



State of Oklahoma

## OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

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Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

### Board Members Present

Bart Bouse

Amy Emerson

Janet Foss

Stephen Grissom

Colleen Johnson

Timothy Tardibono

Les Thomas Sr.

Jenna Worthen (virtually)

Karen Youngblood

### Absent

### Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the March 21, 2023 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and requested a roll call.

### Public Comments

No public comment.

### Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed minutes for the February 21, 2023 board meeting

Judge Foss: A comment, on page 6 where it says I was a "city judge" I think it needs to say, "sitting judge".

Mr. Bouse moved to approved as amended with a second by Judge Foss

Aye: Bouse, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain: Emerson

Absent:

The proposed minutes for the February 21, 2023 board meeting approved.

### Update on the 2023 legislative session agenda

Chief of Staff Nizza gave a quick verbal update on the agency's legislative agenda.

Chair Youngblood: As a point, I want to go back to item #2, for the record, nobody signed up for public comment that is why I went cruising past that one.

#### Presentation on Workforce Development

OJA Workforce Team discussed the attached presentation.

Dr. Grissom: Is everybody in state office, or spread around?

Ms. Humphrey: None of them are in state office.

Dr. Grissom: Where is everyone spread around?

Ms. Humphrey: Everyone is spread around. Joi and Randy are full-time, and they don't have an office. They are on the road often. Luzella is officed in Clinton, and Clay is officed in Norman.

Dr. Grissom: There is purpose to my question. This is the kind of thing that everyone all over the state needs access.

Ms. Humphrey: Yes, exactly. They presented the first time on March 6<sup>th</sup> and as of today, we have 24 referrals for this team to go and help families.

Dr. Grissom: The second is an observation, once again, we have a program that gets people excited. When we look at the mechanics of it, it is good social work. We are addressing specific, practical needs of kids and their families and that is good social work. When we do that, it matters.

Judge Foss: One other observation, I think you spoke at a board meeting several years ago when you were a worker out of Garvin County. I just wanted to say, I am glad to see the agency is promoting people that have the skill set to do what you do. Congratulations on that. I know these 2 gentlemen from when they were in Cleveland County, and I can see they have been pretty mobile too, good to see you both.

Ms. Humphrey: Thank you.

Dr. Emerson: I just want to say thank you to each of you. I know we are talking about Workforce; I just want to call attention to the fact this is workforce retention. How great for our JSU staff to know they are supported. You had me wanting to sign-up to work alongside you. This is awesome. How can we be strategic about this and make sure when we face budget cuts, this team doesn't get effected. How can we tie metrics or show that this kind of team keeps all of our employees on staff and can be come central to our retention? I don't know if there is a way on the front end to really look at some metrics and feedback from JSU workers. I love the motto of "Yes, we can," not that we can do everything but so Hope centered. I want you all in Hope mobiles driving all over. There is just a sense of we are in this together. Makes people want to work.

Director Holt: They are going to be data driven, tracking referrals and tell the story.

Dr. Grissom: This is just advice, that you are paying nothing for, data analytics applied to what you are doing, it is important to keep track of the numbers. I think there is also a narrative. A qualitative approach as opposed to a quantitative. When you hear 2 stories of kids and how we helped them. Keep track of those narratives, because as those accumulate it can be overwhelming evidence of the importance of what you are doing. We get caught up in the numbers, we forget it is the stories that matter.

Dr. Emerson: Right, how do you disprove negative outcomes? It is really hard to think about the positive.

Dr. Grissom: Right, I really think you do that by recording the narrative. What was done, how did it affect them? What difference did it make in their lives in a qualitative sense?

Dr. Emerson: I agree, and how do we tell those stories? In a way that protects our youth and their families but how this become part of the OJA story as a whole? So that people across the state understand what we do, because it can seem negative to those who don't understand what we do.

Ms. Humphrey: Right. The young man that I was talking about that they took to get the clothes for starting school on Monday. The first thing he said was, "I can put off going to school." By them going to get him clothes, he went to school Monday. Where if that hadn't happened...

Dr. Emerson: That is what we have the track, the truancy.

Dr. Grissom: It is a message from us that school is important.

Ms. Humphrey: That is exactly right.

Mr. Tardibono: Just on the story telling, really embracing that partnership with Google because they probably have incentive of telling a success story of one of these kids using their products and succeeding. I am curious, how did the partnership with Google? Did they seek us out or did we seek them out?

Ms. Humphrey: Actually, Director Holt heard Emily, with OKDHS, is their spokesman. She connected us. Her and I met virtually, and she did a little presentation and said, "are you on board?" I met with Director Holt and said I would really like your blessing to move forward on this. She said, "blessed away, go forward." DHS already had that partnership.

Director Holt: They also work with ReMerge.

Mr. Tardibono: OK.

Ms. Humphrey: With that, our youthful offenders often have a hard time finding employment because whenever their background is ran those felonies show up. With the partnership with Google, they already have partnerships with employers that are felon friendly.

Mr. Tardibono: That is great. The second, internally, you are getting referrals. How are you expressing this to the frontline worker, how does a referral get made?

Ms. Humphrey: Great questions. We have a Monday Morning Meeting, every Monday from 10 - 11am, it is virtual through Teams, this last Monday we had 107 JSU workers show up online, and those are recorded. We had the team, on March 6<sup>th</sup>, they put this presentation together and presented at that Monday Morning Meeting. We have a referral form; it was released on that day. We have an email address set up, which is on the referral form. I have access to that email, and I assign the referral to one of them and make the email connection with the assigned worker and Pivot, if the financial piece is needed. Jennifer Goodrich and I will be presenting at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Tardibono: That is great.

Director Holt: You are hitting the district meeting circuits.

Ms. Humphrey: Yes, the team is presenting at district meetings, and they are going out on their own to meet with JSU workers. We have FFT therapists, I work with that as well, and I have had those therapists reached out to me for assistance. I had a therapist reach out to me last week, and the family they were meeting with were out of propane and afraid their electricity was getting turned off the previous week and were not at the home that day. I sent the assigned worker the recorded meeting, and the referral form. He sent me a referral for the family today, their propane was out, and their electricity was turned off.

Mr. Tardibono: Just an observation, he called it social work, but it is called workforce development, but I almost think it might be called community development because that is what you guys are doing you are developing community. Audrey can cut and paste this from the last minutes, but I will say it again, as I have worked on the adult side I've recognized the work isn't rocket science, it isn't brain surgery, but it is really messy and it takes you all every day trying to be creative, innovative to solve these problems that some people don't have to deal with these problems, a lot of people do have to deal with these problems of their propane getting cut off. It is those little connections, those regular supports that allow people to stay in some semblance of order. I feel like post Covid, people keep thinking we want to get back a little normal or regular and I don't know if there is any more. You guys help. I want to thank you for the work you do, it is really messy and hard. We appreciate that and encourage you to keep at it.

Dr. Grissom: I don't know if it was design or if it just happened that way but the overlap with what you are doing with FFT, that is really important. It fits with the overall scheme of supporting the family. If I might, I just did a competency evaluation on a girl, and she and her mom had been in FFT for over 3 months now. If I had seen her 2 months ago, she wouldn't be competent.



Ms. Humphrey: It is pretty neat, isn't it?

Dr. Grissom: It is, it is really nice to see that kind of stuff.

Ms. Humphrey: Thank you.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you for your presentation. We appreciate the hard work each and every one of you do each and every day. Wow.

#### Director's Report

Director Holt discussed the attached report. She noted her third anniversary as Director and the accomplishments and direction of the agency.

#### State Advisory Group

Ms. Broyles discussed the attached State Advisory Group (SAG) presentation.

Mr. Tardibono: Are all of these federal funds, or is there a state match?

Ms. Broyles: They are all federal funds, there is not state match. These funds are designed to start programs as seed programs, they taper off about 5% each year. As long as there is progress, you will see these for a reduced amount for up to 3 years.

Mr. Tardibono: Once awarded, are there reporting requirements back to the SAG?

Ms. Broyles: Yes, they report quarterly to program staff, and we provide those updates to the SAG.

Mr. Tardibono: I just wanted to say, Pivot, Jennifer expects them to go over that number. For the fiscal year, they were already over the number from last year.

Ms. Broyles: I wouldn't be surprised.

Director Holt: Laura, will you explain what a CIC is.

Ms. Broyles: Yes. It is really designed to be a 24-hour place for law enforcement to bring youth when they are first arrested. It is almost like a place where they can cool off. They were started with SAG funding in the early 2000s. During the stay, they are offered assessment, and connections with resources and staff. They identify what kind of resources they need, connected with counseling or medical care, whatever it is that they need. If there are domestic situations at home, it is a place for them to cool off.

Dr. Grissom: It is between a shelter and a detention center.

Ms. Broyles: Yes, it is a short stay, generally, 24 hours.

Director Holt: When law enforcement had contact with a youth, on an offense that is not a detainable, instead of law enforcement babysitting when they cannot get a hold of mom. They stay at the CIC and are connected with resources.

Ms. Broyles: The goal is to get them into those services before they go into an intake.

Mr. Bouse: Woodward had one for some time, and it is a shame that it fell away. The officers contact the CIC employee, and they would pull in there and shut the door. Once the kid came out of the vehicle, they were secure and couldn't run. They had an office and a waiting room if I recall. At the time, city of Woodward was providing amount of the funding. The idea was the kid would not have to go sit at the sheriff or police department with all the negative influence or they didn't have to be ordered into a secure detention facility. They come into that bay, hand them to the worker, the JSU worker was contacted, and they sat with the on-call people to sit with the child, or it might be that they could go into the shelter. It was great. It was a wonderful model; I wish we had them more. The \$50,000 doesn't seem very much it wouldn't cover administrative costs or anything else.

