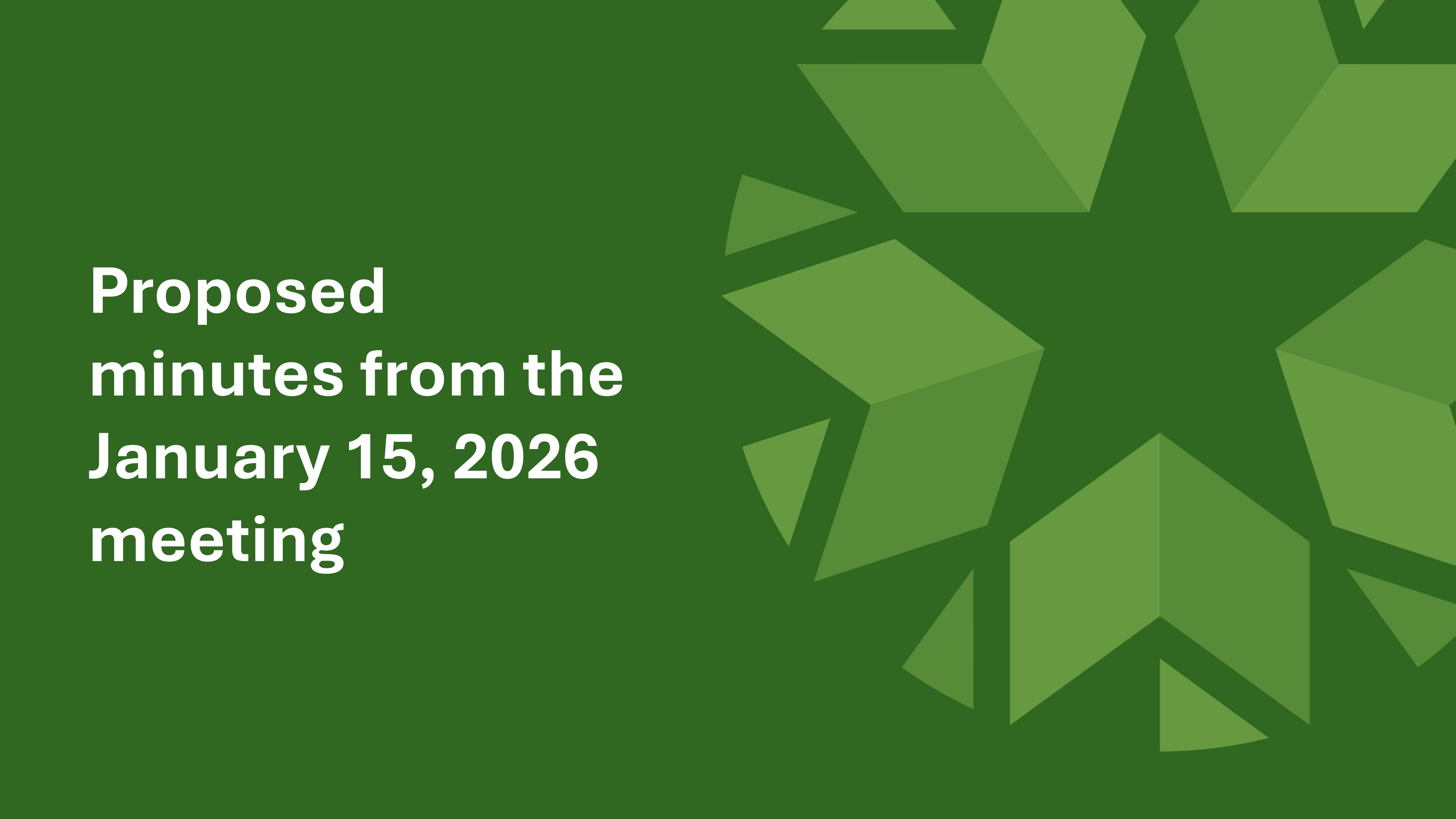


March 26, 2026

Board of Juvenile Affairs Meeting





**Proposed
minutes from the
January 15, 2026
meeting**



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

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2026

Board Members Present

Gail Blaylock

Amy Emerson

Les Thomas Sr.

Josh Trimble

Jenna Worthen (virtual)

Karen Youngblood

Board Members Absent

Bart Bouse

David Crall

Call to Order

Chair Youngblood called the January 15, 2026 Board of Juvenile Affairs and Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Board meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and requested roll call.

Public Comments

N/A

Election of the 2026 Board of Juvenile Affairs Chair

Reverend (Rev.) Trimble nominated Karen Youngblood with a motion to elect by Dr. Emerson and a second by Mr. Thomas

Aye: Blaylock, Emerson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bouse and Crall

Karen Youngblood was elected as the 2026 Board of Juvenile Affairs chair.

Election of the 2026 Board of Juvenile Affairs Vice Chair

Chair Youngblood nominated and moved to elect Les Thomas, Sr., with a second by Judge Blaylock

Aye: Blaylock, Emerson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bouse and Crall

Les Thomas, Sr. elected as the 2026 Board of Juvenile Affairs vice chair.

Discussion and/or possible vote on the Chair for the Rates and Standards committee

Ms. Worthen nominated and moved to elect Dr. Amy Emerson, with a second by Judge Blaylock

Aye: Blaylock, Emerson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bouse and Crall

Dr. Amy Emerson was elected as the 2026 Rates and Standards committee chair.

Discussion and/or possible action on board members participating in existing and new Board subcommittees

Chair Youngblood briefly discussed the need to review and restructure board subcommittees and participation. She took a moment to recognize the loss of Judge Foss and her considerable contributions.

Dr. Emerson: Is there a way to welcome stakeholder input in that process?

Chair Youngblood: Excellent question. We as a board should take first pass. Audrey, please send an email giving a breakdown of current committees to the Board.

Discussion and/or possible action on the proposed minutes for the December 16, 2025 board meeting

Rev. Trimble moved to approve with a second by Mr. Thomas

Aye: Blaylock, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain: Emerson

Absent: Bouse and Crall

Proposed minutes for the December 16, 2025 board meeting approved.

Director's Report, a report to the board of agency activities regarding advocates/programs, public relations, community-based services, residential placement support, legislative agenda, and other meetings

Interim Director Millington stated her excitement for 2026, acknowledged where the agency has been and its direction moving forward. 2026 focusing on staff support, community partners and families we serve. Recognized staff who have gone above and beyond serving youth who needed additional care in the last couple of weeks Rex Boutwell, Belinda Hannon, McKenzie St. Clair,

Bryson Paden, Rodney McKnight, Wes Evetts, Jeremy Andrews, Jeremy Evans, Carla Dostal, Wayne Rowell, and Dalanie Temple.

Ms. Worthen: I just want to take a second to complement our director. It has been a wild time. To see Shel's determination first of all to step into a very hard situation is a level of leadership I respect and admire. To see that coupled with our staff's dedication to course correcting and not just doing that integrity and character but doing it as quickly as humanly possible. The word quick and state government agency don't always go hand in hand. I think we would be remiss not to acknowledge that, note that we are not going to get it perfect and we have a lot of work to do. As the legislative committee chair, I have heard some compliments from Legislators particularly Representative Daniel Pae and Speaker Hilbert. They noted the submission of the amended budget request and noted their appreciation. It makes a difference. We see that work and know that is a lot of late hours. We are really, really grateful and appreciate you all.

Dr. Emerson: Any comments on staffing in general, can you update us.

Director Millington: We have had 2 cohorts through the new hiring training at COJC. That has pushed us to potentially at capacity. It is phenomenal that we have had the temp agency that has brought us new applications. We are now at a place to truly evaluate our vacancies; keeping in mind that not all staff are going to want to stay in this type of job. I am really thankful.

Chair Youngblood took a moment to thank staff for the regular updates and work surrounding consideration for staffing.

