

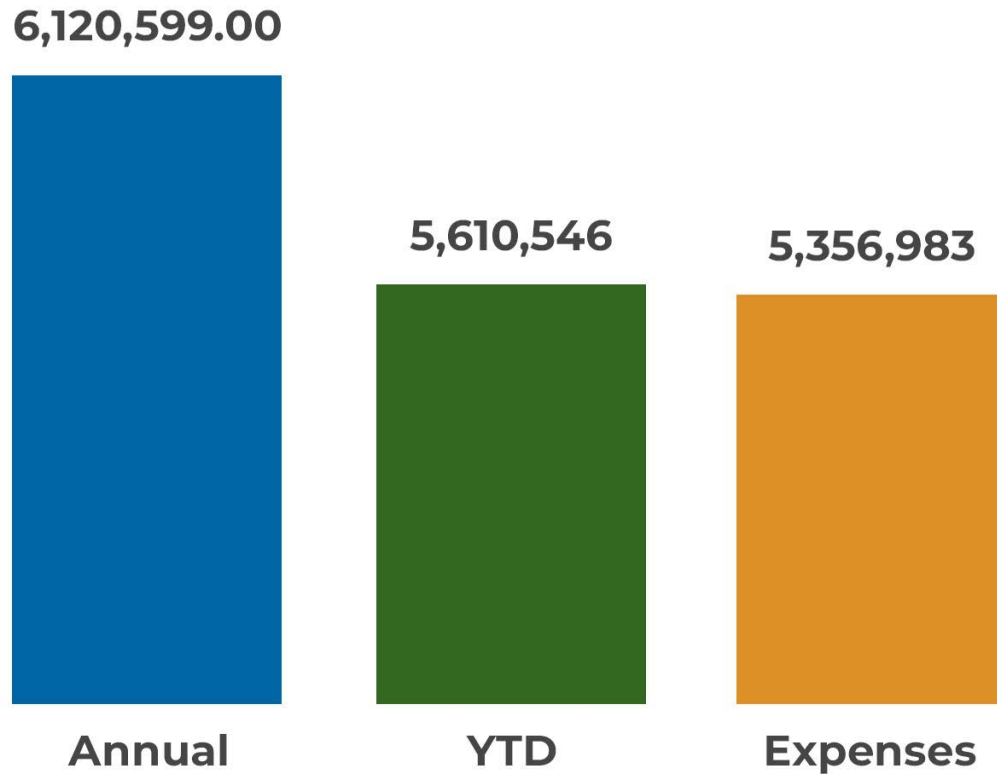
Commission Meeting Financial Report

June 19, 2026



OKLAHOMA
COMMISSION ON
CHILDREN AND
YOUTH

Budget Overview (As of May 31, 2026)



87.52% of the annual budget expended

\$76,000 was added to the budget in March

\$3,103,087 – Appropriations
\$1,528,741 – 20000 Fund, Revolving
\$1,488,771 – 21000 Fund, CAMTA

Budget Utilization by Department (As of May 31, 2026)

Dept. #	Department	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	Expenses	Annual Expense %
100002	Administration	\$999,573.00	\$916,275.00	\$812,196.22	81.25%
100032	Juvenile System Oversight	\$838,090.00	\$768,249.00	\$710,307.17	84.75%
100040	Children's Endowment Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$71,918.91	—
100042	Office Planning & Coordination	\$1,136,461.00	\$1,041,755.00	\$866,285.11	76.23%
100043	Postadjudication Review Boards	\$242,736.00	\$222,508.00	\$229,531.34	94.56%
100044	Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams	\$1,720,191.00	\$1,576,841.00	\$1,630,454.10	94.78%
100045	CJA - CASA	\$28,486.00	\$26,112.00	\$28,486.00	100.00%
100090	Children of Incarcerated Parents	\$89,500.00	\$82,041.00	\$88,966.33	99.40%
100301	Juvenile Competency	\$180,088.00	\$165,081.00	\$170,910.90	94.90%
100401	Board of Child Abuse Examiners	\$50,000.00	\$45,833.00	\$50,000.00	100.00%
100681	Child Death Review Board	\$450,105.00	\$412,596.00	\$362,603.28	80.56%
8800001	IT	\$385,369.00	\$353,255.00	\$335,324.26	87.01%
		\$6,120,599.00	\$5,610,546.00	\$5,356,983.62	87.52%

Budget Utilization by Account (As of May 31, 2026)

Code	Account	Annual Budget	Expenses	Annual Expense %
511	Salary Expense	2,138,842.60	1,674,761.38	78.30%
512	Insurance - Health/Life Etc.	311,760.56	321,407.86	103.09%
513	FICA, Retirement, Etc.	452,764.14	397,670.55	87.83%
515	Professional Services	1,188,065.00	1,112,222.82	93.62%
519	Inter/Intra Agy Pmt-Pers Svcs	10,700.00	3,600.00	33.64%
521	Travel - Reimbursements	33,826.00	16,110.64	47.63%
522	Travel - Agency Direct Pmts	97,696.00	80,384.27	82.28%
531	Misc. Administrative Expenses	66,857.00	64,973.37	97.18%
532	Rent Expense	136,812.00	131,601.06	96.19%
533	Maintenance & Repair Expense	1,200.00	7,063.59	588.63%
534	Specialized Sup & Mat.Expense	13,224.00	3,181.77	24.06%
535	Production, Safety, Etc.	0.00	342.00	-
536	General Operating Expenses	44,578.00	20,320.32	45.58%
541	Office Furniture & Equipment	9,717.00	447.54	4.61%
542	Library Equipment-Resources	3,000.00	4,775.51	159.18%
552	Scholar., Tuition, Incentive Payment	300.00	425.64	141.88%
554	Program Reimb, Litigation Costs	1,611,257.00	1,435,658.42	89.10%
601	Authority Order - TBA	-	52,536.88	-
810	Purchase Orders - TBA	-	29,500.00	-
		\$6,120,599.30	\$5,356,983.62	87.52%

Cash Balance (As of May 31, 2026)

Class Fund	Available Cash
195 - FY 25 GRF	273,318.46
196 - FY 26 GRF	572,359.05
200 - Revolving	298,530.58
210 - CAMTA	161,055.43

\$1,305,263.52

Reports

The following reports were provided in the Commissioner's Packet

- 1** Operating Budget Comparison Summary by Division/Account
- 2** Six-Digit Object of Expenditure Report
- 3** Allotment Budget and Available Cash

Activities

1 Cherra Taylor, Business Manager

a Requisitions/Purchase Orders

b Invoice Payment Processing

c Transition to SFY 27 (Contracts/Renewals, Purchase Orders, Etc.)

2 SFY 27 Budget Preparation

Questions?

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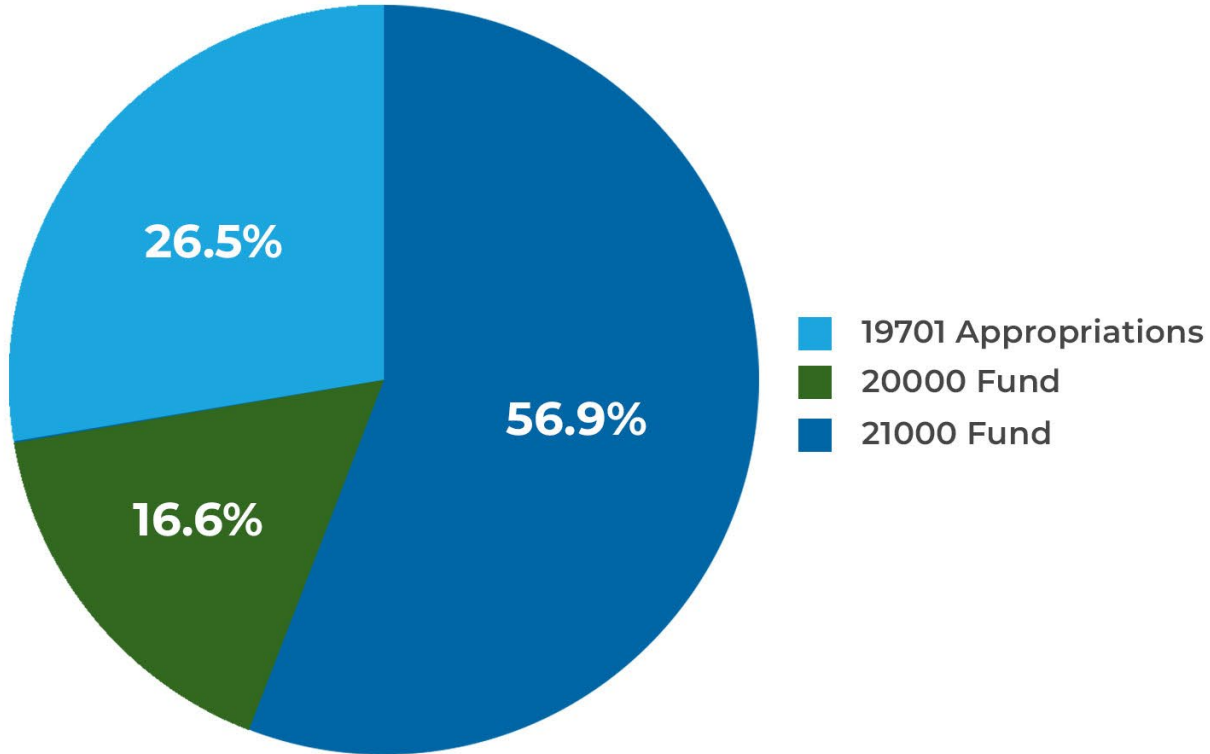