Ms. Broyles: The \$50,000 is actually for the life skills programming within the CIC. The CIC is funded through other resources.

Mr. Tardibono: It is there at their location, correct?

Ms. Broyles: It is.

Mr. Tardibono: Could we see if we could see it when we are there?

Director Holt: Yes. CICs were funded by OJA but cut during a funding cut period and for lack of use. For the FY2025 request we did talk about relooking at funding the CICs.

Mr. Bouse: When did OJA cut the funding for those? The Woodward CIC may have been jointly funded by the city of Woodward and OJA. Woodward and OJA pulled the funding. I thought it was a great program.

CFO Clagg: 2016

Dr. Grissom: As the SAG chair, I would like to point out that the 3 proposals are diverse. That to me is exciting, we have 3 programs looking a different ways to use these types of funds to keep kids from penetrating further into the system. There is some creativity at work with the 3 different proposals, being very different.

Mr. Tardibono: There is geographic diversity to.

Dr. Grissom: There is geographic diversity. With it being the State Advisory Group, I like seeing things from different parts of the state and I like seeing different approaches that are pretty creative.

Chair Youngblood: Does the SAG only have a \$150,000 or is there more?

Dr. Grissom: We've got more.

Ms. Broyles: There is more, and we will be doing another round actually.

Chair Youngblood: That is great

Ms. Broyles: That is due to the pandemic. You will see when you see the financial parts that it looks like we have a lot of federal funding.

Dr. Emerson: This may be beyond the scope, but is Dr. Grissom just allowed to respond, it was alluded to a few years ago we had a transgression in one of our counties, I think on the sight and sound requirement.

Dr. Grissom: We have done a number of things to address, I am trying to be nice. Across time there is turnover, judges change. For example, judges who know the rules on placement in detention or jail moves on and someone new comes in and they don't know some of those rules.

Dr. Emerson: I knew education was a big component.

Dr. Grissom: There was a gap in communication in certain parts of that local operation. As a general rule, we can count on OJA workers to be on top of where kids are. Every once in a while, there are staff turnovers at different levels, and someone doesn't behave they way they are supposed to. Bam, you have a problem. We've upped our interaction with Department of Health in terms of expectations of jails and detention centers, and so on. We are doing more to monitor so that we don't have that.

Ms. Broyles: State-wide trainings across the state. Our numbers are good right now.

Director Holt: There was one judge in one county, under that law at the time, that was not certified to hold children in that jail that costs us hundreds of thousands in federal funding. I spoke at many judicial conferences with dramatic pauses talking about the loss of that money. Part of one OJA, is our workers are aware of who and how to contact when they see a problem. We have a strong general counsel to have those conversations if our workers cannot/do not have the ability to speak law to the judges.

Chair Youngblood: Very good. Thank you for the time and involvement on that very important committee.

Director Holt: Also, because of that turnaround, Laura do you want to talk about the national conference?

Ms. Broyles: Actually, because we were able to turn it around, there were a lot of states that found themselves out of compliance with that particular core requirement. Oklahoma was the only state that was brought back into full compliance.

Dr. Emerson: O, good.

Chair Youngblood: Very good.

Ms. Broyles: We changed that with legislation. Because of that legislation, we are actually a national model and our compliance monitor, David McCullough spoke at the plenary session as the lead state. Oklahoma actually covered 5 of the sessions in model programming for our state at the national conference.

Dr. Emerson: Wow, kudos.

Director Holt: So, from non-compliance to speaking on 5 panels at the national conference.

Dr. Emerson: That is work, a lot of work.

Chair Youngblood: Thank you for that background. That is awesome.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Rogers County Youth Services in the amount of \$50,000.00

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Dr. Grissom

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Rogers County Youth Services in the amount of \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Pivot, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Mr. Tardibono

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Pivot, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00 approved.

Discussion and possible vote to amend and/or approve SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain County Youth Services in the amount of \$50,000.00

Dr. Grissom moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain County Youth Services in the amount of \$50,000.00 approved.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

A quick video of the ongoing project was played, and CFO Clagg discussed the attached presentation.

Chair Youngblood: Wow, I feel like I just walked through.

CFO Clagg: Thanks to Paula Christiansen and Constanzia for the video. For as good as it looks, you should see it in person. It is just amazing. We look forward to completion of that, target date is July 1.

CFO Clagg proceeded to talk through the attached presentation.

Judge Foss: Kevin is right, this is nice what Paula has done, but you have to see it. It is big. You can see bringing those big trucks in where they would go. It is really amazing compared to the old dining hall and warehouse looked like.

Chair Youngblood: The windows, it reminds me of summer camp building. The big, full of light windows. It is just amazing.

Judge Foss: Some of the other things Kevin mentioned, aren't really part of the dining hall project. The HR building, there are lots of little projects, like the gym floor, are going on besides just the dining hall. They are not part of this contract, but things the agency is handling out of other funds. The STEM project was part of a grant, right?

CFO Clagg: Correct.

Judge Foss: It is a very active place, lots of stuff going on.

Chair Youngblood: After it is done, we should have another board meeting out there.

CFO Clagg: Yes.

Mr. Thomas: I will say, I am really excited. I have been going out there probably about 15 years. But to see this, while it is happening it is really exciting. I am excited for the kids; of course, we don't want them to have to go there. But if they are there, we know all of this is going to help them psychologically, emotionally and in their hearts and their minds. I am really excited to see this.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the year-to-date OJA Finance Report

CFO Clagg presented the attached finance report.

Mr. Tardibono moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

The year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the 2022-23 year-to-date, FY2023, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Mr. Bouse moved to approve with a second by Mr. Tardibono

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

The 2022-23 year-to-date, FY2023, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve modifications to the 2022-23, FY2023, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

No modifications for consideration.

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Ms. Sanchez gave a verbal update.

Executive Session

Board decided not to enter executive session.

Discussion and possible vote to return to regular session

N/A

Discussion and/or possible vote on items arising from executive session

N/A

Announcements/ comments

Chair Youngblood: I have a couple of things I would like to say. Thank you for 3 years, it would be fun they say. Covid wasn't fun and a lot of things we have done, weren't fun. It has been fun having you lead and deliver an incredible staff and executive team. The people on the ground, like the team you brought us today, having things move through the legislature, getting grants back open, getting us into compliance from out of compliance, and having people all over the state take on key roles. It is a different organization, moving in the right direction. and the Board sincerely appreciates leadership. We know it is a team effort, and it is every single person, every single day. It does take someone at the end of the day that the buck stops to. When we were a different Board, we reviewed you and held you in that light. I don't think any one of us ever changed that philosophy, you are truly that one employee that we hold accountable, and the buck stops with. We laud you and applaud you. Thank you for your leadership. The second point I want to make, it is so wonderful to hear Audrey call a full Board. We are so appreciative and excited for our not so new to OJA, new board member. Les, thank you so much for being willing to step up and take the mantle of this position. It is not something that is done lightly. I know that all of us put in hours each month, if not just preparing for this meeting. People on legislative committee, people on our team watching over the Next Gen, people going to SAG, people carrying over to adult and juvenile justice and being willing to step in and jump in there. Each and every person plays such an important point. We have had this vacuum of needing you to fill this seat. Your perspective, your history, your vision each one of us comes with a different view and a different passion. Sometimes, we enter into these wonderfully passionate debates. We have never been a rubberstamping board, if you think that is what you are getting into you are wrong. We have never been a rubberstamping board, and I am proud of that. But we are also a Board that reviews our information before we get here, we ask details questions before we get here, and we are not afraid to contact any member of staff, nor are any staff are afraid to speak directly to us. The product that we happily and heartily work forward with OJA is so expanded by your perspective and experience and coming on board with all of us. We are so glad. Thank you for taking on that mantle and joining us.

Mr. Thomas: Thank you. It is an honor to be here with you all and serving with you all. Impacting the next generation is a personal passion of mine I have had the honor and privilege of working with young people that have made mistakes, bad decisions for a while. Being able to be on this side of it, if you pinch me, I probably wouldn't feel it. Thanks for having me, and I am excited about the future. I can tell by the way you all operate, that you operate in excellence. I serve on several boards, and when I got all the information from Audrey, I was like this is real. Now I understand why it takes some time to study before, I have never had to study before. Again, it is an honor to be here.

