

## Understanding the language at intake

**Intake** - a mandatory, pre-adjudicatory interview of the child and, if available, the parents, legal guardian, or other custodian of the child, which is performed by a duly authorized individual to determine whether a child comes within the purview of the Oklahoma Juvenile Code, whether non adjudicatory alternatives are available and appropriate, and if the filing of a petition is necessary. (This is where we meet, discuss intake, your child's information, and try to divert your child out of the justice system, when possible).

**Status Offense** – non-criminal misbehavior(s) which would not be criminal if committed by an adult, for example: truancy, curfew violation, runaway, and in need of supervision. These are not statutorily detainable offenses. (These are not crimes and not sent to detention, community partner referrals are made to help youth create different pathways).

**Diversion** – referral to services outside of the juvenile court system. (This is where community partner referrals are made for services to divert youth out of the justice system).

**Petition** – A pleading filed to initiate a matter in juvenile court, setting forth the alleged grounds for a court to assume jurisdiction and hear the case.

For more information and a complete list of legal terms, visit:

[www.oklahoma.gov/oja](http://www.oklahoma.gov/oja)



## “HOPE at intake:

**Goal:** Intake is an opportunity to communicate, “Yes, your child may have committed a crime, how can we address this together?”


**Pathway:** Intake is a pathway to partner with families to understand and navigate the system.

**Pathway:** Intake is a pathway to get help, to get connected, be aware of resources that exist, and provide access to resources.


**Willpower:** Intake is an opportunity to have your voice heard and break down barriers to help you take your next steps.

## Why HOPE?

- Hope is the best predictor of wellbeing.
- Hope mitigates the effects of trauma.
- Hope teaches us how to walk through consequences and make better choices.

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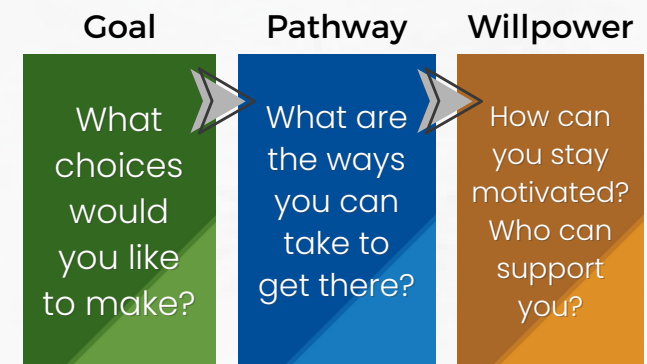


## A HOPE centered agency

whose mission is to collaborate with youth, families, and community partners to create pathways for success through prevention and treatment for all Oklahoma youth.

## What is HOPE?

HOPE is the belief that your future will be better than today, and you have the power to make it so.



# Intake Roadmap

## Referral Received by the Office of Juvenile Affairs

- Law Enforcement - Police Report
- School - Truancy Report
- Parent/Guardian - Beyond Parental Control



## Intake Appointment

- Juvenile Process and Services Explained
- Information gathered from youth/family
- OJA works with families to identify solutions or pathways in response to referral received.



## OJA worker meets with District Attorney

- Share information gathered at intake and make a recommendation
- District Attorney makes a decision:

1. Decline/Diversion
2. Deferred Decision to File
3. Informal Adjustment Agreement
4. File Petition



### 1 Declined Diversion

- Not court involved
- No further action taken by the District Attorney - case closed
- Youth and family referred to services



### 2 Deferred Decision File

- Not court involved
- Decision deferred
- Asked to complete and verify requirements - such as, but not limited to a class, counseling, and community service



### 3 Informal Adjustment Agreement

- Not court involved
- Written agreement with rules and conditions
- Treatment Plan with youth and family
- Meet with OJA regularly



### 4 File Petition-Court Involvement

- Juvenile/Youthful Offender
- Served with petition and date to appear
- Arraignment/Initial appearance
- Right to attorney or to have one appointed
- Right to trial by judge or jury

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