

# OCCY Parent Partnership Board 2025-2026 Vision & Action Plan

## Background and History

The Parent Partnership Board (PPB), established through the Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma and administered by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY), exists to elevate the voices of parents with lived experience in shaping policies, programs, and systems that impact children and families. By advising OCCY Commissioners, Commission staff, and other child-serving agencies, the PPB promotes parent leadership, strengthens family-focused systems, and supports innovative strategies to improve child well-being and reduce adverse childhood experiences across Oklahoma.

### Strategic Actions

#### Advise

Serve as a trusted advisory resource to guide decision-making across child-serving systems.

#### Educate

Advance family-centered policies and practices by educating partners through lived experience-driven insights, storytelling and engagement.

#### Collaborate

Cultivate collaborative relationships to strengthen systems and elevate family-centered practice.

#### Lead

Champion family-centered change by leading efforts that elevate parent voice and improve child-serving systems.

## Mission

The Parent Partnership Board serves as a trusted partner to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, elevating the lived experiences of families to strengthen child-serving systems across the state.

## Vision

A future where every child in Oklahoma thrives - supported by family-centered systems, shaped through authentic parent partnerships, bold innovation, and a shared commitment to lifelong well-being.

## Core Values

Transparency

Family Voice

Innovation

Collaboration

Integrity

## Opportunities for Engagement

Child-serving agencies and partners can collaborate with the PPB by:

- Invite the Board to review new policies, proposals, or family-facing materials.
- Include parent leaders in staff trainings, conferences, or community events.
- Add PPB members to cross-agency workgroups or strategic planning efforts.
- Engage the PPB as co-presenters or thought partners in reform initiatives.

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# Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY)

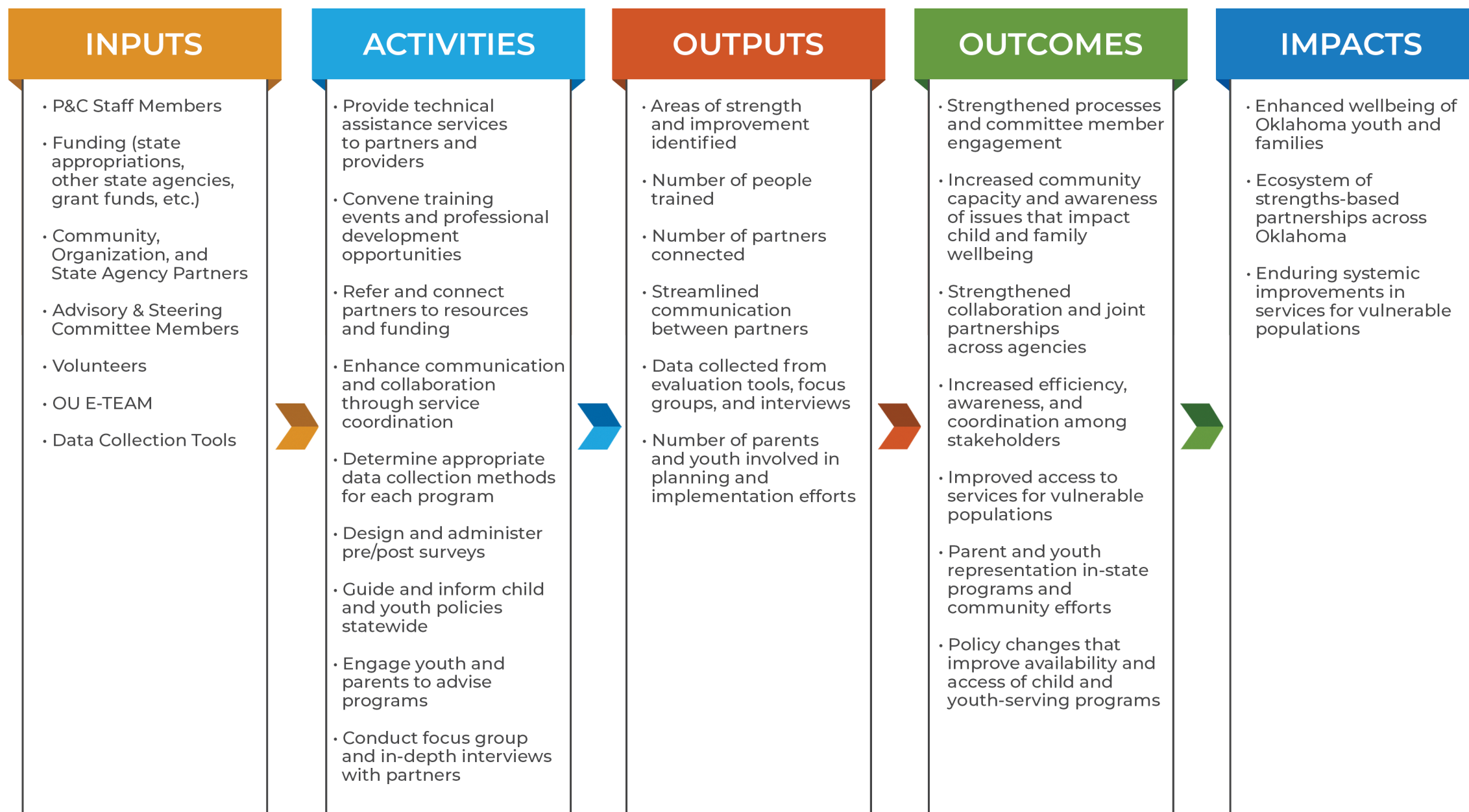
Parent Partnership Board (PPB)

2025-2026 Vision & Action Plan

# Background and History

- In 1982, the Oklahoma legislature enacted House Bill 1468, establishing the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY). Responding to the pressing need for reform, this legislative measure aimed to institute a robust framework for accountability and oversight within the state's child and youth service systems
- In 1990, the legislature established the Office of Planning and Coordination for Services to Children and Youth within OCCY. (10 O.S. § 601.6a.) A primary objective of the office is to facilitate collaboration between child serving state agencies, other public and private sector service providers, and stakeholders to address deficits in these systems effectively.
- The Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma (10 O.S. § 601.14) , established in 2019 and administered by the OCCY, supports innovative programs to improve child well-being and reduce adverse childhood experiences. To center the voices of those with lived experience, the Parent Partnership Board (PPB) was created to advise OCCY Commissioners and strengthen family-focused systems through parent leadership and engagement.





The Office of Planning and Coordination (P&C) dedicates itself to serving and improving the lives of Oklahoma's youth and families through joint planning and service coordination among stakeholders.



# OCCY PARENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD



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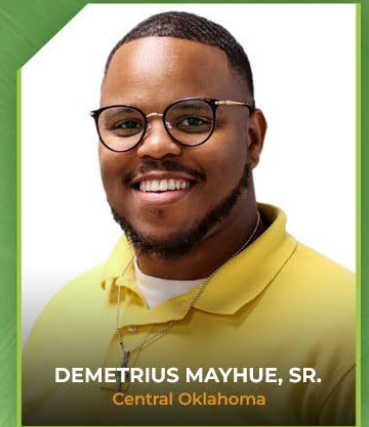
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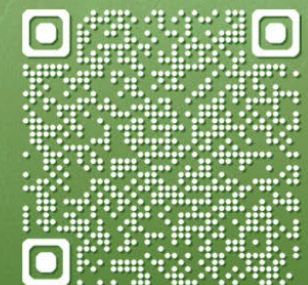
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# Mission, Vision & Core Values

Mission	Vision	Core Values
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- We believe the lived experiences of parents and caregivers are essential to shaping policies, programs, and systems.
- We build partnerships across communities and agencies to co-create family-centered solutions.
- We foster trust through open communication and accountability.
- We pursue fresh ideas and creative solutions to improve outcomes.
- We act with consistency, responsibility, and a deep commitment to children's well-being.



# Plan Development Process

The Board's 2025-2026 Vision & Action plan was shaped using multiples sources:

- 2025 Parent Partnership Board Annual Retreat & Strategic Planning Session
- 2025 Parent Partnership Board Retreat & Strategic Planning Survey & Report
- 2025 Parent Partnership Board Engagement Survey & Report
- SFY 25 OCCY Commission Activity & Output Reports
- Oklahoma Statute Children's Endowment Fund of Oklahoma (10 O.S. § 601.14)

Together these inputs ensure the plan reflects member voices, aligns with statutory responsibility and supports OCCY's mission.



# Strategic Actions

<b>ADVISE</b>  Serve as a trusted advisory resource to guide decision-making across child-serving systems.	<b>EDUCATE</b>  Advance family-centered policies and practices by educating partners through lived-experience-driven insights, storytelling, and engagement.
<b>COLLABORATE</b>  Cultivate collaborative relationships to strengthen systems and elevate family-centered practice.	<b>LEAD</b>  Champion family-centered change by leading efforts that elevate parent voice and improve child-serving systems.

