AND FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

Collaborate with Oklahoma Managed Care entities to track measures and initiatives that lead to positive outcomes.

Identify and address regulatory barriers that hinder integration and coordination of service delivery.

Engage public and private partners, including current and prospective service providers, to align strategic plans.

Identify methods to develop and track common measures related to outcomes for older Oklahomans.

Develop a supporting infrastructure to sustain the Multisector Plan on Aging initiatives through practice, policy, legislation and funding.

GOAL 5: HOUSING

Expand the availability of housing options for older adults to live independently, such as multi-generational housing options.

Expand the availability of affordable assisted living and supportive housing, such as adult family homes.

Expand programs for assistance with evictions, home repairs, adaptive modifications and remote supports.

Conduct age-informed outreach and engagement for older adults experiencing homelessness.

GOAL 6: TRANSPORTATION

Optimize coordination of transportation services through mobility management programs.

Collaborate with the Oklahoma Statewide Mobility Network's efforts to improve access to transportation.

Develop strategies to improve rider and caregiver experience.

Implement age- and ability- informed training to equip and support mobility managers, transportation providers, drivers and other support personnel.

Support public and private transportation agencies in leveraging existing workforce development programs to fill driver workforce gaps.

GOAL 7: AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

Adopt and promote an age-friendly framework for Oklahoma communities.

GOAL 8: CULTURE CHANGE AND EDUCATION

Adopt and disseminate the Aging Our Way framework to promote understanding of aging across the lifespan and preparation for healthy aging.

Inform Oklahomans on pathways for empowered aging.

GOAL 9: WELLNESS

Expand availability of food options for older Oklahomans.

Establish wellness hubs for older adults around the state.

Support implementation of the Older Adult Behavioral Health State Plan through partnership with the Behavioral Health Forum on Aging.

GOAL 10: SOCIAL CONNECTION

Create a statewide community coalition to support and expand efforts to connect older adults and younger generations in meaningful ways.

Promote lifelong learning opportunities in technology, arts and other subjects for older Oklahomans.

GOAL 11: CAREGIVERS

Create a toolkit for employers on supporting their caregiving employees and recognize those who demonstrate a commitment to them.

Create a toolkit for healthcare and direct care professionals that includes resources and information about the important role of caregivers.

Expand availability of adult day services and other respite options and raise awareness of their important role in supporting caregivers.

GOAL 12 & 13: WORKFORCE

Collaborate with workforce development organizations to incorporate the employment needs of older Oklahomans.

Recognize age-friendly employers who actively support and engage older employees in the workplace.

Collaborate with education, job placement and reskilling organizations to recruit individuals into health, direct care and support positions.

Create a toolkit for employers that includes resources and information about providing flexible and supportive work environments for healthcare and direct care staff.

Identify, share and recognize best practices in addressing workforce shortages in healthcare and direct care.

Educate healthcare and direct staff on understanding the needs of older adults.





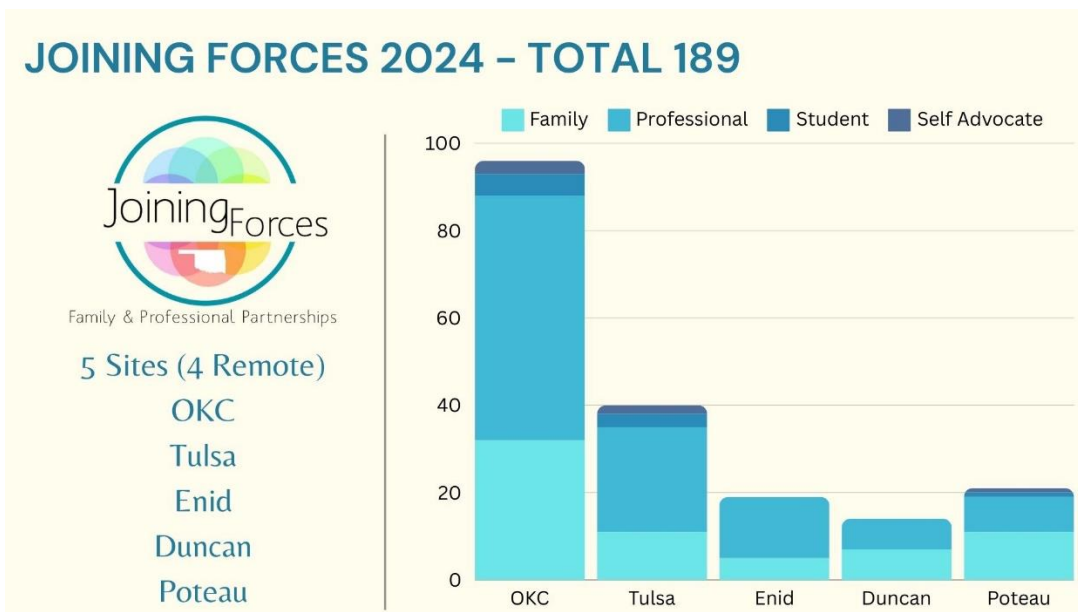
The 2024 Joining Forces Conference was held on April 19th, 2024. This year’s conference was hosted at the Moore Norman South Penn Campus in Oklahoma City and was live-streamed to remote sites in Enid, Poteau, Tulsa, and Duncan. The keynote speakers, Dr. Jennifer Jones, Dr. Kami L. Gallus, and Lori Hauge, delivered valuable information to all attendees. We are grateful to the Developmental Disabilities Council for their support in allowing OFN and our many partners to provide this opportunity to families, advocates, and professionals across the state.