Update on the OJA 2026 Legislative Agenda

Ms. Nizza gave a brief verbal update on 2026 legislative agenda. Reminder of SB182, a carryover from 2025, is still eligible for legislative action. This is legislation on including residential care positions at COJC in the 20 and out retirement system. The actuarial study has been completed and voiced gratitude Senator Gollihare and Representative Turner for carrying the bill.

Representative Sterling, whose district includes COJC, is authoring a bill creating new crimes for contraband found in COJC. Current statute makes that a misdemeanor, and this legislation would make it a felony.

Rev. Trimble: 20 years, not 15 or 25, is it arbitrary term? How did we come to that number?

Ms. Nizza: That is a mirror for other state agencies. It is an industry standard for that type of pension system.

Ms. Worthen expressed her gratitude to Ms. Nizza for her work.

Discussion, and possible action on the FY25 ARPA programmatic audit

Auditor Michael Keenan, Hoods and Associates, presented and discussed the attached presentation on the single audit completed on ARPA funding.

Chair Youngblood: We really appreciate this audit. From a board perspective, audits are really important because they allow us to be accountable and transparent. If they find something wrong, we need to address it, find out why it happened, and what we are doing moving forward. I appreciate the thoroughness of the audit, the subject matter is really unique. The ARPA money is not something we have done before. I appreciate our team. I think this board will always be pro audit. Thank you for your time and information.

Rev. Trimble moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

Aye: Blaylock, Emerson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bouse and Crall

The FY25 ARPA programmatic audit was accepted as presented.

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

Director of Finance Miller explained the items in the attached presentation.

Mr. Thomas moved to approve with a second by Judge Blaylock

Aye: Blaylock, Emerson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bouse and Crall

Proposed year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed 2025-26 year-to-date, FY2026, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Director of Finance Miller updated the board on the attached presentation.

Rev. Trimble moved to approve with a second by Dr. Emerson

Aye: Blaylock, Emerson, Thomas, Trimble, Worthen, and Youngblood

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bouse and Crall

Proposed 2025-26 year-to-date, FY2026, Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to amend and/or approve the proposed 2025-26, FY2026, encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

There were no proposed encumbrances.

Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter (OYACS) School Administration Report

Snipes announced that staff returned from winter break rejuvenated and ready to roll. Since returning to school, we have had a GED recipient and an OYACS student graduate. The Safe Serve food handling certification has begun, and 3 students completed the certification. Since December, we have had graduation ceremonies at the Cleveland County Detention Center, Tulsa County Detention Center, and Welch group home.

The first Monday back from winter break was a little rough, we had a teacher retire and a few staff leave, we are interviewing and have two candidates, and one is already certified as a teacher. She will be getting certified as a driver's education teacher. We will be transitioning slowly back into the school building, and participation in school is up. Our school authorizer, the Statewide Charter School Board, meets the third Monday of the month, this month OYACS curriculum audit was discussed, and they were pleased with our results.

Judge Blaylock: Thank you, specifically for your positive attitude that goes a long way. Thank you.

Snipes: Thank you for your support.

Discussion of the following OCA confirmed allegations report; confidentiality of juvenile records, as authorized by [10A O.S. § 2-6-102\(A\)](#), as authorized by [25 O.S. § 307\(B\)\(4 and 7\)](#) and [10A O.S. § 2-6-102\(A\)](#)

N/A

New Business

N/A

Announcement and Comments

Dr. Emerson: I would love to say to Judge Foss, I want to say how much I appreciate her. I learned so much from her. Thank you for your years of service. Serving alongside her on the Next Generation subcommittee, I witnessed her attention to detail and passion. It was good for me to see that. I am a better person because I served alongside her. How much she gave, freely kids and future of this state. I want to publicly acknowledge her and her contribution to making this agency what it is today.

Chair Youngblood: Judge Foss was second longest currently serving board member. We both came in 2017; it has been an interesting ride. We served with several directors, different focuses, having two facilities, an agency that was not always good with our external partners, being a great partner. Making a promise to the state of Oklahoma carries such enormous weight. We promised every taxpayer that this is what we are going to build and this is why we are going to build it by closing SWOJC. That decision was a horrifically painful decision to make. There were a lot of fantastic people that served us for a long time. But it was a system that duplicated all of our efforts, and we lost so many synergies. It made it so difficult to serve our kids the best. To always have Judge there in building this promise; she was a consistent supporter, cheerleader, and working to hold us accountable. She served that with such pride, honor, and passion for the promise that we made to the state. I appreciate your words. I appreciate the laughter and fun she brought. I appreciated the judge's perspective and learned a lot that way. Glad we have another Judge. She provided that all those years and it is a really important perspective. She was a friend to our state, a passionate and ardent servant of this organization. We will miss her greatly. We are really excited for this fantastic place in her life to do more travel and with the shifting of priorities, we did not have to have her here overseeing the construction project. I don't think she would have been able to leave if that project was ongoing. It was a good time for her to happily step off. We are so blessed by her contributions.

Rev. Trimble: Here, here.

Chair Youngblood: I cannot get past this metaphor of state government being a garden. You walk into the garden and there are all these different plants. Different varieties, structures, and heights of plants are in this garden. What do plants need to grow? Water. The young residents are our water – sometimes a flood of them and sometimes a drought, but ever changing. A plant needs sun. The sun is our employees. The sun is that bright shine they bring through as they come into the gate to serve our youth another day with passion. They may be the most positive person this kiddo saw that day, week, or month. Here is this employee giving them sun and they may be there when it is also stormy. Not every day is rainbows. We need fertilizer and food, and that is the Legislature, but I say that lovingly. The Legislature has all these priorities that they have to fund. We do not make money on our own, we are stewards of the taxpayers' dollar. The Legislature has to make tough decisions on distributing the food for healthy plants. Sometimes, under those decisions, we have till and aerate soil. Sometimes, we have to replace all the soil so our plants can grow and trust the soil. State government doesn't have lifetime directors. Sometimes, we have to change it out and when we look at the structure, we realize it is healthy and gives the plant something the plant can grow in. We have to prune, sometimes it is self-selected, like Judge. Sometimes it is intentional.

The report was given about employees and sometimes we have to prune the bad ones. We have to be grateful for pollination. The pollination from our amazing partners at DOC, law enforcement partners; sometimes we disagree but it that cross pollination of learning from each other. And DHS has pollinated us and grafted us staff for our plant in loaning us Constanzia and Shel. If nothing happens, nothing grows, we don't bloom, we don't grow, we wither and die. I am proud

of this Board for holding this plant in our hands and heart. We give our full attention to it. It is not our job to be in daily gardening, but it is our job to give it attention. We are proud of being the ones to do it. Plants grow and I will take a plant that is struggling to see the sun, looking a little puny, and some days is strong and healthy and making blooms. I will take that over a plastic plant any day. It just hit me this morning and I wanted to share that as the metaphor for this year. Let's go get healthy and get our garden growing. It takes every single one of us.

Rev. Trimble: Karen, to add to that. Over time, we grow but it is really the storms that cause us to grow up. The garden is not exempt from the storm. You don't know when the storm is coming and sometimes you can predict the storm, but true beauty comes from the growth that transpires after the storm. We are looking very beautiful right now. All the while that storm is important for us to grow.

Chair Youngblood: Better to be growing than plastic.

Adjournment

Chair Youngblood adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 19th day of February, 2026.