# Action #1: Advise

Key Activities:	How Progress is Measured:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide regular recommendations, grounded in family voice and lived experience, to the Commission, Commission staff, and child-serving agencies on policies, programs, and practices that affect children and families.</li><li>• Share insights from our own lived experiences to inform systems change, and when possible, amplify additional parent perspectives through informal outreach or storytelling.</li><li>• Review and offer timely feedback on proposed initiatives, legislation, and regulations impacting child-serving systems.</li><li>• Facilitate ongoing communication and collaboration with Commission staff and child-serving agencies to ensure parent perspectives are integrated into decision-making.</li><li>• Actively participate in strategic planning and evaluation efforts to help shape priorities and measure the effectiveness of child-serving programs.</li><li>• Promote transparency by sharing advisory outcomes and Board insights with families and stakeholders statewide.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deliver at least one formal recommendation annually to the Commission and partner agencies through reports, presentations, or direct discussions.</li><li>• Contribute at least 10 personal insights, stories, and examples that reflect diverse family experiences.</li><li>• Review and provide feedback on 100% of the relevant proposals brought forward by the Commission or agencies within specified timelines and applicable lived experience.</li><li>• Hold monthly coordination meetings with Commission staff and representatives from partner agencies.</li><li>• Contribute to at least two strategic planning or evaluation sessions annually.</li><li>• Publish at least four summaries of Board activities and outcomes annually, distributed through multiple channels to reach partners, stakeholders, and families.</li></ul>

**Impact:** Serve as a trusted advisory resource to guide decision-making across child-serving systems.



# Action #2: Educate

Key Activities:	How Progress Is Measured:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Actively engage with local, state, and agency partners to promote family centered policies and practices through education and strategic communication.</li><li>• Enhance our understanding of public policy and systems change through ongoing training and resource sharing.</li><li>• Share authentic family experiences to ensure policy recommendations are informed by lived experience.</li><li>• Track our contributions by documenting policy or practice shifts influenced by our education and engagement.</li><li>• Sustain ongoing communication with policymakers and child-serving agencies to promote family-centered approaches.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• At least 75% of our members participate in two or more policy engagement or strategic communication activities each year.</li><li>• Host or participate in two training sessions on policy, systems or communication strategies annually, with 90%-member participation.</li><li>• Incorporate lived experience stories into at least three partner trainings, workshops, or policy briefings annually as a core educational tool.</li><li>• Document at least two annual policy or practice improvements influenced by our education and engagement.</li><li>• Convene or participate in at least six collaborative meetings or forums annually with legislators, agency leaders, or policymakers.</li></ul>

**Impact:** Advance family-centered policies and practices by educating partners through lived-experience-driven insights, storytelling, and engagement.





# Action #3: Collaborate

Key Activities:	How Progress is Measured:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Build and maintain strong partnerships with child-serving agencies, community organizations, and families to enhance coordination and support.</li><li>• Engage in joint initiatives and projects that promote family-centered approaches across systems.</li><li>• Facilitate regular communication and information sharing among partners to align goals and strategies.</li><li>• Share community resources with families and partners, based on our lived experience and knowledge of local resources.</li><li>• Promote family engagement by creating opportunities for families to participate actively in collaborative efforts.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish and sustain at least one active partnership annually.</li><li>• Participate in at least three collaborative projects or initiatives each year.</li><li>• Organize at least two collaborative meetings or forums with key stakeholders.</li><li>• Contribute at least 25 resource referrals or connections each year.</li><li>• Host at least one family engagement event or service project annually.</li></ul>

**Impact:** Cultivate collaborative relationships to strengthen systems and elevate family-centered practice.



# Action #4: Lead

## Key Activities:

- Actively lead initiatives that amplify parent perspectives in child-serving systems.
- Foster leadership development among Board members to strengthen advocacy and system-change skills.
- Represent parent voices in key decision-making forums and policy discussions across Oklahoma.
- Promote innovative approaches to family-centered care through research, pilot projects, and sharing best practices.
- Cultivate partnerships that expand opportunities for parents to lead and influence system improvements.

## How Progress is Measured:

- Spearhead at least one parent-led initiative annually.
- Participate in two leadership development opportunities each year, with participation from 90% of our members.
- Participate in three or more decision-making meetings or public forums each year.
- Initiate or support at least one innovation-focused project or pilot annually.

**Impact:** Champion family-centered change by leading efforts that elevate parent voice and improve child-serving systems.



# Monitoring Progress

Utilizing OCCY's existing partnership with the University of Oklahoma's Educational Training, Evaluation, Assessment & Measurement (E-TEAM), the Parent Partnership Board will conduct an annual review of this plan to assess progress.

Regular data collection and analysis will guide ongoing improvements, ensuring the plan remains relevant, effective, and aligned with the Board's priorities.

- Annual Progress Tracker
- Biannual Check-Ins
- Stories + Numbers
- Meeting Notes
- Annual Reflection



# Engage with the Parent Partnership Board

The Parent Partnership Board brings the lived experience of families directly into system improvement efforts.

Child-serving agencies can partner with the Board to:

- **Advise** – Strengthen policies and practice with insight from parent leaders
  - *Invite the Board to review new policies, proposals, or family-facing materials*
- **Educate** – Enrich training and outreach with real- world family perspectives
  - *Include parent leaders in staff trainings, conferences or community events*
- **Collaborate** – Co-design programs and solutions across systems
  - *Add PPB members to cross-agency workgroups or strategic planning efforts*
- **Lead** – Drive family-centered change through lived-experience-informed leadership
  - *Engage the Board as co-presents or thought partners in reform initiatives*



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# Financial Report

**SFY 2026 ; August 2025**

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**OCCY- Business Manager**  
September 19, 2025