The 17th Annual Joining Forces: Supporting Family Professional Partnerships Conference brings together local, state, and national leaders to discuss best practices and promising practices in the area of family-professional partnerships. Participants gain knowledge and practical tools to use as they work together in support of a good life for the person with special health care needs, intellectual disabilities, and other Oklahomans. The conference also offers opportunities for making connections with professionals, families, and others for future partnership activities.

GOALS OF THE CONFERENCE:

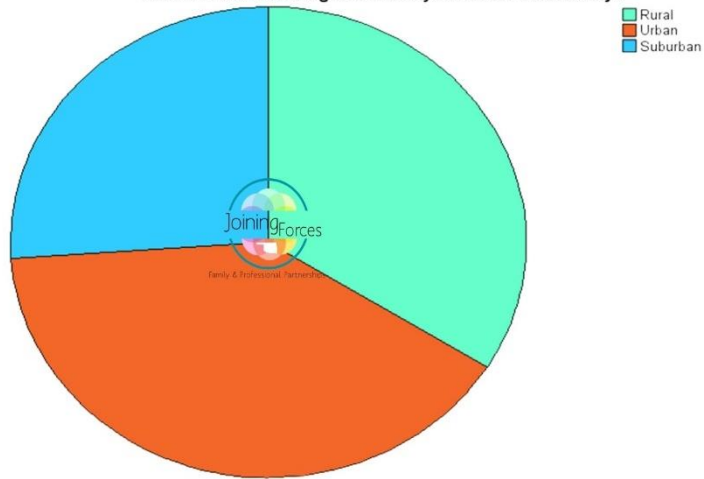
- Increase awareness of the importance of family and professional partnerships
- Increase family partnerships in the development, implementation, and evaluation of programs
- Increase leadership and partnership skills
- Identify opportunities for family leadership
- Support professional and family members as they partner to improve services for a "good life"

This year was the first attempt at hosting at multiple sites across the state to provide easier access and convenience for attendees. We had a total of 189 attendees with the breakdown represented in the charts below.



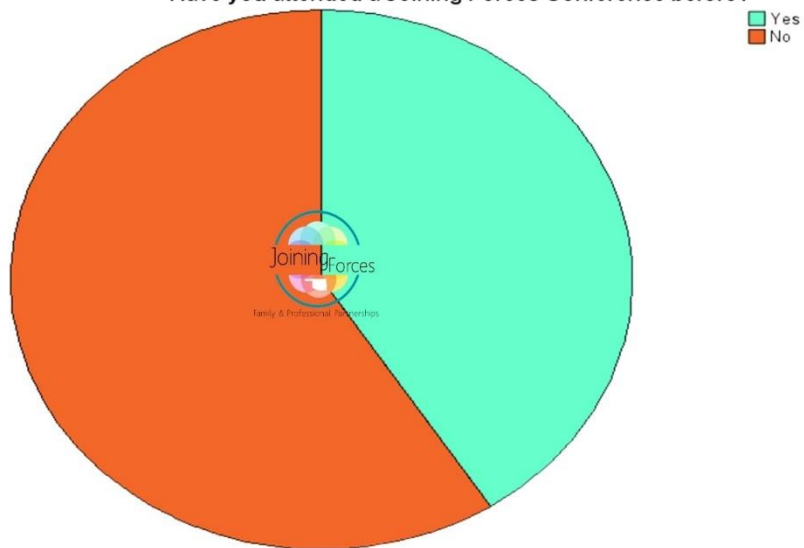
JOINING FORCES 2024

Which of the following describes your home community?

