



Together

Building Healthy Communities & Preventing Child Maltreatment
A Shared Responsibility



OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State Department of Health and Oklahoma Human Services
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Welcome
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Strengthening Families Through
Parent Voice
OCCY



OSDH – State Plan for the Prevention
of Child Abuse and Neglect
OKDHS – Child Welfare System



Thriving Families, Safer Children
CSAW





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OCCY Parent Partnership Board

- **Danielle Dill**, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
- **Sunnie Jamerson**, Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth Parent Partnership Board
- **Taylor Knooihuizen**, Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness
- **Kara Georgi**, Children's Trust Fund Alliance



Key Takeaways

- Define parent partnerships – why partner with parents?
- Learn about OCCY's Parent Partnership Board
- A Parent's Perspective – Sunnie Jamerson
- Learn about the OCCY & OPSR Strengthening Parent Voice Partnership
- Learn about resources to support parents and family engagement at the national, state and local level



Why Partner with Parents?

- Parents who have faced and overcome challenges are critical partners with staff in supporting resilient and strong families and communities
- Their life experience, wisdom and skills are integral to creating high quality programs and effective policies
- Supports meaningful parent engagement, developing parent leadership, and program success
- Advances equity by engaging diverse community members



**Nothing about us,
without us.**

OCCY Parent Partnership Board



- Informs the work of Oklahoma's child serving systems regarding a broad range of innovative programs, activities, research, or evaluation to improve the well-being and reduce the adverse childhood experiences of Oklahoma's children
- Serve in an advisory capacity to the Commission, Commission staff and other child-serving agencies
- The PPB connects individuals with lived experiences with OCCY Commissioners for the purposes of advising the Commissioners and the agency in its effort to Oklahoma's child serving systems
- Supports the work of the Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma

Parent Partnership Board



Amber Adams



Betty Hawkins-Emery



Delena Sullivan



Issa "Ike" Turner



La'Chanda K. Stephens-Totimeh



Dr. Lana Turner-Addison



Sara Jacoby



Senaqua Hildreth



Sunnie Jamerson



Tamara Bryan

“One day, you will tell your story of how you overcame what you went through and it will be someone else’s survival guide.”

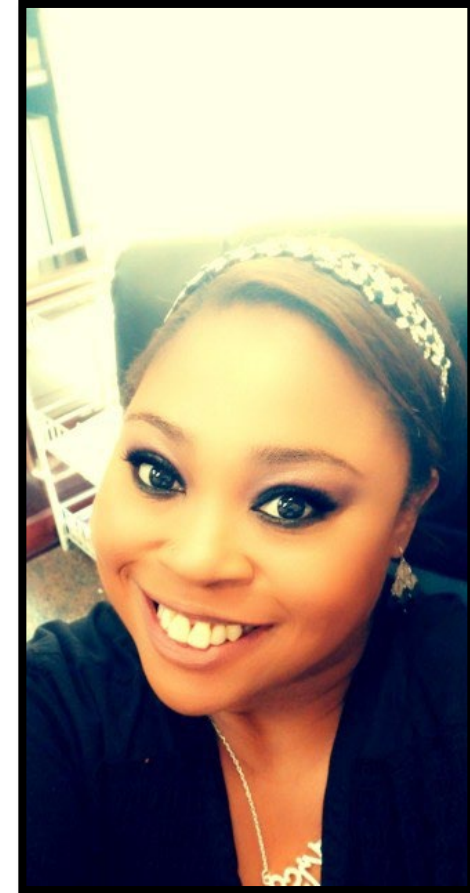
- Brene Brown



Sunnie Jamerson
OCCY Parent Partnership
Board Member

Why I Became a PPB Member

“An everyday advocate is someone who engages in simple yet effective actions that when combined with others can change a culture. Everyday advocates seek improvements by continually sharing, never waiting for a crisis to develop.”



