



## SPECIAL MEETING

This public meeting is being held consistent with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. §§ 301-314.

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
CAMERON BUILDING  
2915 N. CLASSEN SUITE 300  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73106**

**December 1, 2022  
9:00 a.m.**

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99379344140?pwd=RThiUVd2ZlhwMFBIL0h4OXJBSXp3UT09>

Meeting ID: 993 7934 4140  
Dial in by phone: 346-248-7799 Passcode: 00072

The following Commissioners will be attending via the Zoom virtual platform:

Brenda Myers  
Comanche County Courthouse  
315 SW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 200  
Lawton, OK 73501  
(580) 581-4565

Judge Mike Warren  
Harmon County Courthouse  
114 W. Hollis St.  
Hollis, OK 73550  
(580) 688-3617

Brad Wilson  
Mordy, Mordy, Pfrehm & Wilson, P.C.  
110 West Main  
P.O. Box 457  
Ardmore, OK 73402  
(580) 223-4384

**Public Comment:** Please sign up to speak by contacting Kathy Arrieta, OCCY Executive Assistant, ***no later than 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at (405) 606-4913 or [Kathleen.Arrieta@occy.ok.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Arrieta@occy.ok.gov)*** if you plan to speak virtually. Those who are speaking in person at the meeting ***must sign up on the public comment sheet prior to the initiation of the meeting.*** Please provide your name (and spelling of your name if attending virtually by telephone call), the organization you represent (if applicable), and the subject matter of your remarks. Public comments will be limited to *three* minutes per person. Should you wish to provide documents to the Commissioners, please send them to their individual emails listed on the OCCY website.

**Meeting Etiquette:** To provide the best connectivity for all virtual attendees, we ask that only the Commissioners use the video option when attending the meeting. The only exception will be when a presenter or guest attendee is speaking. All others should join the meeting by audio connection only. Thank you for your cooperation

## AGENDA

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| I. Welcome, Introductions, and Determination of Quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Introduction of Commissioners</i></li><li>• <i>Introduction of Assistant Attorney General</i></li><li>• <i>Determination of Quorum</i></li></ul> | <i>Chairperson John Schneider</i>   |
| II. Public Comment   |   |
| III. Review of the Minutes from the September 26, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion and possible vote to modify and/or approve the minutes.</i></li></ul>                                      | <i>Chairperson John Schneider</i>   |
| IV. Presentation of Proposed OCCY Commission Meeting dates for Calendar Year 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion and possible vote to modify and/or approve meeting dates.</i></li></ul>                                    | <i>Chairperson John Schneider</i>   |
| V. Presentation and Approval of the Finance Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion and possible vote to approve the finance report</i></li></ul>   | <i>Brandy Bahm,<br/>OMES Financial Manager</i>                                      |
| VI. Report from the Parent Partnership Board (PPB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion</i></li></ul>   | <i>Sunnie Jamerson, PPB Member</i>  |
| VII. Proposed OCCY 2023 Legislative Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion and possible vote to modify and/or approve the Legislative Agenda</i></li></ul>   | <i>Marcia Johnson, OCCY<br/>Legislative Liaison;<br/>Representative John Talley</i> |
| VIII. Handle with Care OK Legislation: Creating Connections to Support Oklahoma's Youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion and possible vote to add HWC OK to the Legislative Agenda</i></li></ul>                              | <i>Adrienne Elder, EB Consulting<br/>Rep. Ajay Pittman<br/>Amber Adams</i>          |
| IX. Proposed OCCY Administrative Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion and possible vote to modify and/or approve the Administrative Rules</i></li></ul>   | <i>Marcia Johnson, OCCY<br/>Legislative Liaison</i>                                 |
| X. State Auditor and Inspector's OCCY Operational Audit Report for January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion</i></li></ul>   | <i>Erica Beauford, Auditor, State<br/>Auditor &amp; Inspector's Office</i>          |
| XI. Presentation: Oklahoma Respiratory Season Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Discussion</i></li></ul>   | <i>Joli Stone, State Epidemiologist,<br/>Oklahoma State Dept. of Health.</i>        |

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| XII.  | Presentation: Oklahoma Children's Hospital<br>Behavioral Health Center<br><i>Discussion</i> | <i>Randy Dowell, CEO<br/>University Hospitals Authority and<br/>Trust</i> |
| XIII. | Presentation: Helping Every Life and Parent (H.E.L.P)<br>Task Force<br><i>Discussion</i>    | <i>Juli Merciez, Chair<br/>H.E.L.P. Task Force</i>                        |
| XIV.  | Director's Report<br><i>Discussion</i>  | <i>Annette Wisk Jacobi, OCCY<br/>Director</i>                             |
| XV.   | Announcements<br><i>Reports only; no discussion</i>   | <i>Commissioners</i>  |
| XVI.  | Chairperson Comments  | <i>Chairperson John Schneider</i>   |
| XVII. | Adjournment   | <i>Chairperson John Schneider</i>   |

*Note: The Board may vote to table an agenda item or change the sequence of the agenda*

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## **COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Special Meeting  
September 26, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

Commissioners present in person: Rachel Holt, Kalie Kerth, Carrie Slatton-Hodges, Ginanie Harrington, Joy Hofmeister, Jonathan Hall, Jason Hicks, Kevin Corbett, and John Schneider

Commissioners present virtually: No Commissioners attended virtually

Guests present: Mike Warren, Sandra Balzer, Lana Turner-Addison, Terry Smith, Sid Brown, Brandy Bahm, Betty Hawkins-Emery, Constanzia Nizza, Joe Dorman, Pat Damron, and Michael McNutt

Staff present: Annette Wisk Jacobi, Mark James, Cherra Taylor, Rob Agnew, Lisa Rhoades, Makala Pittman, Nicole George, Marcia Johnson, Keith Pirtle, Isabel Rodriguez, Elizabeth Kaup, Joseph McGrath, Danielle Dill, and Harold Jergenson

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### **Welcome, Introductions, and Determination of Quorum**

– *Chairperson John Schneider*

Chairperson Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

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Commissioner Harrington arrived to the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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### **Presentation and Approval of the State Fiscal Year 2024 OCCY Budget Request**

– *Mark James, Assistant Director*

Assistant Director James presented the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024 Budget Proposal to the commissioners for approval. Some of the information provided included:

- OCCY will request a flat budget for SFY 2024.
- Ninety percent of the SFY 2023 appropriations were spent on personnel costs.
- In addition to appropriations, OCCY received funding from contracts with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness, the Oklahoma Department of Human Services as well as federal Title IV-E and Community Justice Act Grant funds.
- Projected carryover from SFY 2022 and SFT 2023 is \$550,000.
- Phase 1 of the new OCCY database was not completed as expected during SFY 2022, leaving \$200,000 carryover. Phase 1 is expected to be completed by December 2022.
- Of the \$550,000 in carryover, \$60,000 has yet to be designated for programs and/or services.

**A handout was provided.**

*Superintendent Hofmeister moved to approve OCCY's budget proposal for State Fiscal Year 2024. Commissioner Kerth seconded the motion. All of members present voted in the affirmative.*

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## **Presentation on the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams: Annual Review and Proposed Determination of Functioning Status**

– Pat Damron

Pat Damron, OCCY's contracted Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams (FSMDT) manager, presented on the history of the FSMDTs and the annual survey results. She then presented the list of FSMDTs that were deemed "functioning" after their annual reviews and recommended to receive funds for Calendar Year 2023. Some of the information provided include:

- Multidisciplinary teams were created to reduce trauma for victims and minimize gaps in the investigations.
- The five required members for the teams consist of the district attorney, child welfare specialist, mental health professional, law enforcement official, and a medical professional.
- The State of Oklahoma has 37 FSMDTs and 20 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs).
- Survey data included: 50% of alleged victims reported to the teams were between the ages of 0 – 6 years; 57% of the alleged victims were white; 43% of the cases reported alleged sexual abuse; 61% of alleged perpetrators were parents or stepparents; and 48% of the cases involved drugs and alcohol.
- Some of the barriers many teams faced include poor communication, staff turnover, and changes in the court system due to the McGirt Ruling.