# Budget FY 2025

as of August 31, 2025

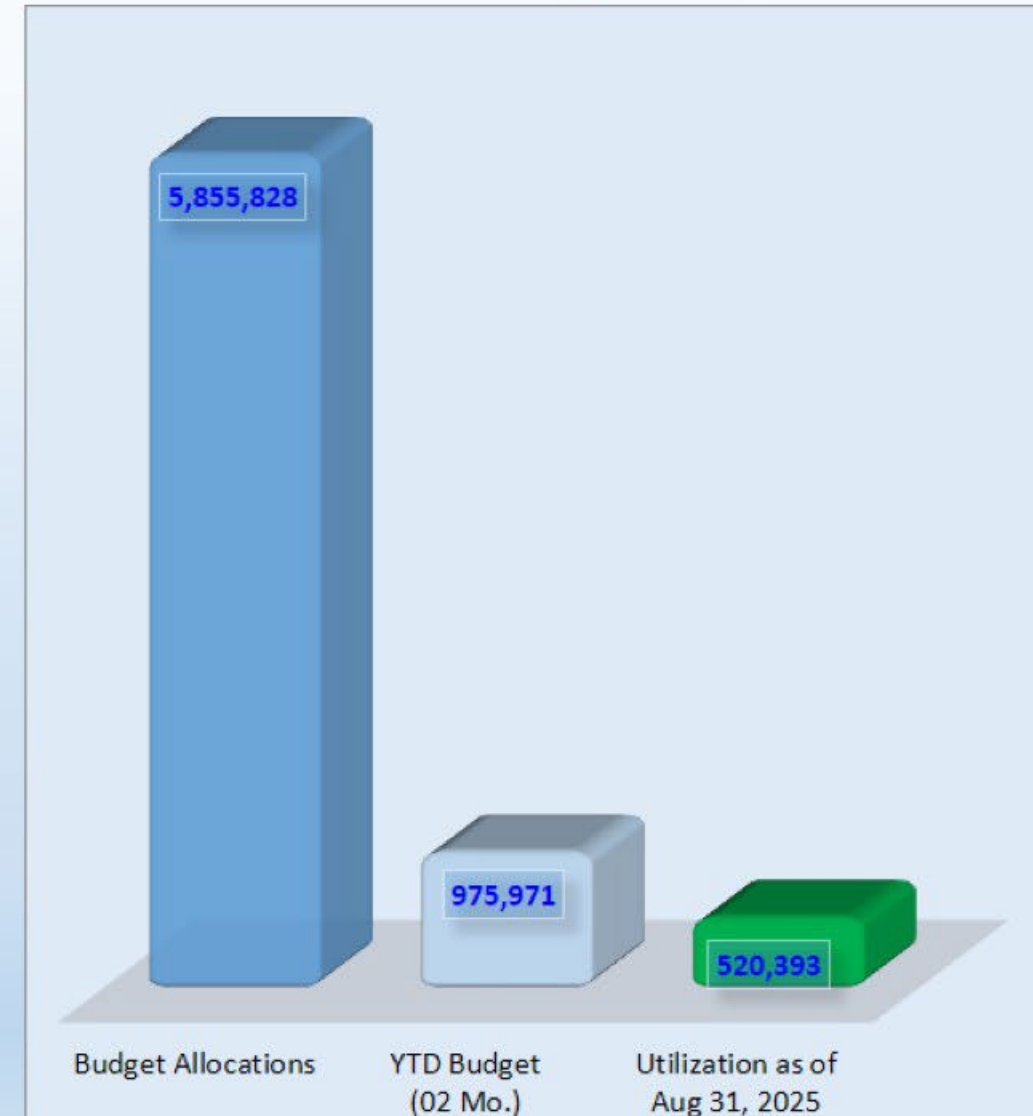
**Budget Allocations** **\$5,855,828**

**YTD Budget** (02 Months) **\$975,971**

**Utilization** as of August 31, 2025 **\$520,393**

Percentage utilization of Total Budget 9%

Percentage utilization of YTD Budget 53%



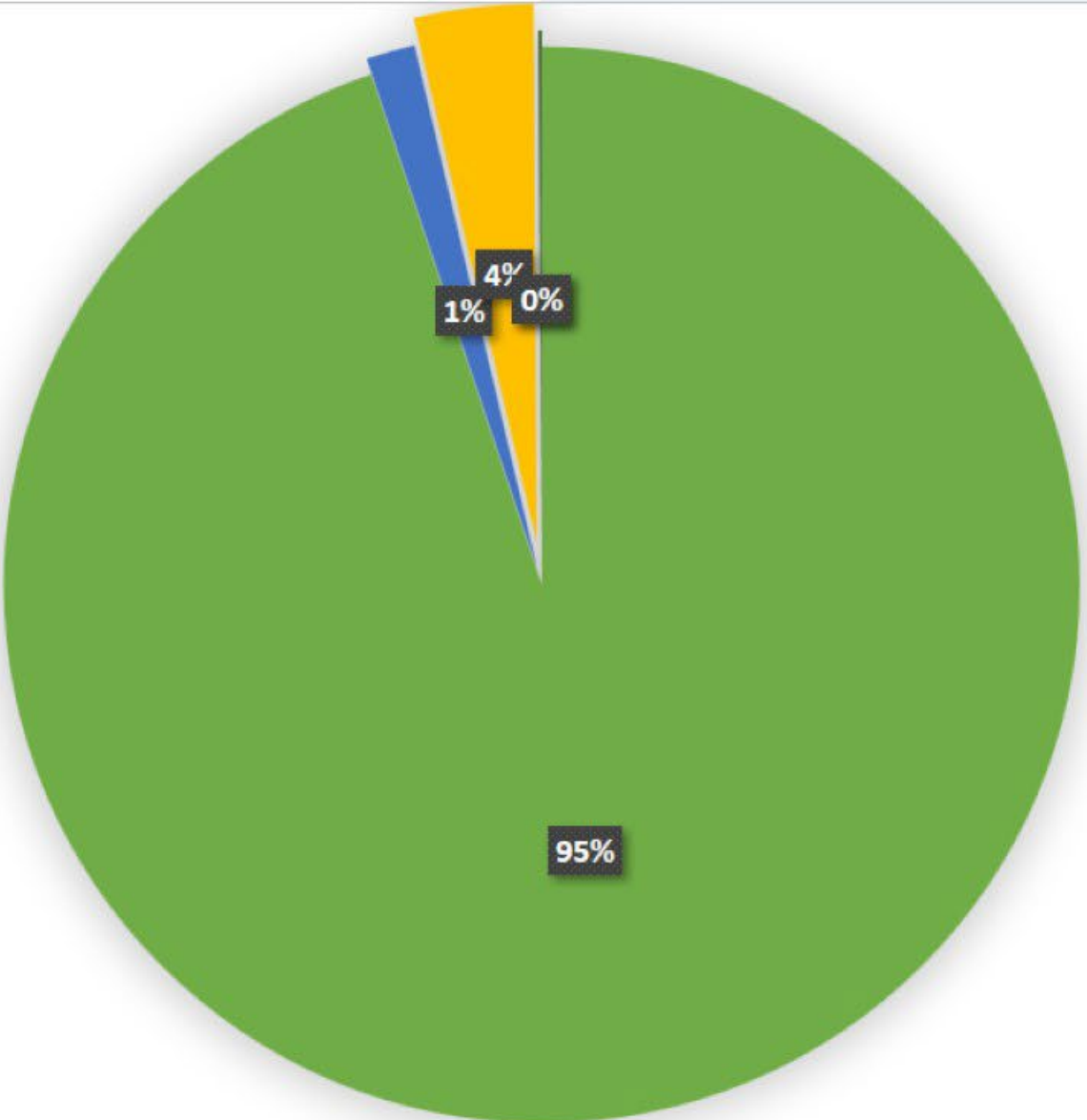
# FY- 2025 Budget Utilization - Summary

as of August 31, 2025

Account	Description	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses as of 08/31/25	Percent Utilized	
					to total Budget	to YTD Budget
510000	Personal Services	\$4,026,132	\$671,021	\$493,658	12%	74%
520000	Travel Expenses	\$131,522	\$21,921	\$7,630	6%	35%
530000	Administrative Expense	\$262,671	\$43,779	\$18,578	7%	42%
540000	Property, furniture, Equipment	\$12,717	\$2,119	\$527	4%	25%
550000	General Assistance , Awards, Grants, and other Program-directed Payments	\$1,422,786	\$237,131	\$0	0%	0%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,855,828</b>	<b>\$975,971</b>	<b>\$520,393</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>53%</b>

# FY- 2025 Expense Distribution by Category

as of August 31, 2025



PERSONAL SERVICES	94.86%
TRAVEL EXPENSES	1.47%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	3.57%
PROPERTY, FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT	0.10%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE , AWARDS, GRANTS, AND OTHER PROGRAM-DIRECTED PAYMENTS	0.00%



# Budget Utilization

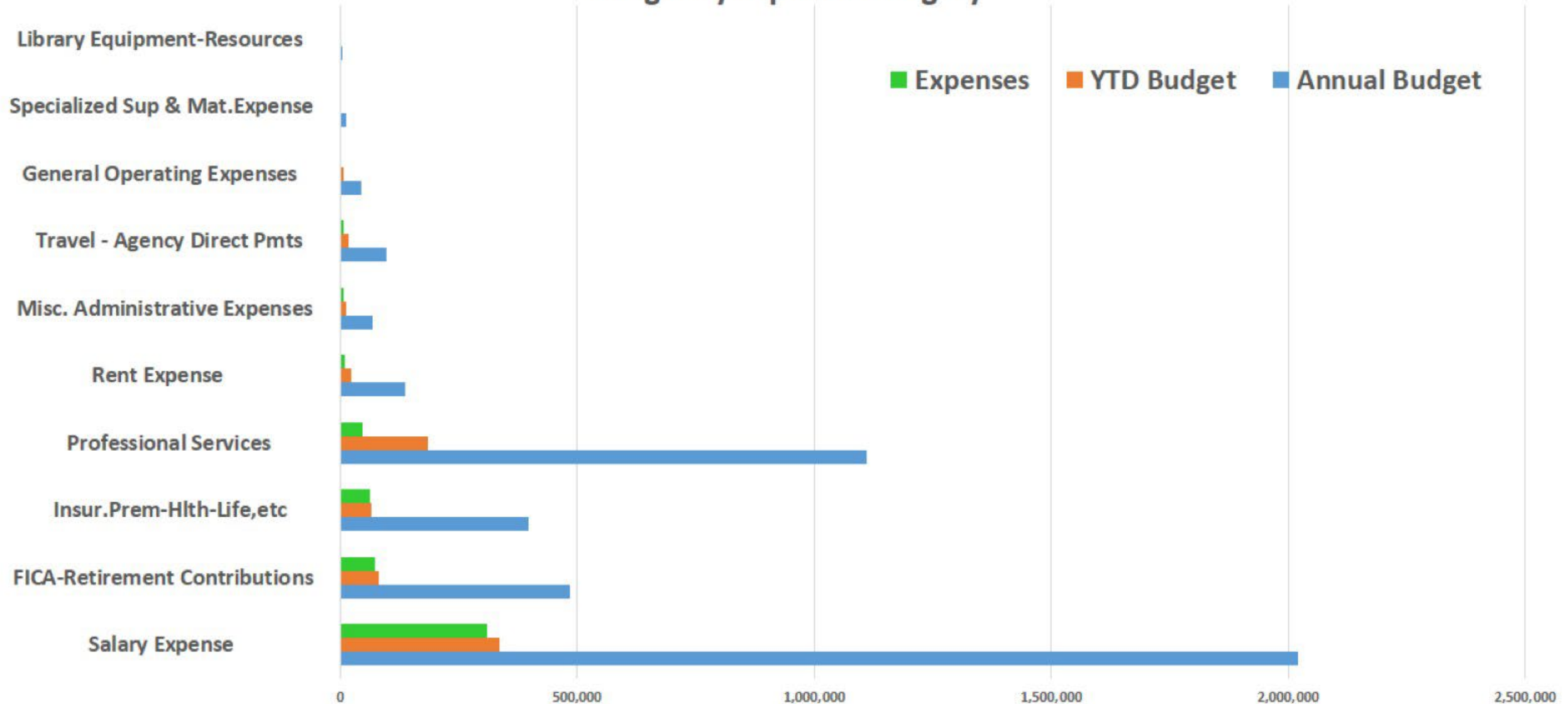
- by Expense A/c  
as of August 31, 2025