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Budget by Revenue Source

Total Budget: \$5,306,943



19701	SFY 27 Appropriations	3,017,574
20000	Fund	883,555
	▶ Title IV-E	273,540
	▶ MPHI	5,552
	▶ OSDH-CBCAP	200,000
	▶ OKDHS-CSAW	50,000
	▶ OPSR-PDG	191,475
	▶ ODMHSAS-OYAC	107,250
	▶ CJA	55,738
21000	Fund	1,405,814
	▶ CAMTA	1,295,814
	▶ FSMDT Returns	110,000
	Total	5,306,943



Change from SFY26

	SFY26	SFY27 (Proposed)	Change
Appropriation	\$3,103,087	\$3,017,574	-\$85,513 ▼
Total Budget	\$6,120,599	\$5,306,943	-\$813,656 ▼

Some of the Service Adjustments

- ▶ Ending Oklahoma Fatherhood Summit Support
- ▶ Ending iRT Mentoring Central Learning Platform Contract
- ▶ Reducing Be Strong Families™ Parent Café Trainings, Technical Assistance and Program Evaluation
- ▶ Ending Arc of Oklahoma Arc@Schools Program Support
- ▶ Ending Strengthening Youth Custody & Transition Services Advisory Committee Support & Initiatives
- ▶ Reducing Conference and Community Event Partnerships/Sponsorships
- ▶ Ending Children’s Trust Fund Alliance Technical Assistance for PDG B-5 Initiatives

Primary Changes

- ▶ \$107,00 - Reduction of appropriations for HB4050
- ▶ \$194,000 - Reduction of program partnership funds/grants (PDG B-5)
- ▶ \$40,000 - Lower projections for Title IV-E funds
- ▶ \$70,000 - Lower projections for CAMTA funds
- ▶ \$234,000 - Does not include potential carryover
- ▶ \$40,000 - Personnel adjustments

SFY 27 Budget Overview

SFY Appropriations: \$3,017,574

- ▶ **88.5% Payroll - \$2,671,684**
- ▶ **11.5% Other Operational Costs - \$345,890**

20000 Funds: \$883,555

- ▶ **\$604,463 are expenses paid from available cash and are reimbursed**
- ▶ **\$273,540 is a projected amount for Title IV-E funds. The amount will be based on qualifying oversight cases and other expenses**

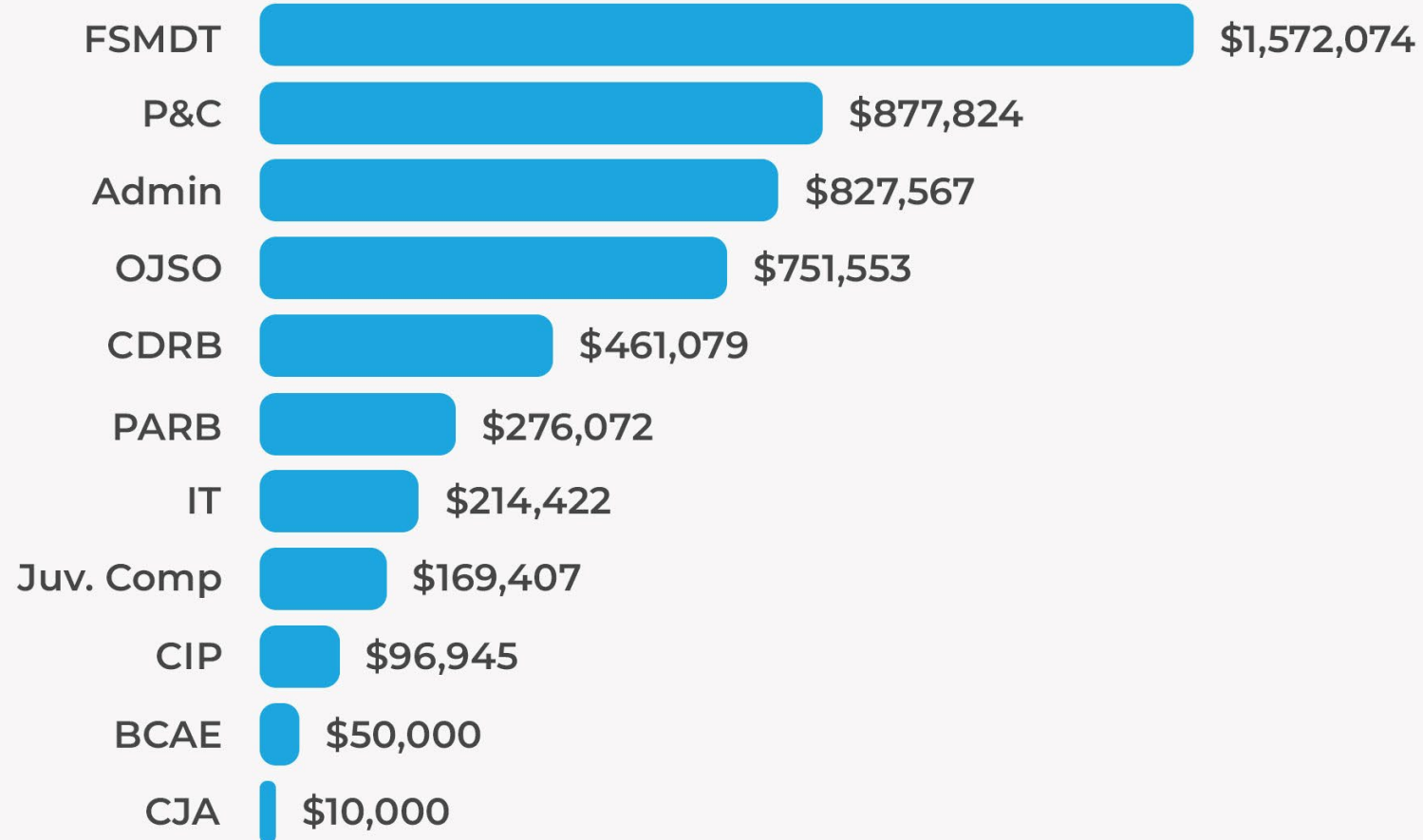
21000 Funds: \$1,405,814

- ▶ **\$1,235,000 is a projected CAMTA amount from OKDHS and the actual amount will not be known until October.**
- ▶ **5% of that amount OCCY is able to use for administrative costs the rest will pass through to the FSMDTs**
- ▶ **\$110,000 is a projected amount of returned funds from FSMDTs. The returned funds will go back to OKDHS.**



Budget by Revenue Source

Total Budget: \$5,306,943





SFY 27 by Account

511	Salary Expense	1,938,605	532	Rent	84,267
512	Insurance (Health/Life/Etc.)	393,155	533	Maintenance and Repair	11,076
513	FICA, Retirement, Etc.	340,904	534	Specialized Supplies/Materials	6,870
515	Professional Services	797,116	536	General Operating	23,976
519	Inter/Intra Agency Payment	6,325	541	Office Furniture/Equipment	6,508
521	Travel (Reimbursement)	42,651	542	Library Resources/Equipment	2,500
522	Travel (Direct Payment)	111,478	554	Program Reimbursement	1,465,000
531	Misc. Administration	76,512			
				Total	5,306,943



Questions?



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Oklahoma Youth Advisory Council Updates



Presented by OYAC Member,
Rex Templeton (they/them)

Who Am I?

- 19 Years Old
- Queer & Non-Binary
- Disabled & Chronically Ill (Autism, POTS, MCAS, EDS, etc)
- Born in Texas, have been living in Tulsa for almost 2 years
- Lived Experience:
 - Was homeless twice, lived on the streets, in shelters, and couch surfed
 - Sooner Select recipient
 - Frequent contact with DHS/CPS as a kid
- Community Engagement:
 - Youth Services of Tulsa YAB
 - Guest Speaker on Focus: Black Oklahoma podcast
- I joined OYAC to make an impact on a larger scale. I loved helping with the day-to-day stuff, but I want to make lasting improvements that will reduce the suffering of people like me.



OYAC Summer Timeline

March 2026



Meeting Launch

In March, we had our first OYAC meeting. During this meeting, we mostly focused on getting to know each other and setting ground rules

April 2026



Engagement Opportunities

This meeting focused on ways OYAC could get involved with other organizations or projects we could partner on.

