

STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD

Date: September 25, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 2915 N. Classen Boulevard, Suite 400,
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

SPECIAL MEETING

Date: 9-25-2026

Time: 10:00 am

AGENDA

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| 1 | Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests | Sarah Herrian-Board Chair |
| 2 | Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act | Grace Green-PARB Staff |
| 3 | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Minutes of the May 15, 2026, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board meeting | Sarah Herrian-Board Chair |
| 4 | Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates | Sarah Herrian-Board Chair |
| 5 | Review and Discussion of the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board State Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report | Lisa White-PARB Evaluator |
| 6 | State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Juvenile Court Issue Identification Exercise and Discussion | Gabrielle Jacobi-Facilitator |
| 7 | State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Program Manager's Report | Keith Pirtle-PARB Staff |
| 8 | Adjournment | Sarah Herrian-Board Chair |

The Board may discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, or decide not to discuss any item on the agenda.

STATE POST ADJUDICATION REVIEW ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**Special Meeting****May 15, 2026****10:00am****1. Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests and a Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by Chairperson Sarah Herrian. Determination of a quorum was established for the members present, and the Board was in compliance with notice and agenda requirements of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Members present in person: Adrian Ratke, Amanda Bodine, Bart Bouse, Bryson Paden, Cindy Humphrey, Cindy Nocton, Daniel Herring, Dr. Kalie Kerth, J.J. Waggoner, Judge Christine Larson, Judge Kaitlyn Allen, Judge Leah Edwards, Judge Paul Hesse, Lynda Whitney, and Sarah Herrian. Members not present: Amber Shaw, Brant Bullard, Cierra White, Donna Keller, and Liz Nelson. OCCY staff members present: Keith Pirtle, Shelbi Tatarian, and Marcia Johnson. Guest present: Lisa White, University of Oklahoma E-TEAM.

2. Determination of Quorum and Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act

A quorum was established, and the Board was determined to be in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

**3. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2026, Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Meeting
Discussion and Possible Action**

Copies of the minutes were provided.

Cindy Nocton moved, and Bart Bouse seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2026, State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board Special Meeting. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative.

**4. Recommendations from the Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice Chair and Elections
Discussion and Possible Action**

Dr. Kalie Kerth spoke on behalf of the State PARB Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee met and nominated Sarah Herrian to serve an additional two-year term as Chair and J.J. Waggoner to serve an additional two-year term as Vice Chair.

The Nominating Committee moved, and Bart Bouse seconded, that Sarah Herrian serve an additional two-year term as Chair. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative.

The Nominating Committee moved, and Bart Bouse seconded, that J.J. Waggoner serve an additional two-year term as Vice Chair. The majority of members present voted in the affirmative.

5. A Review of Senate Bill 1806 and Discussion Regarding the Implications of Extending Foster Care to Age 21 for Oklahoma Human Services, the Juvenile Court and the Foster Care System

Daniel Herring discussed Senate Bill 1806, which extends voluntary foster care to age 21. Daniel explained that the bill had been sent to the Governor for signature and, if signed, would take effect on July 1. He outlined the criteria for extended foster care, including attending high school or a GED program, being enrolled in post-secondary education, or working 80 hours or more per month. The group discussed various aspects of implementing the program, including case management models and funding streams. There are many program specifics still being developed and decisions still being made, so some of the details could change.

Daniel also discussed the new extended foster care program called "Pathways to Launch," which will allow youth to remain in care until age 21. The program will be managed by case managers with a 12-client caseload, operating flexible hours to accommodate young people's schedules. While current permanency workers will continue supporting youth, the program aims to provide a different, more independent approach than traditional foster care. The discussion highlighted questions about how to communicate the program to youth who have already aged out of the system and whether current 18-year-olds in foster care should be encouraged to sign back into care to access these services.

6. PARB and the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN) Conference Report

Lynda Whitney, Chair of the Delaware County PARB, shared her thoughts on PARB's recent annual conference. She also reviewed the conference report included in the meeting packet. Highlights included the keynote presentation by Judge Edwards, a training discussion on the effects of trauma, and a peer panel on lessons learned as a PARB member. There was a large turnout and positive feedback. Some attendees did note challenges with the venue's logistics. More information is provided in the meeting packet.

7. Changes within Child Welfare to Address Staff Shortages

Daniel Herring discussed some of the challenges with high CPS caseloads, particularly in Oklahoma County, where workers had up to 37 cases, exceeding the maximum of 12. To address this, they implemented a 90-day plan offering pay differentials for staff to temporarily work in Oklahoma County, which reduced caseloads to an average of 11 cases per worker. The Board noted that while the temporary measures were effective, long-term solutions were needed, including potentially hiring more staff and reassigning cases for children placed outside the county for extended periods.

8. A Home for Every Child - Update and Overview

Daniel Herring discussed the rollout of the "A Home for Every Child" federal initiative. This is Oklahoma's new approach to child welfare under the federal Children's Bureau's revised performance improvement plan. It focuses on creating a "home for every child" through four key areas: keeping children safe at home, placing them in stable and connected homes, ensuring safe placements, and supporting available homes. The state aims to increase kinship placements to 75%, reduce congregate care, and improve foster parent retention through a one-question survey and risk factor analysis. Leadership is also addressing challenges with abandoned children by involving district directors in family discussions and exploring alternative solutions beyond care entry.

9. PARB Credentialing Recommendations Discussion and Possible Action

PARB Program Manager Keith Pirtle discussed the PARB credentialing process and presented two credentialing reports. One report was for boards assessed in 2024 and 2025, and another report was for boards assessed in 2025 and 2026. These reports included the list of boards reviewed, when they were reviewed, their overall scores, and whether they were recommended by staff to be credentialed or placed on probation.