Ms. Damron reported that 37 FSMDTs met the standards of a functioning team and requested Commissioners' approval for funding the teams for CY 2023. The teams are as follows:

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| • Adair                 | • Haskell                                  | • Murray                                  |
| • Atoka                 | • Jackson (Greer, Harmon, Kiowa, Tilliman) | • Noble                                   |
| • Beckham (Roger Mills) | • Johnston                                 | • Nowata                                  |
| • Blaine                | • Kingfisher                               | • Okfuskee                                |
| • Cherokee              | • Latimer                                  | • Oklahoma                                |
| • Choctaw               | • Lincoln                                  | • Okmulgee                                |
| • Coal                  | • Logan                                    | • Pushmataha                              |
| • Comanche              | • Love                                     | • Seminole                                |
| • Craig                 | • Marshall                                 | • Stephens (Jefferson)                    |
| • Creek                 | • Mayes                                    | • Texas (Beaver, Cimarron, Harper)        |
| • Custer/Washita        | • McClain                                  | • Wagoner                                 |
| • Garvin                | • McIntosh                                 | • Woodward (Alfalfa, Dewey, Major, Woods) |
| • Grady                 |  |   |

**A handout was provided.**

Commissioner Hall moved to approve funding for the thirty-seven Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams for CY 2023. District Attorney Hicks seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

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Superintendent Hofmeister left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

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**Review of the Minutes from the March 25, 2022, Special Commission Meeting**

– Chairperson John Schneider

Director Holt requested that the part, “after vote was counted” be removed as commissioners didn’t vote during executive session. No other requests or comments were given.

**A handout was provided.**

Director Holt moved to approve the minutes with the requested changes. Commissioner Kerth seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

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**Review of the Minutes from the June 17, 2022, Regular Commission Meeting**

– Chairperson John Schneider

**A handout was provided.**

Commissioner Hall moved to approve the minutes as written. Secretary Corbett seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

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**Presentation and Approval of the Finance Report**

– Brandy Bahm

Ms. Bahm provided an overview of the financial report through August 31, 2022.

**A handout was provided.**

Commissioner Slatton-Hodges moved to approve the Finance Report. Commissioner Kerth seconded the motion. All members present voted in the affirmative.

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**Public Comments**

Public comments were given by:

- Betty Hawkins-Emerly, Parent Partnership Board member and the Co-Chair of the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council, thanked the Commissioners for giving parents a voice. She also shared that Parent Partnership Board member Dr. Lana Turner-Addison has been advocating for childcare services and that grants are available for start up day cares.
- Sid Brown, former OCCY Commissioner, thanked Terry Smith for his role in writing the book, “Throwaway Kids” and gave his account on what had occurred prior and during the class action lawsuit.

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**Presentation of “Throw Away Kids: Reforming Oklahoma’s Juvenile Justice System” - Book**

– Terry Smith

Terry Smith co-authored the book “Throwaway Kids” with Bob Burke. Mr. Burke is a noted attorney and historian who has written over 150 books about Oklahoma historical figures and events.

The book begins with the history of children’s legal issues during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It then covers the beginnings of Oklahoma’s care for children. Kate Barnard advocated for children’s issues

as early as 1906 and was the first woman to be elected as a state official in Oklahoma. She served Oklahoma's first Commissioner of Charities and Corrections.

The book moves onto the days when Lloyd E. Rader was the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. In the late 1970s, attorney Steven Novick brought the class action lawsuit against the Department of Human Services. The complaints in the lawsuit included extreme restraint practices, excessive isolation, sexual abuse, and forced prostitution.

Many reforms in the child serving system resulted from the lawsuit including the creation of OCCY and the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy in 1982. In addition, the Office of Juvenile Affairs was spun off from the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in 1995.

The books are sold through the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Museum.

***Books were provided.***

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**Report from the OCCY Parent Partnership Board (PPB)**

– *Dr. Lana Turner-Addison*

Dr. Turner, PPB member, provided an update of the activities for which PPB has participated from June 2022 to September 2022. Some of the activities include:

- A Memorandum of Understanding between OCCY, the Children's Trust Fund Alliance, and Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness was established.
  - PPB members served in an advisory capacity to the OCCY Homeless Children and Youth Steering Committee as well as the Strengthening Youth Custody and Transition Services Advisory Committee.
  - Dr. Turner organized "The Back-to-School Parent and Community Enrichment Extravaganza" in North Tulsa.
  - La'Chanda Stephens-Totimeh, PPB member served on the planning committee for the 2022 Oklahoma Fatherhood Summit scheduled for October 14, 2022.
  - Four PPB members will be attending the 2022 Children's Trust Fund Alliance/Prevent Child Abuse America Annual Meeting in November 2022.
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**Legislative Report**

– *Marcia Johnson*

Marcia Johnson, OCCY's Legislative Liaison, provided an update on the legislative bills pertaining to children. The legislative updates Ms. Johnson highlighted were:

- The second special legislative session will begin on September 28, 2022.
- Twenty-five American Rescue Plan Act funding bills were passed and sent to the Governor.
- An interim study on homeless students will be heard on September 27, 2022.
- An interim study on extending earned income tax credit to former foster youth who aged out of the child welfare system will be heard on October 13, 2022.

Ms. Johnson announced that that the swearing-in ceremony will take place on November 16, 2022.

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**Director's Report**

– *Annette Jacobi, Executive Director*

Director Jacobi reported that Jimmy Widdifield, FSMDT Program Manager, and Amanda Jett, Executive Assistant resigned their positions with OCCY for other opportunities. Director Jacobi stated that the process to hire new staff is underway. She requested assistance from the commissioners in hiring a business manager. She also thanked the commissioners for all the work they do in serving the children of Oklahoma.

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**Announcements**

– *Commissioners*

No announcements were given.

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**Chairperson Comments**

– *Chairperson John Schneider*

Chairperson Schneider thanked Terry Smith for his presentation.

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**Adjournment**

– *Chairperson John Schneider*

Director Holt moved to adjourn the Commission meeting. Commissioner Slatton-Hodges seconded the motion. The Commission meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

**Future Meeting Dates**

December 1, 2022 Special Meeting



## Oklahoma Commission on Children & Youth

### 2023 Proposed Meeting Dates

*All meetings begin at 9:00 AM*

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Budget)

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> (Retreat and possible meeting)