Account #	Department	Total Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses as of 08/31/25	Percent Utilized	
					to total Budget	to YTD Budget
511	Salary Expense	\$ 2,022,006	\$ 337,001	\$ 309,612	15%	92%
512	Insur.Prem-Hlth-Life,etc	\$ 398,114	\$ 66,352	\$ 61,869	16%	93%
513	FICA-Retirement Contributions	\$ 483,247	\$ 80,541	\$ 73,820	15%	92%
515	Professional Services	\$ 1,112,065	\$ 185,344	\$ 48,010	4%	26%
519	Inter/Intra Agy Pmt-Pers Svcs	\$ 10,700	\$ 1,783	\$ 347	3%	19%
521	Travel - Reimbursements	\$ 33,826	\$ 5,638	\$ 334	1%	6%
522	Travel - Agency Direct Pmts	\$ 97,696	\$ 16,283	\$ 7,296	7%	45%
531	Misc. Administrative Expenses	\$ 66,857	\$ 11,143	\$ 8,044	12%	72%
532	Rent Expense	\$ 136,812	\$ 22,802	\$ 8,472	6%	37%
533	Maintenance & Repair Expense	\$ 1,200	\$ 200	\$ 242	20%	121%
534	Specialized Sup & Mat.Expense	\$ 13,224	\$ 2,204	\$ 632	5%	29%
536	General Operating Expenses	\$ 44,578	\$ 7,430	\$ 1,188	3%	16%
541	Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 9,717	\$ 1,619	\$ -	0%	0%
542	Library Equipment-Resources	\$ 3,000	\$ 500	\$ 527	18%	105%
552	Scholar.,Tuition,Incentive Pmt	\$ 300	\$ 50	\$ -	0%	0%
554	Program Reimb,Litigation Costs	\$ 1,422,486	\$ 237,081	\$ -	0%	0%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$5,855,828</b>	<b>\$975,971</b>	<b>\$520,393</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>53%</b>

# Budget Utilization

- by Expense A/c  
as of August 31, 2025

Budget by Expense Category





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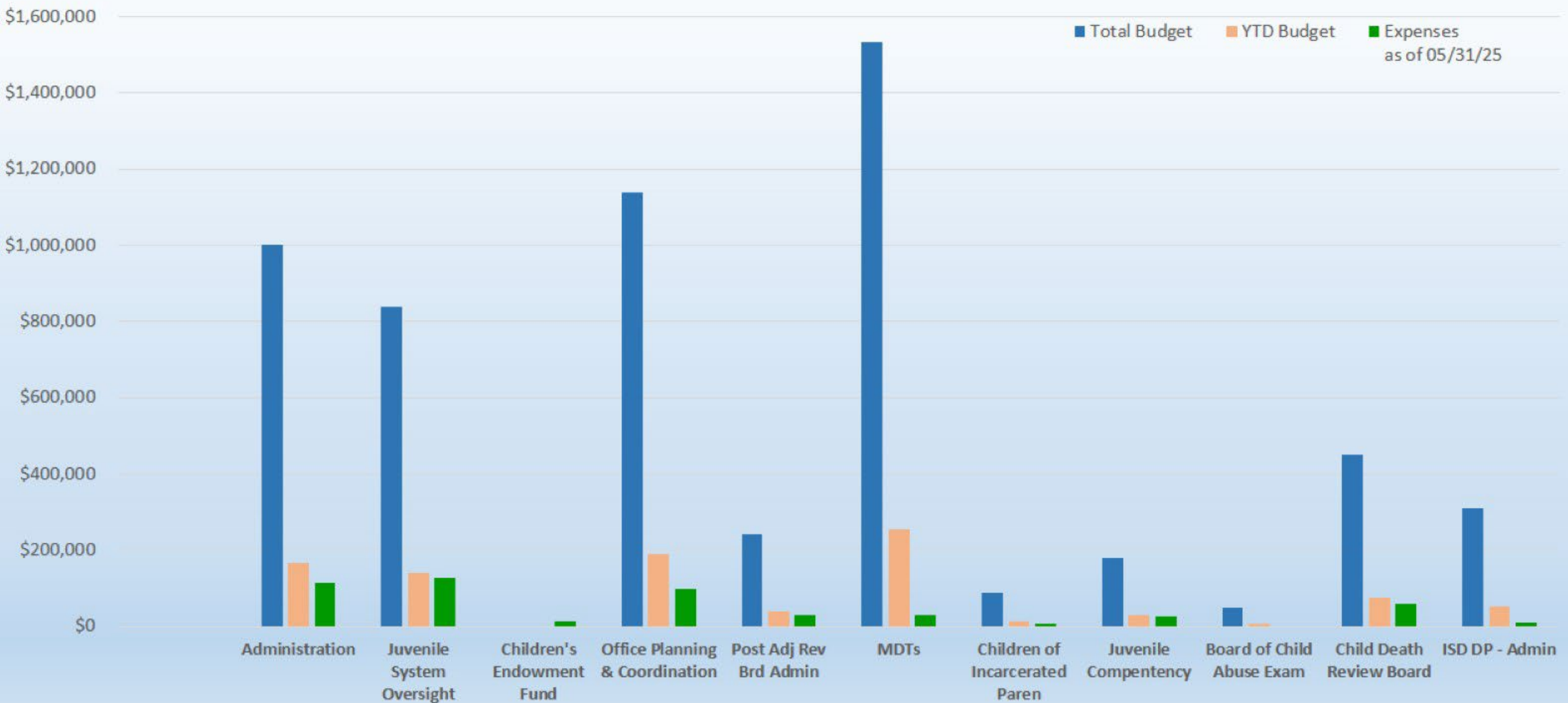
- by Departments  
as of August 31, 2025

Dept. #	Department	Total Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses as of 08/31/25	Percent Utilized	
					total Budget	YTD Budget
100002	Administration	\$999,573	\$166,595	<b>\$113,965</b>	11%	68%
100032	Juvenile System Oversight	\$838,090	\$139,682	<b>\$126,990</b>	15%	91%
100040	Children's Endowment Fund	\$0	\$0	<b>\$14,361</b>		
100042	Office Planning & Coordination	\$1,136,461	\$189,410	<b>\$99,703</b>	9%	53%
100043	Post Adj Rev Brd Admin	\$242,736	\$40,456	<b>\$29,238</b>	12%	72%
100044	MDTs	\$1,531,420	\$255,237	<b>\$30,477</b>	2%	12%
100045	CASA Contract	\$28,486	\$4,748	<b>\$0</b>		
100090	Children of Incarcerated Paren	\$89,500	\$14,917	<b>\$8,250</b>	9%	55%
100301	Juvenile Competency	\$180,088	\$30,015	<b>\$27,534</b>	15%	92%
100401	Board of Child Abuse Exam	\$50,000	\$8,333	<b>\$0</b>	0%	0%
100681	Child Death Review Board	\$450,105	\$75,017	<b>\$58,314</b>	13%	78%
8800001	ISD DP - Admin	\$309,369	\$51,561	<b>\$11,561</b>	4%	22%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,855,828</b>	<b>\$975,971</b>	<b>\$520,393</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>53%</b>