Members discussed the process and reports, then voted to credential all nine of the boards in the 2025 report and 12 of the 15 boards in the 2026 report. The group voted to place three boards on probation, with plans to follow up in six months. Discussion included exploring mentorship opportunities for struggling boards and the need for better communication between judges and board members, particularly for single-board counties.

The Honorable Leah Edwards moved, and the Honorable Kaitlyn Allen seconded, to credential all nine boards as recommended by staff in the 2025 report. All members present voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.

The Honorable Leah Edwards moved, and the Honorable Kaitlyn Allen seconded, to credential 12 of the 15 boards in the 2026 report as recommended by staff while placing three boards on probation.

10. Highlights from the 2026 State Legislative Session

Marcia Johnson reported on highlights of the 2026 State Legislative Session on issues related to foster care and children's services. Several significant bills were highlighted, including SB 1806, which received budget approval. SB1806 directs DHS to extend foster care services to support certain youth who are transitioning into adulthood. She also discussed SB 1377, which mandates DHS to provide duffel bags for children moving placements, and SB 1796, which allows foster parents to use approved alternate caregivers for up to 14 consecutive days. The group also addressed concerns about THC limits in medical marijuana products, noting that while some bills failed to pass, packaging restrictions were implemented to prevent child attraction to edibles.

11. Report from the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

Dr. Kalie Kerth gave a report of highlights from the last Commission meeting. This included kinship care recruitment and the presentation of PARB's credentialing process.

12. PARB Program Manager's Report

Keith Pirtle reviewed the Program Manager's Report that is also in the meeting packet. He highlighted the need for member recruitment and mentioned the resignation of Cindy Nocton from State PARB, who will remain the Chair of the Comanche County PARB. This also leaves a vacancy on the State Child Death Review Board, where Cindy served as State PARB's representative. Cindy Humphrey, who is currently State PARB's alternate to State CDRB, agreed to fill the vacancy. Keith also highlighted the small budget that PARB operates under. The small budget impacts travel, the number of members who can attend the annual conference, and other operational needs. The conversation ended with a reminder for attendees to submit travel claims and suggestions for future agenda items.

13. New Business

(Business which was not known nor could have been known through the exercise of due diligence at the time of posting of this agenda)

No new business was discussed.

14. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2026. Sarah Herrian adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.



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Post Adjudication Review Board Program

Proposed 2027 State PARB Meeting Dates

January

State PARB Meeting
January 22, 2027, 10:00-12
2915 North Classen, Suite 300
OKC, Main Conference Room

May

State PARB Meeting
May 14, 2027, 10:00-12
2915 North Classen, Suite 300
OKC, Main Conference Room

September

State PARB Meeting,
September 17, 2027, 10:00-12
2915 North Classen, Suite 300
OKC, Main Conference Room

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Postadjudication Review Board

FY25 PARB Annual Report

Key Findings and Strategic
Implications

Presented by Lisa White, M.A.



**State PARB Meeting
9/25/2026**

Today's Focus

Scale of FY25 work: Boards, members, reviews, children, and volunteer contribution

What reviews are showing: child demographics, placement, safety, permanency, and recommendation trends

Program improvement signals: survey feedback, credentialing, data quality, and termination milestone tracking

Strategic implications: What the findings may suggest for State PARB priorities and recommendations



Statewide Snapshot FY25 At-a-Glance

43 local boards serving **22** districts

290 PARB members statewide

2,817 reported volunteer hours and **625** hours of training

2,550 case reviews completed

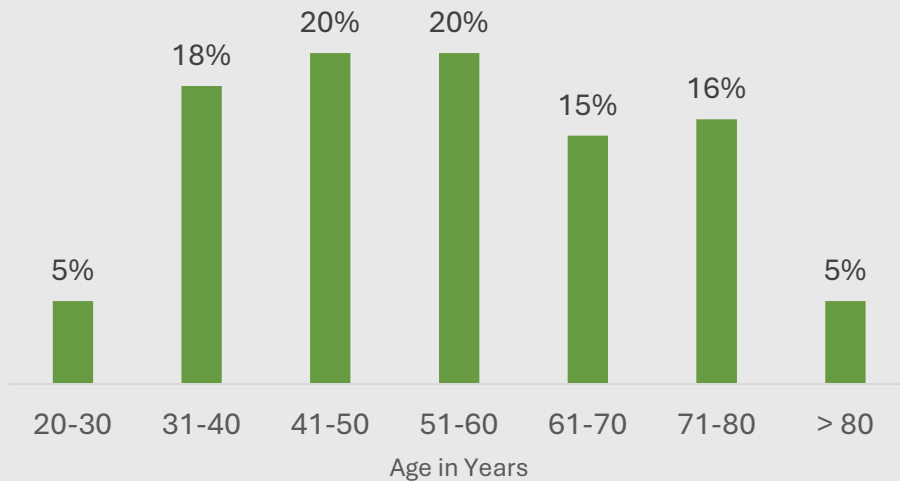
1,453 cases reviewed

2,470 children included in reviews

PARB Member Profile

Who is doing the work?