New business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Grissom moved to adjourn with a second by Ms. Johnson

Aye: Bouse, Emerson, Foss, Grissom, Johnson, Tardibono, Thomas, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

Prepared by:

Signed by:

Audrey Rockwell

Audrey Rockwell (May 2, 2023 11:02 CDT)

Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Timothy Tardibono

Timothy Tardibono (May 2, 2023 10:22 CDT)

Timothy Tardibono, Vice Chair














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**Board of Juvenile Affairs  
Voting Record**

Date: 3/21/23	
Item I - Recording of Members Present and Absent	
Meeting convened at <u>10:05 a.m.</u>	
Member	Present/ Absent
Bouse	Present
Emerson	Present
Foss	Present
Grissom	Present
Johnson	Present
Tardibono	Present
Thomas	Present
Worthen (virtual)	Present
Youngblood	Present

Date: 3/21/23	
Item Vote to Adjourn Meeting adjourned at <u>11:35 a.m.</u>	
Motion:	Grissom
Second:	Johnson
Member	Vote
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Tardibono	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes



**Board of Juvenile Affairs  
Voting Record**

Date: 3/21/23	
Vote to approve as amended the proposed minutes for the February 21, 2023 board meeting	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Foss	
Member	Vote
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Abstain
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Tardibono	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 3/21/23	
Vote to approve SAG proposed initial award of Title II formula grant funds to Rogers County Youth Services in the amount of \$50,000.00	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Grissom	
Member	Vote
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Tardibono	Yes
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Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes



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Second: Tardibono	
Member	Vote
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Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
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Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

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Second: Foss	
Member	Vote
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Tardibono	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes



Board of Juvenile Affairs  
Voting Record

Date: 3/21/23	
Vote to approve the year-to-date OJA Finance Report	
Motion By: Tardibono	
Second: Emerson	
Member	Vote
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Tardibono	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes

Date: 3/21/23	
Vote to approve the 2022-23 year-to-date, FY2023, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report	
Motion By: Bouse	
Second: Tardibono	
Member	Vote
Bouse	Yes
Emerson	Yes
Foss	Yes
Grissom	Yes
Johnson	Yes
Tardibono	Yes
Thomas	Yes
Worthen	Yes
Youngblood	Yes



**Board of Juvenile Affairs  
Voting Record**

Date: 3/21/23	
Item Vote to Enter Executive Session Board entered Executive Session at _____	
Motion By: Motion	
Second: Second	
Member	Vote
Bouse	Vote
Ellington	Vote
Emerson	Vote
Foss	Vote
Grissom	Vote
Tardibono	Vote
Thomas	Vote
Worthen	Vote
Youngblood	Vote

Date: 3/21/23	
Item Vote to return to Regular Session Board returned at _____	
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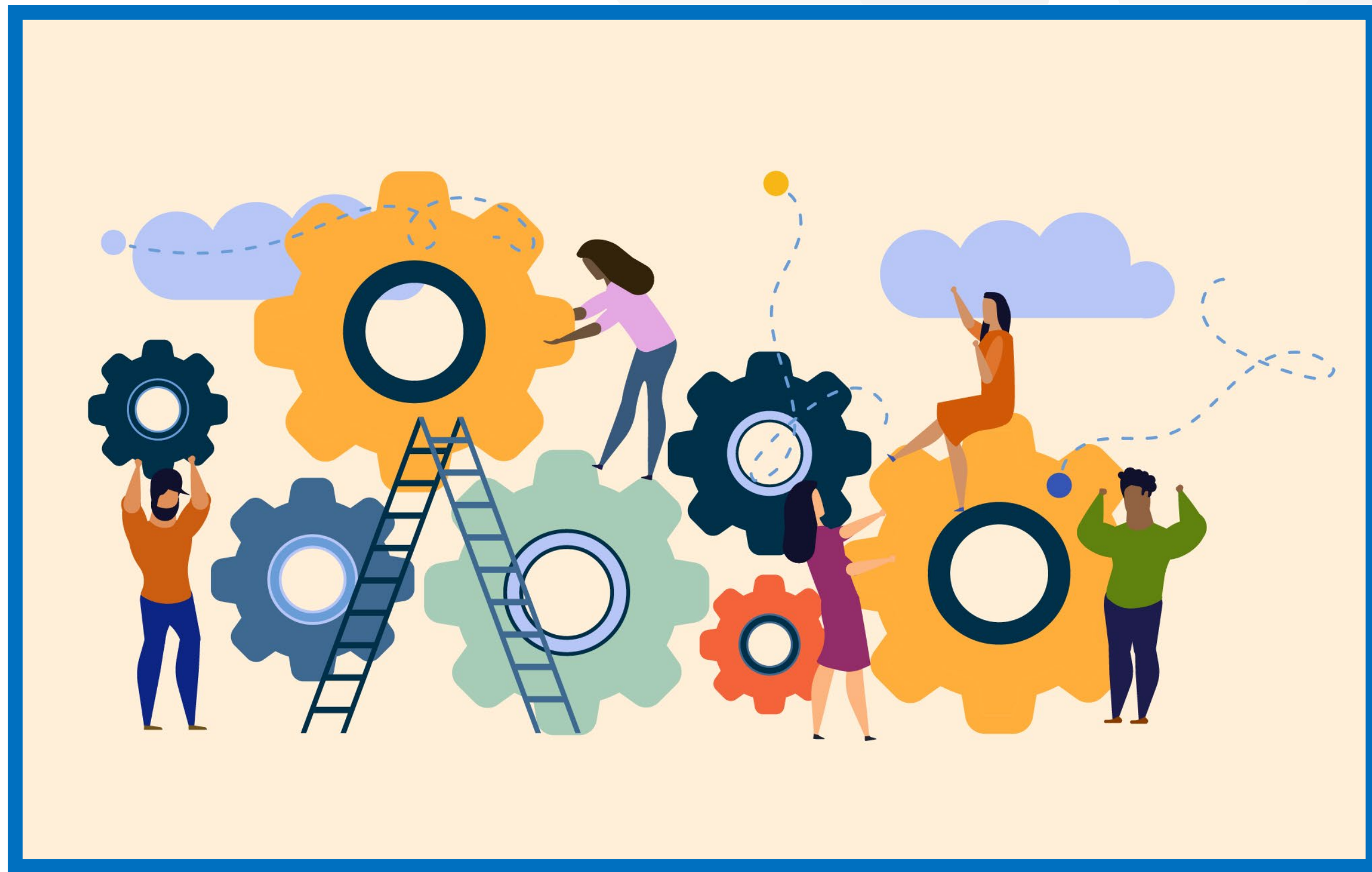
March 21, 2023

# Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting





# Workforce Development



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# HELLO!



## MEET THE TEAM



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# Our Fearless Leader



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# Workforce Development Specialists



**Clayton Cody,**  
**Hybrid**



**Luzella Williams,**  
**Hybrid**



**Joi Horsford**



**Randy Sheppard**



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A close-up photograph of a weathered metal sign. The sign is rectangular with a pointed right end and is mounted on a dark metal post. The word "PURPOSE" is embossed in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the sign. There are two small circular holes, one on the left and one on the right, which serve as mounting points. The background is a deep blue, textured surface. The bottom of the image features a white curved line separating the blue background from a solid green area.

**PURPOSE**

# Whom Do We Serve

- ❖ We provide services to youth and families with OJA involvement.
- ❖ We will do our best to provide the JSU worker with information to empower them to do their job and help the youth address service barriers.
- ❖ We are here to address service gaps, serve as liaisons, and be a resource; we are **NOT** here to take over the JSU worker's cases!



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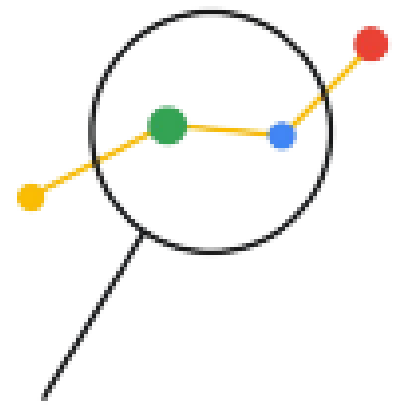
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- ❖ Independent / Transitional Living
- ❖ Connection to Community Resources
- ❖ Assistance w/ Support Services & \*Unique Needs
- ❖ Contact w/ Community Partners
- ❖ \*Pivot Partnership
- ❖ Accessing Vital Documents, etc.
- ❖ PulseWRX Smartphones



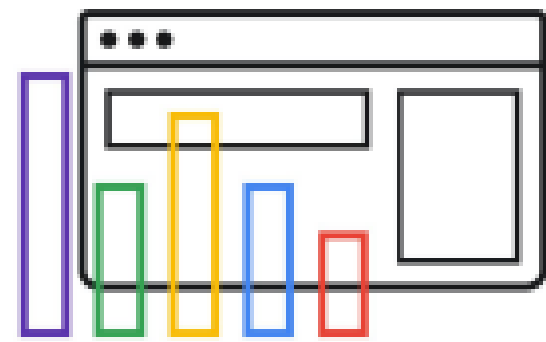
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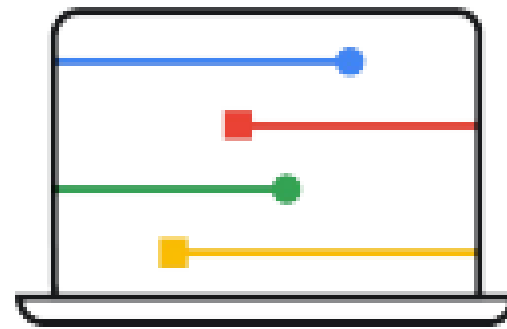
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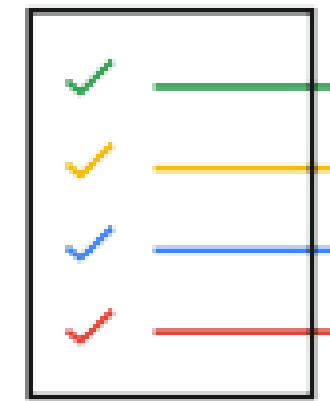
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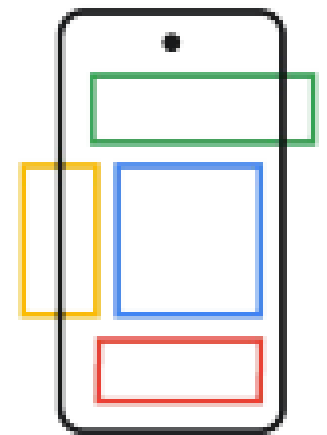
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# QUESTIONS



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# Director's Report





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Rachel Canuso Holt, Executive Director

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### MARCH 2023 BOARD UPDATE

#### **OJA Operations**

1. COJC visits
2. Attended JSU District 1 meeting
3. Toured COJC with the Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Association (OJDA)
4. Attended an OYACS Graduation
5. Attended JSU District 3 meeting
6. Visited Welch Skills Center
7. Spoke at OJA's New Employee Orientation (virtual)
8. Attended SAG meeting
9. Attended JSU District 7 meeting
10. Attended OYACS GED celebration (virtually)