# Budget Utilization

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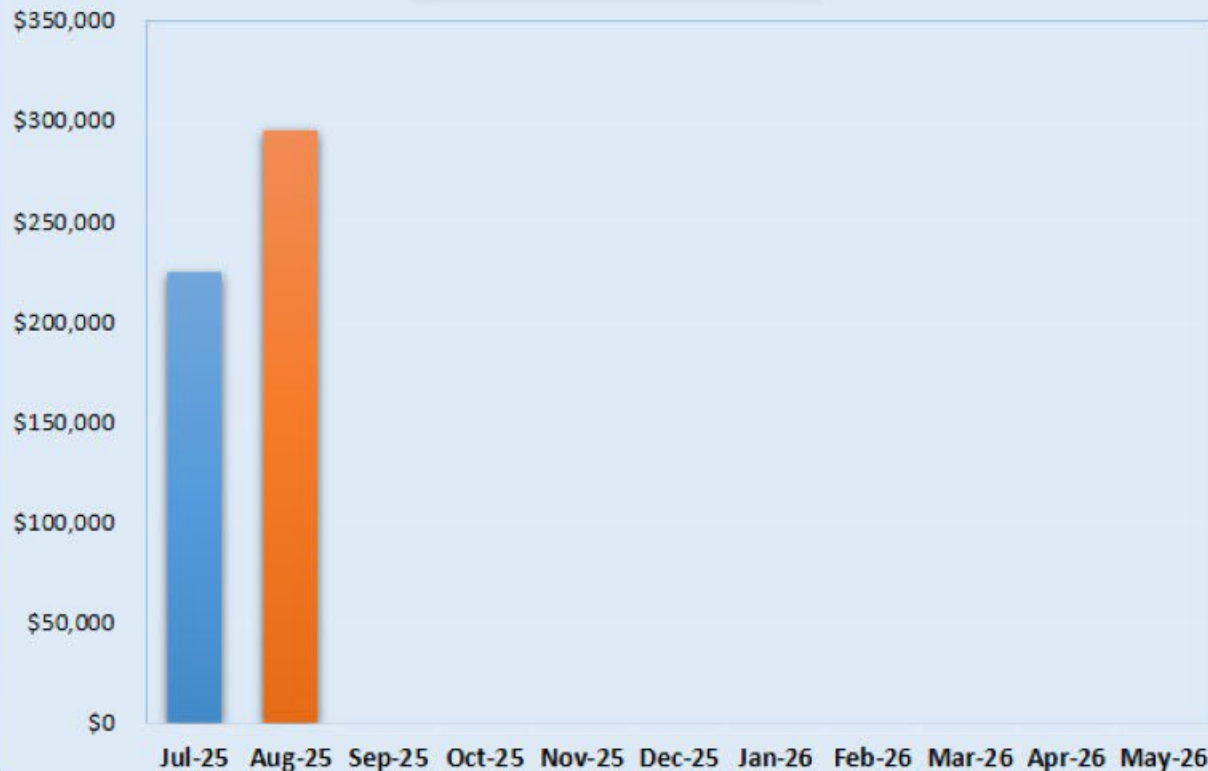


# Budget Spending Trends

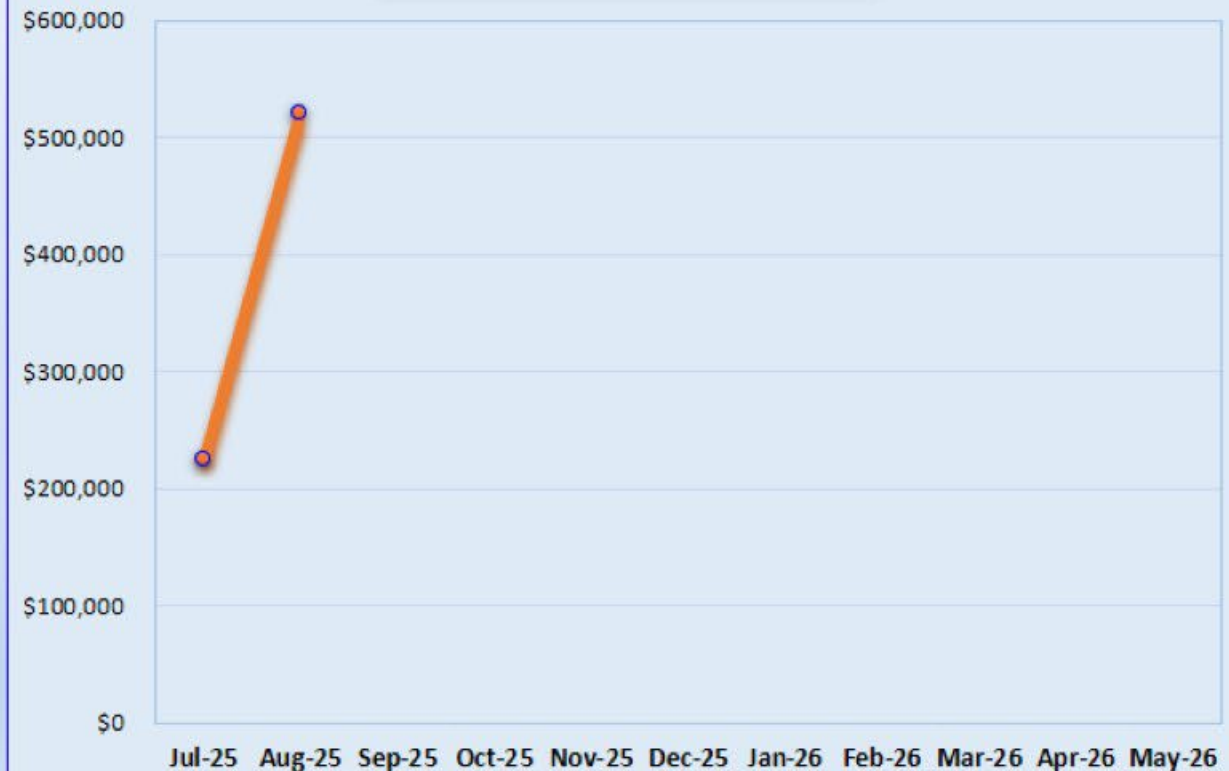
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Month	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26
Expenses	\$224,634	\$295,759									
Cumulative Expenses	\$224,634	\$520,393									

Monthly Expenses



Commulative Expenses



# Cash Balance Report

as of August 31, 2025



Class Fund	Available Cash
194 - GRF FY24	\$ 38,554.12
195- GRF FY25	\$ 242,952.16
196- GRF FY26	\$ 103,441.88
200 - Revolving	\$ 430,880.73
210 - CAMTA	\$ -
<b>Total Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 815,828.89</b>



System generated PeopleSoft financial reports / statements included are:

1. Operating Budget Comparison Summary by Division /Account.
2. Six Digit Expenditure Detail Report.
3. Allotment Budget and Available Cash.

# Key Financial Activities & Updates

(as of August 31, 2025)



## Budget Planning & Reporting

- ✓ Completed **Indirect Cost Analysis (FY24–25)**
- ✓ Submitted **FY25 budget revisions** (IT expenditures, CAMTA funds)
- ✓ Working on **FY 2027 budget request**



## Financial Reporting & Compliance

- ✓ Submitted **GAAP Package H**
- ✓ Conducted **P-Card compliance reviews** (July & Aug)
- ✓ Reviewed & verified **monthly financial reports**
- ✓ Reconciled **PeopleSoft data** with invoices



## Procurement & Contract Management

- ✓ Processed **FY26 Purchase Orders**
- ✓ Submitted **two sole source requests**
- ✓ Supported **contract reviews** & budget proposals
- ✓ Released unused **FY25 encumbrances**



## Operational & System Support

- ✓ Organized **SharePoint accounts folders** (manager access)
- ✓ Established and structured **documentation system** (contracts, vouchers, invoices, deposits).
- ✓ Cleared **past due invoices**
- ✓ Ongoing support: **POs, payments, travel claims**



Discussions and  
possible vote to  
approve the  
finance report.



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# **Budget Request for FY 2027**

## Current Funding Challenges

- Our **state appropriation** is nearly absorbed by payroll.
- After paying personnel costs, only **\$199,720** remains, but **\$210,000** has already been earmarked by the legislature for specific programs.
- These earmarks leaves **zero funding for essential operating costs** such as rent, IT needs, communication services, etc.

# FY 2027 Budget Request

**Total Budget Request:                      \$1,630,652**

This request reflects the resources needed to:

- Sustain **basic operations**
- Support **mandatory services and evaluations**
- Increase services of the Children of Incarcerated Parents Mentoring Program
- Ensure recruitment and retention via strategic and competitive salary adjustments
- Fulfill oversight tasks and increase accountability through program reports and evaluations



## Request Priority # 1

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
1	<b>Support for Operational Overhead Costs</b> <i>(Atty. General, OMES services, office rent, supplies, copiers, state cars, staff development, travel, etc.)</i>	<b>\$342,252.67</b>

- **Core Operations at Risk:** Current appropriations are almost entirely absorbed by payroll, leaving no funding for essential fixed costs.
- **Non-Negotiable Expenses:** These costs are not optional — they keep the agency's doors open, staff working, and programs functioning.
- **Indirect Costs:** @ 6.51% of Total Expenses, indirect costs cover the basic infrastructure required to support personnel. Without coverage, the agency cannot sustain daily operations.
- **Operational Stability:** Additional support ensures compliance with state requirements, smooth delivery of mandated services, and uninterrupted support for children & youth.

### Impact if Funded:

- Keeps offices open and operational.
- Provides staff with the tools, technology, and basic training needed to perform.
- Protects the state's investment in child welfare and juvenile justice services.