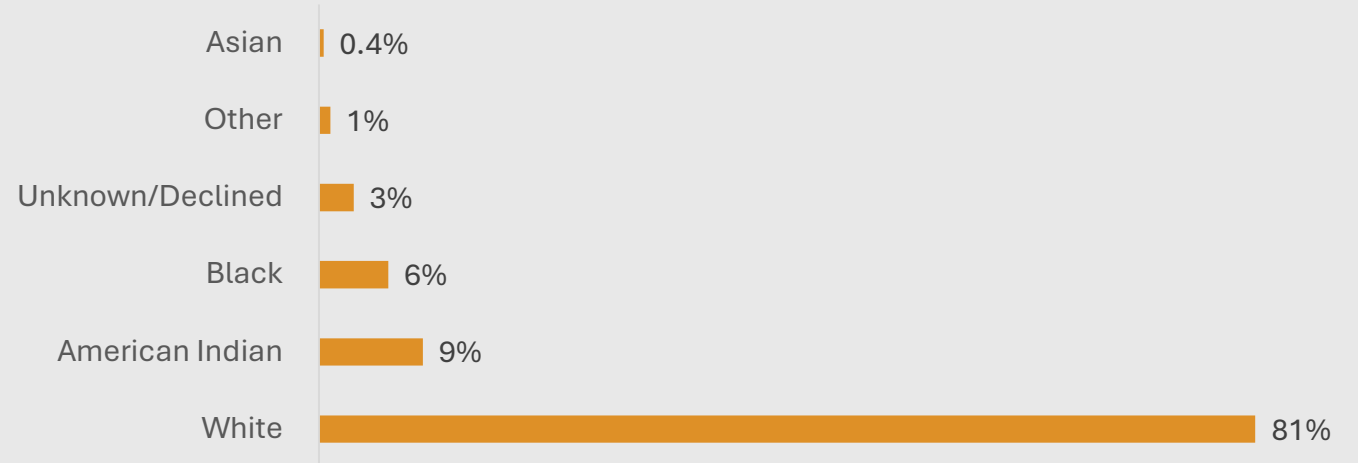
Member age distribution



83%
of members were
female

19%
reported professional
child welfare experience

Members' race

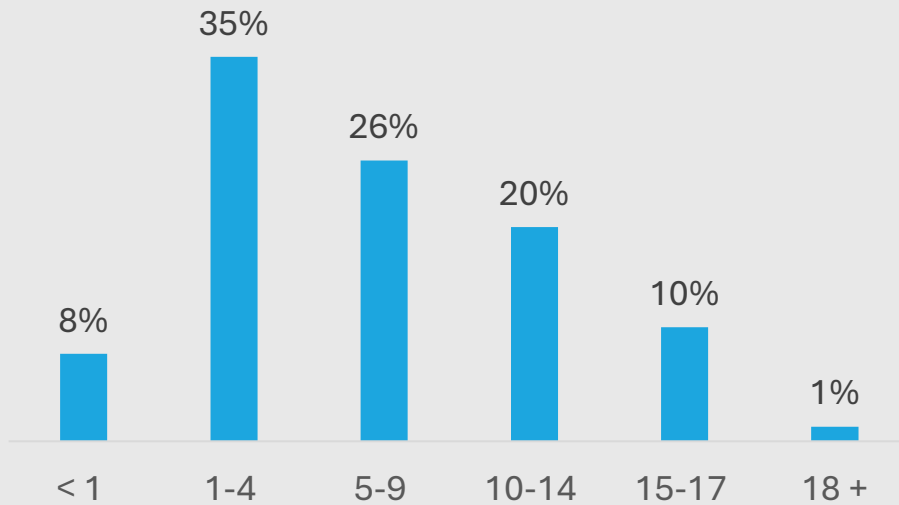


13%
reported foster care experience

Child Profile

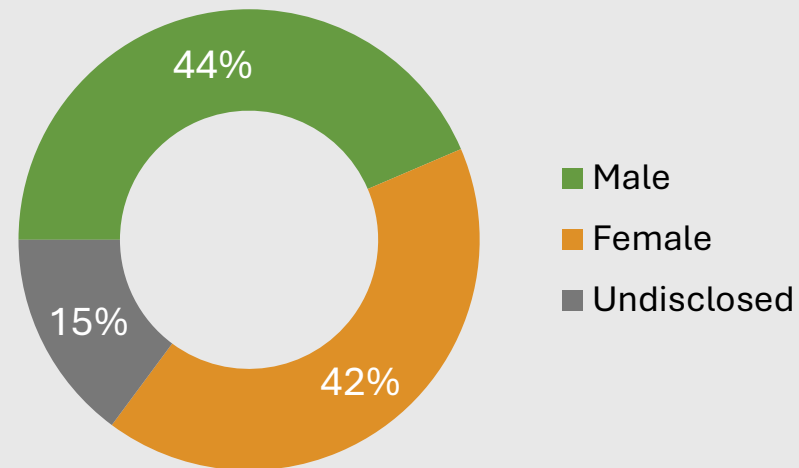
Who is under review?

Age of children under PARB review



61% of children reviewed were between 1 and 9 years of age.