Prepared by:

Signed by:

Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Karen Youngblood, Chair

Director's Report





**MARCH 2026
BOARD UPDATE**

Partner Engagement and Community Outreach

- Met with Kody Suany, Executive Director of Great Plains Youth and Family Services, and John Schneider, Executive Director of Youth and Family Services – El Reno
- Held new leadership meet and greets with several county commissioners
- Met with Judge Kaitlyn Allen, Oklahoma County Juvenile Judge, and Hannah Whipp, Director of the Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau
- Meeting with Chief J.R. Kidney, Tecumseh P.D.
- Attended the National Governor's Association conference in North Carolina
- Met with Misti Jackson, Chair of the Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Association, Linda Shaw, Director of EOYS, and Seth Rott

Executive/ Legislative

- Presented OJA's proposed budget to the House of Representatives
- Presented OJA's proposed budget to the Senate
- Met with Senator Paul Rosino
- Met with Representatives Danny Sterling, Dell Kerbs, and Emily Gise, and Senator Brenda Stanley
- Met with Representative Mark Lawson
- Met with Representative Trey Caldwell

OJA Operations

- Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators conducted their site visit
- Launched RFP for Level E Group Home
- Instituted pay increases for resident care specialists (RCS) and juvenile justice specialists (JJS) staff
- Celebrated Carol Miller's retirement
- Participated in a COJC Crisis response meeting
- Spoke at JSU New Worker Academy



Training and Employee Development Report Summary February 2026

Executive Summary

February continued the momentum established at the beginning of the year with a focus on expanding internal training capacity, delivering key staff development programming, and strengthening collaboration across agency initiatives. Training efforts this month included delivery of COJC Court Report Writing training, development of online YLS learning content, and internal capacity-building through Articulate Rise 360 training for program managers.

Vision: All Oklahoma youth and families have the resources and support they need to reach their full potential.

Mission: We collaborate with youth, families, and community partners to create pathways for success through prevention and treatment for all Oklahoma youth.

In addition to training delivery, February included collaborative planning efforts supporting in the development of Supervisor Academy programming, PREA and ACA knowledge transfer planning, and coordination of upcoming conferences and professional development opportunities. These efforts continue to strengthen OJA's training infrastructure while supporting compliance readiness, knowledge transfer, and workforce development across the agency.

Meaningful Progress & Collaboration

February focused on strengthening training capacity across the agency while continuing to support staff development and knowledge transfer initiatives.

- **Expanded Capacity:** Initiated training for Program Managers on Articulate Rise 360, helping build internal capacity for developing future online learning and microlearning resources.
- **Improved Documentation Training:** Court Report Writing training was delivered to staff and shared during a Monday Morning Meeting, supporting improved documentation accuracy and consistency.
- **Strengthened Collaboration:** Continued collaboration with Jeremy Evans on the development of the Supervisor Academy is helping build a stronger leadership development pathway for supervisors.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** Following the CJJA Winter Forum in Long Beach, key insights were shared through a microlearning newsletter to extend learning opportunities beyond conference attendees.
- **Compliance and Knowledge Transfer:** Planning for PREA and ACA knowledge transfer continues to support continuity of institutional knowledge and readiness for accreditation standards.

Overall, February balanced training delivery with strategic collaboration and capacity building. These efforts support OJA's commitment to professional development, operational consistency, and the continued growth of our staff.

Milestones & Project Breakdowns

Schedule & Planning

- Continued coordination and scheduling for New Worker Academy (NWA) programming
- Participated in Leadership Academy session
- Coordinated Monday Morning Meeting professional development schedule
 - Scheduled HR training on **Mid-Year Performance Reviews (March 30)**
- Coordinated planning and preparation for Carol Miller Retirement Celebration
- Prepared conference logistics for:
 - Oklahoma Child Abuse and Neglect Conference
 - Tribal Public Health Conference
- Supported coordination of CJA Conference participation and knowledge sharing

Program Updates & Development

- Delivered and supported continued implementation of COJC Court Report Writing Training
- Developed online YLS training content and learning materials
- Conducted Articulate Rise 360 training for two program managers, providing an overview of internal course development capabilities
- Developed microlearning newsletter summarizing CJA Conference insights and key takeaways
- Participated in Supervisor Academy collaboration (ROCK initiative) with Jeremy Evans
- Continued JOLTS and New Worker Academy training collaboration and development discussions
- Conducted PREA and ACA knowledge transfer planning

Delivered Trainings & Meetings

- Delivered COJC Court Report Writing Training
- Delivered Monday Morning Meeting training: Court Report Writing
- Conducted Articulate Rise 360 overview training for program managers
- Participated in:
 - Northwest Region meeting
 - Executive meeting
 - Leadership Academy session
- Delivered New Worker Academy to eight JJS new hires

Lunch & Learn/ Monday Morning Meeting Topics:

Lunch & Learn (2026 Lineup confirmed)

- January 27 – 2026 OJA Kickoff (Delivered)
- May 27 – Recognizing & Preventing Sexual Harassment
- July 9 – CuraLinc for OJA Staff
- September 30 – Employee Benefits

Monday Morning Meetings (remaining 2026 schedule in progress)

- February 23 – JSU Court Report Writing (Jeremy Andrews)
- March 30 – Calibration & Mid-Year Performance Reviews (Mary Krehbiel)

Ongoing Initiatives & Collaboration

- Collaboration with Jeremy Evans on Supervisor Academy development
- Coordination with program leadership regarding JOLTS and New Worker Academy training
- Continued coordination with agency partners regarding conference participation and staff development opportunities
- Collaboration across divisions supporting training program development and knowledge transfer initiatives

Evaluation, Surveys & Admin

- Training Hour Coding
- Board report preparation and submission
- Conducted training consultations and development support for staff using Articulate Rise 360
- Participated in ongoing administrative coordination and training planning with program leadership

Conferences & Events

- Participated in CJA Conference in Long Beach
- Developed microlearning newsletter highlighting conference learning and share-outs:
 - <https://share.articulate.com/m7JPKWCZQWLh4JPCFwZVW>
- Participated in Leadership Academy activities
- Attended OYACS Graduation ceremony
- Supported coordination for upcoming conferences:
 - Oklahoma Child Abuse and Neglect Conference
 - Tribal Public Health Conference
 - Tribal Symposium

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center Training Breakdown February 2026

MANDATORY Refresher Training Information:

Total Mandatory Classroom Training Hours for February:	21
Total Mandatory Computer Based Training Hours for February:	0
Grand Total Mandatory Training Hours for February:	21

43 Staff participated in February Training for 2026 (Mandatory and Non, In-Service, In-person, online, etc.)

0 Staff have COMPLETED All Refresher Training for 2026 (0% complete)

ORIENTATION/TEMP Training Information:

Total Orientation Classroom Training Hours for February:	768.00
Total Orientation Temp Training Hours for February:	420.00
Grand Total Orientation Training Hours for February:	1188

OYACS Training Information:

Total OYACS Classroom Training Hours for February:	110.00
Total OYACS Computer-Based Training Hours for February:	0
Grand Total Training Hours for February:	110.00

IN-SERVICE Training Information:

Total Classroom Non-Facility Training Hours for February:	16.00
Facility In-Service Training for February:	18.75
Grand Total In-service Training Hours for February:	34.75

SUPERVISORY Training Hours:

Grand Total Supervisory Training Hours for February: 239

February MANDT Training System:

<i>MANDT Hours</i>	# of Students	# Credit hours	Total Class Hours
MANDT Day 1	16	8.00	128
MANDT Day 2	18	8.00	144
MANDT Day 3	16	8.00	128
Totals	108	40.00	400
Total # MANDT Hours	400		

CCMS Recertification Percentage Completed:

**Total # of Students who attended CCMS in February.
(Orientation and Refresher):**

0%
24

GRAND TOTAL of Training Hours:

<u>Grand Total Training Hours for February:</u>	1354
<u>Total Training Hours for NON-COJC Employees for February:</u>	16.00
<u>Total Courses for February:</u>	84
<u>Total Course Hours for February:</u>	210
<u>Total Participants for February:</u>	43