#### **Partner Engagement**

1. Attended a panel at the National Symposium on Sexual behavior of Youth
2. Attended Breaking Bread Lunch
3. Attended an OCCY Special Commission meeting
4. Spoke at the quarterly JJOAC meeting
5. Director Jari Askins, Administrative Office of the Courts
6. Dr. Deborah Shropshire, OKDHS Director
7. Judge Lydia Green, Oklahoma County Juvenile Division
8. Met with new ROCMND Youth Services Director Rusty Rankins
9. Attended meeting with Brandon Tatum, Governor's Chief of Staff, and John Suter, Chief Operating Officer for the state of Oklahoma for Governor appointed directors
10. Interview and tour of COJC with Kayla Branch, the Frontier



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## **Board Report – March 2023**

February 1<sup>st</sup> to 28th 2023 activity

### **Releases (11) from Secure Care**

### **February 2023**

### **Intakes (5) for Secure Care**

Paroled - 6

Intakes COJC – 5

Step down to Level E – 1

Released at Court (aging out) – 2

Pending adult charges - 2

Secure Care Treatment Population as of 03/13/23: 64 residents

### **Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) facility events**

- Black History Month presentation held at gym through OYACS.
- Residents participated in a Black History Month drawing contest.
- Five Community level residents attended an OSU wrestling match at Stillwater Gallagher-Iba Arena followed by pizza and a discussion with Rep. Tally and 9 OSU student athletes.
- Three Community level residents attended religious services at Three Folds Ministry in Shawnee.
- Three Community level residents performed community services at the Tecumseh City Hall to set up for an auction.
- Anthology Project Oklahoma Christian University English Department students visited COJC residents to discuss poems and short stories in a shared writing program.
- Residents watched the Superbowl on each unit and enjoyed a pizza party.
- Hope Navigators initiating art contest for residents of hope phrases.
- Boy Scouts of America will begin volunteering at COJC.
- Volunteer Pursuit of Prosperity Strategies (POPS) visits once a month to connect with youth for reentry support.
- Volunteer OKCreative began music session on the units.
- Volunteer services held an art contest for residents with prizes for to 3 winners. Residents' work is displayed in the COJC cafeteria.
- Resident birthdays were celebrated on site with cakes donated by the St. John Lutheran Church.
- 20 Volunteers donated 35 hours of mentoring and religious services to COJC residents.
- Juvenile Council Meeting and Employee Council Meeting held.
- Leadership and Community phase residents enjoyed a meatloaf dinner night.
- Man Up and Justice League Basketball continues weekly.
- Religious services and bible studies were offered by community volunteers for all residents.

### **Division Leadership Activities**

- Visited with residents and staff on site at COJC throughout the month. Zoey the therapy dog continues to interact with youth at COJC.
  - Hosted Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Association (OJDA) monthly meeting followed by tour of COJC.
  - Participated in ODMHSAS Matrix Model of Treatment program for possible implementation.
  - Attended three OYACS graduations at COJC.
  - Participated in Dialectical Behavior Training implementation planning meeting for COJC.
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- Participated in Ending Isolation Technical Assistance meeting to identify barriers.
- Received certificate of completion from the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University for completion of the Ending Isolation in Youth Facilities Certificate Program.
- Cathy McLean trained COJC Juvenile Justice Specialists (JJS) on Tentative Reviews, forms, and Parole Reports.
- Presented Secure Care 101 at New Employee Orientation Training.
- Participated in the OJA Parent Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Contributed in Quarterly Recharge Meeting at State Office with Agency Leadership.
- Participated in weekly case/placement staffing meeting to assist in least restrictive placement.
- Held weekly TEAMS meetings with Division staff to ensure quality coverage of all liaison and oversight duties to ensure we are working toward division and agency goals.
- Carol Miller, Director Holt, HR Director Paula Tillison met with all three shifts of Direct Care staff at COJC to discuss issues, resolutions and how to support staff while maintaining retention.
- Participated in the weekly Personnel Strategy meeting to discuss approach for employee progressive discipline, coaching and retraining issues.
- Met weekly with COJC Superintendent to address goals, facility issues and full implementation of COJC Next Generation Campus upgrades.
- Continue to address new technical applications across the facility to ensure maximum usage.
- Continued OMMA grant meetings for substance abuse treatment with Shawnee and Norman Public Schools in efforts to support the community with education and treatment for Oklahoma youth and families. Current barriers are hiring qualified Substance Abuse Counselors.
- Attended confinement grant meeting with Okla. State Dept of Health. Base of operation is COJC medical for LPNs to support detention centers and group homes with COVID mitigation plans, equipment, and to assist in outbreaks.
- Participated in weekly OJA Executive Team meetings with State Office Leadership.
- Attended the February OJA Board Meeting virtually.
- Facilitated a 3-day Mock ACA audit at COJC in preparation for reaccreditation visit in the fall.
- Participated in Staff Recruiting and Retention discussion with other states.
- Assisted COJC with Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor Interviews.

**Recruitment and Retention Efforts**

- Agency Leaders met with all three shifts of direct care staff to provide support, discuss resolutions for identified issues and promote retention for staff.
  - COJC Administration is supporting direct care staff by ensuring Leadership, JJS and Clinicians are working a late night to assist with residents on units.
  - Shawnee HTeaO location donated 20+ gallons of tea to the dedicated staff at COJC to show support.
  - Mental Health Supports have been increased by ensuring staff are aware of how to access the remarkable resources obtained through Support Linc the OJA Employee Instant Access Employee Assistance Program phone number and website.
  - Employee Council meetings held each month with staff advocates from each shift. Efforts being made to improve communication between Leadership and the front line.
  - COMPASS employee support group will host a meal event every month for staff on all shifts.
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- OJA Recruiter continues to reach out to individuals through Indeed, Zip Recruiter and JazzHR for hard to fill positions.
- The OJA training department is running back-to-back new employee trainings to support increasing the number of new hires and to increase the onboarding time of new hires.

**Agency Collaborations**

- Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS) – The embedded DRS staff is at COJC one time a week to get residents enrolled with DRS. Currently 10 residents at COJC are on the paid work program waiting list.
- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (DMHSAS) – Embedded DMH staff is creating reentry plans for youth and family to support mental health needs upon parole of COJC youth.
- Workforce Innovation Board (COWIB) - Workforce Work Study Program has moved forward for residents who have graduated or received their GED. Residents will be working on site at COJC and receiving pay funded under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA).
- OCCY/DRS/OYACS/OJA School to Work paid work program – The School to work paid work program at COJC is underway. Residents who are currently enrolled in OYACS at COJC will work onsite at COJC and receive pay through DRS reimbursement. Program provides youth with a work resume, birth certificate, State ID and financial support upon parole from COJC.

**COVID Update for February 2023**

- COVID precautions for staff and residents continue in secure care to mitigate the chance of outbreaks in a congregate care setting.
- During February 2023 there were no juveniles positive for COVID.
- COVID does continue to affect staffing levels.

**Upcoming of significance**

- 03/13/23 COJC medical will facilitate Fentanyl Education classes on each unit through spring break week.
  - 03/14/23 Lt. Jim Peek Grady Co Deputy DEA task Force (education Fentanyl) 2 presentations to residents.
  - 03/29/23 Jason Hall Prevention/Harm Reduction Program Senior Field Rep. ODMHSAS – education, how to administer Narcan, symptoms of overdose presentation for residents.
  - 04/14/21 or 04/28/23 Mark Woodward OBN education office will present Fentanyl education to residents. Date not confirmed.
  - Ongoing - COJC LADC Prinda Czerniecki will incorporate Fentanyl education in all COJC Drug and Alcohol programming.
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Janelle Bretten, Director of Strategic Planning and Engagement

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### Board Report March 2023

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- **Attitudes Related to Trauma-Informed Care (ARTIC) Organizational Survey**
  - Presented ARTIC survey results for JSU Districts 1 and 3. Shared baseline and timepoint 2 data comparison. Discussed next steps to develop district work teams, review policies and practices, and conduct additional training working alongside hope and family engagement efforts toward reaching ARTIC top benchmark.
- **Science of Hope Initiative**
  - Kheri and team worked on infusing hope into Intake Pamphlet and sent to all districts for feedback. Set follow up appointment to revise document.
  - Kheri met in El Reno with hope navigators working on possible new hire mentoring program possibilities.
  - Kheri presented on Science of Hope work at at Districts 1, 3 and 7.
  - Kheri and team created hope art contest with Next Gen, ScissorTail, and Mustang.
  - Kheri is now submitting weekly hope WIN posts and also providing a hope newsletter.
  - A new intake letter draft developed by hope navigator team was sent to all districts for feedback.
  - On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Brandie Brazell and Kheri planned a Day in the Life of Youth at Next Gen. Kheri will stay the better part of the day at Next Gen experiencing life and work there.
  - Kheri sent out to team to look at choosing next 2 projects: Hope on the OJA website and hope on treatment planning.
- **Family Engagement**
  - Janelle attended Oklahoma Family Network Joining Forces: Family and Professional Partnerships meeting.
  - Apryl attended the Youth and Substance Abuse meeting in Oklahoma City.
  - Apryl presented on family engagement at Districts 1 and 3 meetings.
  - Apryl participating in weekly ongoing planning and structure meetings for Thriving Family Safer Children construct that meet two-three times a week.
  - Apryl conducted and held the OJA Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) monthly meeting. Evolution Foundation, Oklahoma Family Network partners in attendance, as well as Janelle and Carol.
  - Apryl attended and partnered with the NWIAA conference.
  - Apryl is working on a pamphlet with resources for families. Apryl and Janelle also creating list of resources for OJA website based on feedback from PAC.
  - Apryl is networking and made community contacts for the OJA PAC and potential partners.
- **Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness (GICH)**
  - Chaired GICH main meeting held at Payne County Youth Services in February.
  - Attending planning meetings for final two Homeless Children and Youth Forums in partnership with the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) in Norman CoC region to be held March 22 and Northeast region to be held April 5<sup>th</sup>. JSU included in invites to attend.
  - Attended Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program community call for OKC coordinated community plan work.