Child sex distribution

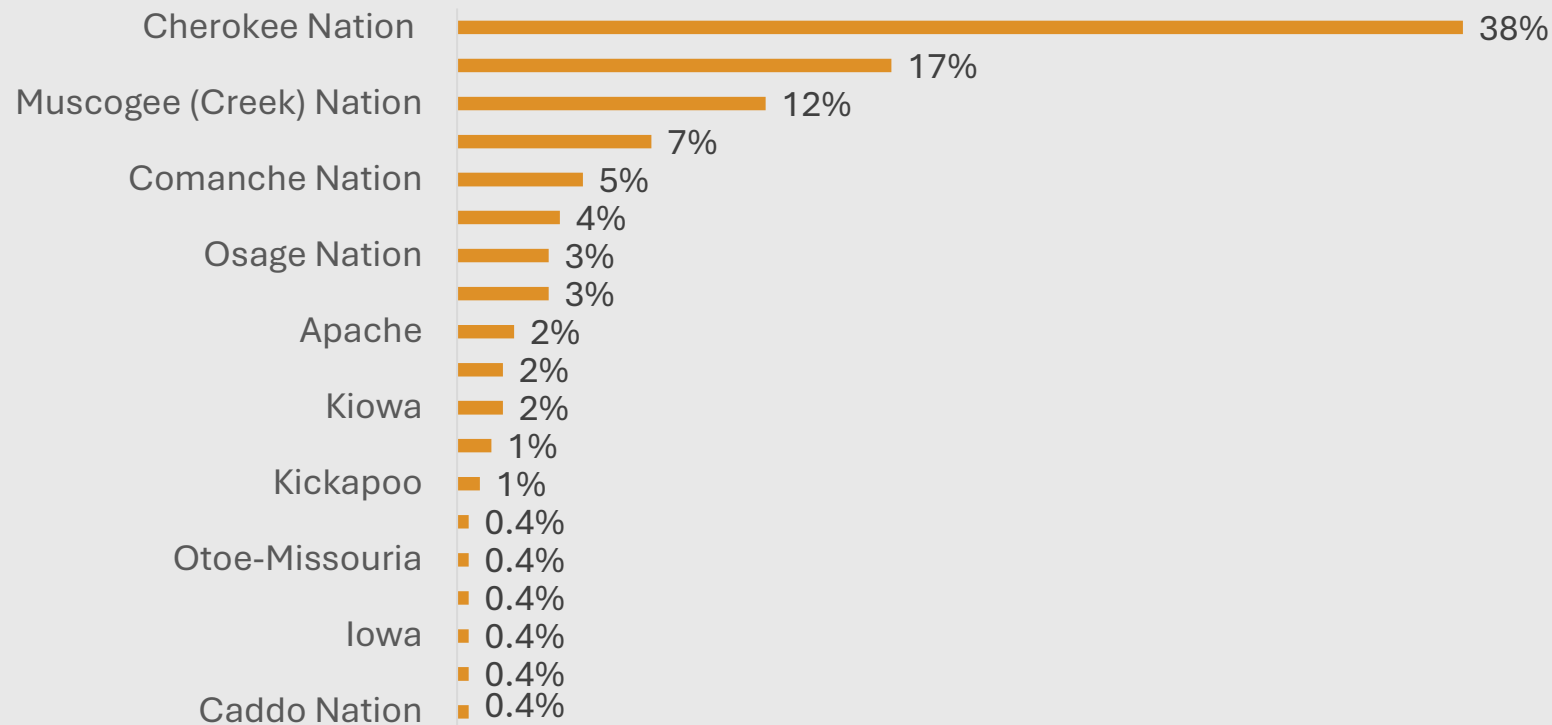


Sex distribution was almost 50/50.

Child Profile

Tribal Membership by Case

29% of children were included in ICWA



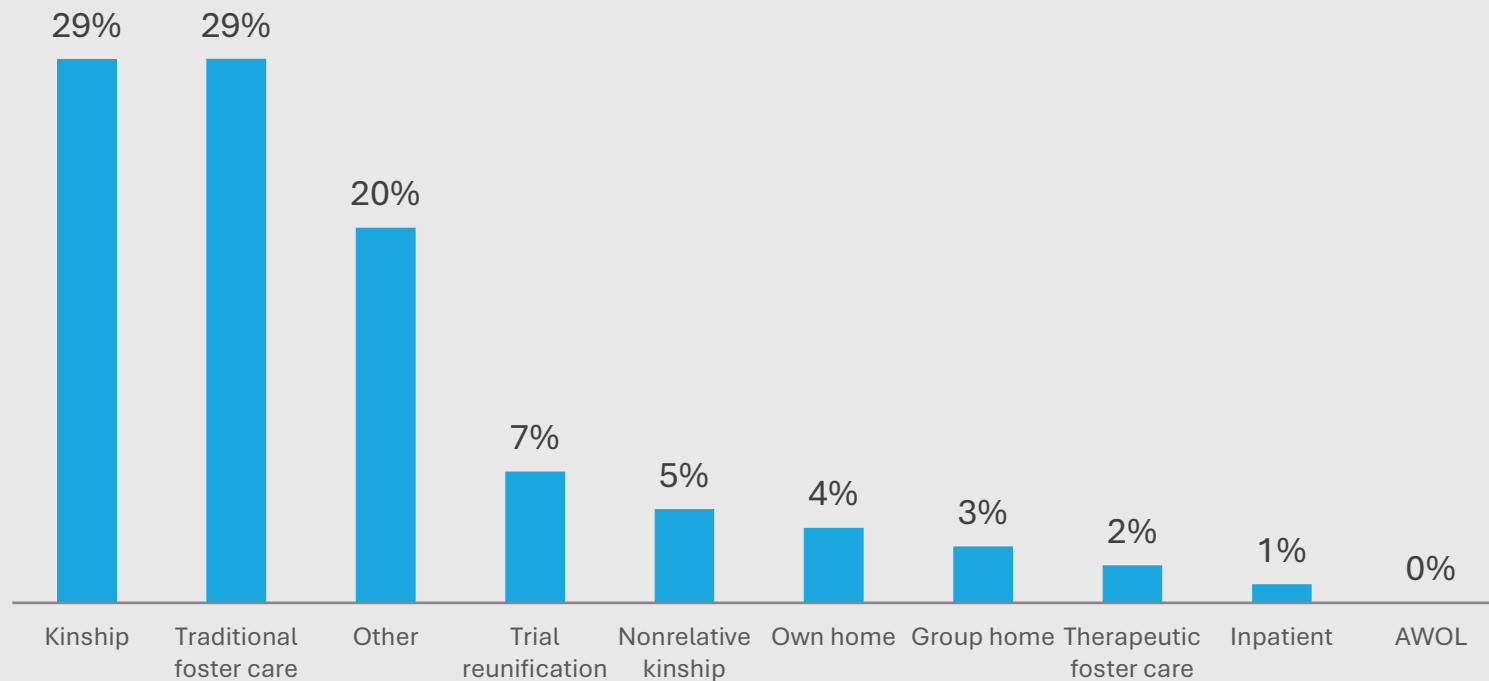
70 Tribal workers were assigned to FY25 cases.