May 2026



Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

OYAC partnered with one of OSDH's epidemiologists Thad to discuss the priority and wording of 10-12 potential YRBSS questions

Looking Ahead

Summer Meetings/Events

1

June 23; Communication & Goals

- During this meeting, OYAC will work on refining our communication skills and further discussing our goals using the POM and SMART acronyms

2

July 28; Strategic Sharing Training

- OYAC members will have an opportunity to learn how to share our experiences concisely and deliberately

3

August 8; Summer Retreat & Planning

- OYAC will meet in-person in OKC on August 8th for our summer retreat and strategic planning session



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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

SCORE

556
BETTER

RANK

30

UNITED STATES

OKLAHOMA

Children in poverty

US 11,117,000 | OK 179,000

17%
2019

15%
2024

↓
BETTER

20%
2019

19%
2024

↓
BETTER

Children whose parents lack secure employment

US 18,420,000 | OK 258,000

26%
2019

25%
2024

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BETTER

26%
2019

27%
2024

↑
WORSE

Children living in households with a high housing cost burden

US 22,385,000 | OK 245,000

30%
2019

31%
2024

↑
WORSE

25%
2019

26%
2024

↑
WORSE

Teens not in school and not working

US 1,218,000 | OK 15,000

6%
2019

7%
2024

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8%
2019

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Children in Poverty



The minimum wage is not a living wage,

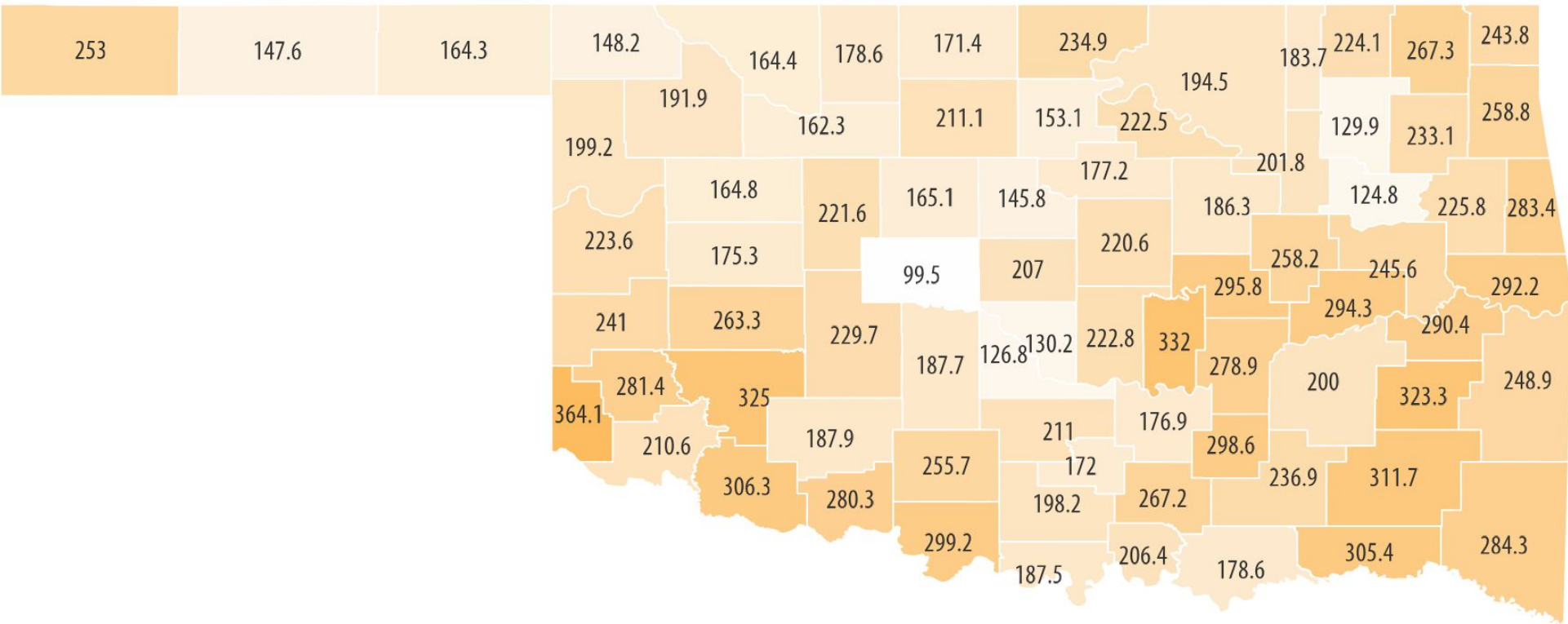


Median household income among households



Poverty among people under 18 is concentrated in rural areas

2022 Poverty Estimates



Number of youth in poverty per 1,000 residents under the age of 18



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates 2022. Refer to the Census Bureau definition of poverty universe for additional information. Chart by: Polina Rozhkova