- Chaired GICH executive team meeting to plan agenda for next council meeting in April, as well as plan for committee work to complete the GICH five-year strategic plan and annual report.
- **Children’s State Advisory Workgroup (CSAW)**
  - Attended OSU OCCY OKDHS CSAW contract/partnership monitoring meeting for CSAW cross systems coordinator role.
  - Attended trauma informed-care website content committee meeting. Website content and logo are closer to being finalized.
  - Attended monthly Systems of Care State Advisory Team meeting.
  - Met with CSAW cross-system coordinator and TIC practices workgroup co-chair to develop plans for ongoing TIC collaborative work and agenda setting for upcoming meetings.
  - Attended OCCY Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Advisory Committee meeting. As co-chair for the TIC practices workgroup, attended meeting to support CSAW cross-systems coordinator in presenting on the new TIC website for purposes of getting feedback on website content and navigation.
- **Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory**
  - Abby organizing YLS/CMI training scheduled for April.
- **ODMHSAS Planning and Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting**
  - Attended meeting February 16<sup>th</sup>. Shared OJA updates.
- **New Employee Orientation**
  - Presented on day one of training covering topics to include hope, family engagement and trauma- informed care.
- **OJA Standing Meetings**
  - Executive Team, Executive Team Quarterly Recharge, Rates and Standards, data governance, JJS Support meetings, and Lunch and Learns.
- **Trainings**
  - Attended CJJ’s Collaborating for Change initiative to address the intersections of youth legal system involvement and homelessness.

## State Office and District Training February 2023 Training Report

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Training Hour Totals:</b>	<b>Supervisory Training Hour Totals:</b>	<b>Grand Training Hour Totals:</b>
State Office	311.5	308.5	311.5
District 1	174.5	137.75	174.5
District 2	163.75	133.5	163.75
District 3	185	109	185
District 4	101.5	73	101.5
District 5	161	34	161
District 6	94.5	89	94.5
District 7	134.5	89.5	134.5
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1,326.25</b>	<b>974.25</b>	<b>1,326.25</b>

# Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center Training Breakdown February 2023

## MANDATORY Refresher Training Information:

Total Mandatory Classroom Training Hours for February :	8
Total Mandatory Computer Based Training Hours for February :	126
Grand Total Mandatory Training Hours for February :	134

1 Staff attended February Mandatory Refresher Training for 2023  
0 Staff have **COMPLETED** All Refresher Training for 2023

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## ORIENTATION Training Information: Employees Attended

Total Orientation Classroom Training Hours for February:	745
Total Orientation Computer Based Training Hours for February:	0
Grand Total Orientation Training Hours for February:	745

## TEACHERS Training Information:

Total Classroom Training Hours for February:	0
Total Computer Based Training Hours for February:	0
Grand Total Training Hours for February:	0

## IN-SERVICE Training Information:

Total Classroom In-service Training Hours for February:	140
Total In-service Computer Based Training Hours for February:	0
External/Non-Facility In-Service Training for February:	0
Grand Total In-service Training Hours for February:	145

## SUPERVISORY Training Hours:

Grand Total Supervisory Training Hours for February: 

205
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## February Care & Custody Management System (CCMS) Training:

<i>CCMS Hours</i>	<i># of Students</i>	<i># credit hours</i>	<i>Total Class Hours</i>
Orientation Day 1	6	8	48
Orientation Day 2	6	8	48
Orientation Day 3	5	8	40
Re-Certs Day 1	0	0	0
Re-Certs Day 2	0	0	0
Totals	17	24	136
<b>Total # CCMS Hours</b>	136		

<b>CCMS Recertification Percentage Completed:</b>	4%
<b>Total # of Students who attended CCMS in February:</b>	6

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## GRAND TOTAL of Training Hours:

<b><u>Grand Total Training Hours for February:</u></b>	1019
<b><u>Total Training Hours for NON-COJC Employees for February:</u></b>	35
<b><u>Total Courses Instructed at COJC for February:</u></b>	73
<b><u>Total Course Hours Instructed at COJC for February:</u></b>	241
<b><u>Total Participants at COJC for February:</u></b>	47



**Juvenile Service Unit  
Board Report for March 2023  
Contacts and Activities for February 2023**

▪ **Division Statistics**

- 2,280 active cases...1,238 court involved including 432 youth in OJA custody
- 312 new referrals-237 male and 75 female...average age 15.41
- 9,627 individual contact notes documented in JOLTS
- 188 intakes were completed during the month
- 22 youth activated and/or monitored by GPS
- 35 new placement referrals received: 28 for Level E, 6 for secure care and 1 SCH
- 26 youth placements made during the month: 22 to Level E, 4 to secure care
- A total of 28 youth paid \$6,035.12 in restitution and other fees

○ **Deputy Director Activities**

- Participated in Executive staff meetings
- Reviewed placement recommendations/participated in executive staffings for high acuity and/or high-profile cases.
- Participated in meetings with CBS program staff and District Supervisors
- Participated in Personnel Strategy meetings with supervisory staff
- Participated in weekly administrative services meetings
- Participated in case staffings at Scissortail group home
- Participated in a staffing to determine criteria for mobile D&E's
- Participated in a staffing to discuss the Pivot HUB
- Participated with DHS/CWS in staffing high acuity youth
- Participated in a meeting regarding OJA leasing issues with county offices
- Visited the Creek County detention center
- Attended OYACS GED graduations via TEAMS
- Attended a presentation on the Fentanyl crisis
- Attended an OPERS seminar via Workday
- Participated in the Quarterly recharge meeting at SO
- Picked up additional Narcan kits from the ODMHSAS
- Attended the OJA Executive Board meeting
- Attended the National Symposium on Sexual Behavior of Youth
- Attended the District 3 JSU staff meeting
- Presented at the New Employee orientation

- **Division Activities**

- JSD Program Assistant Administrator, Jennifer Thatcher, had 22 GPS youth activations and monitoring cases for the month. She completed URC Step Down/Extension request and processed restitution applications and claims. Ms. Thatcher also participated in multiple executive case staffings.
- Placement Program Manager, Rex Boutwell, received/processed 35 placement worksheets and placement referrals, including 28 for Level E, 6 for secure care and 1 SCH. He made visits to the Creek County detention center. He participated in numerous executive placement staffings, appeal meetings and attended the District 3 staff meeting.
- JSD Federal Funding Program Field Rep, Jennifer Creecy, processed 577 TCM progress notes. She attended Lunch and Learn and Monday Morning Meetings and conducted a TCM all-day workshop with Canadian County Juvenile Bureau. She met with Finance and IT to discuss procedural changes in billing practices to maximize federal funding. Ms. Creecy attended a 2nd virtual meeting with the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding end of the Public Health Emergency's Continuous Coverage. She worked with IT and Finance to process TCM claims for Canadian County Juvenile Bureau and engaged in various emails and calls with JSU and Bureau staff regarding the TCM Program. She also reviewed 2 parole requests.
- JSD Level E/Detention Program Manager, Jeremy Evans, visited Scissortail Pointe, Lighthouse, Cornerstone, Welch Group homes and COJC. He visited the Oklahoma County and Cleveland County detention centers. Mr. Evans attended the District 3 staff meeting in Oklahoma City. He is participating in the Liaison program updates on the policy task force and participated in multiple executive staffings.

### **District Activity Highlights from District 1 Supervisor Jerry Skinner**

ADS Jodi Josserand continues to attend the Child Abuse Task Force. A committee has been formed to explore the potential development of a Children's Advocacy Center to provide consolidated resources from participating agencies/providers. JSU also participates in the Texas County Coalition (now called "Panhandle Cares"). The Crossroads mentorship program did not have any February activities, but ADS Jodell Josserand and JJS III Theresa Barnes addressed the group in February's District meeting- providing an overview of the program and progress achieved since its inception. Their presentation was well-received by the meeting's attendees.

Jodi reports 11 new referrals were received in February by JSU. She informs that Panhandle Services have moved into a new building. To help prepare the new location for services, five Texas County youth helped clean walls and mop floors. JJS Theresa Barnes helped facilitate a family to receive CHUBs services from DHS.

ADS Rhonda Smith reports the Garfield OJA staff attend Sooner Success meetings that are held at the Church of Christ. Agencies participating in these monthly meetings are OJA, DHS, Oklahoma Family Network, etc. They also participate in the Garfield County Drug and Alcohol Coalition that meets at the YWFA. Other participants are the DA's office, local counselors, as well as members from various churches within the community.

Rhonda conducted a staff meeting detailing Garfield County JSU staff on upcoming community events in the surrounding areas. A representative from Washington Mutual was invited to present to staff during the meeting.

ADS Belinda Hannon indicates she and/or her staff attend the regular MCART meetings in Kingfisher county- comprised of the DA's office, OJA, DHS child welfare, Red Rock Behavioral Health, and Sheriff's office task force, etc....

Belinda reports staff were busy throughout February. Canadian County has had several youths participate in the new Workforce program. Belinda reports that the Workforce staff are doing an excellent job with the youth. Workforce was also invited to present to staff during February's staff meeting. Staff also continue with liaison duties to Canadian Co detention center (Jaz Cabrerra), YFS youth shelter (Belinda), and Mustang Treatment Center (Alysa Parker).