230 cases documented tribal membership.

Cherokee Nation and Choctaw Nation, and Muscogee (Creek) tribes accounted for 67% tribal memberships by case.

Placement at Review

Kinship foster care and traditional foster care accounted for 58% of all placements reviewed by PARB.



Data Quality Signal

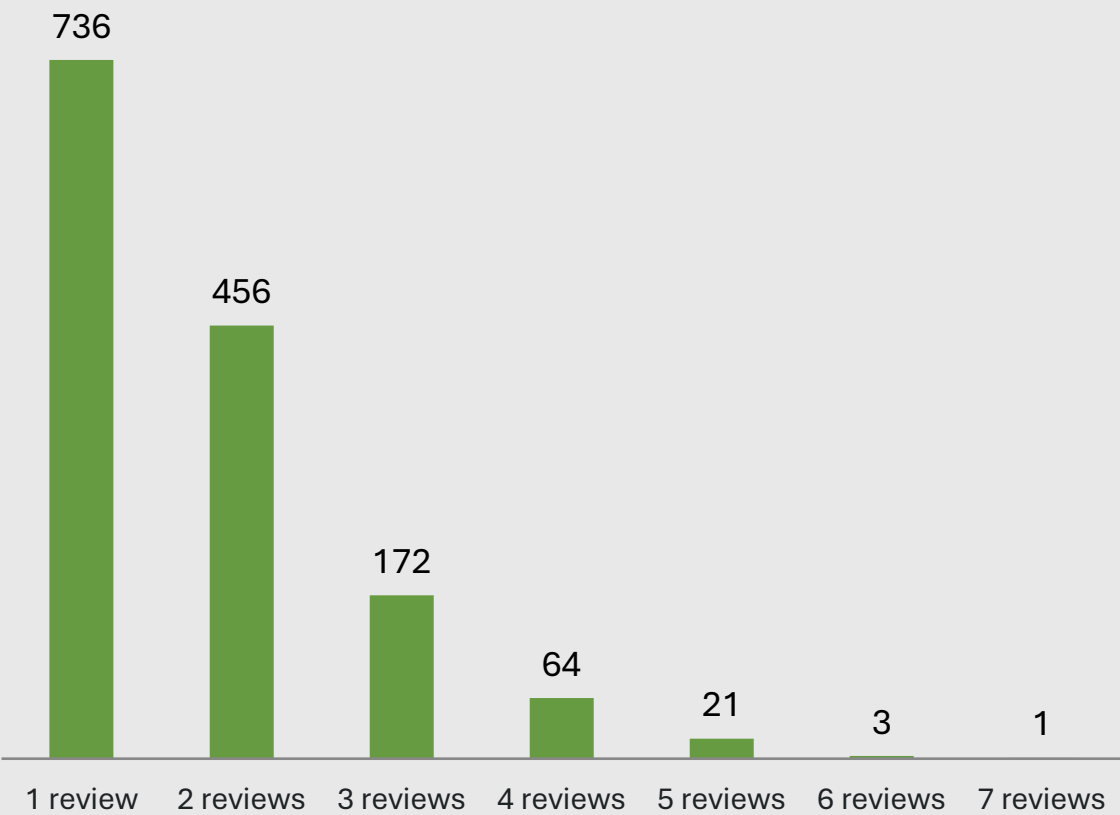
“Other” accounted for 20% of placements. That may mean the database needs clearer definitions, more placement options, or better guidance for data entry.

How many single and multiple reviews were conducted?

Most cases were reviewed once or twice during FY25; a smaller group received multiple reviews across the year.

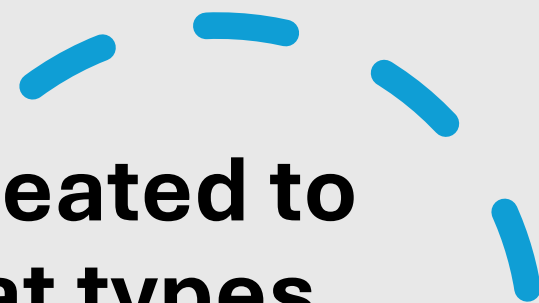
Why this matters

Review frequency can help boards think about whether repeated reviews are tracking movement toward permanency or repeatedly documenting the same barriers.





What are Boards recommending?