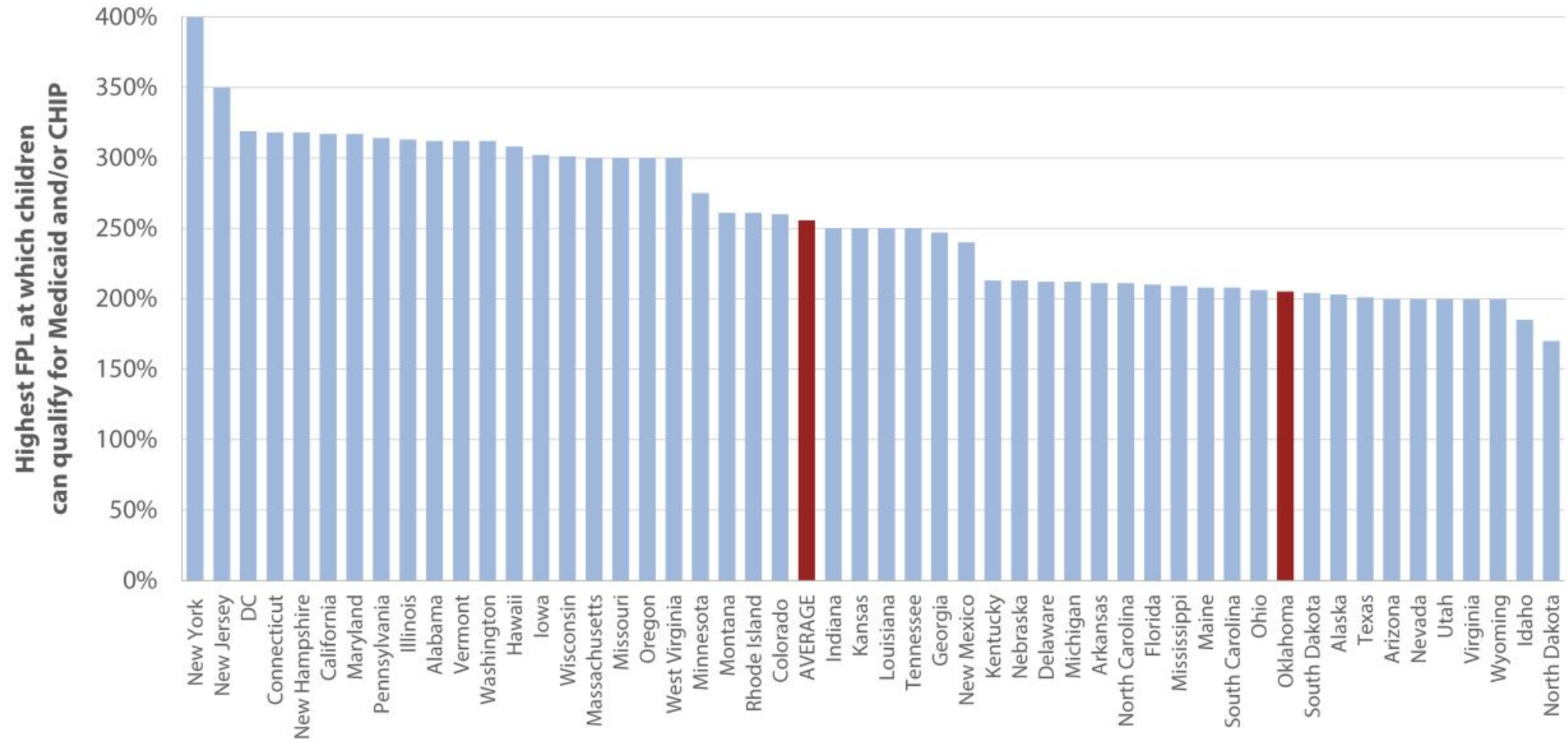
Child Food







Most states offer Medicaid coverage to children at much higher incomes

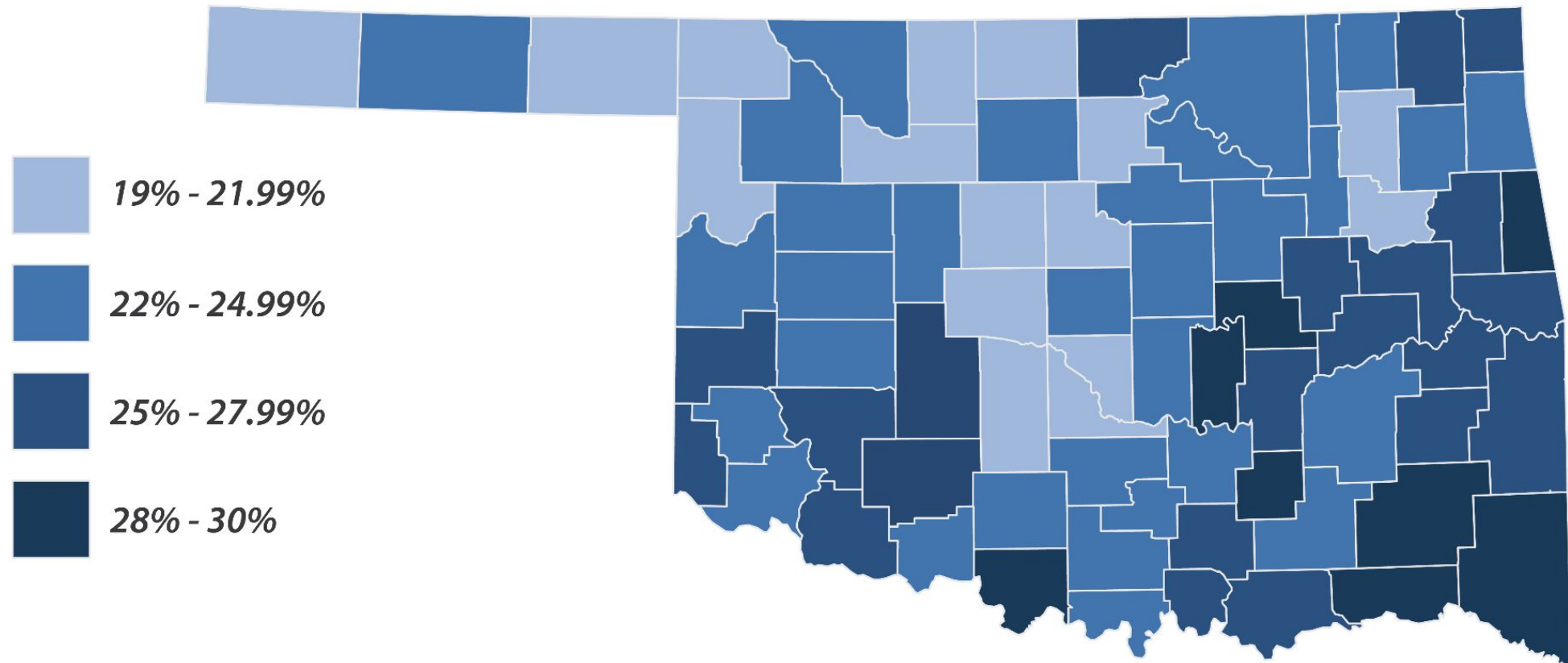


Source: Medicaid.gov



SoonerCare supports communities across Oklahoma. New barriers will leave thousands behind.

SoonerCare (Medicaid) coverage by county, 2023



Source: Oklahoma Health Care Authority

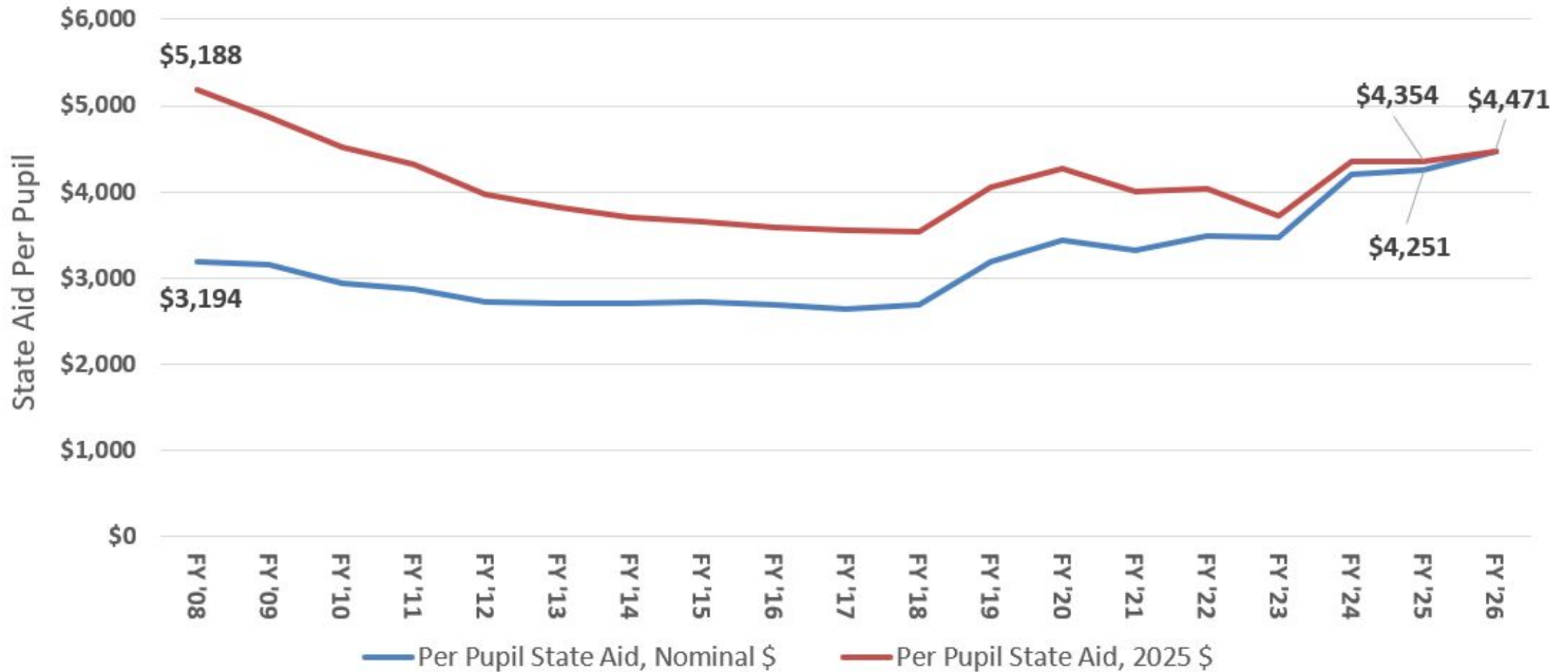








Oklahoma Public School State Aid Formula Funding, FY '08 - FY '26



Source: State Department of Education. FY '26, data comes from OK Policy calculations from general appropriation bills and 5-year average of enrollment growth.







Types of ACEs

Other Adversity



ABUSE

- Emotional
- Physical
- Sexual



NEGLECT

- Emotional
- Physical



HOUSEHOLD CHALLENGES*

- Substance misuse
- Mental illness
- Suicidal thoughts and behavior
- Divorce or separation
- Incarceration
- Intimate partner violence or domestic violence



- Bullying
- Community violence
- Natural disasters
- Refugee or wartime experiences
- Witnessing or experiencing acts of terrorism

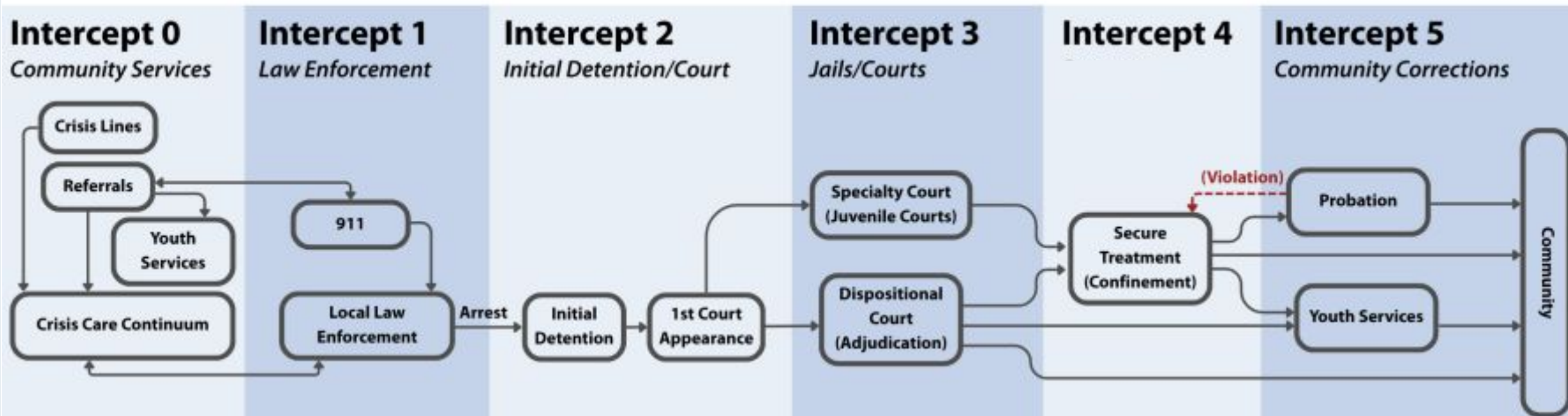
* The child lives with a parent, caregiver, or other adult who experiences one or more of these challenges.