State Office and Regional Training Report February 2026

Region: (previous District#)	Required # of Annual Regular Training Hours	Regular Training Hour February Totals:	Required # Of Annual Supervisory Training Hours	Supervisory Training Hour February Totals:	YTD Total Required Regular Hours	% Complete
State Office	2032	71.5	312	14.75	519.75	26%
Northwest (District 1)	1288	86.1	36	22.6	94.1	7%
Northeast (District 2)	936	65.5	24	28.5	101.5	11%
South Central (District 3)	1848	105.75	60	58	247.40	13%
North Central (District 4)	1184	75.48	24	23.03	167.68	14%
Southeast (District 5)	1200	120.75	48	34.75	281.75	23%
Southwest (District 6)	1648	17.5	72	1	43.25	3%
Southeast (District 7)	1152	36.25	12	17.25	75.75	7%
Totals:	11228	579.08	588	199.88	1531.18	14%



Board Report – February 2026

Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC) Population

Census: 46 youth as of 2/28/2026

- 2 youth on pass

Intakes: 7 total in February

- Average of 2 intakes per week for COJC

Discharges: 4 total

- Parole to Community: 1
- Released on Pass: 1 (Youth went AWOL while on pass and was later arrested on adult charges)
- Released to Other Agency: 2
- Released at Court to Community Supervision: 0
- Released to Step-Down Program: 0
- Released at Court (Aged Out): 0

Education Achievement

OYAC Graduation:

- 2 youth received their high school diplomas

COJC Staffing Numbers

Residential Care Specialist (RCS) Staffing Activity

- New Hires: 6
- Discharges: 2

Current RCS Staffing Total on Duty: 89

- RCS IV: 9
- RCS III: 9
- RCS II: 62
- RCS I: 9

Current staffing levels remain strong and continue to support adequate supervision in the cottages, youth programming, recreational opportunities, and overall facility security.

Workforce Support and Retention

Supporting staff recruitment and retention remains a critical component of facility stability.

Progress to Date

- Staff salaries have increased.
 - Shift differential pay for weekend, second shift, and third shift assignments has been approved as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen recruitment and improve staff retention.
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New Implementations to Highlight

Leadership Presence in Dining

COJC leadership rotation in the dining hall has been implemented to address concerns in real time, strengthen rapport between youth and administration, and improve direct visibility of facility culture.

Crisis Response Team (CRT)

The Crisis Response Team now functions as the primary de-escalation team for COJC. During its first full month, the team has demonstrated effectiveness by applying MANDT System de-escalation techniques and taking proactive steps to prevent escalating incidents.

Unit Management Teams

Unit Management Teams have been established for each living unit to strengthen communication, accountability, and operational consistency across units.

Employee Engagement Survey

On February 9, 2026, an anonymous COJC Employee Engagement Survey was distributed to all staff to gather honest feedback, staff observations, and operational recommendations.

MANDT Training Expansion

Approximately 65% of staff have now completed MANDT de-escalation training as the facility continues transitioning away from previous intervention models.

Treatment-Focused Behavior Response

Alternative consequences are being utilized for minor rule infractions when appropriate to improve behavioral outcomes while allowing youth opportunities for correction and growth. Treatment interventions continue replacing disciplinary responses whenever appropriate.

Meetings to Highlight

- Executive Team met with Tecumseh Police Chief JR Kidney
- Bruce Henley met with State Representative Dell Kerbs
- Bruce Henley met with State Representative Danny Sterling
- Secretary of Public Safety Tricia Everest visited the facility and met with Executive Staff

These meetings focused on the path forward for COJC and recent changes made to strengthen security measures, improve programming, and support long-term facility operations.



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Youth Programming and Daily Engagement

A major operational focus continues to be increasing structured opportunities for youth while reducing idle time.

Progress to Date

- Television services, including DISH Network and Disney programming, are now functioning in residential cottages to provide supervised leisure opportunities.
- Basketball courts have returned to daily activity schedules to increase structured recreation.
- The youth work program has been reestablished for the spring season to strengthen responsibility, engagement, and daily routine while assisting with campus grounds and presentation.
- An orientation unit has been implemented for newly admitted youth to assess needs and improve transition into programming.
- Wake-up schedules have been adjusted to 0615 hours to support improved readiness while allowing better rest and preparation before school and daily programming.
- The need for a separate Behavioral Management Unit has been removed and replaced with expanded programming and treatment interventions. Early outcomes show reduced disruptive behavior and fewer violent incidents toward staff.
- Volunteer Services continues recruiting additional community-based programming opportunities.

Staff Physical Intervention / Youth Involvement Trend

August 2025 – February 2026 Summary

From August 2025 through February 2026, there were 211 total physical intervention incidents where staff had to intervene.

The overall trend shows a significant reduction from late summer and early fall into early 2026. Physical interventions dropped from 45 in August 2025 to 20 in February 2026, a decrease of about 55.6%. Youth involved dropped from 23 in August to 13 in February, a decrease of about 43.5%.

The highest month for intervention was October 2025 with 47 incidents, while the lowest was January 2026 with 14 incidents. Comparing those same months, youth involved declined from 21 in October to 12 in January, and interventions declined by about 70.2%.

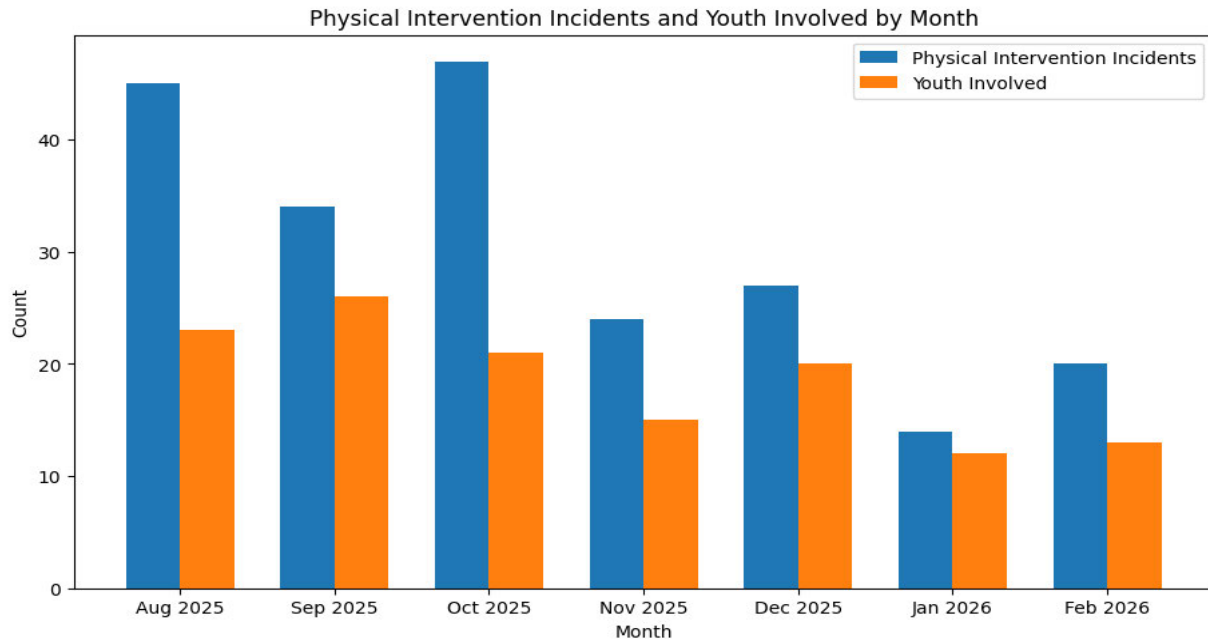
February 2026 Youth Involvement Snapshot

Of the 46-youth at COJC as of February 28, 2026, only 13 youth were involved in physical intervention incidents during the month of February. Several of those incidents involved the same youth on multiple occasions throughout the month.