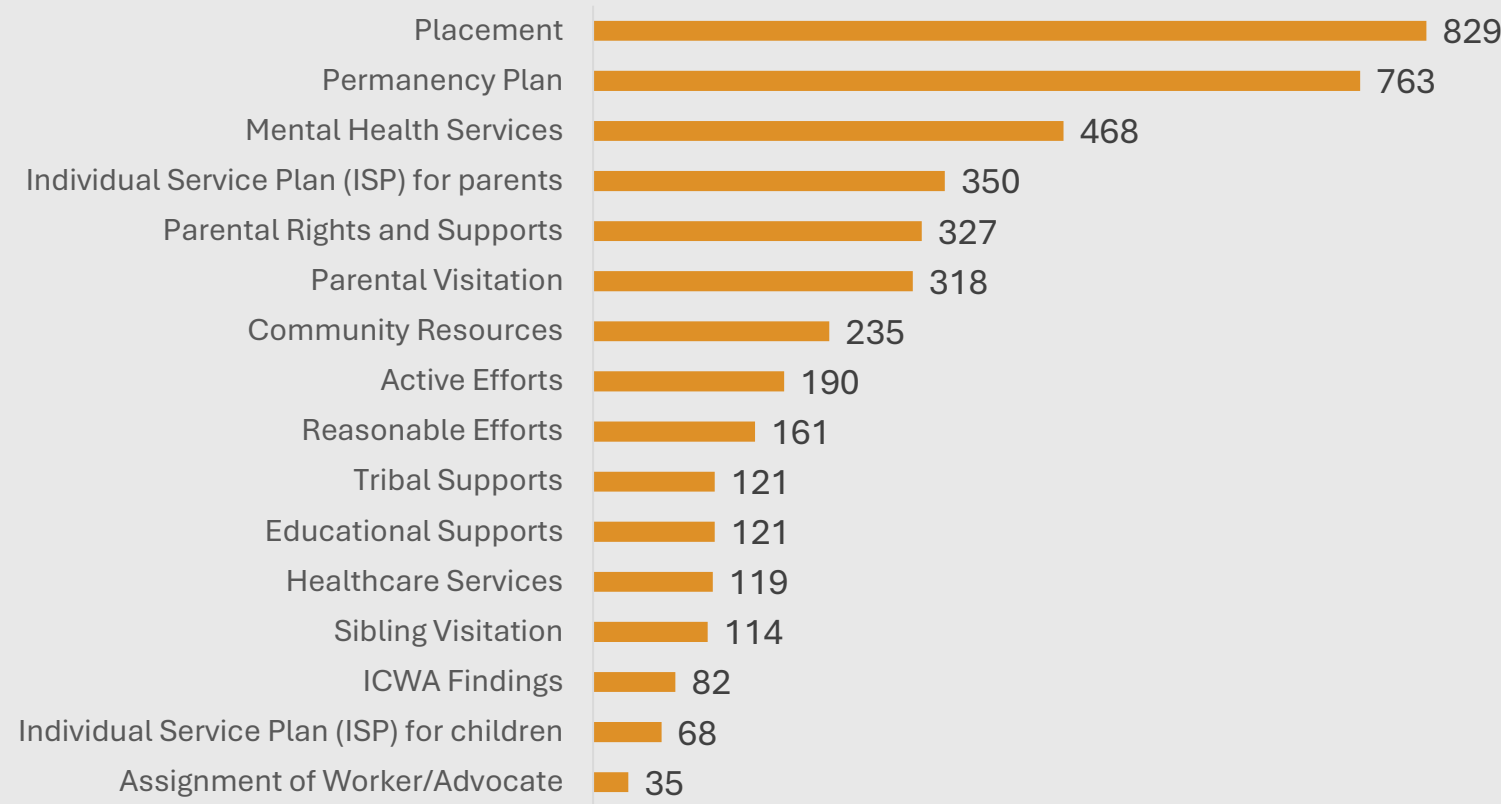


Recommendation categories were created to tell us broadly what types of recommendations Boards are making.

Members can choose from the following categories:

- Placement
- Parental rights and supports
- Visitation-parental
- Visitation-sibling
- Tribal supports
- Healthcare services
- ISP for children
- Mental health services
- Community resources
- Educational supports
- ISP for parents
- Assignment of worker/advocate
- Active efforts
- Permanency plan

Placement, Permanency Plan, and Mental Health Lead FY25 Category Selections



Top three areas

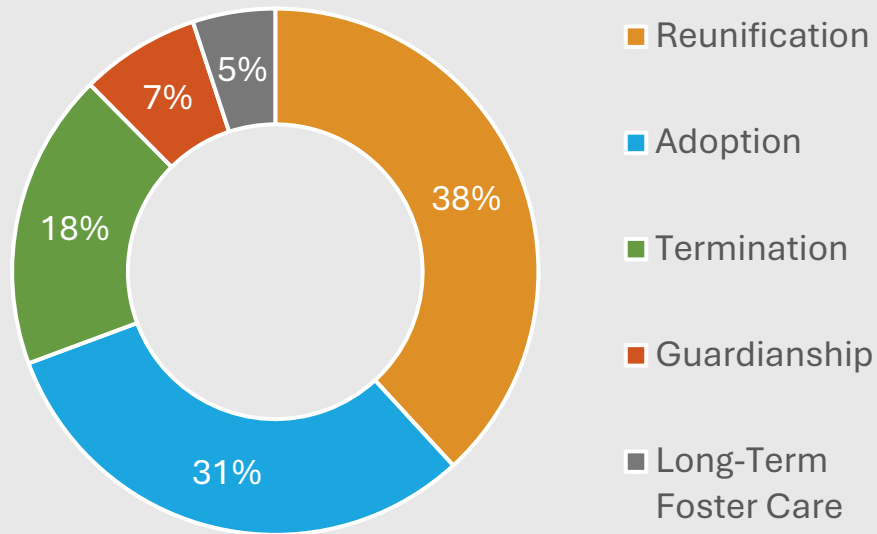
Placement, permanency planning, and mental health services were the most frequently selected categories.