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

12700 - Comm on Children and Youth  
Department: 0100002 - 8800001

Account Description		Annual Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses	Encumbrance	Pre- Encumbrance	Total Exp, Enc,Pre-Enc	Annual Variance	YTD Variance	Annual %	YTD %
511	Salary Expense	1,613,110	537,703	496,858.35	0.00	0.00	496,858.35	1,116,251.65	40,844.85	30.80	92.40
512	Insur.Prem-Hlth-Life,etc	338,842	112,947	92,763.17	1,979.66	0.00	94,742.83	244,099.17	18,204.41	27.96	83.88
513	FICA-Retirement Contributions	397,981	132,660	117,827.06	0.00	0.00	117,827.06	280,153.94	14,833.06	29.61	88.82
515	Professional Services	813,337	271,112	76,234.32	538,618.16	14,000.00	628,852.48	184,484.52	-357,740.60	77.32	231.95
519	Inter/Intra Agy Pmt-Pers Svcs	10,300	3,433	270.58	3,329.42	0.00	3,600.00	6,700.00	-166.72	34.95	104.86
521	Travel - Reimbursements	45,300	15,100	3,812.75	0.00	0.00	3,812.75	41,487.25	11,286.85	8.42	25.25
522	Travel - Agency Direct Pmts	73,693	24,564	15,576.81	16,361.60	0.00	31,938.41	41,754.59	-7,374.29	43.34	130.02
531	Misc. Administrative Expenses	55,769	18,590	12,006.58	38,298.09	0.00	50,304.67	5,464.33	-31,715.15	90.20	270.61
532	Rent Expense	134,820	44,940	39,685.73	67,405.23	0.00	107,090.96	27,729.04	-62,151.04	79.43	238.30
533	Maintenance & Repair Expense	1,865	622	275.38	910.05	0.00	1,185.43	679.57	-563.79	63.56	190.69
534	Specialized Sup & Mat.Expense	2,250	750	183.11	359.94	0.00	543.05	1,706.95	206.87	24.14	72.41
535	Production,Safety,Security Exp	0	0	440.00	0.00	0.00	440.00	-440.00	-440.00	~	~
536	General Operating Expenses	30,952	10,317	1,550.99	12,360.00	0.00	13,910.99	17,041.01	-3,593.87	44.94	134.83
537	Shop Expense	50	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	16.64	0.00	0.00
541	Office Furniture & Equipment	13,600	4,533	12.57	237.43	0.00	250.00	13,350.00	4,283.28	1.84	5.51
542	Library Equipment-Resources	2,500	833	783.39	0.00	0.00	783.39	1,716.61	49.93	31.34	94.01
552	Scholar.,Tuition,Incentive Pmt	50	17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	16.64	0.00	0.00
554	Program Reimb,Litigation Costs	941,350	313,783	20,151.85	104,698.15	0.00	124,850.00	816,500.00	188,933.32	13.26	39.79
601	AFP Encumbrances	0	0	0.00	12,104.49	0.00	12,104.49	-12,104.49	-12,104.49	~	~
Totals		4,475,769	1,491,921	878,432.64	796,662.22	14,000.00	1,689,094.86	2,786,674.14	-197,174.10	37.74	113.22
Class Funding		Annual Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses	Encumbrance	Pre- Encumbrance	Total Exp, Enc,Pre-Enc	Annual Variance	YTD Variance	Annual %	YTD %
19121	Carryover	200,000	66,667	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00	0.00	-133,333.36	100.00	300.00
19301	GRF	2,509,414	836,470	748,262.11	167,290.22	14,000.00	929,552.33	1,579,861.67	-93,081.85	37.04	111.13
20000	Okla. Comm On Children & Youth	986,355	328,784	130,170.53	429,372.00	0.00	559,542.53	426,812.47	-230,758.89	56.73	170.19
21000	CAMTA Revolving Fund	780,000	260,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780,000.00	260,000.00	0.00	0.00
Totals		4,475,769	1,491,921	878,432.64	796,662.22	14,000.00	1,689,094.86	2,786,674.14	-197,174.10	37.74	113.22



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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Bud Ref</u>	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Pre Encumbered</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Current Yr Exp</u>	<u>Prior Yr Exp</u>	<u>Allotment Budget</u>	<u>Available Cash</u>
12700										
	191									233,333.35
	19101	01	21	1,491,710.74	.00	.00	.00	1,491,710.74	.00	
	19101	88	21	69,885.28	.00	.00	.00	69,885.28	.00	
	19111	01	22	200,000.00	.00	.00	.00	200,000.00	.00	
	19111	88	22	333,817.98	.00	33,333.35	2,277.00	298,207.63	.00	
	19121	88	23	200,000.00	.00	200,000.00	.00	.00	.00	
				2,295,414.00		233,333.35	2,277.00	2,059,803.65		
	192									415,545.20
	19201	01	22	2,421,203.00	.00	48,565.41	37,596.50	1,986,468.33	348,572.76	
	19201	88	22	88,211.00	.00	15,779.83	4,609.84	65,194.13	2,627.20	
				2,509,414.00		64,345.24	42,206.34	2,051,662.46	351,199.96	
	193									88,209.89
	19301	01	23	2,436,643.00	14,000.00	120,782.57	736,011.96	.00	1,565,848.47	
	19301	88	23	72,771.00	.00	46,507.65	12,250.15	.00	14,013.20	
				2,509,414.00	14,000.00	167,290.22	748,262.11		1,579,861.67	
	200									343,741.30
	20000	01	21	1,019,357.00	.00	360.00	.00	30,693.85	988,303.15	
	20000	01	22	1,061,451.00	.00	105,767.43	108,816.71	413,511.48	433,355.38	
	20000	01	23	901,510.00	.00	418,913.55	122,358.99	.00	360,237.46	
	20000	88	21	235,000.00	.00	.00	.00	10,726.10	224,273.90	
	20000	88	22	61,500.00	.00	.00	19,694.58	27,997.37	13,808.05	
	20000	88	23	84,845.00	.00	10,458.45	7,811.54	.00	66,575.01	
				3,363,663.00		535,499.43	258,681.82	482,928.80	2,086,552.95	



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<u>Business Unit</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Dept</u>	<u>Bud Ref</u>	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Pre Encumbered</u>	<u>Encumbered</u>	<u>Current Yr Exp</u>	<u>Prior Yr Exp</u>	<u>Allotment Budget</u>	<u>Available Cash</u>
12700										
	210									0.14
	21000	01	21	935,310.00	.00	.00	.00	830,467.20	104,842.80	
	21000	01	22	994,971.44	.00	.00	.00	994,970.98	.46	
	21000	01	23	780,000.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	780,000.00	
	21000	88	21	4,000.00	.00	.00	.00	3,634.12	365.88	
				<u>2,714,281.44</u>				<u>1,829,072.30</u>	<u>885,209.14</u>	
Business Unit Totals				13,392,186.44	14,000.00	1,000,468.24	1,051,427.27	6,423,467.21	4,902,823.72	1,080,829.88



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Grand Totals					13,392,186.44	14,000.00	1,000,468.24	1,051,427.27	6,423,467.21	4,902,823.72	1,080,829.88



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Summary of Receipts and Disbursements  
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**BUSINESS UNIT 12700**

**CLASS 191**

Acctg Period	Revenue (Credit) Debit 4xxxxx	Expenditures (Credit) Debit 5xxxxx	Change in Liabilities (Incr) Decr 2xxxxx	Change in Receivables Incr (Decr) 1xxxxx	Net Payroll Withholdings (Credit) Debit 633xxx	Transfers In (Credit) 631100 and 631150	Transfers Out Debit 621000,621150, 631200, and 499600	Balance Or Changes In Investment (Credit) Debit 632100	Ending Cash Balance
0-Beg			0.00	0.00				0.00	235,610.35
1-Jul	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,610.35
2-Aug	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,610.35
3-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	235,610.35
4-Oct	0.00	2,277.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
5-Nov	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
6-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
7-Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
8-Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
9-Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
10-Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
11-May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
12-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	233,333.35
Column Totals:	0.00	2,277.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Current Ledger Balance:			0.00	0.00					
<b>Class/Fund Balances:</b>								0.00	233,333.35
								Current Ledger Balance-Liabilities:	0.00

**\*Budgeted Cash Balance: 233,333.35**

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**CLASS 193**

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0-Beg			0.00	0.00				0.00	-0.00
1-Jul	0.00	170,299.46	(1,344.34)	0.00	0.00	(209,118.00)	0.00	0.00	40,162.88
2-Aug	0.00	190,118.13	(5,469.96)	0.00	0.00	(209,118.00)	0.00	0.00	64,632.71
3-Sep	0.00	185,036.77	6,535.55	0.00	0.00	(209,118.00)	0.00	0.00	82,178.39
4-Oct	0.00	202,807.75	(9,288.46)	0.00	0.00	(209,118.00)	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
5-Nov	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
6-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
7-Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
8-Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
9-Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
10-Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
11-May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
12-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97,777.10
Column Totals:	0.00	748,262.11	(9,567.21)	0.00	0.00	(836,472.00)	0.00		
Current Ledger Balance:			(9,567.21)	0.00					
Class/Fund Balances:								0.00	97,777.10
									(9,567.21)
									88,209.89