ADS Chris Walker reports that JSU continues to participate in monthly CARS staffings (Custer and Woodward), Graduated Sanctions meetings (Custer), and Multi-county disciplinary teams (Custer and Woodward).

Chris reports caseload numbers increased slightly since January. Custer County JJS Luzella Brown was recently selected to begin working a new hybrid position JSU duties and Workforce duties. JJS III Alyssa Devine continues serving in her role of Hope Navigator, routinely giving updates on the recent discussions, visions, and projects of the Hope Navigators. JJS Devine's updates have served as a source of positive energy to the group.

### **District Activity Highlights from District 3 Supervisor Jeremy Andrews**

February for District 3 went well, we had meetings with several community partners and got to celebrate two graduations for District 3 youth, one of which also received an acceptance letter to attend Rose State College. We were also able to recognize five (5) youth who successfully paroled from COJC after successful passes.

In Pottawatomie County I was able to meet with the director of Pottawatomie Go “Pogo”, a local, “collaborative community effort to achieve and sustain measurable health improvements” to discuss potential resources for our youth and staff. I also had the opportunity, along with Director Holt and OJA General Counsel, Ben Brown, to sit down with the new Oklahoma County District Attorney, Vicki Behenna.

Supervisors in Pottawatomie, Cleveland and McClain County also met with representatives from Jetty Counseling Services to discuss Family Functional Therapy (FFT) in their counties and different ways to improve services/outreach. Workers also stayed busy, between the 16 youth referred to placements including a multitude of placement/grand staffings to coordinate services and reintegration.

District 3 also held our first District Meeting for the year, hosting several presenters to discuss the upcoming legislative agenda, updates to the youthful offender rehab plan and placements. We also had one of our own present on the resources and information she obtained while attending the National Symposium on the Sexual Behavior of Youth.

#### **District Activity Highlights from District 4 Supervisor Blaine Bowers**

I would like to highlight two special projects currently underway in District 4. First is the Tulsa Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project. Housing Solutions of Tulsa was awarded a \$5.38 Million HUD grant to prevent and help end youth homelessness in Tulsa. District staff have been participating in planning meetings in conjunction with multiple agencies in the Greater Tulsa area.

Second, in Payne County, the Healthy Children/Healthy Communities (HCHC) initiative is a response to the dismal status of young children identified in the Casey Foundation Annual Assessment. Between 2021 and early 2022, Resilient Payne County, the Stillwater Early Childhood Coalition, the Payne County Department of Health, and Oklahoma State University partnered to conduct an in-depth study of the status of families with young children in Payne County. The purpose of the research was to provide community stakeholders with an understanding of the availability, accessibility, and quality of services available to families with young children in Payne County. The study also identified gaps in services that need to be addressed. A State of the Babies report was prepared to summarize this data. HCHC was the response to address these results. This writer is a member off the steering committee for this project.

#### **District Activity Highlights from District 5 Supervisor Ron Coplan**

February began with a blast of Winter weather restricting about everything in Eastern Oklahoma. Staff managed to keep contacts with clients current because most clients were home.



The agency that was formerly known as Rise, has closed its residential program, and is strictly a community-based program with a wide-reaching base of organizations working together to reduce the risk of exploitation or trafficking in the population of adolescent young ladies in Muskogee and surrounding areas. Wendy Bellora and I have been participating weekly in their organizing meetings. Their new name is "HOPE Muskogee".

Staff reviewed and provided input on the proposed Hope intake packet, and letter to staff.

We dispersed Fentanyl test kits, as well as NARCAN kits to the counties in District 5. It appears that is timely, as we had a youth arrested for Aggravated Trafficking of Fentanyl, as well as for Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony and Possession of Stolen Firearms. The Drug Task Force Member called to advise me that this young man had thousands of Fentanyl pills, and a pocket full of money that the task force member described as being more than he had in his checking account.

### **District Activity Highlights from District 7 Supervisor Rodney McKnight**

For the month of February 2023, District 7 served approximately 156 youths with a total of 747 contact notes, 82 being TCM eligible. Out of the 156 youths, there is 97 supervised cases with 20 being OJA Custody youth. We currently have 8 kids in various placements and 1 awaiting placement. There are 11 youths in secure detention, eight being pre-adjudicatory juveniles.

District 7 activities for the month of February 2023 includes, monthly MDT meetings, liaison visits to JDC and YS Shelters, CARS staffings, drug coalition, graduated sanctions, and several online trainings.

Referrals seem to be on an upward trend within the last several weeks. We had 35 referrals in the month of February and completed 21 intakes, most referrals consisted of property and drug offenses with a few violent crimes happening throughout the district. FFT referrals continue to rise, District 7 currently has 14 youths referred and/or participating in that program.

On February 13, ADS Dotti Brandon, Gale Whitson, and Christy Owens, both JJS III, in Pontotoc County attended a Fentanyl training at the Alex Public School. The training was put on by Jim Peek with the Grady County in conjunction with the DEA. ADS Dotti Brandon reported that the training was full of information and enlightening of this epidemic. Dotti further reported that Officer Peek will be featured on the March 13th Monday Morning Meeting (MMM). Julie Fryer, JJS III, attended the statewide PSB Conference in Oklahoma City. Julie reported that the conference was very informative with very good presenters.

February 27th Christy Floyd JJS I (Choctaw), Debbie Kinsey JJS II (Atoka/Coal) and myself attended a Domestic Abuse Training in Hugo, OK. The training was brought to us by the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council (DAC). The training provided the most up to date statistics

and signs to look for when dealing with victims and suspects of DV. Others in attendance were law enforcement, counselors, and Probation and Parole officers.

Our first district meeting of the year occurred on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kiamichi Technology Center in Antlers.

# State Advisory Group (SAG)



# Juvenile Justice Reform Act (JJRA) of 2018

- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA), passed in 1974; last reauthorized in 2002 & expired in 2007
- [H.R. 6964](#)
- December 13, 2018 – passed by bipartisan action in Congress
- December 21, 2018 – President Trump signed into law
- Authorizes the creation of the State Advisory Group (SAG) to implement the 4 Core Protections
- 4 Core Protections
  - Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenses
  - Jail Removal
  - Sight and Sound Separation
  - Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)



# State Advisory Group

The State Advisory Group (SAG) is authorized under 34 U.S.C. Sec. 11133(a)(2 and 3).

[I]n accordance with regulations which the Administrator shall prescribe, such plan shall—

- (1) designate the State agency as designated by the chief executive officer of the State as the sole agency for supervising the preparation and administration of the plan;
- (2) contain satisfactory evidence that the State agency designated in accordance with paragraph (1) has or will have authority, by legislation if necessary, to implement such plan in conformity with this part;
- (3) provide for an advisory group that—
  - (A) shall consist of not less than 15 and not more than 33 members appointed by the chief executive officer of the State—
    - (i) which members have training, experience, or special knowledge concerning adolescent development, the prevention and treatment of juvenile delinquency, the administration of juvenile justice, or the reduction of juvenile delinquency;
    - (ii) which members include—



# State Advisory Group Members

<b>Demetrius Bell</b>		<b>Erik Reed</b>
<b>Dr. Jaime Burns</b>		<b>Jake Roberts</b>
<b>James Edwards</b>		<b>Senator Paul Rosino</b>
<b>Stephen Chad Gragg</b>		<b>Jamie Sherman</b>
<b>David Grewe</b>		<b>Erin Jones-Slatev, J.D.</b>
<b>Dr. Steven Grissom - Chair</b>		<b>Virginia 'Ginger' Spear – Vice Chair</b>
<b>Maureen Guerrero</b>		<b>Ulises Villalobos</b>
<b>David Hall</b>		<b>Brian Wahnee</b>
<b>Dr. Gregory Parks</b>		

# Mission

Strengthen the Core Protections of the JJDPA & the JJRA

The Oklahoma State Advisory Group (SAG) advises the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Governor, and the Legislature on best practices for youth at-risk or involved in the juvenile justice system. SAG administers federal funds received through the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act as reauthorized through the 2018 Juvenile Justice Reform Act. SAG advises on innovative solutions designed to promote healthy development that prevents and reduces future crime for at-risk youth.



# Proposed Award for Title II Formula Grant Funds

**Recipient:** Rogers County Youth Services

**Project Title:** Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) Steps

**Proposed Award Amount:** \$50,000.00

**Targeted number of youth served:** 300

Program will hire and train instructors to implement DBT steps class as elective in at least three participating schools in rural Oklahoma. Development of Youth Advisory Council (YAC), establish incentives for program attendance, engage students and parents, partnership with school to establish youth voice and youth engagement.





# Proposed Award for Title II Formula Grant Funds

**Recipient:** Pivot, Inc.

**Project Title:** Pivot Community Intervention Center/ Introduction to Preparing Adolescents for Young Adulthood (PAYA) Life Skills

**Proposed Award Amount:** \$50,000.00

**Targeted number of youth served:** 1200

When youth enter Community Intervention Center, Pivot staff will introduce youth to PAYA life skills lessons, other Pivot resources, inform parents of resources and activities, in effort to connect youth and families to other permanent connections, programs, and have basic needs met. Targeted number of youth served is 1,200 youth with 600 of those youth engaging in additional services at Pivot

A YAC will operate and guide implementation. It will consist of current shelter youth and will gain feedback from CIC and other youth participants.