Sunnie Jamerson
OCCY Parent Partnership
Board Member

A Parent's Perspective

Lived Experience

“Behind every great kid is a mom who’s pretty sure she’s screwing it all up.”



What is OPSR?



- OPSR was created in 2002 by House Bill 1094 to support Oklahoma Families and children from birth to preschool by improving school readiness.

How do We This?

- We convene programs and organizations that improve access to health services, high quality early care and learning opportunities and support services for parents and families.
- Through consistent and collaborative planning and decision making, we maximize the use of public and private funding and pursue policies that improve learning opportunities and environments for Oklahoma's children age 5 and under.

MISSION

Our mission is to lead Oklahoma in coordinating an early childhood system that strengthens families and ensures all children are ready for school

VISION

Our vision is that all Oklahoma Children are safe, healthy, eager to learn and ready to succeed by the time they enter school.

 **OKLAHOMA PARTNERSHIP FOR SCHOOL READINESS**

OPSR Programs & Initiatives



- Early Childhood State Advisory Councils
- Project HOPE
- Alliance for Early Success
- Pyramid Model
- Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success



Strengthening Parent Voice

- Collaborate to include parent voice to help inform the work of Oklahoma's child serving systems to strengthen families
- Parent voice and input is vital in making sure that early childhood is well informed – specifically when reviewing potential legislation impacting children 0-8
- OPSR and OCCY collaborate on connecting other agencies and leaders in early childhood
- OPSR utilizes OCCY PPB as its parent partnership board
- OPSR through the Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success provides funding to OCCY PPB to reduce financial barriers to parents that serve on the Board

Who are we?

- The Alliance is a 31-year-old national membership organization that is nationally recognized for our work in:
 - Providing leadership and support for a dynamic national network of children's trust funds.
 - Serving as a PREVENTION HUB and being thought leaders in promoting the importance of prevention in systems and organizations.
 - Modeling PARENT PARTNERSHIPS in all that we do
 - Creating a highly respected training curriculum Bringing the Protective Factor Framework to Life in Your Work

Offered by the Alliance:

- Building Parent Advisory Groups and Parent Networks
- Strategic Sharing
- Book Club
- State Parent Partnership Fellowship Projects
- Parent Partner Learning Collaborative
- Online and In-Person 3-day Strengthening Families Protective Factors Training



On the National Level: Alliance's Birth Parent Network (BPNN)

- National network of hundreds of birth parents and organizations working together to strengthen policies and practices that impact families, communities, and systems
- Promotes birth parents as leaders and strategic partners in prevention and child welfare systems reform
- Hosts quarterly webinars and an annual virtual convening

JOIN US: Thursday, May 26 Webinar

10am PT • 1pm ET

ctfalliance.org/partnering-with-parents/bpnn

On the National Level: Birth and Foster Parent Partnership (BFPP)

- Formed in 2016 to support a national movement of birth parents, foster families, kinship caregivers and staff focused on building connections and using their collective voices to transform systems, culture, policies and practices to improve outcomes for children and families
- Collaboration between the Children's Trust Fund Alliance, Youth Law Center's Quality Parenting Initiative and Casey Family Programs
- Members created two resource tools:
 - Birth and Foster Parent Partnership: A Relationship Building Guide
 - Birth and Foster Parent Partnership: A State and Local Leader's Guide to Building a Strong Policy and Practice Foundation