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**CLASS 200**

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0-Beg			0.00	0.00				0.00	567,880.01
1-Jul	(14,023.35)	45,114.99	(4,222.92)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	541,011.29
2-Aug	(9,206.69)	103,922.63	2,947.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	443,348.03
3-Sep	(11,588.63)	40,894.11	1,275.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	412,766.95
4-Oct	(689.44)	50,020.51	(2,621.25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	366,057.13
Column Totals:	(35,508.11)	239,952.24	(2,621.25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Current Ledger Balance:			(2,621.25)	0.00					

**Class/Fund Balances:**

0.00	366,057.13
Current Ledger Balance-Liabilities:	(2,621.25)
<b>*Budgeted Cash Balance:</b>	<b>363,435.88</b>

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**CLASS 210**

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0-Beg			0.00	0.00				0.00	0.14
1-Jul	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
2-Aug	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
3-Sep	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
4-Oct	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.14
Column Totals:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Current Ledger Balance:			0.00	0.00					
<b>Class/Fund Balances:</b>								0.00	0.14
								Current Ledger Balance-Liabilities:	0.00
								<b>*Budgeted Cash Balance:</b>	0.14

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**CLASS 994**

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0-Beg			0.00	0.00				0.00	-0.00
1-Jul	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
2-Aug	0.00	0.00	(441.53)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	441.53
3-Sep	0.00	0.00	441.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.00)
4-Oct	0.00	0.00	(517.80)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
5-Nov	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
6-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
7-Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
8-Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
9-Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
10-Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
11-May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
12-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	517.80
Column Totals:	0.00	0.00	(517.80)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Current Ledger Balance:			(517.80)	0.00					

**Class/Fund Balances:**

	0.00	517.80
Current Ledger Balance-Liabilities:		(517.80)
<b>*Budgeted Cash Balance:</b>		<b>(0.00)</b>

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**CLASS 79901**

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0-Beg			0.00	0.00				0.00	14,023.35
1-Jul	4,816.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,206.69
2-Aug	(2,381.94)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,588.63
3-Sep	10,899.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	689.44
4-Oct	(11,734.89)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
5-Nov	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
6-Dec	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
7-Jan	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
8-Feb	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
9-Mar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
10-Apr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
11-May	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
12-Jun	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,424.33
Column Totals:	1,599.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Current Ledger Balance:			0.00	0.00					
Class/Fund Balances:								0.00	12,424.33

Current Ledger Balance-Liabilities: 0.00

**\*Budgeted Cash Balance: 12,424.33**

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Column Totals:	(33,909.09)	1,037,936.40	(12,706.26)	0.00	0.00	(836,472.00)	0.00		
Prior Year AP BU Balance:			<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>					
Current AP Business Unit Balance:			<b>(12,706.26)</b>	<b>0.00</b>					
<b>Business Unit Balances:</b>								<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,125,655.05</b>



## OCCY PARENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD REPORT

September 2022 to November 2022  
Special Meeting of the OCCY Commission  
December 1, 2022

### Background

In 2019, the Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma was created in statute. The funds are to be administered by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY), at the direction of the OCCY Commissioners, through a grant process to "stimulate a broad range of innovative programs, activities or research or evaluation that will improve the well-being and reduce the adverse childhood experiences of Oklahoma's children." Professionals in the social service sector increasingly recognize the importance of the consumer's voice in decision-making at the individual, local, state, and national levels to improve policy and practice. For that reason, when the Children's Endowment fund was enacted, so too was the OCCY Parent Partnership Board (PPB). The PPB aims to connect individuals with lived experiences with OCCY Commissioners to advise the Commissioners and the agency in its effort to Oklahoma's child-serving systems.

### Activities and Outputs

- OCCY is **recruiting new PPB members for 2023/2024** (two-year term). Emphasis is being placed on recruiting fathers/male caregivers; parents with children impacted by the juvenile justice system; parents representing rural Oklahoma; military families; and/or other under-represented populations. [OCCY PPB Member Interest Survey and Application](#)
- PPB member Tamara Bryan is serving on the **OKDHS Children and Family Services Review (CFSR) Planning and Implementation Team** as part of continuous quality improvement efforts by OKDHS. Participation of a PPB members provides an opportunity to provide insight and feedback of the parent/lived experience as part of the CFSR process to include the statewide assessment, onsite review, and program improvement plan development and implementation.
- OCCY PPB member **Sunnie Jamerson** was featured in *Hundred Magazine* (annual publication) featuring 100 wildly capable women in Oklahoma City. Instead of being accomplishment based the **recognition is character based** and honors women from all backgrounds and all walks of life. These women are honored for who they are, not what they do.
- OCCY hosted a **National Family Support Network (NFSN) Developing & Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committee Virtual Training** on September 22 & 23. The

training is for professionals/staff teams that are exploring setting up a new parent advisory committee or are seeking to strengthen existing ones; and consisted of 33 attendees representing 14 partner agencies from across the state. Evaluation results indicated that 100% of the participants who completed the survey at the end felt the training was effective or very effective and 100% felt prepared or well-prepared to develop and sustain effective parent advisory committees.

- Three (3) PPB members (Sara Jacoby, La'Chanda Stephens-Totimeh, and Lana Turner - Addison) attended the **Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) 2022 Fall Forum: The Economy Our Children Deserve** on October 11-13. The forum featured topics on mental health, benefit programs for families, healthcare and service delivery, and others and supported training and development efforts of the PPB.
- OCCY, Birthright Living Legacy, Inc. Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma, OUHSC Center for Child Abuse and Neglect, Tulsa Dream Center, and National Center for Fathering presented the **2022 Oklahoma Fatherhood Summit** on October 14 in Tulsa. The purpose of the summit was to celebrate the important roles fathers play in the lives of children. The summit featured keynote presenter, Dr. Ken Canfield, founder of the National Centering for Fathering and comments from Governor Kevin Stitt. Breakout sessions included: restorative parenting, play therapy, parent advisory committees, legal issues, father daughter relationships and a lived experience panel. The summit had approximately 170 in attendance.
- OCCY in partnership with the OSDH Oklahoma Family Support Network (OFSN) launched the **Oklahoma Community of Practice (CoP): Developing and Sustaining Effective Parent Advisory Committees** on October 25. The CoP cohort consists of individuals completing the September NFSN Parent Advisory Committee training and representatives from state agencies, academia and others engaged in parent partnerships. The CoP is designed to create a space and structured opportunity for professionals to network, engage in peer learning, share resources and problem solve together. The launch included special guest and presenter Dana Suskind, MD, author of "Parent Nation: Unlocking Every Child's Potential, Fulfilling Society's Promise".
- OCCY Commissioner Schneider, agency staff and four (4) PPB members attended the **2022 Children's Trust Fund Alliance / Prevent Child Abuse America Annual Conference** in Denver, CO November 14-17. The conference theme "Building Thriving Communities" featured breakout sessions on strategic communications, protective factors, race equity, parent partnerships, child abuse prevention and public policy. The conference provided PPB members with the opportunity to network with parents and professionals from other states and national organizations, build their leadership skills and increase knowledge of important issues impacting children and families. In addition, OCCY Parent Partnership Board Member Betty Hawkins Emery serves as the co-chair of the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council (ANPPC) for the Children's Trust Fund Alliance. Betty is the first person of color to hold this position.