# Proposed Award for Title II Formula Grant Funds

**Recipient:** Youth Services for Choctaw, Pushmataha, and McCurtain Counties (YS4CPMC)

**Project Title:** Uth Take Lead

**Proposed Award Amount:** \$50,000

**Targeted number of youth served:** 75

A Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will be established to collaborate with YS4CPMC staff and to address the behavior of students who are at risk of being suspended or dropping out of school because of poor attendance, discipline issues, family problems, and substance abuse issues. Youth will attend 2 consecutive YAC meetings and participate in 2 events or projects and will attend school in Choctaw County middle or high school catchment area. Services for at risk students may include: early intervention screening, supportive educational groups, individual student support, parent support/or referrals, school counselor, teacher support or linkage, college readiness, agency linkage, student referral, student program evaluation, yearly conference, Botvin life skills, Sparks, Its My Life, Sparks, Strengthening Families, tutoring, and mentoring.





# Next Generation Campus Update

# Next Generation Campus Update

- 1) The new Dining Hall/Canteen/Warehouse is scheduled for completion by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Everything is on schedule at this point. After completion of the Dining Hall all operations of the Kitchen and Warehouse will be moved into the new building.
- 2) We are working on a change order to demolish the old Dining Hall. We expect to have this proposal by April 1<sup>st</sup> we anticipate the amount to be within the original 11 Million Project Limit.
- 3) Our architect, Rees, is conducting a Feasibility Study to determine the cost to upgrade Lyda and Nightengale Cottages. The study should be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> and will aid in the decision to upgrade, replace, or leave as is.
- 4) We are upgrading the School Administration building to accommodate the STEM Program.
- 5) Gym floor replacement ITBs are being evaluated.
- 6) Upgrading the HR Building continues.

# Charges against Contingencies (CAC)

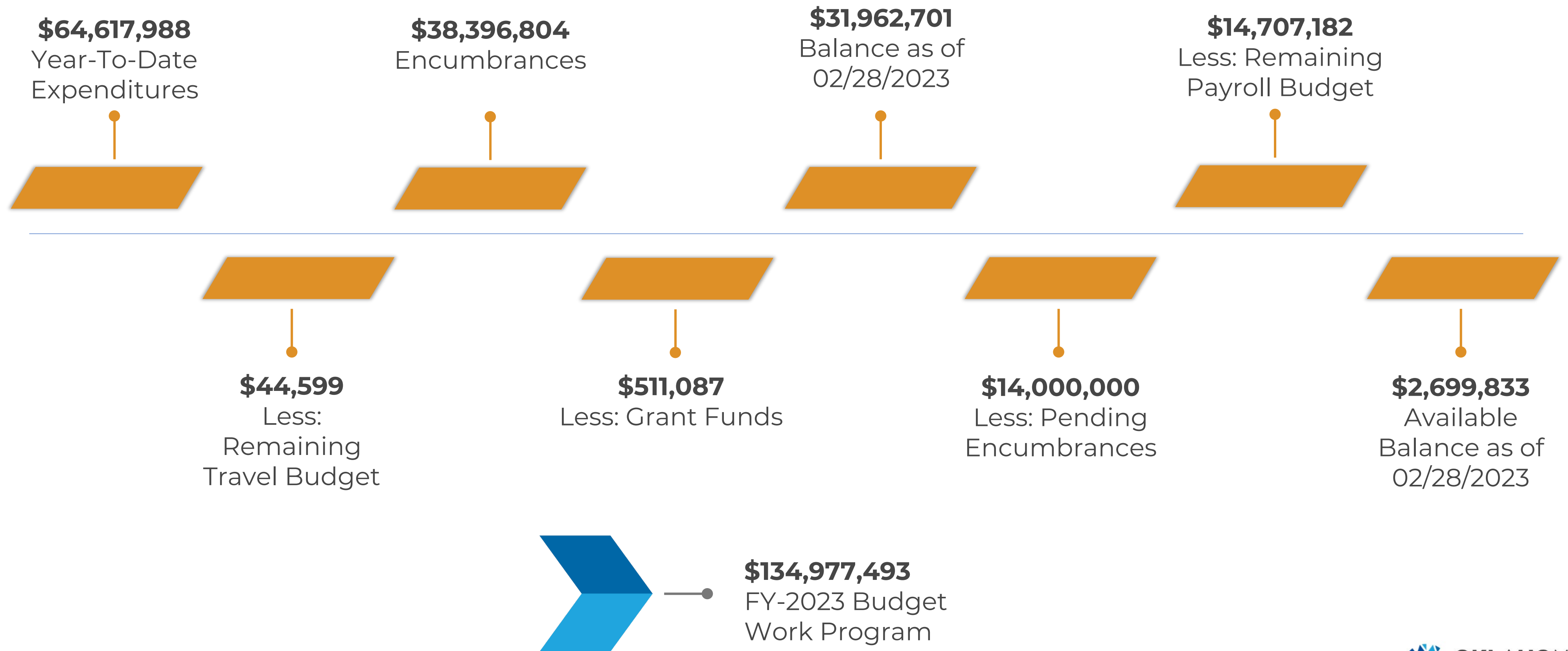
	None at time of this report	
	Original Contingency Allocation	\$209,309
	Total CAC to date (not including this period)	\$150,014
	Total CAC this period	\$0
	Current Contingency Balance	\$59,295

# OJA Finance Report



# FY-2023 Operation/Capital ,Budget Projections

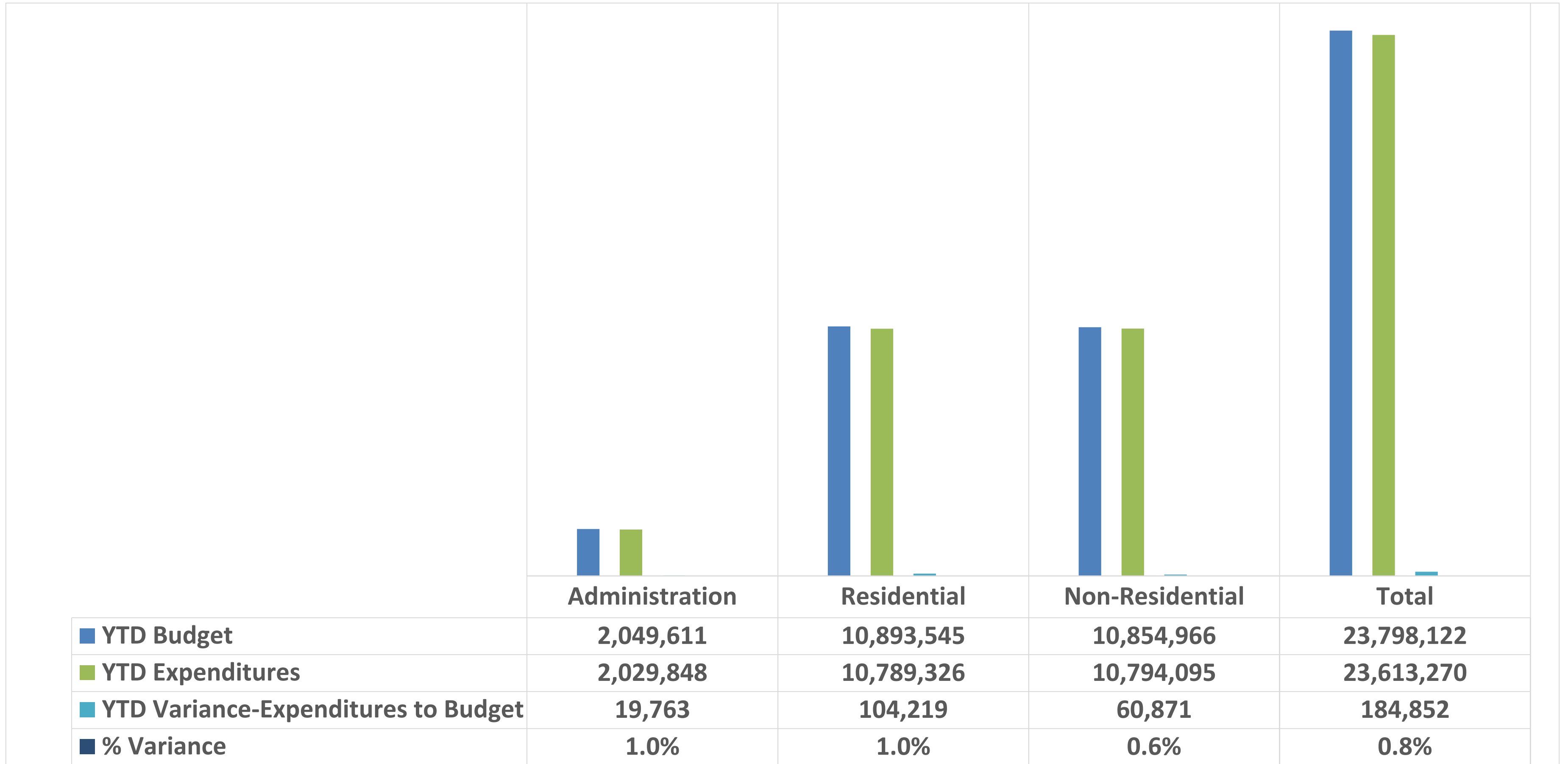
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# FY-2023 Operation/Capital Budget Projections

As of 02/28/2023





# FY-2023 Revolving Funds Revenue Projections

As of 02/28/2023

Revenue Source	FY-23 Budget	Budget to Date	Receipts	In-Transit	Over (Under) Budget
SSI and SSA	\$ 19,308	\$ 12,872	\$ 63,580	\$ -	\$ 50,708
Income from Rent	17,802	11,868	11,868		0
Charter School State Aid/Grants	849,174	566,116	401,390	13,472	(151,254)
School Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks Program	195,476	130,317	114,837		(15,481)
Refunds & Reimbursements (includes DHS Safety Shelter and Rehabilitation Drug and Alcohol Services)	3,968,503	2,645,669	2,241,988		(403,681)
Sales	33,801	22,534	2,598	-	(19,936)
Child Support	143,619	95,746	96,645		899
Other Receipts	23,573	15,715	81,917		66,202
<b>Total Revolving Funds</b>	<b>\$ 5,251,256</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,837</b>	<b>\$ 3,014,824</b>	<b>\$ 13,472</b>	<b>\$ (472,541)</b>