Training connection

These trends can guide future Lunch & Learns and technical assistance around: permanency planning, mental health services, ISPs, ICWA, active efforts, and recommendation writing.

Where do permanency recommendations point?

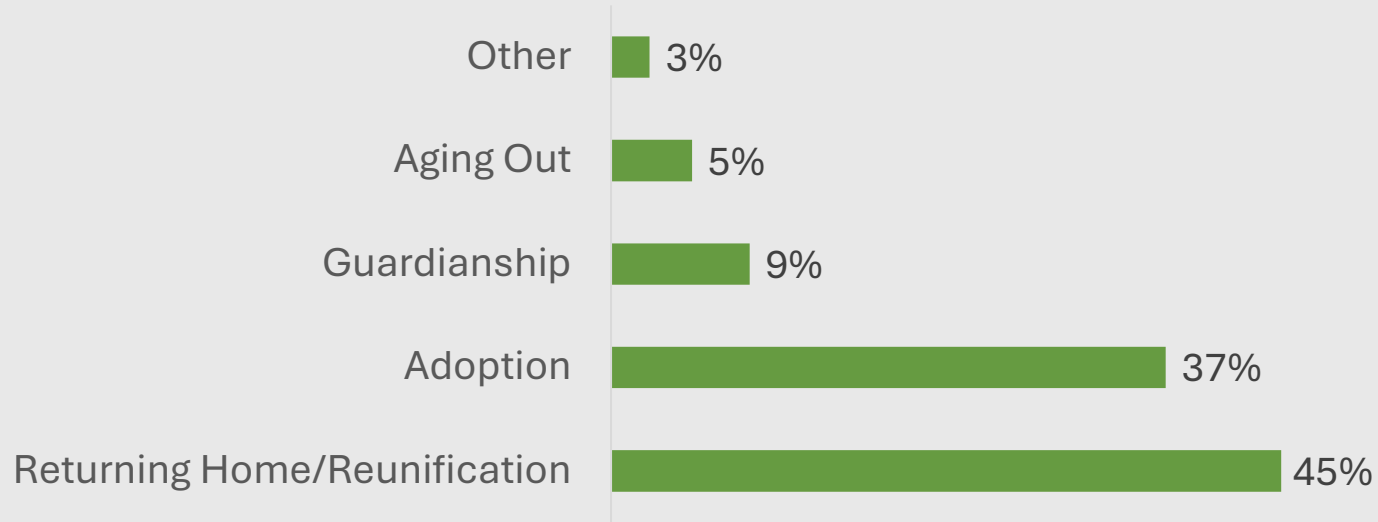
46% of reviews included a permanency-related recommendation.



Top areas

Reunification and adoptions were the most common permanency directions documented in FY25 reviews.

Where are children at Case Closure?



45% of children are returning home/reunifying with families.

Time in out-of-home care

Among cases closed in FY2025, the median length of out-of-home placement was **24** months, while the mean (average) was **30** months (n=347).

What members told us

Annual survey responses described both a strong commitment to the work and persistent system barriers affecting case progress.

System barriers

- Workforce instability
- Service gaps
- Communication challenges
- Delays affecting progress towards permanency

Relationship-building

- Strengthening communication with judges, child welfare staff, CASA, and other partners

Recruitment and retention

- Word of mouth
- Community networking
- Positive team culture
- Flexibility
- Emphasis on the impact of reviews

Training needs

- Members valued training on:
 - Court processes
 - Statutes
 - Review procedures
 - Developing quality recommendations

New Data Fields!!

Let's look at new data fields and what they can tell us.

New Fields: Permanency and Termination Milestones

- DHS plan goal (dropdown)
- CW recommended termination (date)
- ADA filed for termination (date)
- Parent requested trial (date)
- Parent requested trial type (dropdown)
- Trial conducted on (date)
- Termination date (date)

Date fields

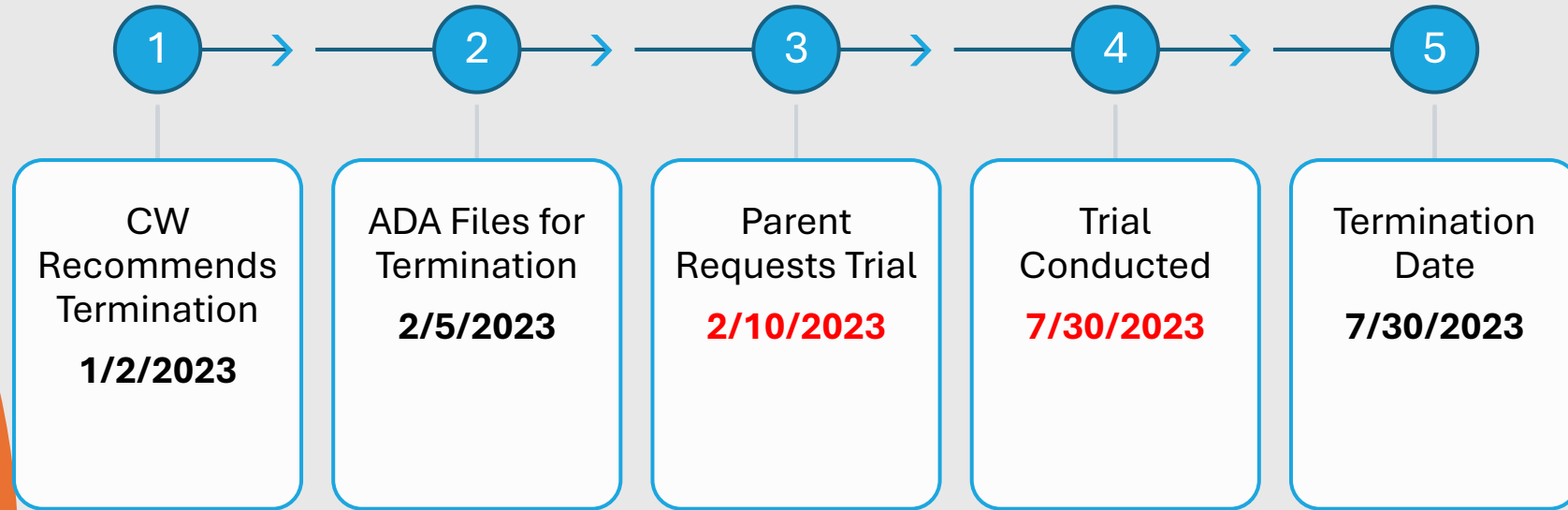
Dates should be entered based on dates members see in documentation.