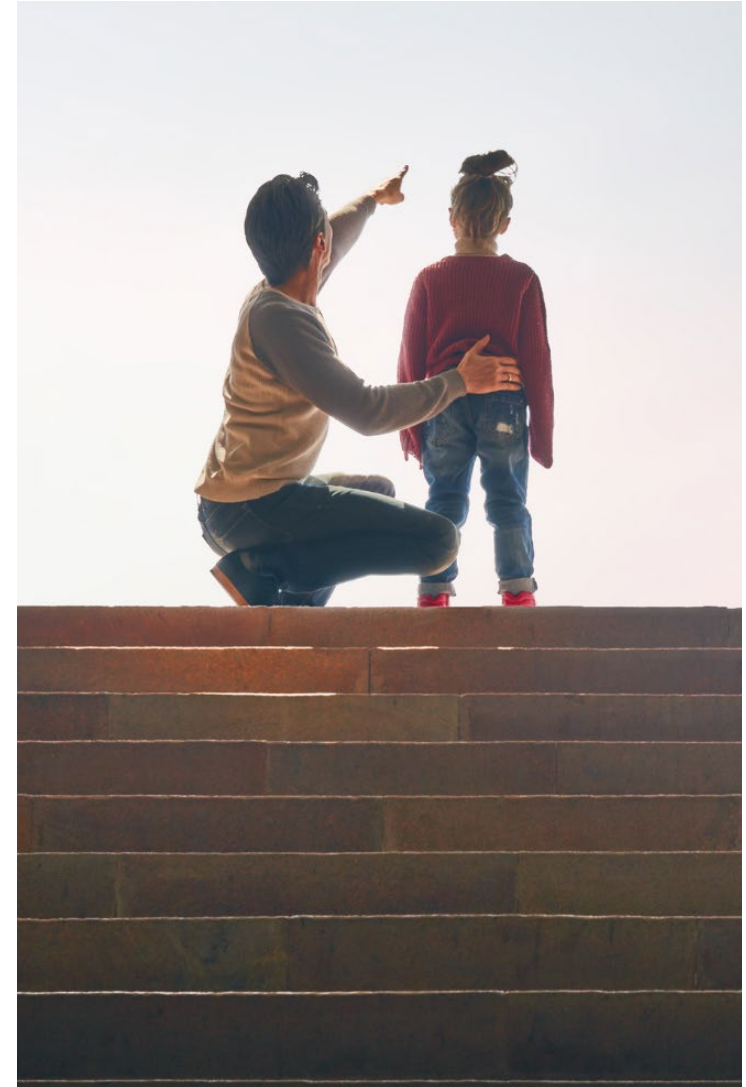
JOIN US: Monday, May 23 Fathers' Workshop

2 PM Central

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On the State Level: OCCY Support for Parent Leadership Programs

- Convene and coordinate public/private partnerships to support parent voice
- Provide technical assistance and training for parent groups and coordinators/professional staff
- Promote and help recruit parents for leadership opportunities – local, state and national
- Provide resources and materials to organizations and communities related to parent engagement
- Role-model and serve as mentor to other parents, advisory groups, and providers



Steps You Can Take

- Ask your community what they need
- Start a parent advisory council or board in your community or include parents in already existing councils, boards, etc.
- Include parents in planning and organizing
- Provide multiple levels of opportunity – example time commitment
- Promote participation of all types of families
- Reach out to OCCY, CTFA and other parent serving organizations to network and for resources