# FY-2023 Federal Funds Revenue Projections As of 02/28/2023

FFP Revolving Fund	Projected Annual Revenue	Projected YTD Revenue	Actual Revenue	In-Transit	Variance
Residential Behavior Management Services (RBMS)	\$ 6,700,000	\$ 4,466,667	\$ 3,733,340	\$ 580,254	\$ (153,072)
Targeted Case Management (TCM)	1,900,000	\$ 1,266,667	1,518,460	176,071	427,865
IV-E Shelter	110,000	\$ 73,333	96,459	95,112	118,238
Indirect Cost Reimbursement (OHCA)	95,322	\$ 63,548	-	-	(63,548)
Grants (Formula)	822,574	\$ 548,383	15,427	-	(532,956)
DAC-RSAT/CARES ACT/Confinement/LRCPC	194,864	\$ 129,909	489,637	-	359,727
State Recovery Fund	98,706	\$ 24,677	29,880	-	5,204
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,921,466</b>	<b>\$ 6,573,183</b>	<b>\$ 5,883,204</b>	<b>\$ 851,437</b>	<b>\$ 161,457</b>

# 700 Fund Accounts As of 02/28/2023

## Trust Fund - 701

*Established to account for all the funds a juvenile received or expended while in OJA Custody*



**\*\*Cash Balance as of 02/28/2023**  
**\$4,985.34**

## Donation Fund - 703

*Established to account for all Donated funds received/expended. These funds are used for the benefit of the juvenile*



**\*\*Cash Balance as of 02/28/2023**  
**\$1,325.13**

## Canteen Fund - 702

*Established to account for all the funds at canteens located at COJC. Proceeds from the canteen are used for the benefit of the juvenile.*



**\*\*Cash Balance as of 02/28/2023**  
**\$13,519.24**

## Victim Restitution Fund - 704

*Established to account for all funds received from OJA's Victim Restitution Program*



**\*\*Cash Balance as of 02/28/2023**  
**\$19,900.41**

# The Oklahoma Economy

“While inflation remains a major concern, Oklahoma’s economy is benefitting from strong energy prices and low unemployment,” Treasurer Russ said. “In addition, economic activity in the state continues to be robust as reflected in sales and use tax receipts.”

Collections for the past year are \$17.62 billion, up by 12.9 %. For the first time in any 12-month period, oil and gas gross production taxes topped \$2 billion. February receipts of \$1.21 billion are up by 13.4 % from the same month of last year. The monthly sales and use tax revenues of \$528.3 million are the highest February on record.

As measured by the Consumer Price Index, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports the annual inflation rate at 6.4 percent in January. The energy component of the index increased 8.7 percent over the last year, and the food index remained at 10.1 percent.

The U.S. jobless rate was 3.4 percent in January, down by one-tenth of a percentage point from the prior month. January numbers for Oklahoma will be released in a few days, but are expected to show improvement from December’s rate of 3.4%.

The Creighton University Mid-America Business Conditions Index for the nine-state region reached its highest level since last July, after three straight months below growth neutral. The Oklahoma component of the index rose to 54.9 in February – a sharp increase from 43.3 in the previous month.

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# Gross Receipts to Treasury

PRELIMINARY

## MONTHLY COMPARISON

(In \$ millions)

	February-22	February-23	Variance From Prior Year	
			\$	%
<b>Total Income Tax</b>	<b>318.6</b>	<b>367.8</b>	<b>49.2</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
<i>Individual</i>	302.6	341.6	39.0	12.9%
<i>Corporate</i>	16.0	26.2	10.2	64.0%
<b>Sales &amp; Use Tax (1)</b>	<b>478.3</b>	<b>528.3</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
<i>Sales Tax</i>	407.3	450.0	42.7	10.5%
<i>Use Tax</i>	70.9	78.3	7.4	10.4%
<b>Gross Production</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>124.6</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>39.1%</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>67.5</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>Other Sources (2)</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>1,064.0</b>	<b>1,206.8</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>13.4%</b>

(1) Includes Collections for Counties and Municipalities

(2) Gross Collections from OTC

Details may not sum due to rounding.

# Gross Receipts to Treasury

PRELIMINARY (In \$ millions)	12 Month Period Ending March 22 - Feb 23		Variance From Prior Year	
	Prior Year	Current Year	\$	%
	Mar 21-Feb 22	Mar 22-Feb 23		
<b>Total Income Tax</b>	<b>5,366.4</b>	<b>6,089.5</b>	<b>723.1</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<i>Individual</i>	4,469.0	5,078.9	609.8	13.6%
<i>Corporate</i>	897.3	1,010.6	113.3	12.6%
<b>Sales and Use Tax (1)</b>	<b>6,389.0</b>	<b>6,954.2</b>	<b>565.2</b>	<b>8.8%</b>
<i>Sales Tax</i>	5,438.1	5,886.3	448.3	8.2%
<i>Use Tax</i>	950.9	1,067.8	116.9	12.3%
<b>Gross Production</b>	<b>1,290.7</b>	<b>2,029.2</b>	<b>738.5</b>	<b>57.2%</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>881.6</b>	<b>883.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>Other Sources (2)</b>	<b>1,683.1</b>	<b>1,665.7</b>	<b>(17.4)</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>15,610.9</b>	<b>17,622.0</b>	<b>2,011.12</b>	<b>12.9%</b>

(1) Includes Collections for Counties and Municipalities

(2) Gross Collections from OTC

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# Sole Source Purchases

As of 02/28/2023

**None to Report**





# Emergency Purchases As of 02/28/2023

EMR#	Date	Vendor	Description	Location	Amount
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None to Report

Oklahoma Youth  
Academy Charter School  
(OYACS)



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances School Year 2022-2023 as of February 28, 2023		OJA General and Revolving Funds	Fund 25000	Totals as of 02/28/2023	COJC (972)	SOJC (975)	Total
<b>Revenues</b>							
Foundation/Salary Incentive	\$ -	\$ 199,643.37	\$ 199,643.37	\$ 199,643.37	\$ -	\$ 199,643.37	
Alternative Ed Grant		82,945.22	82,945.22	82,945.22	-	82,945.22	
Redbud School Funding Act		1,528.04	1,528.04	1,528.04	-	1,528.04	
Title I N&D		24,039.93	24,039.93	24,039.93	-	24,039.93	
Title IA		48,845.91	48,845.91	24,422.95	24,422.96	48,845.91	
Title IV-A LEA		10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	
Textbooks/Ace Technology		2,582.13	2,582.13	2,582.13	-	2,582.13	
Child Nutrition Program _Operation/Admin Cost		12,039.72	12,039.72	12,039.72	-	12,039.72	
Child Nutrition Program _Breakfast		36,026.66	36,026.66	34,563.52	1,463.14	36,026.66	
Child Nutrition Program _Lunches and Snacks		78,057.75	78,057.75	73,266.72	4,791.03	78,057.75	
Refund		2,376.81	2,376.81	2,376.81	-	2,376.81	
Office of Juvenile Affairs **	568,537.32		568,537.32	378,664.02	189,873.30	568,537.32	
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 568,537.32</b>	<b>\$ 498,085.54</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,622.86</b>	<b>\$ 841,072.43</b>	<b>\$ 225,550.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,066,622.86</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Equipment and Library Resources	\$ 9,309.97	\$ -	\$ 9,309.97	\$ 9,231.99	\$ 77.98	\$ 9,309.97	
Operational Expenses	75,048.78	79,802.53	154,851.31	144,725.69	10,125.62	154,851.31	
Payroll Expenses	465,728.45	572,852.21	1,038,580.66	779,076.69	259,503.97	1,038,580.66	
Professional Fees	417.00	-	417.00	192.00	225.00	417.00	
Training and Travel	18,033.12	-	18,033.12	14,089.36	3,943.76	18,033.12	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 568,537.32</b>	<b>\$ 652,654.74</b>	<b>\$ 1,221,192.06</b>	<b>\$ 947,315.73</b>	<b>\$ 273,876.33</b>	<b>\$ 1,221,192.06</b>	
<b>Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (154,569.20)</b>	<b>\$ (154,569.20)</b>	<b>\$ (106,243.30)</b>	<b>\$ (48,325.90)</b>	<b>\$ (154,569.20)</b>	
<b>Fund Balances July 1, 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>358,340.75</b>	<b>277,569.97</b>	<b>287,422.73</b>	<b>70,918.02</b>	<b>358,340.75</b>	
<b>Fund Balances 2022-2023 School Year</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 203,771.55</b>	<b>\$ 123,000.77</b>	<b>\$ 181,179.43</b>	<b>\$ 22,592.12</b>	<b>\$ 203,771.55</b>	
<b>**OJA Funds</b>		<b>COJC (972)</b>	<b>SOJC (975)</b>	<b>Total</b>			
Fund							
19101/19111/19201	\$ 14,650.88	\$ 23,713.88	\$ 38,364.76				
Fund 19301	\$ 364,004.04	\$ 166,159.42	\$ 530,163.46				
Fund 20000	\$ 9.10		\$ 9.10				
	\$ 378,664.02	\$ 189,873.30	\$ 568,537.32				



# **Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School**

Request for 2022-2023 Encumbrances

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