These numbers demonstrate that most of the youth at COJC are actively participating in programming and are not involved in disruptive incidents. Compared to previous months, this reflects continued progress in youth engagement, treatment participation, and behavioral stability across the facility.



The data supports those current interventions- including Crisis Response Team proactive engagement, expanded programming, leadership presence, MANDT de-escalation practices, and treatment-focused responses- are contributing to improved outcomes across the facility.



Trend Analysis

The overall trend reflects a significant reduction from late summer and early fall into early 2026.

- Physical interventions decreased from 45 in August 2025 to 20 in February 2026 (55.6% reduction)
- Youth involved decreased from 23 in August to 13 in February (43.5% reduction)

Highest vs Lowest Month

- Highest month: October 2025 — 47 interventions
- Lowest month: January 2026 — 14 interventions

Comparing those two months:

- Interventions declined by 70.2%
- Youth involved declined from 21 to 12

Operational Observation

The reduction in physical interventions reflects the impact of:

- CRT proactive engagement
- Increased MANDT training
- Expanded programming
- Leadership presence
- Treatment-focused behavioral responses



Reporting Month: February 2026

Board Meeting: March 26, 2026

Prepared by: Jared Hallmark, Risk & Safety Manager

1. Executive Summary

During the month of February 2026, Risk and Safety activities focused on continued management of Workers' Compensation (WC) claims, compliance reporting, training initiatives, and planning for several agency safety improvements. WC claims continue to trend downward overall, although litigation numbers remain elevated due to previously filed cases.

During the month, the concept and development plan for a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) was introduced to address potential group home closures and the transfer of residents between facilities. Work on the first draft of the COOP is currently underway and is expected to be submitted by the end of the month.

Additional efforts included OSHA reporting compliance, Oklahoma Department of Labor reporting preparation, updates to the Pre-Employment Physical Examination for RCS personnel, and the delivery of two Grievance/Complaint training classes for new hires.

Planning also began for an analysis of assault trends at COJC, including reviewing incidents before, during, and after the presence of Department of Corrections personnel, as well as evaluating injury trends as staff continue to be trained on the MANDT System, which is still in the training phase and has not yet been fully implemented. Results of this analysis will be included in the March board report.

2. Workers' Compensation Overview

- New Claims: 0
 - Active Claims: 25
 - Light Duty: 17
 - Full Duty: 5
 - Temporary Total Disability (TTD): 5
 - Litigation: 24
 - WC claims continue to trend downward overall, although there has been a slight increase in staff-to-resident confrontations since the Department of Corrections (DOC) personnel have left COJC. This trend will continue to be monitored.
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3. Internal Grievances

- Received: 1
 - Resolved: 1
 - Ongoing: 0
 - No noticeable trends for this month.
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4. Reasonable Accommodations (RA)

- Requests Received: 0
 - Approved: 0
 - Denied/Modified: 0
 - Modified: 2
 - Re-evaluations Due: 2
 - Two RAs have been extended by Risk Management due to delays in receiving equipment. Re-evaluation of these accommodations will be conducted on March 20 to determine whether the new equipment is effective or if additional measures need to be implemented.
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5. Training, Safety Programs, & Initiatives

- Work has begun on developing a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for potential group home closures and the transfer of residents from one group home to another. The planning process includes identifying decision-makers, developing timelines, and outlining procedures from start to finish with appropriate checks and balances. The first draft of the COOP is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
 - The Tornado Drill has been postponed due to construction in the M.C. Connor Building. A step-by-step SOP outlining procedures for a tornado during business hours will be published soon.
 - Submission of all U.S. Department of Labor 2025 OSHA Form 300 logs has been completed.
 - Oklahoma Department of Labor OK300 submissions are currently in progress and must be completed no later than April 6, 2026.
 - A review of the current Pre-Employment Physical Examination for RCS personnel was conducted. Obsolete steps were removed and new steps were added that align with MANDT System practices. This updated process will be implemented March 1, 2026.
 - Two Grievance/Complaint training classes were conducted for new hires during the month of February.
 - Future training development is in the works to teach a Defensive Drive Course for the agency.
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6. Workforce & Safety Trends

- Currently working with COJC Staff to review trends of Assaults starting back on August 1, 2025, to Date. The analysis will show the trend of how many assaults happened before DOC showed up, while DOC was here, and the potential rise in assaults after DOC has left. These numbers will be reported in next month's report.
 - Also looking for injury trends and the implementation of MANDT System. This analysis will be on-going and updated as more staff are introduced to the System.
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8. Way Ahead / Strategic Focus

- Short-term priorities: Oklahoma Department of Labor surveys, development of the Continuity of Operations Plan, Tornado SOP development, and analysis of assaults per month at COJC.
 - Updating the agency Hazardous Communication Program and Emergency Action Plan, including procedures for tornadoes, fire, active shooter incidents, and bomb threats.
 - Continue improving existing processes and implementing additional safety measures across the agency.
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End of Report



February Summary

Amanda Leonhart

Claim Type	# Processed for Payment	Δ since previous month	#YTD	#FY25
YSA Claims	123	-3	1050	1480
Retention Claims	22	-5	162	221
Training Claims	8	+6	31	50
Unique Need Claims	16	+6	73	83
Unique Need Request	15	+7	94	87
JB/CARS Forms (Covered by other staff)	0	0	0	19
OCA Appeal Review (Designated to other staff)	0	0	0	19

- Provided Technical Assistance 59 times to YSA
 - 21 TA for JOLTS Issues
 - 6 TA for rate definition and documentation
 - 1 Hiring and Retention Request or billing inquiries
 - 7 Shelter TA
 - 2 Budget Revision TA
 - 7 Claim TA
 - 15 New JOLTS Authorizations/Provider Level Changes

- 4 Dual Custody Staffing’s with OHS

Roger Wills

- Visited Community Youth Services of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore, Tri City Youth and Family Center in Choctaw and Marie Detty Youth and Family Services in Ardmore.
- FY visits = 34 total visits.
- Approved and signed 2 Juvenile Bureau Cars Forms.

Apryl Owens, Family Engagement Coordinator

- Conducted a meeting with the FAC Podcast review team 2/5/2026
- Attended APSAC (Association of Professionals Solving the Abuse of Children) training Influence of Tech on Mental Health and Rise of Black Teen Suicide on 2/5/2026
- Attended the SAT (State Advisory Team Meeting) 2/6
- Attended NCJFCJ (National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges) training with Elizabeth Pyjov "Self-Compassion" 2/9/20
- Conducted a meeting for FAC Podcast Editing w/James 2/12
- Attended the COC "Successful Parent Advisory" meeting 2/12
- Attended MMM training on 2/23/2026
- Attended 30 Level E staffing's to identify family engagement
- OJJFAC monthly meeting (February 26, 2026)
- Facilitated Parenting Classes MTC on 2/13, 2/20 and 2/27
- Staffed 4 cases with family and workers on FE
- Documentation, Evaluation and Preparation of information for ongoing projects (i.e. meetings, agendas, assessments etc.)

Kheri Smith

- Meeting with Jen, Chan Hellman and Angela Pharris.
- Monthly Hope Class at COJC.
- Meeting at Oklahoma County Detention Center to meet staff for JUMP.
- Meetings to organize JUMP Program/COJC Juvenile Manual training for detention staff.
- Cross Systems Hope and Well-Being Workgroup Meeting.
- Attended Oklahoma Juvenile Justice Family Advisory Council (OJJFAC) meeting
- JOY Coalition Meeting
- Advancing Low Hope Youth Project
- Washington State Science of Hope Community of Practice Meeting
- Trained Hope at NWA
- Trained YLSI at NWA
- Attended Hope Navigator Training

Hope Project Management

1. Created Hope Class Curriculum for COJC and Facilitated Hope Class at COJC

Created and Facilitated Hope Class (see copy below).