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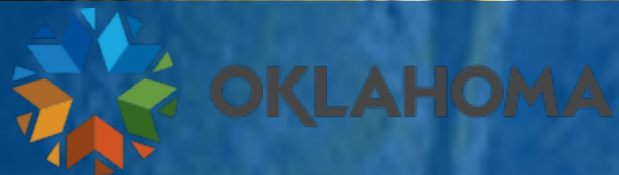
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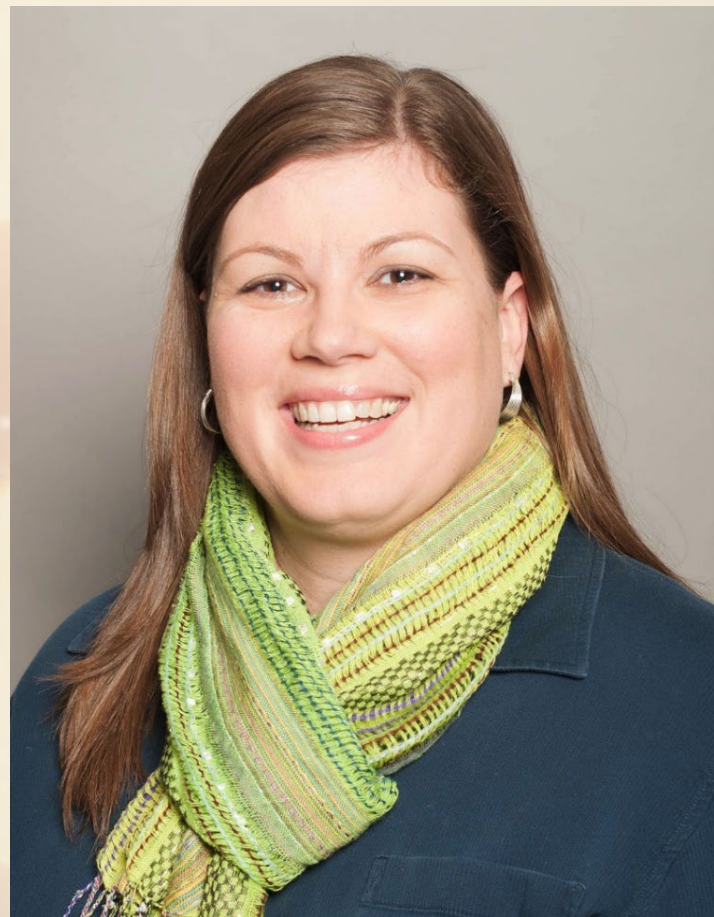
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Children's State Advisory Workgroup

April 1, 2022

CSAW'S 3 Goals



Goal 1

Establish a statewide partnership with Dr. Chan Hellman.
Equip child-serving agencies with the tools to infuse the Science of Hope.



Goal 2

Address community mental health. Develop and recommend a best practice checklist all child-serving agencies use to ensure there is a focus of trauma-informed care practice.



Goal 3

Coordinated Community Investment for preventing child abuse and neglect.
Thriving Families Safer Children

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

Oklahoma has a vision to reduce or eliminate the amount of trauma experienced by individuals, heal and strengthen families and communities, and build alternative supports so that foster care is no longer an intervention for child safety and wellbeing.

Community Investment Initiative

TFSC



THRIVING FAMILIES, SAFER CHILDREN

A National Commitment to Well-Being



The team is unified around the following vision:

Every family lives a safe, prosperous life and has equitable access to individualized supports and services within their community to reach family goals.

What has been revealed

The challenges of the public health crisis and the severity of its impact on families involved with the current child welfare system heighten the urgency for change. The inequities in our current system and the disparities it produces are more visible than ever before.

What can be done

TFSC is a national initiative led by four national partners. The United States Children's Bureau, Casey Family Programs, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Prevent Child Abuse America have joined together with parents, youth, and community organizations in partnership across the public, private, and philanthropic sectors to create a more equitable child and family well-being system that benefits all children and families. With the goal of breaking harmful intergenerational cycles of trauma and poverty.

The three areas of focus

- Be prevention-focused
- Committed to equity for all through the lens of race equity
- Be co-designed with people with lived experience

What is needed to succeed

It is essential that transformation efforts are led by and with community leaders and community partnerships far outside of the child welfare agency.

The TFSC team will work alongside community members and individuals with lived expertise to provide supports in identifying goals, desired outcomes, and strategies as well as support around implementation that could include funding. You will be provided technical assistance in several areas including creating community-based opportunities.

CURRENT OKLAHOMA TEAM THAT WILL SUPPORT YOU

Parent Promise - Oklahoma Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

Oklahoma State Department of Health

Oklahoma Human Services

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse

Oklahoma State Department of Education

Evolution Foundation

Oklahoma Family Network

Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs

The Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity

Oklahoma State University

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services

Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

Parent Professionals

If you have any questions, and would like more information. Please contact Jeff Tallent.