## Requests Priority # 2

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
2	Salary Revisions of Existing Staff	\$261,677

- **Retention & Stability:** Competitive salaries are necessary to retain qualified staff who carry out critical oversight, evaluation, and program functions. High turnover disrupts services and increases training costs.
- **Recruitment:** State agencies face challenges in attracting skilled professionals. Modest increases help keep positions competitive with the private sector and other public agencies.
- **Continuity of Services:** Stable staffing ensures uninterrupted delivery of mandated services such as court evaluations, case reviews, and program oversight.
- **Cost Efficiency:** Investing in retention reduces long-term costs tied to vacancies, overtime, and rehiring.

### Impact if Funded:

- Improved staff morale and productivity.
- Lower turnover and training costs.
- Stronger organizational capacity to deliver essential services

## Requests Priority # 3

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
3	OJSO Positions (Director & Investigators) 3 FTEs	\$492,816

- **Increased Statutory Responsibilities:**
  - Investigation reports to District Attorneys following facility complaints (**SB 872**)
  - Oversight access to all Public-Private facilities (**HB 1574**)
- **Oversight and Accountability:** The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) monitors services for children in state custody, ensuring agencies comply with policies and safeguard youth rights. Without adequate staffing, gaps in oversight put vulnerable children at risk.
- **Large Caseloads:** Referrals and case reviews continue while current staffing levels have remained flat. Additional investigators are critical to reduce backlogs and provide timely responses.

### Impact if Funded:

- Faster, more thorough investigations into complaints and system failures.
- Stronger protections for children in foster care, juvenile justice, and residential facilities.
- Clearer accountability and data for lawmakers, courts, and families.



## Request Priority # 4

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
4	Additional Juvenile Competency Evaluations	\$45,000

- **Court Ordered Evaluations:** Courts rely on juvenile competency evaluations to determine whether youth are fit to proceed in the justice system. Without timely evaluations courts face backlogs that delay due process and potentially extend detention unnecessarily.
- **Public Safety & Youth Outcomes:** Competency evaluations are critical for identifying mental health needs, developmental delays, or trauma that may impair a youth's ability to participate in court proceedings.
- **Current Gap:** Our existing appropriation does not cover these evaluation costs. Historically, the legislature has earmarked \$60,000 for this purpose, but the need is ongoing and growing.

### Impact if Funded:

- Faster turnaround for courts and families.
- Reduced detention time and costs.
- Better identification of youth with mental health or developmental challenges.
- Greater fairness and efficiency in the juvenile justice system.

## Requests Priority # 5

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
5	Program Evaluations & Reports (OU contracts)	\$56,333

Critical evaluation and reporting obligations require **\$56,333** to deliver annual and quarterly reports, covering:

- CDRB Annual Report — **\$14,327**
- OJSO Annual Report — **\$11,907**
- PARB Annual Report — **\$3,708**
- FSMDT Quarterly Reports — **\$8,203**
- P&C Evaluation — **\$4,383**
- Homeless Youth Evaluation — **\$3,183**
- PPB Evaluation — **\$3,183**
- CIP Data — **\$7,439**

### Accountability & Transparency:

Required evaluations and reports ensure compliance with legislative intent and maintain public trust.

## Request Priority # 6 & 7

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
6	Endowment Developer (1 FTE)	\$110,858
7	Tulsa County PARB Coordinator (1 FTE)	\$110,858

### Meet Statutory Mandates:

Positions within PARB and the Children's Endowment Fund are critical for required OCCY activities.

- The Children's Endowment Fund created by statute in 2018 (SB 1081) requires staff to support for fund development and to administer the grants process. It will build long-term financial sustainability through private and philanthropic partnerships.
- Tulsa County PARB requires a fulltime staff to manage the existing boards and to develop additional review boards to conduct the court case reviews required in statute.



## Request Priority # 8 & 9

Priority	Description	Amount Requested
8	Children of Incarcerated Parents Mentoring expansion	\$100,000
9	CIP Coordinator (1 FTE)	\$110,858

- **Support for At-Risk Youth:** Expanding mentoring provides direct guidance, positive role models, and structured support for vulnerable children and families.
- **Prevention-Focused:** Early intervention through mentoring reduces the likelihood of system involvement, saving long-term costs in foster care, juvenile justice, and other state services.
- **Community Impact:** Mentoring programs strengthen family stability and resilience, building safer and healthier communities.
- **Data-Driven Approach:** Funding ensures mentoring services are expanded strategically, with measurable outcomes and accountability.

### Impact if Funded:

- Prevent children and youth entering the justice system and reduce recidivism
- More children and families connected to proven support systems.
- Improved life outcomes for at-risk youth.

## Summary of Requests by Priority

Priority	Description	Amount \$
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2	Salary Revisions of Existing Staff	\$261,677
3	OJSO Positions - Director & Investigators (3 FTEs)	\$492,816
4	Additional Juvenile Competency Evaluations	\$45,000
5	Program Evaluations & Reports (OU ETEAM contract)	\$56,333
6	Endowment Developer (1 FTE)	\$110,858
7	PARB Coordinator (1 FTE)	\$110,858
8	Children of Incarcerated Parents Mentoring expansion	\$100,000
9	CIP Coordinator (1 FTE)	\$110,858
<b>Total Request for SFY 2027</b>		<b>\$1,630,652</b>

## Closing – Why This Matters

- ✓ Our mission depends on **sustainable funding** to protect and support children.
- ✓ Current appropriations are **absorbed by payroll**, leaving **no resources for critical operations**.
- ✓ These requests represent **essential needs, not extras** – from court-ordered evaluations to child injury prevention.
- ✓ With this request, we can:
  - Strengthen oversight of services to children
  - Expand prevention and mentoring programs
  - Secure long-term financial stability

**“Investment in children today is an investment in Oklahoma’s future.”**



# Fully Credentialed Candidates

## Recommended by the OCCY Juvenile Competency Evaluation Professional Committee

- 10A Okla. Stat. § 2-2-401.4
- AOC 135:10-26-3
- AOC 135:10-26-4

# Sonya L. Cornwell, PhD



# Establishing a New Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team

## Procedures and Requirements

Presented by:  
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YOUTH



# OVERVIEW OF FSMDT



## Composition:

- District Attorney or Assistant District Attorney
- Law Enforcement
- Child Protective Service Workers (Oklahoma Department of Human Services)
- Medical Personnel with Child Maltreatment Experience
- Licensed Mental Health Professional
- Team Coordinator

## Purpose:

Promote joint investigation, coordination, and collaboration to effectively respond to child maltreatment and reduce trauma.





# FSMDT VS. CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTERS



## FSMDT:

- Not part of Children's Advocacy Center for accreditation purposes
- Focus on collaborative investigation and support

## Children's Advocacy Centers:

- Accredited entities with specific criteria
- Not covered in FSMDT requirements



# DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND OCCY



## Responsibilities:

- Collaborate to ensure coverage for each County or contiguous Counties within each District Attorney's district
- Ensure each area is served by a multidisciplinary team

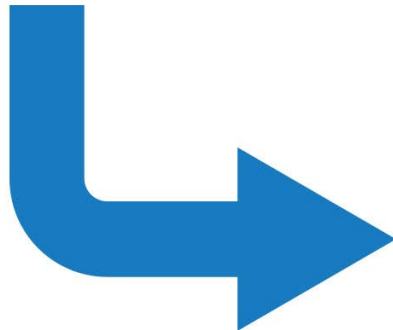




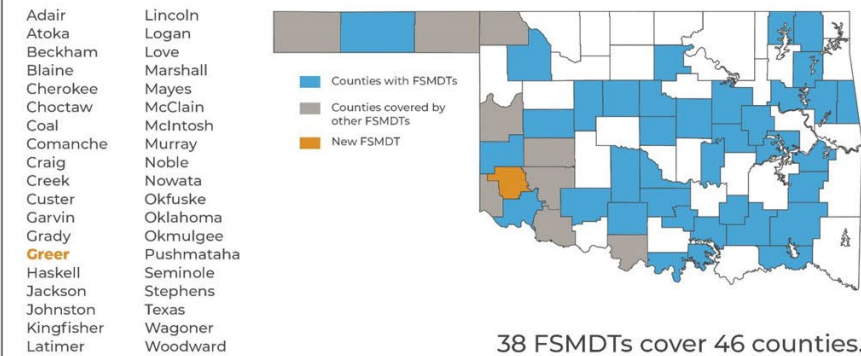
# KEY TASKS FOR FSMDT ESTABLISHMENT

## Timeline: January to July

- Contact OCCY FSMDT Program Manager
- Identify Service Area
- Obtain District Attorney's Support
- Obtain District Attorney's Support



Locations of FSMDTs in Oklahoma



- Assemble Core Team
- Hold Monthly Meetings
- Create Required Documents
- Complete MDT Basic Training
- Designate Lead Agency



# DETAILED TASK BREAKDOWN



## Contact OCCY FSMDT Program Manager

- Action: Reach out at [MDTOffice@occy.ok.gov](mailto:MDTOffice@occy.ok.gov) for technical assistance