2. Hope Centered Reentry Guide

Draft sent to the reentry team for review and feedback.

3. Hope Awareness Training for Contract Providers

This project began a few months ago in collaboration with First Lady Stitt’s Hope Rising Oklahoma Foundation. It is currently in the design phase. I met with OJA contract provider managers to devise a plan. Shared opportunity for training at the Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Association (OJDA) meeting.

We experienced a delay in planning waiting for a meeting with Chan, which we completed on 2/25/26. More planning meetings are needed.

4. JUMP Program

Created content for the JUMP Program, all 8 classes complete. This program is designed to acclimate youth to COJC by giving them foundational program experience prior to placement. This will provide youth with an understanding of where they are going while also fostering a smooth transition to treatment at COJC. While youth cannot complete any COJC phases while in detention, they can begin to learn the Orientation Phase (first phase) of programming. All of a youth’s progress, or lack thereof, will be sent to COJC weekly and will be reviewed when they apply for Awareness Phase (second phase) of programming. JUMP Program – Hope class content – added below.

The JUMP Program started in Tulsa County Detention with 3 youth and Creek County Detention with 1 youth. Scheduled programming for Cleveland County. All detention centers, liaisons and supervisors updated of program details and progress.

5. JOLTS Hope Data

Submitted by hope navigator Jamie Sherman. Data reflects youth who scored low hope or slight hope for the month of June. Project’s aim is to support low hope youth. This project did not meet in February to outline potential pathways of support.

Pathways Score	Willpower Score	Total Score
6	4	10
8	6	14
6	10	16
11	6	17
9	9	18
13	6	19

6. Hope Centered Performance Improvement Plan

Scheduled a meeting with Interim HR Director Cody Tarbet to discuss pathways to retrieve this project from the former HR Director so the project can begin again.

7. Hope Class Orientation for COJC

Pamphlet was created and a facilitator guide was made. This is a great opportunity to teach youth the Science of Hope before they arrive at COJC or shortly after their arrival. This will allow them to understand the basic tenants of hope so they can begin applying it to their lives. JUMP Program Process group is where youth will receive Hope Class Orientation. Pamphlet attached below.

**Hope Class
Facilitator's Guide**

Hope Class Curriculum: Building the Skill of Goal Setting

1. **Build Rapport** – Think of a time you faced a challenge that you were able to overcome. What was the challenge and what is one thing you did that helped you overcome it?
2. **State class affirmations (say with class)**
 - a. I have the power to make my future brighter and better.
 - b. My dreams can come true.
 - c. I can inspire others.
3. **Recap Last Class**
 - a. Do you remember what definition of goal you connected with last class? (What you are working on, trying to do, aiming for, trying to achieve, putting your energy into)
 - b. What example did we give about how goals can be like a destination entered on a map (goal is like the destination you enter on your phone to Google maps. The pathways appear and you choose one that seems best, often the quickest. The map tells you ways around the barriers like wrecks. The willpower is like the gas in the car to get you to your destination or goal).
4. **Learn + Practice (HANDOUT 1) Billy Worksheet**
 - a. **Pathways** (new concept) Let someone read the definition
 - i. The different ways you can go to achieve your goal. There are many ways you can achieve your goal.
 - b. **Barriers** (new concept) Let someone read the definition
 - i. This is a chance to think through what could get in your way so you can plan a way around that barrier before you start or decide to take another pathway, so you don't have to deal with that barrier.
 - c. **Practice**
 - i. As a group process through some of the pathways and barriers to Billy's goal.
 - ii. Have youth fill in the worksheet as you go.
 - d. **Process Out Loud as a Group**
 - i. Read the paragraph
 - ii. Ask the questions at the bottom of the worksheet.
5. **Personalize goal setting (Handout 2) My Goal Worksheet**
 - a. Here are some definitions to what their worksheet if needed.
 - i. **Achievement versus Avoidance:** Goals can help you achieve something or avoid something.
 - ii. **Degree of Difficulty (low, moderate, high):** How difficult is your goal? Is it going to be hard to accomplish or will it come easy for you?
 - iii. **Stretch vs. Mastery:** Will you have to stretch your abilities to achieve your goal?
 - iv. **Time to Completion (short term, long term):** Is this a short-term goal that you can achieve in days or weeks, or will this goal take time?

- v. **Degree of Change involved (small change, big change):** Can you image how much your life will change if you achieve this goal?
- vi. **Support Networks:** Who can support you in this goal?
- vii. **Potential Barriers:** What could get in the way of this goal?
- viii. **Beneficiaries (who benefits when goal is complete):** Who benefits when you achieve this goal?



Pathways and Barriers - Example Learning

Learning Science of Hope Terms:

Pathways:

The different paths, strategies or ways you can reach your goal.

Barriers:

This is a chance to think about what could get in your way so you can plan around it before you start or take another pathway



Did you know?

High hope people can think of many pathways to get to their goals! This increases your chances of success!!

Example: Billy wants to make more money so he can buy a car to get to work.

Write down 3 possible pathways and 3 possible barriers to Billy's goal.

Pathway 1:

Possible Barrier:

Pathway 2:

Possible Barrier:

Pathway 3:

Possible Barrier:

Process Out Loud as a Group

Now that you have written several pathways for Billy to achieve his goal and written several barriers that can get in Billy's way. As a group, let's discuss the following questions:

- What pathway would you choose for Billy (1, 2, or 3) and why?
- If you were in Billy's shoes, is there a pathway you would not choose because you don't like the barrier?
- Do you see how identifying pathways and barriers can help you make a better choice on what direction to take?



My Goal Worksheet

Write down a goal you have for yourself while at COJC.



Thinking more about your goal. Circle the option below that best fits with your goal.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| This goal will help me: | Achieve something | Avoid something |
| This goal is: | Very difficult | Not difficult at all |
| I will need to do this: | Stretch myself and learn | Just do it. I have the skills |
| I'll need this much time: | Short term (days or weeks) | Long term (weeks/months) |
| How much change involved: | Small change | Big change |

Thinking more about your goal. Fill in the blank.

Who can support you: _____

Who will benefit when you succeed: _____

Identify 3 pathways and 3 possible barriers to your goal

Pathway 1:

Possible Barrier:

Pathway 2:

Possible Barrier:

Pathway 3:

Possible Barrier:

Hope Orientation Pamphlet Front

What is Hope?

Hope has 3 parts. We use these words a lot in hope class, so let's learn them now:

1. Goals - A goal is something you want to do or become. it gives you direction.
2. Pathways - These are the different ways you can reach your goal. If one way does not work, you can try another way.
3. Willpower - This is your drive to keep going when things get tough. Willpower helps you stick to your goal.

You must have all 3 to be a hopeful person.

WELCOME TO THE START OF YOUR HOPE JOURNEY AT COJC!

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



HOPE Centered Agency
OJA is a HOPE Centered agency with the mission to collaborate with youth, families, and community partners to create pathways for success through prevention and treatment for all Oklahoma youth.

HOPE IS A WAY OF THINKING



Increasing Hope:

Your hope will rise if you can say these things are true about yourself most of the time:

- I have friends that really care about me.
- I am part of a group of people that really care about each other (community).
- I like to encourage and support others.
- Others accept me just the way I am
- When bad things happen to me, I still feel hopeful about the future.
- I think I will achieve my dreams.

To help implement these statements in your life, we want you to memorize these 5 statements:

1. My dreams can come true
2. Good friends can help light my path
3. My light can inspire others
4. My future can be brighter than my past
5. I am resilient (able to keep going when things get hard)

Now it's your turn!

Using the 3 pillars of Hope:

Take a minute to practice building your hope.

Goals: What choices would you like to make?
MY GOAL: _____

Pathways: How many ways can you take to get there?
PATHWAYS (Ways I can reach my goal):
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____


Now it's time to choose your pathway!