The youth justice system offers many opportunities for intervention before court involvement

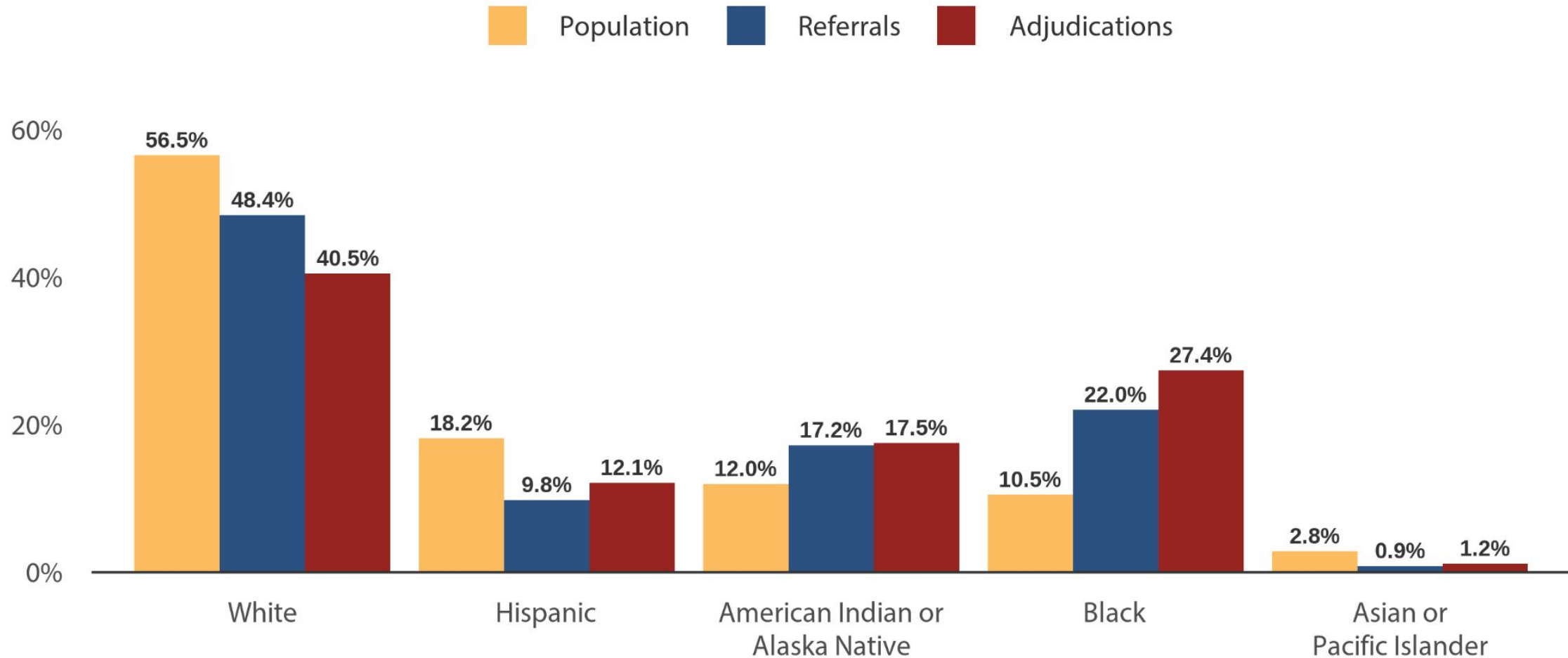


Source: Policy Research Associates, Inc. and data from the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs



Black and American Indian youth were overrepresented in Oklahoma's youth justice system

2018 OJA Referrals and Adjudications

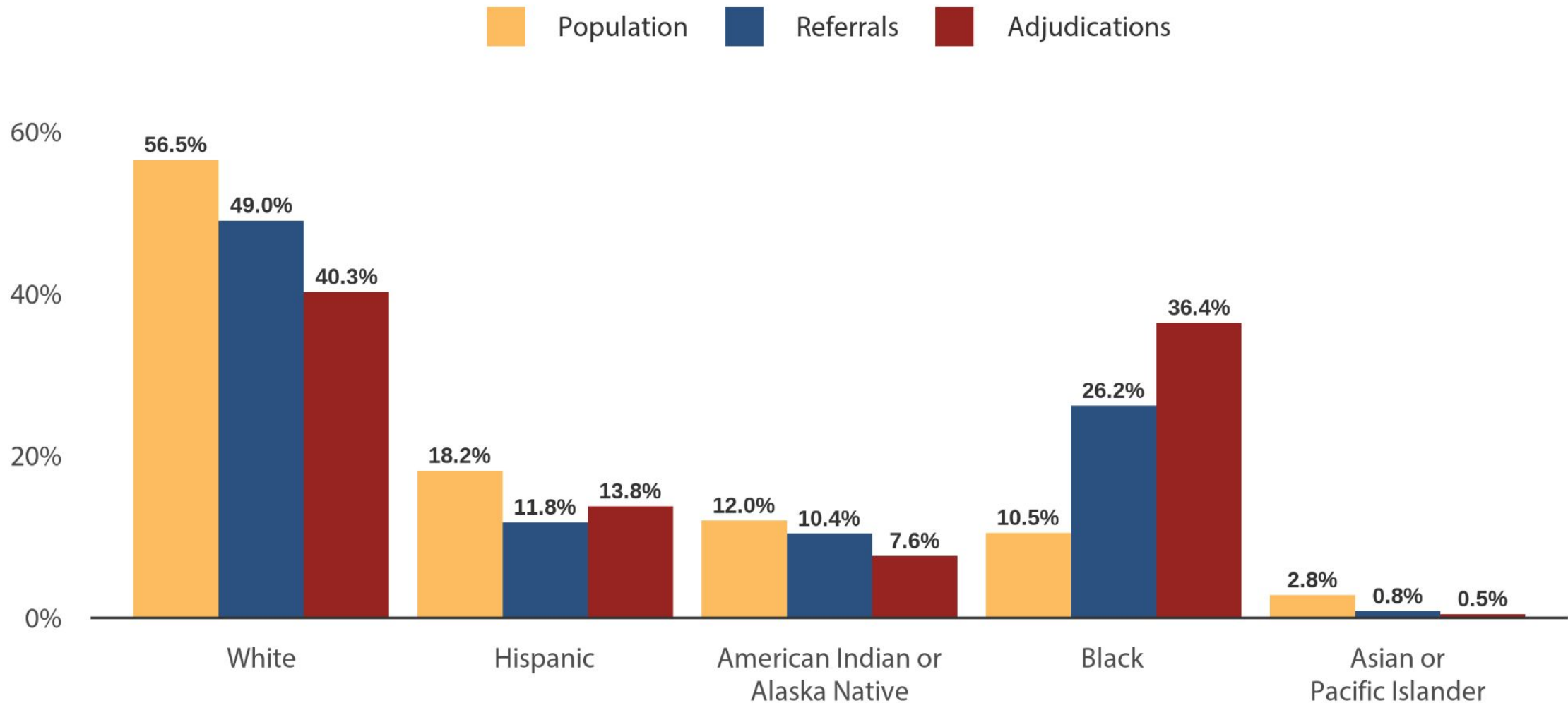


Source: Office of Juvenile Affairs, NVSS, and U.S. Census Bureau (2020).
Population data is for youth 18 and under. All racial categories except Hispanic include only the non-Hispanic population.
Chart by: Polina Rozhkova



Black youth continue to be overrepresented in Oklahoma's youth justice system

2023 OJA Referrals and Adjudications



Source: Office of Juvenile Affairs, NVSS, and U.S. Census Bureau (2020).
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OSDH Office of Client Advocacy

Grievance Programs



OKLAHOMA
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of Health

Office of Client Advocacy

“Promote client safety and independence and the delivery of Oklahoma Human Services programs and services in a fair, honest, and professional manner.”

- Provide advocacy services for adults receiving Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) services
- Conduct investigations
- Maintain and monitor grievance programs



SB 1709

SB 1709 transferred the Office of Client Advocacy (OCA) from Oklahoma Human Services (OHS) to the Oklahoma State Department of Health.

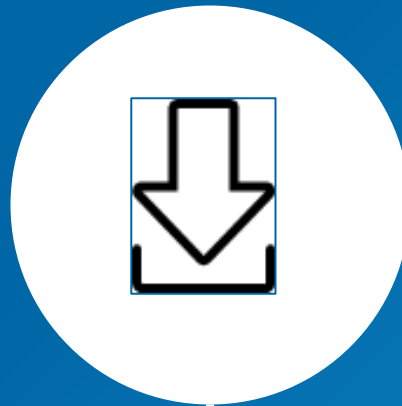
The transition became effective on November 1, 2024.



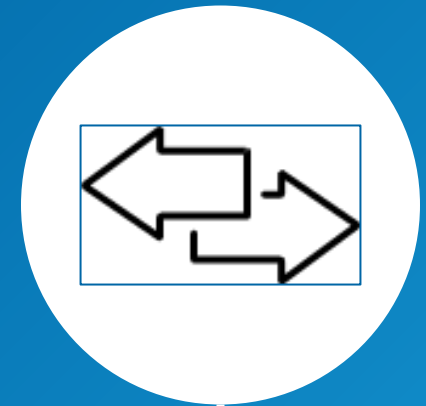
A few OCA changes since the move....