## Identify Service Area

- Action: Confirm no existing FSMDT or Children's Advocacy Center

## Obtain District Attorney's Support

- Action: Secure a letter of support

## Assemble Core Team

- Action: Gather and commit core members





# MONTHLY MEETINGS



**Frequency:** Monthly for a minimum of six consecutive months before July 1

## ➤ First Two Meetings:

- Develop team structure, roles, and responsibilities
- Create protocols and policies
- Review Oklahoma statutes and MDT Minimum Standards

## ➤ Remaining Four Meetings:

- Conduct case reviews
- Collect data for annual review



# REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Interagency Agreement
- Investigative Protocol
- Forensic Interviewing Protocol
- Confidentiality Statement
- Sign-in Sheets
- Case Review Data Collection Form
- Financial Policies



# MDT BASIC TRAINING

Requirement: Complete training for all core members

Providers: OCCY or approved provider





# LEAD AGENCY DESIGNATION

Role: Fiduciary agent for FSMDT

Action: Designate and contract with OCCY for CAMTA funding





# EVALUATION AND FUNDING



Completion: All tasks before July 1

Action: Request FSMDT annual review and evaluation by OCCY

Purpose: Eligibility for CAMTA funding for the next fiscal year





**QUESTIONS?**



# **Strengthening Oklahoma's FSMDTs**

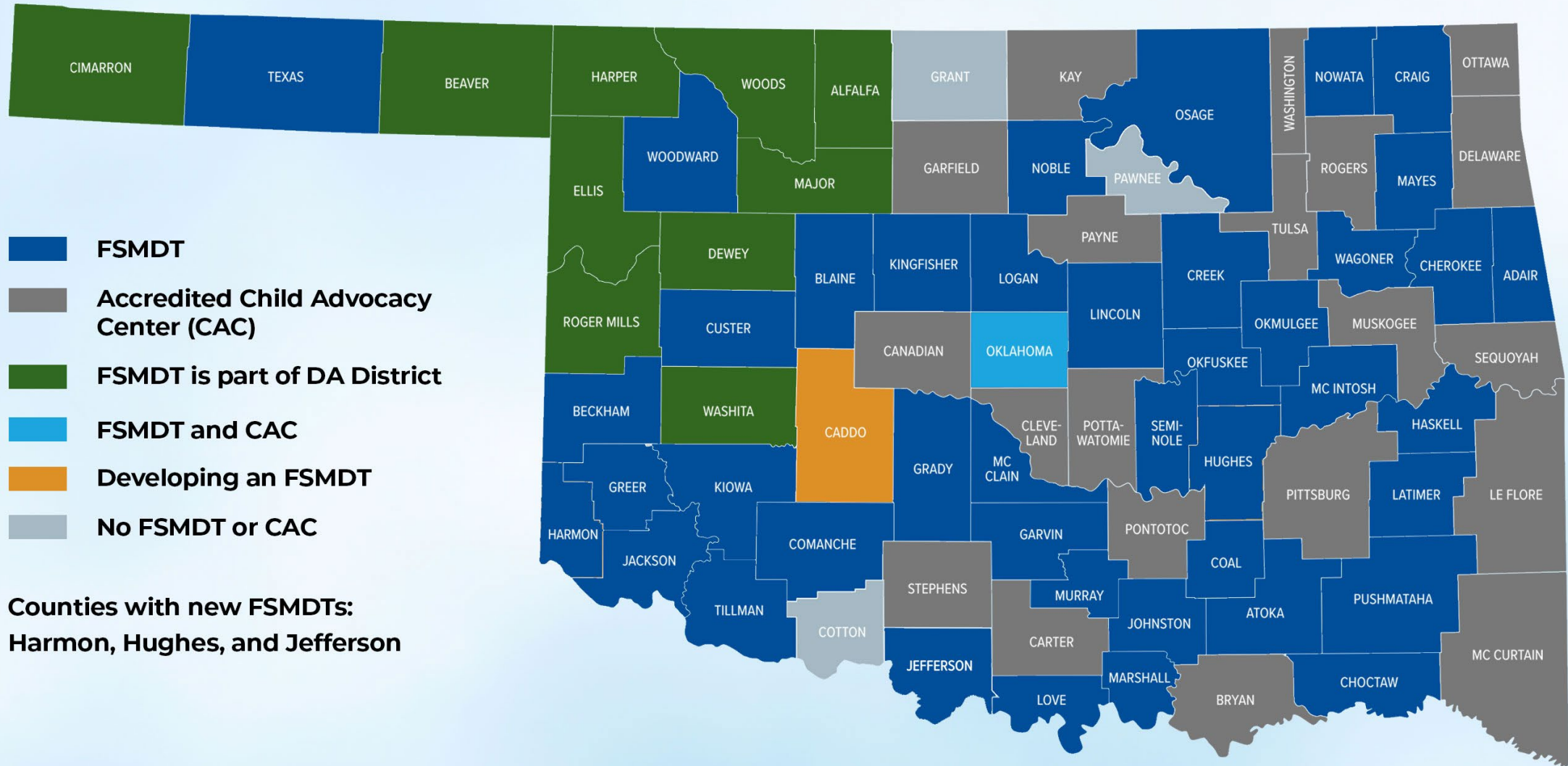
Statewide Expansion, National Recognition, and FY25 Approval

Presented by: Brittany Gassner, FSMDT Program Manager  
Friday, September 19, 2025





# Oklahoma FSMDT Coverage Update



**\* Oklahoma continues to stand as the only state with FSMDTs.**



# Key Focus Areas Driving Impact



## **Site Visits:**

OCCY's in-person engagement has strengthened trust and collaboration.



In the past three years, agencies have increasingly contacted OCCY with case staffing questions, a development not observed previously.



Training requests are now being submitted by all disciplines, not just coordinators.

# Statewide Training Impact

27 training events delivering 91 sessions across 45 unique topics.

29 expert trainers (15 local, 14 national).

683 participants trained through virtual, in-person, and hybrid formats.

222.5 total training hours provided statewide.



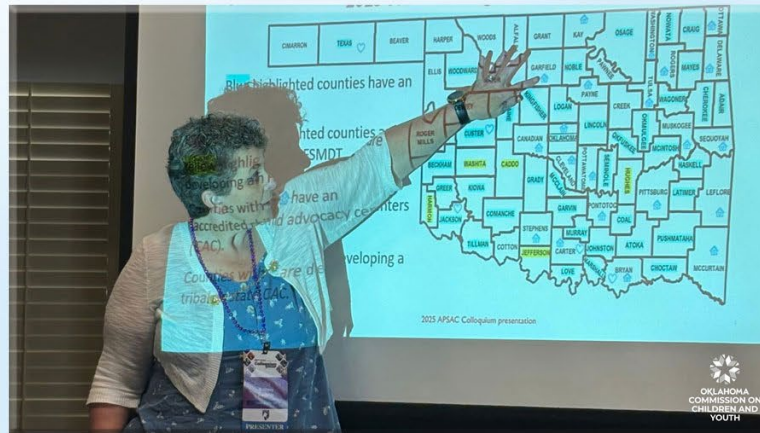
... and countless hours and miles on the road.



# National Recognition of the FSMDT Framework

OCCY's work is earning national attention and influence:

- ▶ Presented at the **APSAC 32nd Annual Colloquium**, highlighting Oklahoma's FSMDT model.
- ▶ Scheduled call on **Sept. 23** with the **Minnesota Children's Alliance** and the **Supreme Court Task Force** to discuss the Oklahoma FSMDTs and rural MDT reforms.



# Data and Database Implementation

**Nov. 1**  
Statute  
Takes Effect

- ▶ The database is live and operational
- ▶ Strong momentum, though still evolving

**25**  
Teams  
already entered  
and growing

- ▶ First year-end report will deliver an evidence-based snapshot
- ▶ Tracks law enforcement engagement, forensic exams, and service recommendations



# Approval Request

We respectfully request Commission approval of 43 FSMDTs for FY25 and express our sincere appreciation for the Commission's continued support.



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# What are the Post-adjudication Review Boards (PARB)?