## **Proposed OCCY Legislative Agenda**

### **AGENCY REQUEST BILLS**

#### Homeless Students (Rep. John Talley)

Background: The Commission's Homeless Children and Youth Steering Committee brought attention to the fact that the majority of Oklahoma school districts report having no students whose families are homeless. A 1987 federal law (McKinney-Vento Act) required schools to identify homeless students and, via a designated homeless liaison, work to connect them to community resources to ensure that they receive the same educational opportunities as other students. Schools that report a certain percentage of homeless students receive federal dollars to pay for a homeless liaison. An interim study requested by Rep. Talley revealed that out of 500 districts, only half report having homeless students; of those, only 23 receive McKinney-Vento funding [State Department of Education (SDE) data.] It is believed that the form adopted by the SDE, and that can be modified by individual districts, does not phrase questions in a way that will elicit a response which accurately describes the student's living situation.

Gist of the bill: The bill will direct the SDE to work with the steering committee to design and adopt a form that will be completed by the parent or guardian of every student annually at enrollment. Another provision will require the department to report the number of homeless students by district to the Commission, Speaker Pro Tempore of the Senate, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Speaker of the House, Chair of the House Education Committee and the Governor. A third component *may be* to require the department, in conjunction with other state agencies or community partners, to establish a system of regional coordinators to assist with implementing requirements of the bill.

#### Supporting youth formerly in foster care to transition to independence (Rep. Mark Lawson)

Background: OCCY staff learned that New Mexico had extended its Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to childless low-income workers under the age of 26. The assumption that many in this age group are still being financially supported, either fully or partially, by their parents is not always accurate. This is especially true for former foster youth who have aged out of the system. In preparing for the interim study looking at expanding the EITC to former foster youth under age 26, the Oklahoma Tax Commission brought to our attention that the way the EITC works in our state would not lend itself to expansion to this group of workers. Rep. Lawson suggested that perhaps some type of stipend to be administered by DHS would be a more feasible option.

Gist of the bill: Provide an annual stipend—or some other type of financial support that does not involve direct payment—to youth, ages 18-25, who are verified to have been in the state's foster care system on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and later aged out of the system.

#### OCCY administration bill (working to identify an author)

Provisions of the bill will include:

- Deleting certain defined terms not used in the sections of Title 10 governing OCCY;
- Modifying composition of the Commission by deleting a representative of a community partnership board;

- Deleting all other references to community partnership boards, which are no longer functioning;
- Clarifying the term limitation of a person appointed to fill the remainder of a vacant term on the Commission;
- Requiring the director of OCCY to prepare an annual report summarizing the activities of the agency;
- Requiring the assistance of the Parent Partnership Board in preparing the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth;
- Requiring the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth to be updated every 3 years instead of annually and providing that copies of the plan be sent to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House and the Governor;
- Clarifying the responsibilities of the Parent Partnership Board;
- Modifying the yearly RFP requirement for the Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents program to every 5 years;
- Exempting local Post Adjudication Review Boards (PARB) from the requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act;
- Extending the terms of local PARB members from 3 to 5 years; and
- Repealing the requirement that OCCY submit an annual report containing the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth.

#### **COMMISSION-SUPPORTED LEGISLATION**

1. Establish a system of high-quality legal representation for children and parents involved in the child welfare system.
2. Restore the requirement that children between the ages of 8-17 wear a seatbelt when riding in the backseat of a vehicle.

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**TITLE 135. OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
CHAPTER 1. GENERAL COURSE AND METHOD OF OPERATION**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 1. General Course and Method of Operation

135:1-1-1.2. Official office [AMENDED]

135:1-1-8. Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention  
[REVOKED]

135:1-1-10. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program [REVOKED]

Subchapter 3. Additional Powers and Duties

135:1-3-1. Powers and duties of the Commission [REVOKED]

**SUMMARY:**

The proposed change to 135:1-1-1.2 is necessary because the agency moved its offices in March 2020. The proposed change to 135:1-1-8 is necessary because HB 1264 (2013) removed the Commission's administrative responsibility for the program. The proposed change to 135:1-1-10 is necessary because Executive Order 1989-03 giving the Commission responsibility for the program was terminated by Executive Order 1991-07. The proposed change to 135:1-3-1 is necessary because HB 2300 (2012) deleted the Commission's responsibility as to the selection of an advocate general for the Department of Human Services.

**AUTHORITY:**

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, pursuant to 10 O.S. Sec. 601.4(9).

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

The comment period will begin on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, and end on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023. Written comments will be accepted during the comment period at the following address: Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, Attn: Marcia Johnson, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held at \_\_\_\_ am/pm on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 at 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Individuals wishing to speak must sign in at the door by \_\_\_\_ am/pm on that day.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES**

n/a

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained during normal business hours from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK, 73106. The proposed rules will be available on the OCCY website at <https://oklahoma.gov>occy> no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S. Sec. 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and available for review at the Commission on Children and Youth, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 beginning on or before \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, as well as on the OCCY website at <https://oklahoma.gov>occy> on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Marcia Johnson, Legislative Liaison, (405) 898-7915, [marcia.johnson@occy.ok.gov](mailto:marcia.johnson@occy.ok.gov)

## **Chapter 1 – General Course and Method of Operation**

### **Subchapter 1**

#### **135:1-1-1.2. Official office**

The office of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth is located at ~~500 North Broadway~~ 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City ~~73102~~ 73106. The telephone number is (405) 606-4900 and the facsimile number is (405) 524-0417. The office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., central standard time, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

#### **135:1-1-8. Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention**

~~The Interagency Coordinating Council for Early Childhood Intervention was established through 70 O.S. § 13-121 et seq. to establish and monitor a policy to provide for early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families in accordance with federal law.~~

#### **135:1-1-10. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program**

~~The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program was established by Executive Order 89-03 to administer funds received through the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention with the advice and assistance of the State Advisory Group.~~

### **Subchapter 3**

#### **135:1-3-1. Powers and duties of the Commission**

~~In addition to the responsibilities exercised through the offices described in Subchapter 1, the Commission shall have the powers and duties set out in 10 O.S. § 601.3 and 601.4, and the Commission shall:~~

- ~~(1) Prepare a list of three names of attorneys with a minimum of three (3) years experience and who are admitted to practice law in Oklahoma. This list will be submitted to the Oklahoma Public Welfare Commission and an attorney will be selected as Advocate General.~~
- ~~(2) Exercise all incidental powers as necessary and proper for the performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Commission.~~

**TITLE 135. OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
CHAPTER 10. PROGRAMS, BOARDS, AND COUNCILS: OPERATION AND  
ADMINISTRATION**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Subchapter 23. Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force

135:10-23-1. Creation [REVOKED]

135:10-23-2. Appointment of members [REVOKED]

135:10-23-3. Rescinding an appointment [REVOKED]

Subchapter 24. Certification of Children's Shelters Operated by the Oklahoma  
Department of Human Services

135:10-24-1. Origin and authority [REVOKED]

135:10-24-2. Duties and responsibilities [REVOKED]

135:10-24-3. Certification process [REVOKED]

**SUMMARY:**

The proposed changes to 135:10-23-1 through 135:10-23-3 are necessary because HB1467 (2013) repealed the task force. The proposed changes to 135:10-24-1 through 135:10-24-3 are necessary because SB 977 (2013) removed the Commission's responsibility for certification of the shelters.

**AUTHORITY:**

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, pursuant to 10 O.S. Sec. 601.4(9).