Restructured multiple units to create more efficient, focused workflows



Consolidated all grievance programs into one unified unit



Began developing a shared grievance database with OCCY/OSDH

OCA Grievance Team

Cheneah Williams

Programs
Administrator –
Grievance/Intake

Stephanie Miller

Grievance Programs
Manager/Foster Care
Ombudsman

Nataki Moore

Programs Field
Representative –
Foster Parents

Christy Horn

Programs Field
Representative –
Foster Youth

Tamara Winters

Programs Field
Representative –
DDS Clients

OCA is required by Oklahoma statutes to administer and monitor grievance systems for...

Children being served by CWS and by Congregate Care Facilities

Foster Parents

Vulnerable Adults receiving services through DDS

OCA Grievance Team

- Monitors, maintains, and processes grievance programs of Child Welfare Services, Developmental Disability Services, and private contractors
- Review and approve the grievance policies of contractors
- Ensure grievance systems are operating and functional
- Training and monitoring contractor Local Grievance Coordinators (LGC)
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Reviewing documents and processes for improvement opportunities

Foster Parent Grievances

- **Created by legislation passed in 2014**
- **Any certified foster parent can file**
 - Any foster parent who believes their rights have been violated or who has a complaint about an action, inaction, or decision of an OHS Child Welfare or Child Placing Agency employee can file a grievance at **www.okfosterparentvoices.org**

FOSTER PARENT STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A clear understanding of the roles, abilities and requirements of the foster parents is necessary for effective coordination with OHS staff and the children and families served. Oklahoma foster parents have:

► THE RIGHT:

- To be treated with dignity, respect and consideration as a professional member of the child welfare team.
- To receive timely financial reimbursement for providing foster care services.
- To be provided a clear, written explanation of the individual treatment and service plan concerning the child in the foster parent's home.
- To be notified of scheduled review meetings, permanency planning meetings and special staffing concerning the foster child in order to actively participate in the case planning and decision-making process regarding the child.
- To communicate with other professionals who work with the foster child within the context of the team including, but not limited to, therapists, physicians, and teachers.
- To be given, in a timely manner, any information regarding the child and the child's family which is pertinent to the care and needs of the child and to the making of a permanency plan for the child.
- To be informed of decisions made by the court, the state agency or the child-placing agency concerning the child.

► THE RESPONSIBILITY:

- To integrate the child into the foster family setting and care for the child as the foster parent would care for his or her own child.
- To provide mentoring services to the child's parent(s) and coordinate visitation and contact whenever possible to facilitate timely reunification, including phone and mail contact when appropriate.
- To work as a multidisciplinary team member with the Child Welfare worker and the child's parent(s) toward family reunification or other permanency plan.
- To help the child learn appropriate behavior without using physical punishment. To ensure the child's necessary medical, dental, and counseling needs are met.
- To notify the Child Welfare worker of all medical and educational problems and progress.
- To ensure the child's opportunity to participate in the religious practices of the child's family's choice, including the provision of transportation to worship services other than those of the foster parent, and to ensure a child in foster care is not made to attend religious services against the child's wishes.

Foster parents have additional rights not listed in this flyer. You can find a complete copy of the foster parent bill of rights in Oklahoma Statutes at 10A O.S. 1-9-119.

okfosterparentvoices.org • 405-522-2720



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Foster Parent Grievances

Examples of complaints

- “The Permanency worker is not communicating with me in a timely manner. Family Time visits are constantly being rescheduled and it’s throwing off our family schedule.”
- “My Resource Worker is delaying in getting my home approved for maintenance payments.”
- I don’t feel like this agency is supporting me in the way I need them to. My CPA caseworker is not available for me to talk with her about what’s going on and what I need.”

FOSTER PARENT GRIEVANCES:

175 Foster parents were provided with accessible support for their complaints, helping preserve placement stability and family well-being.

77% of complaints were processed as grievances.

74% of grievances resolved at the lowest level, promoting communication and minimizing system strain.

1,215 Foster parents trained on Foster Parents & the Courts, Safety Risks, the Foster Parent Bill of Rights, and the grievance process.

Foster Youth Grievances

- Created by legislation passed in 2018
- Any certified foster parent can file
 - Any child being served by CWS who believes their rights have been violated can file a grievance at **www.okfosteryouthmatters.org**
 - Anyone with a concern for the child can file a grievance on their behalf
- When age appropriate, the child is contacted and/or is the decision maker regarding the grievance filed on his/her behalf.

STATEMENT OF RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

As a child in foster care, these are my rights as long as they are in my best interest, will keep me safe, and won't go against the judge's orders.

I HAVE THE RIGHT . . .

- TO SAFETY**
 - To be placed in a safe and healthy home of a family member, a foster parent or foster home that I've lived in before; or a home that is as close to my own home as possible and with people who will be able to talk with me in my own language, if at all possible.
- TO BE INFORMED**
 - To know about where I am going to live before I get there and maybe even get to visit the people or place first.
 - To be told at least five days before I have to move somewhere else, unless it's an emergency. And to be told why I am being moved in a way that I can understand. I will also have help moving my things, so I don't have to leave any of my belongings behind.
- TO FAMILY**
 - To be placed with my brothers or sisters, if possible.
 - To know what is happening with me, my brothers/sisters, and my family.
 - To have a written plan for visits with my family and to be able to speak with my family and friends, if it is safe and fair.
- TO HEALTH**
 - To receive good medical, dental, eye care, counseling and other things I need to be healthy and safe. To receive only the medicine my doctors say I need for my health and well-being (*and not too much!*)
 - To clean clothes that fit and are right for the weather at the time.
- TO EDUCATION, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**
 - To stay in the same school, if possible, and to get the best education I can get!
 - To join after school activities and social activities as long as it is family friendly and for my age group. (Like sports, music, dance, scouts, etc.)
 - To not attend church or church-type events, if I am not ok with it and to freely enjoy my own religion.
- TO BE HEARD**
 - To talk to my lawyer, caseworker or CASA on a regular basis and to have a private talk with the judge, if I don't feel like anyone on my team is helping or listening to my concerns.
 - To help my case worker make my own service plan, understand what it says, and sign it, if I am able.
 - To go to and speak at court hearings or family team meetings, if it is ok for kids to attend.
 - To be able to have all of the services, placements, care, treatment and benefits I need. I am to be treated equally with no bullying or revenge.
- TO PRIVACY**
 - To have the right amount of privacy for my age for me, my things, and my conversations/texts. If I have a juvenile record, that is also to be kept confidential.
- TO A FUTURE**
 - To get a job and learn job skills, if I am old enough, and learn to budget my own money. I also have the right to all of my important papers when I'm 18 and can learn about Independent Living Services.

Want to talk with someone about your rights?

First, try talking with your caseworker. If you have tried that and it hasn't helped or you are uncomfortable doing that then:

- Contact a Youth Advocate at OK Foster Youth Matters (405-522-2720) or;
- File a complaint at www.okfosteryouthmatters.org
- We are ALL here to help and you should feel free to contact us any time!

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Foster Youth Grievances

Examples of complaints

- “Staff are not listening to me. They keep saying I’m breaking the rules but I’m not and nobody listens to me.”
- “The sheets I am sleeping on are all stained and have holes. Facility staff say there’s no more sheets to give out.”
- “I do not get to have visits with my granddaughter. I would like to have regular contact/visits with her.”

FOSTER YOUTH GRIEVANCES:

330
COMPLAINTS
RECEIVED

75%
COMPLAINTS
PROCESSED AS
GRIEVANCES.

32%
FACILITY
GRIEVANCES

68%
OKLAHOMA
HUMAN SERVICES
GRIEVANCES

DDS Grievances

- **Processes grievances submitted by clients served by OHS Developmental Disability Services (DDS)**
- **Clients include DDS Youth and Vulnerable Adults**
 - DDS Grievances are submitted by turning in an OCA-1 form or emailing OCA.Grievances@health.ok.gov



Office of Client Advocacy
Grievance Form

Reference Number: _____

This form is used by a client, or a person on behalf of a client, to ask another person to review and, when appropriate, correct a problem or complaint the client is having. Policies related to this form are found at Oklahoma Administrative Code 310:678-5-1.

For help filling out this form, contact your local grievance coordinator or call Office of Client Advocacy at (405) 522-2720.

General Information

Facility or provider name		Date	
Client Name		Date of birth	
Client Address	City	State	ZIP
Client Phone Number	Other contact number or email address		
Person filing on behalf of client, if applicable	Relationship	Signature of client or authorized representative consenting to file grievance on behalf of client	

My grievance is (add extra sheets as needed):

 Ongoing Unknown

Incident date
Requested solution (add extra sheets as needed):

To submit, email form to oca.grievances@health.ok.gov.