- A group of local, trained and supported volunteers with broad legislative authority that meet regularly to monitor active deprived docket cases and make recommendations to the presiding judge and child welfare permanency staff
  - The recommendations are designed to ensure child safety, connect the family to needed services and provide feedback on the direction of the case.
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# PARB Basics

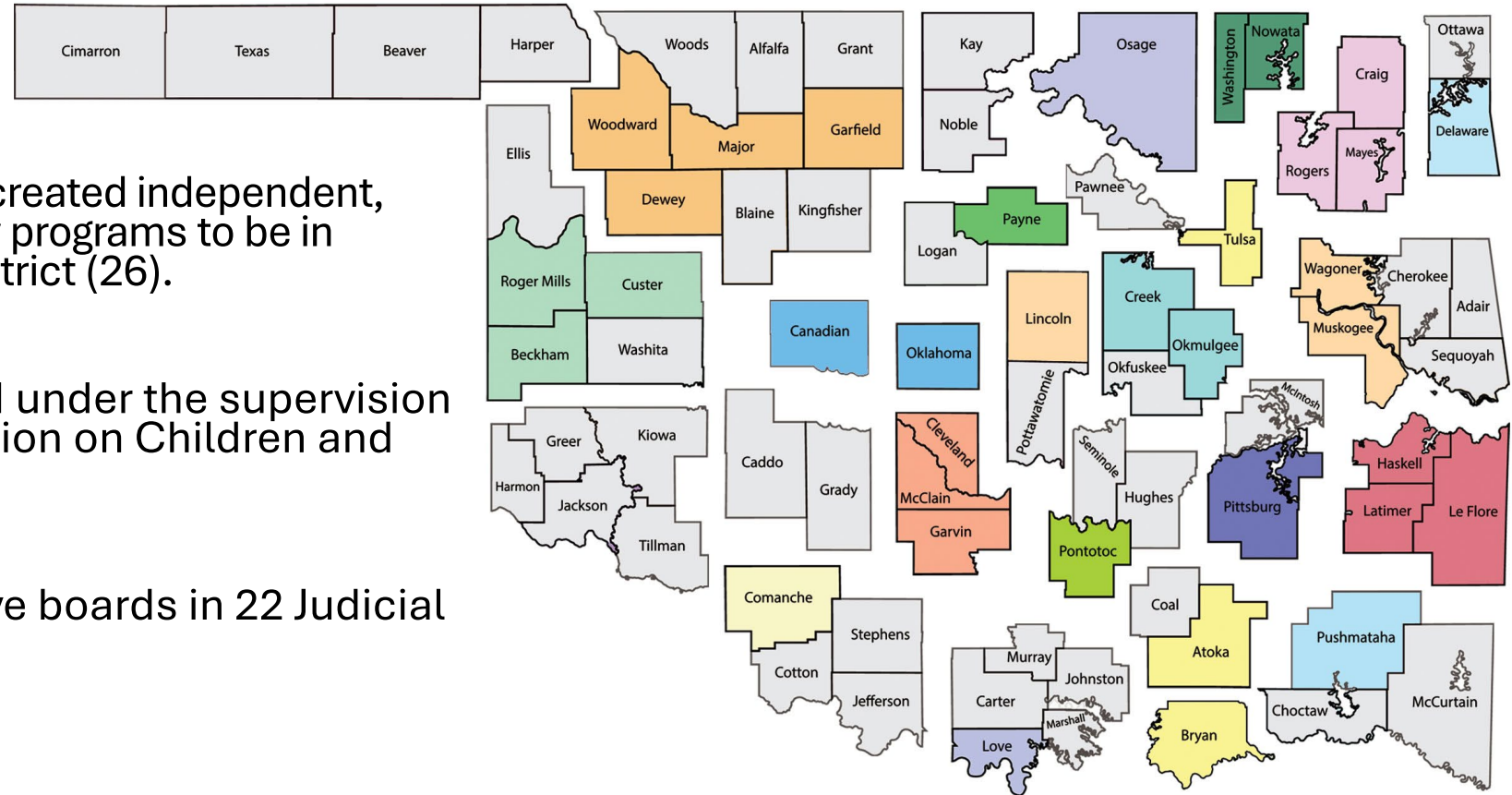
PARB Slogan: **Volunteers supporting, protecting and monitoring the deprived court system**

In SFY 24 there were 291 PARB volunteer members who conducted 2,526 foster care reviews and collectively logged 7,027 volunteer hours.

PARB has 2.5 staff

- **Shelbi Tatarian**, Oklahoma County, Manages the seven PARB boards in Oklahoma County. Leads outreach efforts and provides training.
- **Saralyn Miller**, Tulsa County, Manages the five PARB boards in Tulsa County.
- **Keith Pirtle**, Statewide Program Manager, Supports the work of the State PARB, develops new boards and provides technical assistance and quality assurance to existing boards, and coordinates the annual conference.

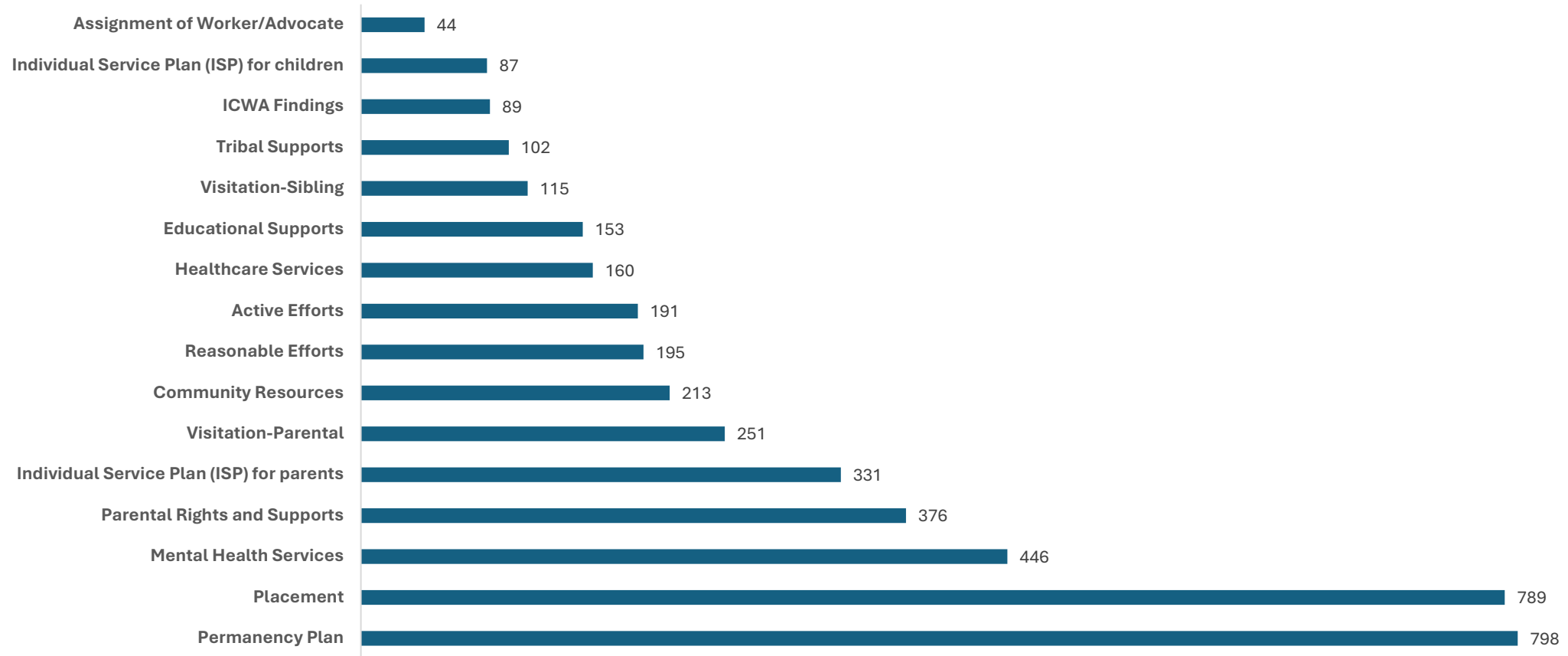
# PARB State Coverage



- 1981, Oklahoma legislation created independent, citizen-led foster care review programs to be in operation in every judicial district (26).
- 1990's, the program moved under the supervision of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY).
- There are currently 40 active boards in 22 Judicial Districts



# ***Frequency of Recommendation Categories per Review (n = 2,526)***



# State PARB

- 1983, Oklahoma Legislation created a state level advisory board.
- The board consists of 23 members appointed by the Governor:
- The State Post-adjudication Review Advisory Board was established to oversee the state post-adjudication review program in coordination with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY).
- The Board is responsible for:
  - Overseeing the PARB Program in partnership with OCCY
  - Making policy recommendations to courts, agencies, and government officials regarding child welfare, foster care, and permanency planning
  - Identifying and solving issues within the foster care system
  - Submitting a report of activities along with findings and recommendations to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth.



# SFY 2024 Annual Recommendations from the State Post-adjudication Review Advisory Board

- *Reduce the time to initiate services and improve the quality of supportive services, particularly mental health services, to families engaged within the child welfare system.*
  - *Support House Bill 2030 which, if passed, would increase payments to foster parents.*
  - *Remove barriers that create challenges for Oklahoma foster care youth to participate in the Oklahoma's Promise Scholarship Program.*
  - The State Post-adjudication Review Advisory Board supports the efforts of child welfare and other court partners in their efforts to modernize Oklahoma's approach to Individual Service Plans (ISP).
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