Which pathway do you want to try first to reach your goal?

MY PATHWAY CHOICE:

Willpower: How can you stay motivated and who can support you?
MY WILLPOWER (What will keep me going when it's hard):

HOPE is a skill set you build.
Know where you want to go and how to get there. Remember we are here to help you do it.



Director Summary – At a Glance

Note: This summary highlights key accomplishments and outcomes from each program area for February 2026. For those seeking full activity logs, meeting details, and supporting documentation, please see Appendix A – Detailed Activity Log on page 2 of this report.

Reentry:

- 6 state IDs obtained for youth.
- 21- 30-day meetings
- 18- 90-day meetings
- 13-Exit meetings

HUB:

- 28 HUB meetings with JSU staff.
- 41 assistance requests completed for clients.

Continuum of Care (CoC):

- Provided FLUXX system assistance to Title II grant applicants
- Title II reporting
- Hosted a State Policy Board for Youth Success meeting

Interpreting / Support Services:

- Provided interpreting support in multiple counties for intakes, JSU worker meetings and family therapy.
- Met with FFT providers to discuss budgets and sustainability
- Assisted with verifying services for invoicing purposes for CREOKS, Empowerment Community Services, Spring Eternal, and Jetty Community Services.

Appendix A – Detailed Activity Log

Projects – Reentry

- Completed 6 State IDs for youth in facilities
- Bi-Weekly Yel Meetings
- Bi-Weekly Workforce Meetings
- Weekly TLP meetings to evaluate youth for placement
- Assisted 1 youth into Transitional Living programs.
- Assisting Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau with referrals/ understanding of the program.

Projects - CoC

- **CoC Grant and FE Events** – During January, I supported planning and coordination efforts related to upcoming family engagement and community partnership activities under the Building Local Continuums of Care (CoC) grant. On January 16, 2026, I participated in a virtual planning meeting with OJA staff, Pivot leadership, and community partners to coordinate logistics and partnership support for the upcoming Hoops for Peace basketball camp and associated family engagement activities. The meeting focused on program structure, anticipated participation, and opportunities to strengthen family and community engagement in support of youth violence prevention and reentry efforts. Planning discussions included the integration of life-skills programming, healthy relationship education, and a family-focused event component designed to engage caregivers, siblings, and community partners. Funding considerations were reviewed to ensure alignment with CoC grant allowability, including the use of CoC funds to support food and refreshments while identifying alternative funding sources for incentives and engagement activities. Additional discussions explored future family engagement opportunities at the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC), including a potential spring family engagement or resource fair and expanded programming options for youth who do not receive family visits. These planning efforts support the CoC grant’s emphasis on family connection, community collaboration, and reentry preparation, and will continue to be developed in coordination with internal teams and external partners as activities move toward implementation.
- **Tribal RFP Outreach and FLUXX** – During January, I supported Tribal Request for Proposal (RFP) outreach, applicant technical assistance, and FLUXX system navigation to ensure potential applicants had the information and support needed to successfully apply. This included participation in and facilitation of a virtual Tribal RFP informational webinar for prospective applicants. The purpose of the webinar was to provide an overview of the Tribal RFP, explain eligibility and application requirements, and walk applicants through the FLUXX grant management system. During the webinar, I conducted a live demonstration of the FLUXX website, including account registration, locating the Tribal RFP, navigating application sections, uploading required documents, and understanding reporting and post-award expectations. I monitored the chat throughout the session, addressed applicant questions in real time, and worked collaboratively with OJA staff to

clarify questions related to budgeting, eligibility, and compliance requirements. In addition to the webinar, I provided ongoing, individualized technical assistance to Tribal RFP applicants via email to address FLUXX-related questions and troubleshoot access or navigation issues. This included responding to applicant inquiries, resolving system issues as they arose, and ensuring applicants received consistent guidance during the open application period. Questions raised through both the webinar and email outreach were compiled and added to the FLUXX Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section to promote transparency, consistency, and continued applicant support throughout the RFP cycle.

- **COJC Virtual Visitation Scheduling** – Reentry, Continuum of Care (CoC), and Hope staff continued to support virtual family visits for youth housed at the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC). Staff identified eligible youth, conducted outreach to families early each week, and coordinated scheduling for virtual visits, with staff volunteers providing on-site support during visit days. These efforts resulted in consistent weekly engagement and sustained family contact opportunities for youth during detention. Staff and volunteers also demonstrated flexibility and responsiveness by maintaining timely communication with families when scheduled activities required adjustment, ensuring families remained informed and supported. Overall, this work reflects ongoing collaboration, staff volunteer commitment, and a continued focus on maintaining family connections for youth.
- **Title II Reporting** – During January, I focused heavily on completing multiple required federal reports and coordinating reporting activities across programs. This included the completion and submission of the Building Local Continuums of Care (CoC) Bi-Annual Performance Report, the RSAT BJA Report, and the collection and review of the Title II Formula Grants quarterly performance reports covering the October 1 through December 31 reporting period. Throughout the month, I worked closely with Jennifer Francis to ensure all reports aligned with OJJDP and DOJ reporting requirements and reflected accurate, consistent program data. Narrative responses were developed using information submitted through multiple subrecipient performance reports, allowing for comprehensive and compliant reporting across grant programs. Finalizing these reports required a significant portion of my time this month; however, I am pleased to report that all identified reports were completed, obtained, and submitted as required to meet federal deadlines and reporting standards.
- **Statistics Consolidation**-Consolidated basic statistics out of COJC monthly visit summaries for December and forwarded to the Data Outcomes Manager on 01/12

Reentry Meetings 30-day, 90-day, Exit meeting

- 21- 30-day meetings attended
- 18- 90-day meetings attended
- 13- Exit meetings attended

COC-Secure Care Meetings

- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for E.S. on 01/06. His mother was not present, but contact had been made to invite her. She stated she worked night shift, and that may have caused her to not be able to attend.

- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for I.A. on 01/20. His mother was present via TEAMS, and Uli provided translation services.
- Participated in 30-day TPS meeting for T.B. on 01/20. His father was not present, but he had been interested in attending. I texted him at the beginning of the meeting with no response.
- Contacted families on behalf of COJC to schedule virtual visits for Redbud and Oak Units on 01/05.
- Contacted families on behalf of COJC to schedule virtual visits for Redbud unit on 01/12, 1/20 & 1/27.
- Assisted moving volunteers to and from units who were helping with the virtual visitations on 01/07, 01/14, 01/21 & 01/28.
- Reviewed monthly visitation logs for youth not receiving visitation.

Workforce HUB Meetings with JSU Staff/ Assistance requests

- Attended 28 Hub meetings with Staff
- Completed 41 Hub assistance requests for clients.

Supportive/Interpreting Services

- Assisted with 1 Family Therapy Session (interpretation).
- Assisted with an Intake in Rogers County (interpretation).
- Assisted with a Check in Oklahoma County (interpretation).
- Assisted with 4 Tx Planning Meetings (interpretation).
- Assisted with a reentry Discussion (interpretation).
- Assisted with verifying services for invoicing purposes for CREOKS, Empowerment Community Services, Spring Eternal, and Jetty Community Services.
- Assigned 6 OCJB referrals, and 32 OJA referrals to partnered FFT involved agencies. Totaling 38 case assignments completed

Team & partner Meetings/Training, etc.

- Met with HUB/reentry staff to discuss potential clients.
- Assisting Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau with referrals/ understanding of the program.
- Continuing weekly staffing meetings with OCJB. These meetings serve as a crucial platform for discussing officer caseloads, identifying cases eligible for FFT, and addressing ongoing FFT-involved cases. This provides an opportunity for officers to ask questions and gain clarity on the FFT process.
- Met with CSG staff about reentry grant.
- Weekly meeting with Workforce Oklahoma to discuss potential clients.
- Attended bi-weekly Youth Emerging Leaders programs.