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7 Identified Communitites

Based on data and statistics

1. Poteau / LeFlore County

2. Northeast OKC

3. Ardmore / Carter County

4. Enid / Garfield County

5. Muskogee

6. Lawton / Commanche County

7. Clinton / Custer County

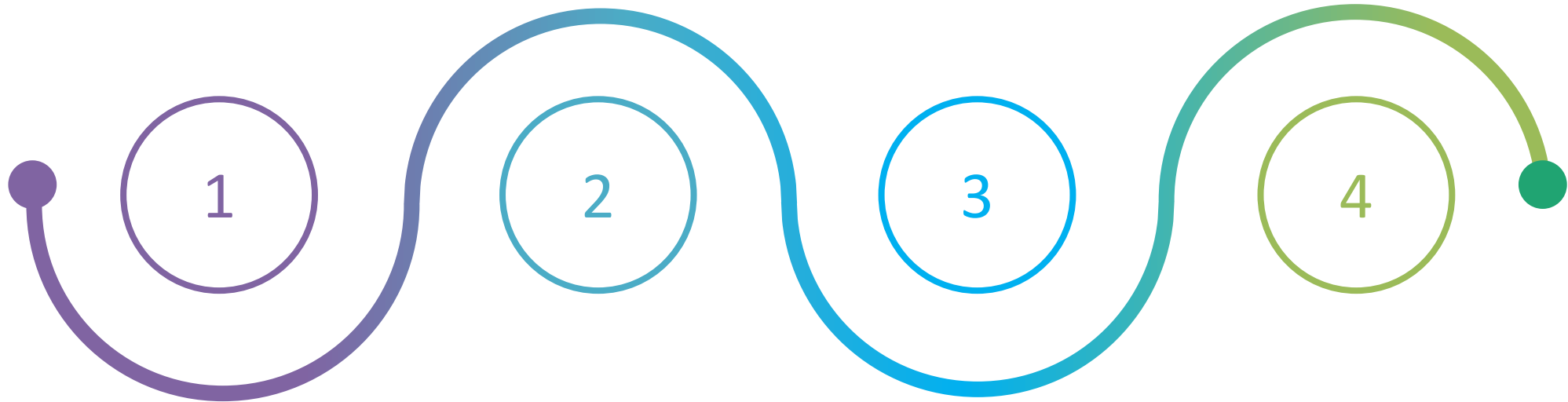
Poteau/ LeFlore County

- One of our first identified counties
- We presented the information to see if they were interested
- The community coalition is excited to move forward!



Renata is a member of CSAW and is helping lead the work in Poteau.

TFSC Community Investment Roadmap



MILESTONE

EF/OFN are going into the communities to meet with the coalitions to build up support for TFSC.

MILESTONE

We will meet with the coalitions and/or subcommittee of the coalition and plan visioning sessions.

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Community coalitions and TFSC/CSAW members assess data to gain a better understanding of community needs.