OCA Use Only

Grievance resolved? Yes No

Local grievance coordinator name _____ Date _____

If resolved, explain:

DDS Grievances

Examples of complaints

- “Staff keep telling me I can’t leave the house, and I want to go somewhere.”
- “My Program Coordinator said I don’t get to help choose how my house is decorated because its an agency home.”
- “I don’t understand why I only get \$20 a week for personal money. I want to talk to the person who makes my budget.”

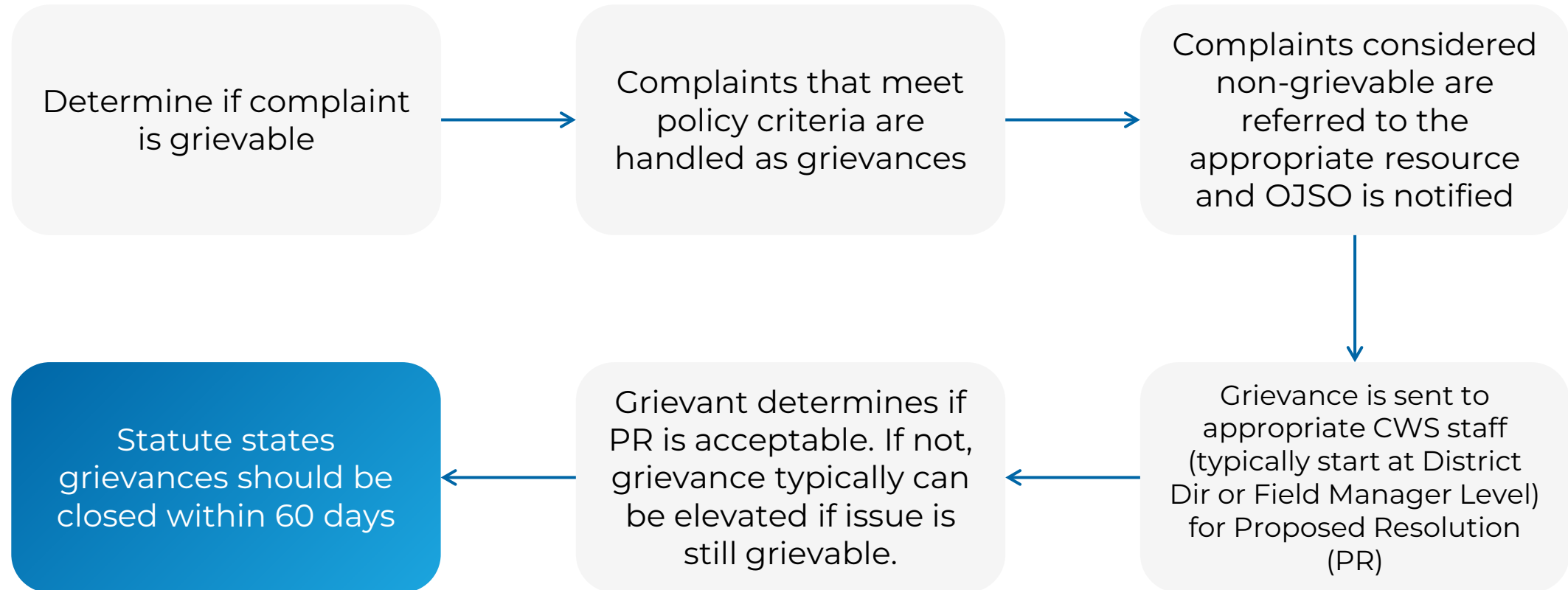
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES GRIEVANCES:

161
VULNERABLE
ADULT
GRIEVANCES

60%
PROCESSED
AS SUMMARY
DISPOSITIONS

6 DAYS
ON AVERAGE TO
PROCESS AND
RESOLVE GRIEVANCES

Grievance Process



Other Grievance Team Duties

- Approve Grievance Policies submitted by provider agencies
- Coordinate and offer Local Grievance Coordinator trainings (LGC) on a monthly basis
- Site visits to OHS contracted facilities regarding grievance policy, process, and monthly report submissions
- Process and oversee Program Review submissions
- Process and oversee Reconsideration submissions
- Community outreach informing public about grievance rights and policies and foster parent trainings

**Any
Questions?**

Child Death Review Reporting Using NFR-CRS Data

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Background & Problem

- CDRB focuses on unexpected deaths, specifically those that are injury related, or suspected to involve abuse and/or neglect
- Previous years were reported by year of review, not year of death
 - Limited comparability
 - Difficulty identifying trends
- Reports and visualization required external support
 - Significant expense and time
 - Inflexible for updated data
 - Unable to budget for backlog of previous years



Two Approaches

- Annual Statistical Summary Reports
 - Public report summarizing deaths within a given year
 - Internal Report summarizing review process
- Interactive, Filterable Dashboard
 - Visual summary of reviewed deaths
 - Identify patterns/trends

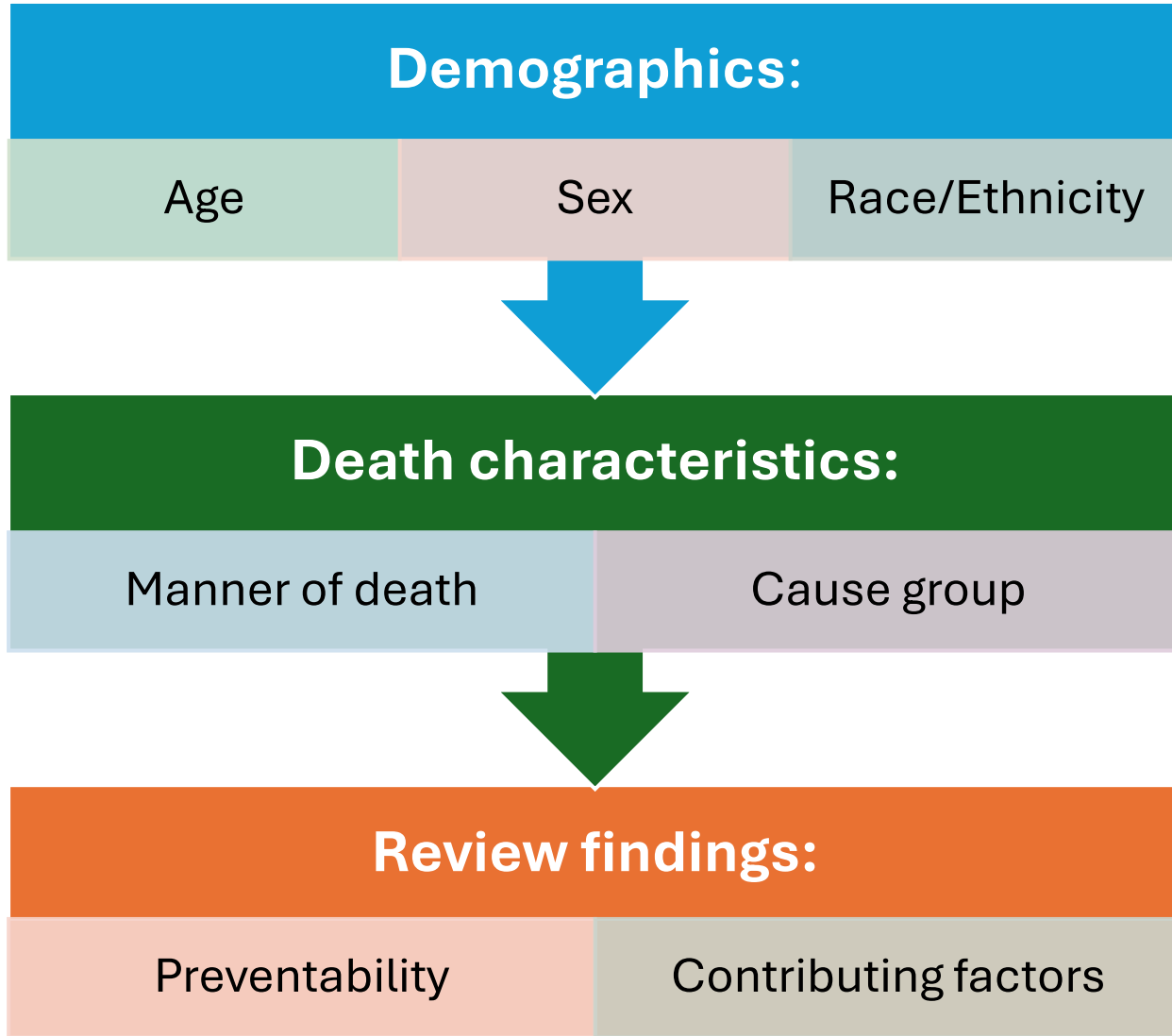
Automated Child Death Review Reporting

Project Goal

What This Project Aims to Do

- Develop a standardized reporting system
- Make annual reports:
 - More consistent across years
 - Easier to generate
 - Easier to interpret
- **End Goal:** Automate the reporting system to turn child death review data into actionable insights for prevention





Report Structure

- Executive Summary
- Intro and Methods
- All Deaths Summary & Review Findings
- Deaths by Manner & Cause
- Equity and Disparities
- Process Review
- Conclusion