Goal

To capture reliable milestones when they are available.

DHS Plan Goal Reunification X	CW Recommended Termination mm/dd/yyyy	ADA Filed For Termination mm/dd/yyyy
Parent Requested Trial mm/dd/yyyy	Requested Trial Type Select Trial Type	Trial Conducted On mm/dd/yyyy
Case Status ☐ Closed?	Closing Date mm/dd/yyyy	Termination Date mm/dd/yyyy
	Closing Reason Select reason	

Did a parent-requested trial happen within six months?



- Completing these date fields helps clarify where the case is in the permanency pathway.
- Dates allow PARB to examine time between major milestones.
- By statute, once a parent requests a trial, it should happen within six months.

The Big Picture

Better Milestone
Data Can Help PARB
Understand Delays
and Answer
Important Questions

Over time, these fields may help answer:

- How often are trials conducted within six months after a parent requests a trial?
- How often does the case direction shift toward termination?
- How much time passes between ADA filing and trial?
- How often are jury trials requested?
- Where might delays be affecting timely permanency?

Credentialing Summary

Let's take a look at where we are with the PARB credentialing process.

Review of the Credential Process

- Developed to strengthen accountability, promote statewide consistency, and provide benchmarks for quality across boards.
- Process was formally implemented in FY25.
- Boards engage in a credentialing assessment and receive a score based on the proportion of scored assessment items they met.
- Scores are then converted to percentages, with higher percentages indicating compliance with best practices.



FY25 Credentialing Summary

11 local boards participated in an initial credentialing site visit conducted between November 2024 and June 2025.

Scores ranged from **50%** to **93%**, with an average score of **81%**, suggesting that many were meeting several key expectations while still having opportunities for improvement.

As of the end of FY25, no boards have yet completed the full credentialing process, and boards that have been reviewed are provided up to six months to address areas of concern.

Credentialing visits also allow PARB leadership to schedule time with judges to gather feedback and suggestions.

During a focus group with PARB members regarding credentialing, members were supportive and viewed the process as a way to strengthen board practices.



Looking Forward!



We are Looking Forward to a New Year of Data in FY26:

- Assessing whether the new data fields reveal any new trends or patterns.
- Expanding PARB into even more counties and districts.
- Continuing Credentialing to support quality assurance across Boards.



Thank you!

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Post Adjudication Review Boards of Oklahoma Program Managers Report September 2026

1. At the June 19th Commission meeting, commissioners were presented the SFY 2025 and SFY 2026 Credentialing Recommendations Report approved by State PARB on May 15th. At total of 21 boards were approved for credentialing, and three boards were recommended for probation.
2. Probationary Boards. All Judges and chairs received e-mails informing them of their probationary status.
 - A. Pontotoc-Recently added their fifth member
 - B. Okmulgee-Down to two members
 - C. Washington/Nowata-Former chair resigned. A new chair that has stepped up and is making sure the recommendations are being submitted to the Court and all recommendation information is entered into the database.
3. Credentialing updates. Since the last State PARB Meeting seven boards have received a credentialing visit.

County	Visit Date
Oklahoma City 2	5/21/2026
Craig	6/1/2026
Woodward	7/9/2026
OKC-ICWA	8/4/2026
OKC-Board 13	8/6/2026
OKC Substance Abuse	9/8/2026
Tulsa ICWA	9/15/2026

4. Outreach efforts
 - A. Osage County: Keith and Director Jacobi attended the May meeting of the Osage County PARB and met with the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce and other community members to inform them of PARB and recruit members.
 - B. Okmulgee County: Keith attended the Okmulgee Multi-Disciplinary Meeting

5. Board updates

- A. Tulsa Children of incarcerated Parents Board disbanded.
 - B. Muskogee County stopped meeting. The chair (Keri Spencer) resigned and no one else stepped forward.
 - C. Pushmataha County Stopped meeting. The chair resigned and no one else stepped forward.
 - D. Garvin County Board restarted meeting with new members
 - E. Comanche County added several new members and is back up and running
 - F. Jackson County had their first meeting in five years on September 9th. They have 10 members and they are all new to PARB and showed up with their laptops. Judge Robbins is very supportive, as is Alicia Bales, the District Director.
6. PARB Child Death Review Board Alternate. Cindy Humphrey is our alternate. She is doing a great job. We need an additional member to serve as a backup.
7. YouTube Channel and Lunch and Learn Videos. OCCY has a YouTube Channel. Most of the videos on the Channel are PARB Trainings. We are using the channel as a clearing house for PARB training videos

OCCY YouTube Channel Link: [Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth - YouTube](#)