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

The comment period will begin on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, and end on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023. Written comments will be accepted during the comment period at the following address: Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, Attn: Marcia Johnson, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing will be held at \_\_\_\_ am/pm on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 at 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106. Individuals wishing to speak must sign in at the door by \_\_\_\_ am/pm on that day.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES**

n/a

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained during normal business hours from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK, 73106. The proposed rules will be available on the OCCY website at <https://oklahoma.gov>occy> no later than \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S. Sec. 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and available for review at the Commission on Children and Youth, 2915 North Classen Boulevard, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 beginning on or before \_\_\_\_\_ 2023, as well as on the OCCY website at <https://oklahoma.gov>occy> on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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## **Chapter 10 – Programs, Boards, and Councils: Operation and Administration**

### **Subchapter 23**

#### **135:10-23-1. Creation**

~~The Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force is established pursuant to 63 O.S. § 1-227.4.~~

#### **135:10-23-2. Appointment of members**

~~The Commission shall appoint the members of the Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Members shall be appointed for a two-year term and until a successor is appointed. State agency representatives shall be nominated by the agency's director. Other entities listed at 63 O.S. § 1-227.4 shall submit to the Commission no more than three nominations with resumes. The Oklahoma State Department of Health shall submit to the Commission no more than three nominations with resumes for all other positions. The Commission may reject any and all nominations. If the Commission rejects the nominations submitted, then the nominating entity shall provide new nominations for the Commission's consideration. Members may be renominated and reappointed for unlimited successive terms.~~

#### **135:10-23-3. Rescinding an appointment**

~~(a) The Commission may rescind an appointment at any time in its sole discretion and upon its own initiative.~~

~~(b) A nominating entity may submit a written request to the Commission to rescind the appointment of the person representing it on the Task Force. The written request shall include the reasons for the request. A committee appointed by the Chair of the Commission shall make inquiry into the request and make a recommendation to the full Commission within 90 days of receipt of the request.~~

### **Subchapter 24**

#### **135:10-24-1. Origin and authority**

~~(a) The legislature established the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth responsibilities for developing a certification program for the children's shelters managed and operated by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services in 10 O.S. §601.3(4).~~

~~(b) The Commission on Children and Youth shall have the authority:~~

- ~~(1) To establish a system of certification in accordance with the Oklahoma Child Care Facilities Licensing Act;~~
- ~~(2) To issue certifications based upon compliance with minimum requirements;~~
- ~~(3) To revoke certification based upon failure to meet minimum requirements.~~

#### **135:10-24-2. Duties and responsibilities**

~~The Commission on Children and Youth shall designate OCCY staff to perform the following duties:~~

- ~~(1) Provide continuing technical assistance and consultation to the shelters to obtain and maintain compliance with minimum requirements;~~
- ~~(2) Take corrective action based upon non-compliance with minimum requirements;~~
- ~~(3) Monitor shelter programs to maintain compliance with minimum requirements;~~

- (4) Issue certifications based upon compliance with minimum requirements;
- (5) Facilitate and perform training for shelter administration and staff;
- (6) Maintain official certification records.

### 135:10-24-3. Certification process

#### (a) ~~Definitions.~~

- (1) ~~Commission~~ means the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.
- (2) ~~Manager or Operator~~ means the representative of the Department of Human Services who has been given authority to act on behalf of the state-operated children's shelter.
- (3) ~~State-operated children's shelter~~ means the Laura Dester Shelter, the Pauline E. Mayer Shelter, the Pauline E. Mayer Annex, or any other shelter operated by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

#### (b) ~~Types of issuances.~~

- (1) ~~Six-month temporary certification.~~ State-operated children's shelters may be granted a six-month temporary certification if documentation does not show compliance with all critical certification requirements.
- (2) ~~Certification.~~ State-operated children's shelters may be granted an operating certification that is valid for twelve months from the date of its issuance when certification staff determines that the shelter is operating in a compliance with its own policy and procedures and in compliance with current Oklahoma Department of Human Services Licensing Requirements for Residential Child Care Facilities and any additional Commission requirements.

#### (c) ~~Case Management.~~

##### (1) ~~Periodic visits.~~

- (A) Certification staff annually shall conduct one unannounced visit to each state-operated children's shelter to document compliance with all certification requirements and at least two announced visits to monitor compliance with certification requirements.
- (B) During each unannounced compliance visit, certification staff shall:
  - (i) Observe the entire facility, including outdoor play space and vehicles used for transportation, if available, and
  - (ii) Check resident files and staff files, insurance verifications, and fire and health inspections within the preceding twelve months for compliance with certification requirements.
- (C) During each announced monitoring visit, certification staff shall:
  - (i) Provide technical assistance to facility personnel to meet and maintain certification requirements;
  - (ii) Consult with facility personnel to meet and maintain certification requirements and improve the quality of care at the facility.

(2) ~~Forms.~~ The OCCY Certification staff shall used standardized certification forms available for public inspection and copy at [www.okkids.org](http://www.okkids.org).

(3) ~~Reports.~~ The OCCY Certification staff annually shall issue two monitoring reports and one compliance report..

##### (4) ~~Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Office of Client Advocacy Reports~~

~~(OCA).~~ The OCCY Certification staff shall review all referrals to OCA that concern the state-operated children's shelters and all investigation reports issued by the OCA to ensure compliance by the state-operated children's shelters with certification requirements.

#### (d) ~~Non-compliance with requirements.~~

~~(1) **Documentation of non-compliance.** The licensing staff shall document clearly and concisely on the monitoring reports and the compliance report areas of non-compliance and the discussion with the operator.~~

~~(A) A plan of correction, including an agreed-upon time period for correction of the non-compliance, shall be documented on the monitoring report for each area of non-compliance.~~

~~(B) Immediate correction shall be required when the non-compliance has a direct impact on the health, safety, or well-being of a child or children in care.~~

~~(C) The certification staff shall request that the operator sign the monitoring reports and the compliance report, explaining that the operator's signature indicates acknowledgment of information recorded.~~

~~(D) If the person in charge refuses to sign, the refusal shall be documented on the report.~~

~~(E) The operator shall be given a copy of the completed report.~~

~~(2) **Referrals to fire and health officials.** If non-compliance regarding fire or health requirements places children at risk of harm or remains uncorrected, the certification staff shall request an inspection by a fire, health, or Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) official.~~

~~(3) **Case management responses to non-compliant facilities.** The responses in this subsection may be used when there is repeated, numerous, or serious non-compliance with certification requirements.~~

~~(A) **Technical assistance.** Technical assistance is offered along with referrals to consultants or training resources, if necessary, to assist the operator in meeting and maintaining certification requirements.~~

~~(B) **Follow-up phone call.** Phone calls are documented on OCCU standardized forms.~~

~~(C) **Non-compliance letter.** A non-compliance letter may be written to the operator. The certification staff shall send a copy of the report and the non-compliance letter to the operator's supervisor.~~

~~(D) **Return monitoring visit.** A return monitoring visit may be made if there is repeated, numerous, or serious non-compliance with certification requirements or when non-compliance places children at imminent risk of harm. If the non-compliance is associated with a specific time of day, such as understaff after school or a lack of early morning supervision, the return visit shall be made at that approximate time.~~

~~(E) **Use of witnesses.** The certification staff may be accompanied by a witness during monitoring visits if the facility has had numerous, repeated, or serious areas of non-compliance or if denial or revocation of the license is being considered. The witness may be an OCCY employee or representative from the health or fire department. The witness shall sign the monitoring report in the space provided.~~

~~(F) **Increased monitoring visits.** Certification staff may increase the frequency of monitoring when there have been numerous, repeated or serious areas of non-compliance or when the need for additional technical assistance is indicated.~~

~~(G) **Notice to comply.** The certification staff shall provide the facility with a notice to comply, and the facility shall document the plan of correction. Immediate correction may be required if the area of non-compliance places the health, safety, or well-being of a child or children in care at risk.~~

~~(i) If the plan submitted by the operator is unacceptable to the certification staff, the staff shall negotiate and document a revised plan.~~



(ii) If the operator does not submit a response within a reasonable time period, the certification staff shall contact the operator and document the conversation. If concerns exist or the operator is uncooperative, the certification staff shall send a letter stating that failure to respond may result in denial or revocation of certification.