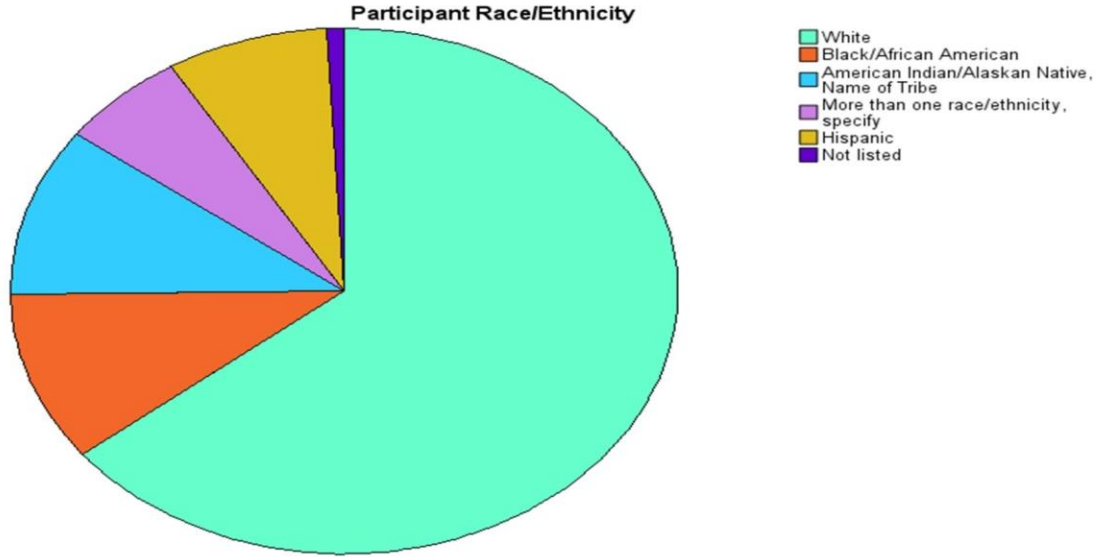


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Have you attended a Joining Forces Conference before?



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Attached are the full evaluation results for your review.

Partnership Awards were presented at each site to recognize a family, professional, and community partnership.

2024 JOINING FORCES AWARD WINNERS

<p>OKLAHOMA CITY</p> <p>FAMILY PARTNER OF THE YEAR: JENNY HESTER WITH YOUNGEST SON GARRETT</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: CAROLYN HICKMAN, SNOBBER</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE YEAR: DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA</p>			<p>ENID</p> <p>FAMILY PARTNER OF THE YEAR: TERESA SHARP</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: TERRY WOTE</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE YEAR: HEALTH PROJECTS RURAL HEALTH PROJECTS</p>		
<p>DUNCAN</p> <p>FAMILY PARTNER OF THE YEAR: PAW BOBBERS</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: BRENN ARTER</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE YEAR: PATHWAYS Pathways to a Healthier You</p>			<p>TULSA</p> <p>FAMILY PARTNER OF THE YEAR: ARANDA STELLA</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: LURENA ROBERTS</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE YEAR: TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</p>		
<p>POTEAU</p> <p>FAMILY PARTNER OF THE YEAR: TARA BURDEN</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: KERRITA COLETT</p> <p>PARTNER OF THE YEAR: PARENTING PARENTING CENTER</p>			<p>HONORABLE MENTION</p> <p>FAMILY PARTNER: HOPE SHINN, MICHELLE WEAVER, DAVINA MENCHACA, LYNN DUNN, SHIRLEY DAVISON, STEPHANIE PERKINS</p> <p>PROFESSIONAL PARTNER: MICHELLE FRANK, GWEN BACHELOR, ERIN PARKS, LORA ROBERTS</p> <p>COMMUNITY PARTNER: MALAYNA HASMANIS, LISA SIMMONS, JASIE RANDAL, DEANA WILSON, KIMBRA WHALEY, SHERILYN WALTON, ALLISON SEIGARS, CHRISTY SPEARS</p> <p>THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT SAINT FRANCIS</p>		