Demonstration of the Reporting System



Impact and Sustainability

- Built an automated, parameter-driven reporting system
- Generates standardized reports across years
- Produces dynamic text, tables, and figures
- Reduces cost and manual effort
- Supports prevention and decision-making

Key Takeaway: Reporting becomes a repeatable system instead of a one time task



Developing an Interactive Dashboard



Project Goals

What This Project Aims To Do

- Develop an interactive, centralized system for reviewed deaths
- Provide insight into trends and patterns over time
- Improve communication of findings

End goal: Improve CDRB data accessibility to identify opportunities for prevention and support informed decision-making

Dashboard Structure

- Overview page
- Cause-specific pages
 - Motor vehicle crashes, drownings, fire-related, poisonings
- Manner-specific pages
 - Homicides, suicides
- Infant-specific pages
 - All-cause and sleep-related
- CDRB Review Process & Timeliness page
 - Records reviewed and average number of days between review milestones

Demonstration of the Interactive Dashboard



Summary Brief

- Highlights key findings from 2013-2022 deaths and reviews.
 - Patterns and trends
 - Opportunities for targeted prevention
 - Systems improvements
 - Recommendations (2)

SUMMARY BRIEF

Oklahoma Child Death Review Board (CDRB)

Key Findings and Recommendations from the Oklahoma CDRB Dashboard (2013-2022)

Overview

This summary brief highlights key findings from the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board's analysis of child deaths using the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (NCFRP) dataset (2013–2022). The accompanying dashboard provides a comprehensive, interactive view of infant, injury-related, and unexpected child deaths across the state. This summary brief outlines key patterns and identifies opportunities for prevention, systems improvement, and targeted intervention.

Note: This summary brief should not be used in reports or considered a representation of population estimates. The Oklahoma Child Death Review Board reviews all unexpected child deaths, particularly those that are injury-related and those suspected to be due to child abuse and/or neglect. Data reflected in this brief represent only reviewed deaths between 2013 and 2022.

Key Findings

1. Child Deaths in Oklahoma

- The majority of deaths reviewed by the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board (CDRB) were for **infants** (37.6%), followed by **adolescents** 15-17 (23.5%), and **children** 1-4 years (17.1%). 62.5% were **male**.
 - Most children were from **low-income households** (63.2%), with many having **Medicaid** (48.9%) as their reported insurance type.
 - **Accidents** were the most common manner of death (44.0%), with **Medical Conditions/Undetermined if Injury/Medical** (33.7%), **Motor Vehicle Crashes** (20.9%), and **Bodily Force or Weapon** (16.8%) being the most common causes.
 - Following CDRB Review Meetings, Board Members found that 63.7% of all deaths **had adequate supervision** during the incident. However, 76.0% were **determined to be preventable** by the Board.
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2. Motor Vehicle Deaths

Dashboard Summary and Impact

- The dashboard centralizes child death data.
- Allows for exploration of patterns and trends.
- Enhances understanding of patterns in reviewed child deaths and CDRB processes
 - Timely, targeted prevention
 - Continuous program quality improvement
- Strengthens communication and collaboration.

Future Directions

Expand reporting and analytic capacity:

- Develop multi-year and aggregate reports
- Conduct deeper, topic-specific analyses
- Incorporate more advanced analytic approaches

Current projects:

- THC near-death review
- Dashboard accessibility
- Partnerships

From Data to Action

- Automated reporting system + interactive dashboard
- Centralizes, standardizes, and visualizes child death data
- Enables exploration of patterns, trends, and disparities
- Supports prevention, policy, and system improvement



Turning data into insight and insight into action

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Questions



Oklahoma's Post-adjudication Review Boards

Volunteers supporting, protecting and monitoring the deprived court system



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Why has Credentialing not been done in the past?



- Not required by Statute
- Independent citizen review aspect
- Every board is different

What are the goals of credentialing



- Identify areas of needed training and technical assistance
- Establish a set of standard best practices.
- Enforce minimal standards for boards such as database data entry and communication with PARB staff.
- Hold boards accountable to make needed changes. If you don't fix this, you will not be credentialed.

The assessment form



A scorable form was created with yes, no questions.

The form includes a section that is measurement and identification only. For example, the boards process for reviewing court documents.

The assessment includes a judicial interview. What is going well, what needs improvement and how can staff better support you.

The assessment includes a board interview. What is going well, what needs improvement and how can staff better support you.

PARB Credentialing Assessment Form

1. Date of Assessment: 5/21/2026
 2. Reviewer: Shelbi Tatarian
 3. Board Name: Board #7
 4. Board Chair: Tricia Gardner
 5. Presiding Juvenile Court Judge: Judge Allen
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Board Required Standards by Statute or PARB Policy

1. Are board elections held for the chairmanship position every year? (Board interview) (Statute)
a. Yes No
2. Are at least two meetings held per year? (Board interview) (Statute)
a. Yes No
3. Is there no more than one person employed by any child welfare agency or juvenile court? (Chair and Board Interview) (Statute)
a. Yes No
4. Are all adjudicated cases reviewed at least once every 6 months? (Database Review compared to docket list) (Statute)
a. Yes No NA (NA for high population counties)

Includes a Score



6. Have all members been appointed by the Judge and the OCCY Director? (Application Reviews) (Statute)

a. Yes No

Total Yes (6) 5

FINAL SCORE

Total items that apply 29

Total Yes from Form (33) 27

Notes and Comments:

Includes notes from the interviews



Judicial Interview

1. What aspects of your board do you think are going well?

I met with Judge Henderson in his chambers. He stated that he does receive the PARB reports. He stated the board is a "good group of people". He also stated that everything has been really smooth with the board and "what they have been doing is good." He said the board has knowledgeable people and they have good ideas

Board Interview

1. What aspects of your board do you think are going well?

Keith sat down and talked to all of the board members at once. The group was clearly enthusiastic and seemed to have good cohesion. They stated that it is good that they have plenty of volunteers so that the number of cases that need to be reviewed are not overwhelming.

The board believes Naomi is doing a great job and they appreciate her being the chair and keeping them organized.

Includes a narrative summary



PARB Credentialing Review Narrative Feedback:

Feedback Summary:

The Leflore and Latimer PARB is a hard working, well attended and well managed Board. There was a recent change in board leadership but Jennifer Figari has quickly learned her role and stepped up as an excellent chair. The board is appreciated by both deprived docket judges that read and appreciate the boards recommendations. Board

Recommendations:

1. Explore meeting at the courthouse again and reviewing the case files from the Court Clerk's office. (update: As of April 2026 the board is meeting at the Courthouse)
2. Spread the work of the chair with other members. For example, database usage, document collection or meeting coordination.
3. Make a connection with the Child Welfare District Director so that communication and partnership are enhanced

The credentialing process



1. Site reviews are conducted by staff throughout the year.
2. Boards are reviewed and assessed for credentialing approval once every two years.
3. Review sheets are scored by PARB staff and feedback is shared with each respective board and the assigned Judge.
4. Completed reviews are aggregated and put into a report. The report includes a list of boards reviewed between April 16, of the year prior to the report and April 15, of the year the report is submitted to State PARB. The report will include a list of boards ready for credentialing and those that are put on a probationary status along with their improvement plan.

The credentialing process continued



5. The report is submitted to the State PARB at their annual May meeting. State PARB makes the final determination if a board is ready for credentialing.
6. The State PARB submits a list of boards recommended for credentialing to the Commission on Children and Youth at their June meeting.
7. On July 1 of each year, boards that have been credentialed during the current year's cycle will receive their two-year certificate of credentialing.

Credentialing reviews conducted in 2025



County	Raw Score	Percentage	Notes	Ready for Credentialing
Bryan	41	93		Yes
Cleveland	34	90		Yes
Creek	41	93		Yes
Delaware	39	89		Yes
Garfield/Grant	34	77		Yes
Oklahoma-4, DVs	32	73		Yes
Rogers	33	73		Yes
	38	86		Yes
Tulsa-Transition Youth				
Wagoner	37	84		Yes

Credentialing reviews conducted in 2026



County	Raw Score	Percentage	Notes	Ready for Credentialing
Nowata/Washington	22	50	Inconsistent communication, and the Judge reports not receiving the recommendations	No
Muskogee County	36	82		Yes
Payne County	35	80		Yes
Pontotoc County	40	91	Below the required 5 members	No
Pittsburg County	39	89		Yes
Okmulgee County	31	70	Below the required 5 members	No
Latimer/Leflore	37	84		Yes
Haskell County	40	91		Yes
Custer County	31	94		Yes
Tulsa County Birth to 13	28	97		Yes
Oklahoma County Board 7	24	83		Yes
Beckham and Roger Mills Counties	28	85		Yes
Oklahoma Mental Health	27	93		Yes
Tulsa-Transition Youth	26	90		Yes
Major	25	76		Yes

The benefits so far

- Interviews with Judges
- Standardized board visitation. Not just the ones that need help
- Knowing when to draw a line in the sand
- Better communication about expectations

Questions?



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