(H) **Office conference.** The certification staff may schedule an office conference with the operator of the facility. Areas of non-compliance and progress toward meeting the plan(s) of correction shall be reviewed and technical assistance shall be offered. The conference shall be documented.

(I) **Consent agreement.** OCCY and the operator of the facility may enter into a consent agreement whereby the facility agrees to specific conditions in lieu of certification denial or revocation.

(J) **Revocation.** The certification staff may recommend that the certification be denied or revoked when numerous, repeated, or serious non-compliance with requirements has been observed and documented or the facility has failed to adequately protect children.

(4) **Case management responses when children are at risk.** If the certification staff documents a situation where children may be at imminent risk of harm, or if the Office of Juvenile System Oversight is investigating a complaint that children may be at imminent risk of harm, the certification staff may consider the following options:

(A) The operator shall be asked to immediately correct the situation where children may be at risk of harm.

(B) The operator may agree to enter into a consent agreement whereby the facility shall agree to specific conditions.

(C) The certification staff may recommend that the certification be denied or revoked when the operator fails to take necessary steps to eliminate the situation giving rise to the imminent risk of harm.

(e) **Denial or revocation process.**

(1) Certification staff shall submit recommendation to deny or revoke facility certifications to the OCCY Director or the OCCY Director designee.

(2) Facility operators shall submit responses to recommendations to deny or to revoke facility certifications to the OCCY Director or the OCCY Director designee.

(3) The OCCY Director or the OCCY Director designee shall be the final decision maker regarding recommendations to deny or to revoke facility certifications.

(4) Facility operator may appeal certification denial or certification revocation final decisions to the Commission.

(f) **Complaint procedure.** All complaints received by OCCY concerning the state-operated children's shelters shall be referred to the OCCY Office of Juvenile System Oversight.

(g) **Public inspection of certification files.**

(1) **Legal basis.** The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) is subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et. seq. of Title 51 of the inspection unless they are required by law to be kept confidential.

(2) **Certification records.** All OCCY records of facilities required to be certified under Section 601.3 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes that are considered public records shall be open and available for public inspection during reasonable hours.

(3) **Location of case records.** Certification records shall be located in the OCCY office and shall be inspected at that location. Certification records shall be inspected in the presence of

certification staff. The OCCY office is located at 500 N. Broadway Ave., Suite 300, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**(4) Preparation of case files for inspection.** The certification staff carefully shall review the entire record and shall remove confidential information.

**(5) Release of confidential information.** Confidential information shall only be released as provided by statute.



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## HWC OK Legislation

### Creating Connections to Support Oklahoma's Youth

"Handle With Care Oklahoma" is designed to advance partnerships between law enforcement and schools to help provide a safe and supportive academic environment for children recently exposed to traumatic events known as "adverse childhood experiences" (ACEs). ACEs are broad and sweeping events that may include experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect, or witnessing violence in the home. Without buffering supports, unaddressed ACEs can lead to a negative life trajectory.

#### The Goal:

To provide schools with notice of children experiencing ACEs so the school may handle them with care and mitigate the negative impact of trauma on them. This simple notice can help ensure a child's well-being and academic success.

#### The Process:

When a first responder responds to, or encounters, an incident involving a traumatic event where a child is present, the officer will complete a simple Handle With Care Notice (HWC Notice) and provide it to the child's school, advising educators in general terms that the child has experienced an ACE event.

#### The Protections:

The HWC Notice reports a child's name, age, grade, school of enrollment, and the date and time of the incident, but shares no details of the incident. While teachers are not to discuss the traumatic event with the child, they are encouraged to take steps to provide additional support to the child, such as re-teaching lessons, providing extra help, or sending the student to the school nurse or counselor.

Traumatic  
Event  
(ACE)

First  
Responder  
Responds

First  
Responder  
Notice to  
Child's School

School  
Handles  
the Child  
with Care

[www.handlewithcareok.org](http://www.handlewithcareok.org)



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## Discussion Items

### Projected Budget Request for OSDH

- OSDH oversight & grant monitoring
- Competitive bid for Grant Serving Entity
- Based on OSDH Health Disparities Planning Grant, each cohort of 7-10 communities is \$250,000;
- Statewide Planning & Coordination, fidelity to the model
- Regional Coordinators/Trainers (7 regions: OKC, Tulsa, Panhandle, NW, SW, NE, and SE);
- Website, Communication & Printing
- Community Trainings, Travel & Lodging
- The initial deliverable for each community is a Directive from first responder agency; and MOU between law enforcement and school district
- For sustainability, \$1500 per regional HWC Community Advisory Committee and \$1500 per Multi-Disciplinary team (MDT) for data collection, quarterly meetings, and monitoring # of HWC notices; # referrals to services; improved mental health; increased attendance, reduced suspensions/expulsions

### Opportunities for Interagency Collaboration

- CSAW/SAT continue to promote HWC
- each CSAW agency could designate key staff that already work with school-based initiatives to be on HWC Advisory Committee
- OSA, OACP, OBN, OSDE, ODMHSAS, OKDHS, OSDH, OHCA, OJA
- MOUs to work with existing organizations to reduce cost and increase coordination
- include HWC into future federal and state grants; each agency train staff
- OSHD Community Engagement staff could incorporate HWC into local Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs)
- Behavioral Health Aide on MDT; salary is billed to Medicaid
- OK Turning Point Council committed to contribute in support of HWC OK
- Public Health Institute of OK committed as managing partner; connect with Community Health Improvement Organizations (CHIOs)
- Evolution Foundation committed to promote/train HWC with Systems of Care Coalitions (SOCs)
- E-team data agreement

**Interested in joining HWC Oklahoma Monthly Planning Meetings?**

**The first Wednesday of every month from 10-11 am CST.**

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## State Planning Teams: Progress Update

### Accomplishments

- Recognized nationally as a top five state for statewide implementation
- Celebrated 4 years of grassroot efforts
- Partnered with national leaders and co-founders for best practices
- Facilitate monthly statewide community calls to address barriers and share lessons learned
- Partnered with RAVE mobile safety software to reach 87% of all OK schools
- Partnered with ODMHSAS to promote Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training with law enforcement
- Promoted OSDE trauma conferences
- Promoted ODMHSAS' Behavioral Integration of Support Services (BISS) in schools
- Received planning grant from OSDH for addressing health disparities with HWC
- Partnered with Public Health Institute of Oklahoma (PHIO) to meet growing needs
- Asked to speak at national HWC conf
- 6 minute HWC video with OCPD

### 2023 Priorities

- Draft bipartisan legislation to advance statewide effort and sustainability
- Partner with state agencies & communities to increase interagency collaboration
- Increase Directives and MOUs
- Include HWC in all Community Health Improvement Organizations (CHIO) application; partner with SOC Coalitions
- Share implementation tools  
(ex. school attendance directors can show positive outcomes like increased attendance, improved mental health and behavior, decrease suspension/expulsions)
- Spotlight communities with successful implementation
- Encourage schools to partner with local family resource centers to offer peer support groups with trained facilitators for students and/or families with tier 2 needs
- address social determinants of health
- support community voice and remove barriers for participation

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Join our monthly statewide virtual meetings. Open to all.  
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## HWC OK Planning Committees



Chief Gourley/Captain Michelle Henderson  
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# Helping Every Life and Parent **H.E.L.P. Task Force**

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- Governor Appointees
- The Oklahoma Attorney General
- The President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma Senate
- The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
- The Secretary of Health and Mental Health
- The Secretary of Human Services
- The Commissioner of Health

**OCTOBER 28, 2022**



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The Honorable Governor J. Kevin Stitt, President Pro Tempore Treat and Speaker McCall:

We would like to thank each of you for the opportunity to serve as members on the Helping Every Life and Parent – H.E.L.P. Task Force. As a working task force with diverse backgrounds and qualifications, we have accepted our duties and responsibilities loyally and moved very quickly to study, evaluate and make recommendations regarding policies, programs and proposed legislation.