JF Outcomes & Feedback

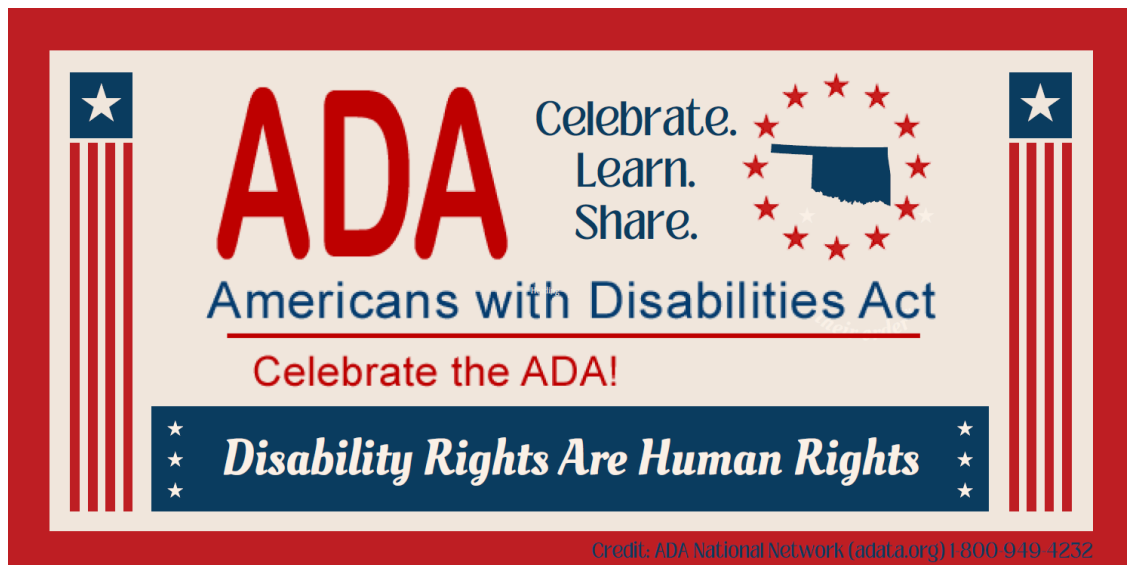
A Tulsa Tech Staff attended Joining Forces because she was told by one of our vendors about the event. She said at JF she connected with so many community partners She said it was so great and she made so many connections!

The morning Keynote presentation was powerful. I have participated in activities and partnerships similar to those they discussed, but adding the BELONGING information has really changed my thinking. I understand how belonging is impactful, but the way it was presented was very important to me professionally and personally.

Thank you very much for having me at the joining forces conference. I enjoyed connecting with the participants and vendors. The material was well organized and easy to follow. Again thank you very much for having me at this event. I look forward to attending events in the future!

The Oklahoma Family Network will continue planning and hosting the Annual Joining Forces Conference in partnership with many state agencies, and non-profit and community organizations. The sustainability plan has always been to utilize resources and partnerships written into grants, contacts, and generous in-kind contributions. This conference is all about partnering together to improve services and supports throughout Oklahoma and it all starts with the planning committee members and the contribution of time and resources to make it happen.

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Celebrate 34 Years of ADA

You are invited to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with disability advocates from around our state.

Friday, July 26th
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Oklahoma State Capitol



- Show your disability pride by wearing red, white and blue.

participate in the procession.

- Gather in the south parking lot of the Capitol for an ADA parade procession along the sidewalks into the building to begin at 11:30 a.m.
- Representative Ellyn Hefner will host an ADA press conference including remarks from other legislators and local leaders in the House Lounge on the 4th floor, which is open to the public.
- Following the press conference, attendees will convene in room 100 for ADA tribute videos, additional speakers, advocacy tips and voter registration. Advocates can also pick up notecards to personalize and drop off in their legislator's offices.

Join Us

#ThanksToTheADA

Share Your #ThanksToTheADA Moment

Share a moment in your life when you were thankful for the ADA! Tell us what the ADA means to you.

- Record a selfie video on your phone or computer.
- Post to our [Facebook event page](#) and social media platforms.
- Include the hashtag **#ThanksToTheADA**.

Video submissions will be on display in room 100 during the ADA Celebration event on July 26th.



Submit Video

This event brought to you by the following disability organizations.