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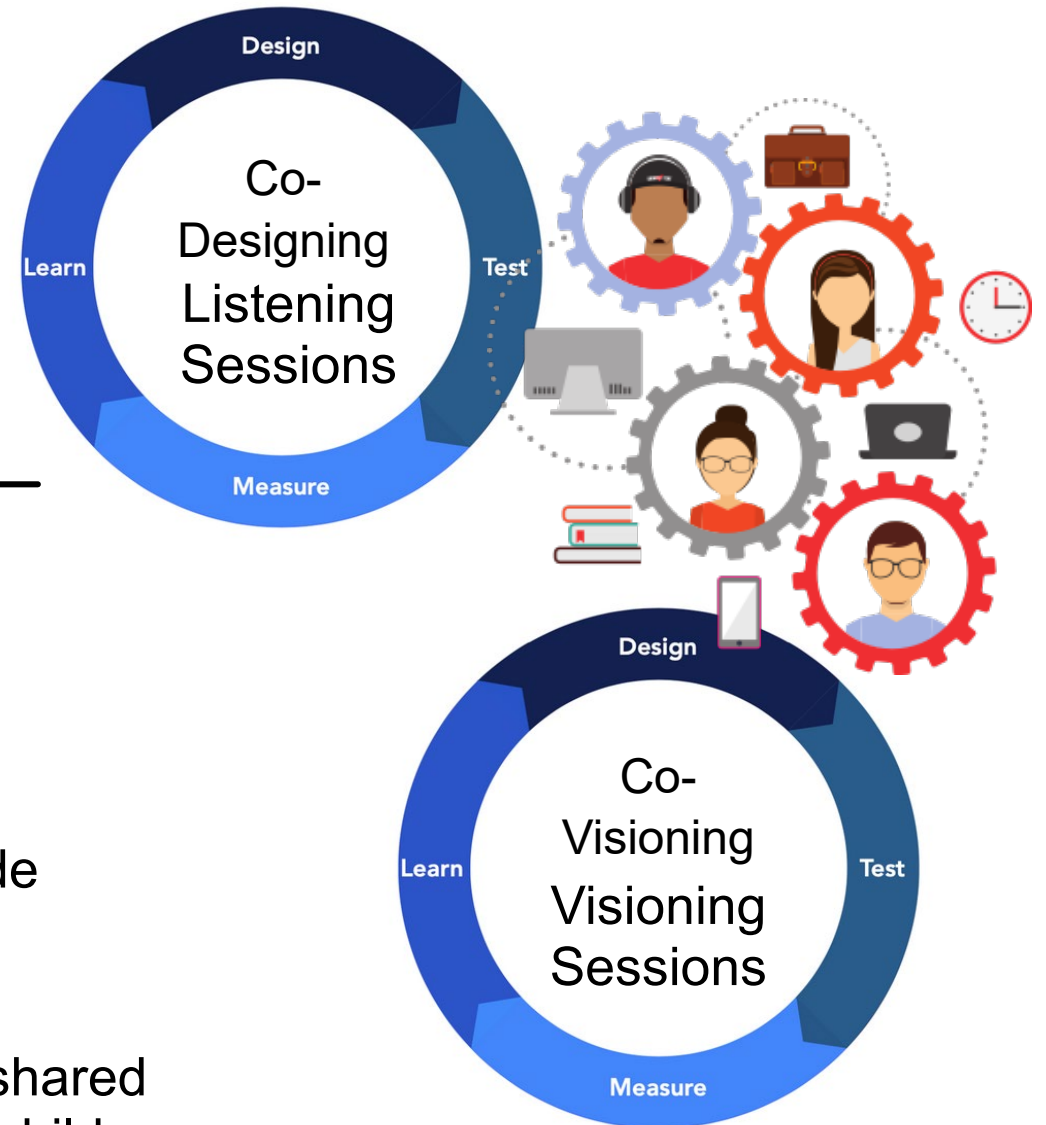
Joint action-planning between community coalitions, minority board members, families of the peer-to-peer network, and TFSC/CSAW subcommittees.

Listening to the Community

TFSC team members will work with community leaders to co-create agendas and follow the leads' guidance on how to engage.

We will listen to our community members with lived experience through the lens of race equity to provide insights to potential opportunities and needs.

We will co-create with system partners to shape a shared understanding of the pathways needed to improve child and family wellbeing communities across Oklahoma.





What can you do?

If you are from one of these communities, get involved with us!

If you know a leader in one of these communities who would be a great help, please have them reach out to **Brett Hayes** or **Tayvon Lewis**.

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Children's State Advisory
Workgroup

Thank you!

THANK YOU

We look forward to our continued collaboration with you in developing a child and family well-being network!

SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, October 13th, 2022
- Friday, April 7th, 2023

STAY CONNECTED

- Family Support and Prevention Service
<https://oklahoma.gov/health/family-health/family-support-and-prevention-service.html>
- Family First Prevention Services Act
<https://oklahoma.gov/okdhs/services/cws/ffspa.html>
- ourOKDHS.org