In our brief time together, the H.E.L.P. Task Force has worked diligently to examine what it would entail to support life, mothers, parents and the public in the State of Oklahoma. The governor's executive order was signed July 8, 2022, with the appointment of the chair on Sept. 2, 2022. The initial meeting of the task force was formally called and held on Sept. 18, 2022. Our cohesive team of task force members has established relationships with legislators, community leaders, state agencies, non-profits, public and private organizations, medical providers, health systems and the press. Our work has been precise, collaborative and expedient.

The task force took into consideration all public comments, legislative, legal, program and agency availability and task force experience brought to the table. These final recommendations were reviewed at the Oct. 18, 2022, meeting before the final vote to approve, disapprove or modify final recommendations on Oct. 25, 2022. It is the hope that our study, discussion, evaluation and votes, based on facts, experience and findings as well as input from public comment and health care facilities, help in assisting each of you and the Legislature in making imperative decisions moving forward.

While many of these recommendations are multi-layered and cross over within both the public and private sectors, we are confident in the synergy to be gained. There is more work to be done to support these recommendations which will take additional time to implement.

Enclosed is the task force submission of recommendations. Immediately following this letter and recommendations are the Appendix of Reports and research taken into consideration and held for discussion within our team.

Pursuant to the power and authority vested in the Honorable Kevin Stitt, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, President Pro Tempore and Speaker named in Executive Order 2022-14, we humbly submit our recommendations.

Respectfully,

*Juli D. Merciez, Chair*

*MPC, BSN, RN*

*The Helping Every Life and Parent Task Force*





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# **Educating Oklahoma on the Reality of Life and Resources Available**



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## **Branding and Marketing**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to create an Oklahoma life and parenting brand with a landing page from an Oklahoma website that compiles life and parenting resources, initiatives, programs, assistance and educational information to fulfill task force objectives, with the request for funding from Legislature if needed.**

- a. Create a marketing campaign to promote the Oklahoma life and parenting brand and website that could include advertising through billboards, social media and television ads.**
- b. Add the Oklahoma life and parenting website to attorney general's SAFELINE cards.**

**(Attorney general – see Appendix A – website modeled after State of South Dakota)**



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## **Abortion Pill Reversal**

**It is the recommendation of the Task Force to establish a statewide cooperative network and process for the availability of the Abortion Pill Reversal, in conjunction with Heartbeat International, Saint Francis Health System and other health systems, clinics, pregnancy centers and providers.**

**(St. Francis Health System and Heartbeat International program – see Appendix B)**



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# Supporting Pregnancy Centers in Oklahoma



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## **Tax Credit**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to create an Oklahoma life and parenting brand with a landing page from a Oklahoma website that compiles life and parenting resources initiative program assistance and education or the Legislature to study the Missouri Tax Credit for contributions to pregnancy help centers and consider a similar proposal for residents in the State of Oklahoma.**

**(Representative Danny Williams – see Appendix C)**



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## **Continue Funding**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force for the Oklahoma State Department of Health and Legislature to identify all opportunities to provide and expand available funding through the Choosing Childbirth Act and how it is allocated throughout the state.**

**(Oklahoma State Department of Health – see Appendix C)**



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**Eliminate Unnecessary  
Barriers to Adoption  
and Help Make  
Oklahoma the Most  
Adoption Friendly State  
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## **Adoption Code**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to amend the Oklahoma Adoption Code (10 O.S. § 7505-3.2(C)) to increase the initial amount authorized to be expended on birth mother living and transportation expenses from \$1,000 to \$3,500 without first obtaining court approval.**

**(Attorney General – see Appendix B)**





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## **Annual Adoption Month Training**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to support the attorney general in hosting and facilitating an annual Adoption Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar to the benefit of lawyers and judges and other applicable individuals beginning November 2023 (National Adoption Awareness Month).**

**(Attorney General – see Appendix C – CLE Seminar Proposal)**



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# **Encourage and Provide Resources to our Communities to Support Unplanned Pregnancies**



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## **Maternity Desert Services Needed**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to identify opportunities to expand health services to women in all areas of the state and address the social determinants of health including improved access to care and reliable transportation for women.**

**(Oklahoma State Department of Health – see Appendix E)**



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## **Pregnancy Resource Navigator**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to seek support for the new Pregnancy Resource Navigator (PRN) program by the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to expand home visiting and case management services to support and celebrate Oklahoma mothers, babies and families with request for funding if needed.**

**(Oklahoma State Department of Health – see Appendix E)**



## **Expansion of SoonerCare**

- a. It is the recommendation of the task force to raise the federal poverty level (FPL) for SoonerCare income eligibility for pregnancy and postpartum coverage from 138% to 205% FPL.**
- b. It is the recommendation of the task force to extend postpartum coverage from 60 days to 12 months continuous coverage.**



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## **Scope of Practice for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to recommend that Legislature adopt national best practices and allow certified nurse-midwives to practice at the top of their education and training, including removal of the overly burdensome regulations requiring physician supervision for the prescription of medication

It is the recommendation of the HELP Task Force that legislature review national best practices to allow Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to practice at the top of their education and training.

(American College of Nurse Midwives, March of Dimes Office of Government Affairs – see Appendix G)

(Oklahoma Advance Practice Nurses-see Appendix G)



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## **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)**

**As long as the parent is completing the treatment plan and following their TANF Work Plan, the TANF benefits should continue. If the parent does not fulfill these requirements, they should lose the cash payment and supportive services and the TANF case should be closed.**



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## **Positive Pregnancy Test & Deeming Dependent**

**It is the recommendation of the HELP Task Force for DHS to consider a woman, at the point of a positive pregnancy test, as having a dependent and therefore eligible for TANF services including case management, family stabilization classes and services, work training, educational assistance, transportation, and a small amount of income while they actively participate.**





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## **Drug Test & Treatment**

**It is the recommendation of the HELP Task Force for the Legislature to consider amending state law to allow an applicant with a positive drug test to qualify for TANF as long as they agree to complete a substance abuse treatment plan, and to allow those treatment hours to count toward the 30-hour work activities requirement for TANF.**

**(Oklahoma Department of Human Services – see Appendix H)**



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## **Car Equity Value**

**It is the recommendation of the HELP Task Force for the Legislature to consider amending state law to disregard the equity value of one automobile from the resource test for TANF eligibility.**

**(Oklahoma Department of Human Services – see Appendix H)**



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**Empower Nonprofit  
Organizations, Local  
Faith Communities  
and State Agencies to  
Support Families and  
Mothers Before,  
During and After  
Childbirth**



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## **Safe Haven Law**

**It is the recommendation of the task force to amend the Oklahoma Safe Haven Law (10A O.S. § 1-2-109) to increase the number of days to relinquish a child without prosecution for child abandonment or child neglect from 30 days of age or younger to 60 days of age or younger.**

- a. Amend corresponding criminal law (21 O.S. § 851) consistent with the same.**

**(Attorney general – see Appendix I)**



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## **Fatherhood Program**

It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to support the current state fatherhood initiative for its expansion and additional funding that may be needed and collaborate with the State of Tennessee as they develop their fatherhood initiative.

(see Appendix I)



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## **Extension of Executive Order 2022-14**

**It is the recommendation of the H.E.L.P. Task Force to extend their service by either executive order or legislative process to formalize a committee with a four-year term of commitment and maintain all current task force members.**