**Community Based Services and Juvenile Services Unit
Board Report for March 2026
Contacts and Activities for February 2026**

Division Statistics

- 1,289 active cases... 237 youth in OJA custody.
- 357 new referrals: 274 male and 83 female with an average age of 15.46.
- 1,155 individual contact notes documented in JOLTS.
- 205 intakes were completed during the month.
- 28 youth were activated and/or monitored by GPS.
- 48 placement referrals were made during the month: 27 to Level E, 7 to secure care, 2 to TLP/IL programs, and 11 to own home, and 1 to a SCH.
- A total of 28 youths paid \$5,896.52 restitution and other fees.

Jennifer Thatcher, CBS Field Manager

Assisted Central, Eastern, and Western Regions hooking up 28 juveniles on GPS.
Attended weekly TLP Review staffing meetings and Executive Placement staffing meetings.
Completed 2 URC requests and 1 step down approval.

Restitution – Approved one application, five activity logs. Conducted review and approval of all Level E monthly, incentive, detention, SCH, GPS, and birth certificate claims

Jennifer Creecy, CBS Federal Funding Program Field Rep

In February, the Federal Funding Unit processed 993 TCM claims. Quality assurance audits were provided to Program leadership. TCM and YLS training was provided for New Workers, and regular meetings occurred with OHCA regarding Medicaid rule changes.

Gene Carroll, CBS Detention Program Manager

Made visits to Garfield County Detention Center and Pittsburg County Detention Center. In addition to the visits, I assisted the Office of Public Integrity with their annual detention audit for licensing purposes.

Both facilities were in very good condition and well-staffed. The only issue noted was a training requirement at the Garfield facility which was addressed by OPI. I also visited the Creek County Detention Center in Bristow, Oklahoma where I found no issues or concerns, but I was able to answer several questions from the facility staff.

As required each month, I reviewed all Liaison and Monitor Reports. The reports appear to show no major concerns or issues. The Detention Denial Dashboard and JOLTS Available

Detention Beds were monitored throughout the month, and the only issue identified was Creek County Detention had taken a detention bed offline due to the lack of female staff availability. Lastly, I collected and reviewed detention center critical incident reports and placed each in its appropriate file.

Met monthly with our partners at the Office of Client Advocacy, to discuss any issues or concerns and exchange information that would benefit both agencies and strengthen our working relationship. Additionally, I met with the Oklahoma State Department of Health Program Review Team to discuss possible action on OCA referrals for the month of February 2026.

Connie Bever, CBS Placement Program Manager

During the month of February, a total of 50 placement requests were made by workers. The total number of requests is comprised of 31 requests for Level E group homes, 7 requests for COJC, 2 requests for independent living programs, and 10 requests for placements at home. In addition, 48 youths were referred to placement in the month of February. Out of the total number of referred youths, 27 were referred to a Level E group home, 7 were referred to COJC, 2 were referred to independent living programs, one was referred to a specialized community home, and 11 were referred to their own home.

For the month of February, one youth, J.D., and his placement providers at the Welch Skills Center need to be highlighted. After being considered for placement at COJC based on his offense history, J.D. was placed at Welch instead and graduated from the program successfully in February. J.D. obtained his high school diploma. Furthermore, he worked for the City of Vinita during his placement and obtained his welding certificate. Moreover, after his return home, J.D. sent a video to the group home director of himself working in the community feeding the homeless. J.D. followed through with his commitment of becoming successful at Welch while receiving constant motivation, assistance, and care from his caretakers at the Welch Skill Center.

Darian Bennett, CBS Group Home Program Manager

Group Home Program Manager complete site visits to the following Level E Facilities; Cornerstone, Scissortail Pointe, Scissortail Landing, Scissortail Plus, Whitetail Substance Abuse, Lawton Boys Group Home, Mustang Treatment Center, Redhawk, Welch Skills Center, People Inc. Program Manager facilitated Resident of the Month committee Meeting and presented the third Resident of the Month winner placed at Lawton Boys Group Home. There were 78 youth visited during the Group Home Laison visits; 87 youth visited, 12 Youth complaints addressed, 1 OCA referral, 3 grievances assisted, 9 Facility operated concerned addressed, 5 Facility staff concerns addressed, and 3 OJA staff concerns addressed. Program Manager met with Youth Emerging Leaders to establish "Boys to Men" mentorship program which will begin at Cornerstone. Group Home Manager assessed treatment/resident concerns through visits and reading 120 Group Home Resident Monthly Reports.

Western Region Highlights from Regional Director Jerry Skinner

As noted below staff continued their work during February engaging in partnerships with community stakeholders for the benefit of youth and their families. The Crossroads program continuously identifies meetings and events that have a real impact on their involved youth. The program and its community support are phenomenal. Efforts to duplicate this program in other areas of the region are being examined.

Implementation of the JUMP program within the region is underway. This program is designed to give youth in detention and who are destined for secure care the opportunity to get a jump start on the orientation to secure care. JSU staff and detention staff within the region who will be instrumental in the administration of this program have been identified and trained on the implementation. A few detention centers have already begun the program delivery.

Effective March 31, 2026, Regional Director Jerry Skinner will retire from OJA after 37 years of service. It's often said a person never works a day in his/her life if he/she enjoys what they are doing. It has truly been rewarding!

Rex Boutwell Northwest Area Director

The February Crossroads event in our Panhandle counties was originally planned as a game night, but it became far more impactful due to several unexpected and meaningful moments. JJS, Teresa Barnes met a mother who lost her son to fentanyl, and now she shares his story through public speaking. Teresa invited her to attend our event with the high-risk youth of Guymon, and she graciously agreed.

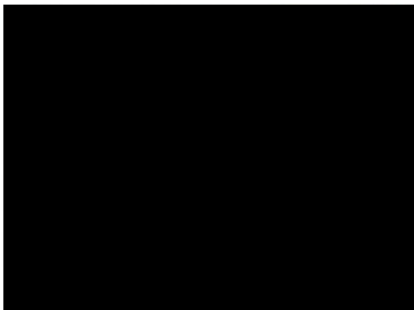
She delivered a powerful presentation about her son's life, his tragic death, and the arrest and convictions of those responsible. She also presented training on how to use Narcan. Her message deeply moved the youth and opened the door for honest conversation. Her story was well received by our youth.

Robbie (approved OJA volunteer) also spoke with the group about a recent case involving a young girl who was picked up by someone she met online and later abandoned outside of Hooker, Oklahoma. He shared the dangers of online interactions, as well as the law enforcement response that involved troopers and the FBI to safely return her to Houston, Texas. The discussion highlighted the real risks youth face and the importance of making safe decisions

We continue to be encouraged by the continued growth of Crossroads and the development we are seeing in our youth. The positive impact of this program continues to extend beyond expectations. We are grateful to be a part of the positive happenings in our community.

Heath Denney Southwest Area Director

We now have a new JJS in Comanche County. On February 23, 2026, JJS II Barbara Wilson transferred from Oklahoma County to the vacant Comanche County position previously held by Celeste Marlow. Barbara resides near Lawton, so the transfer greatly benefited her by eliminating a lot of travel time. Barbara also has a significant amount of experience in working in Youthful Offender cases and has experience working in a bureau county. Barbara has only been with the agency just over a year but has earned a great reputation for herself. We are very proud to have her as our newest JJS in the Southwest Area. With Barbara filling this vacancy, that leaves only one vacant Transport Officer position for the entire Southwest Area. Comanche County JJS Robby Evans had a youth, J. J., that was in the newspaper for participating in the All About Understanding program. The program's purpose is "to help the youth understand themselves and develop life skills so that they can live fulfilling lives." Mentors for the program use activities to teach the children about topics like social media etiquette, communication, budgeting and even self-sustainability. Glen Gatling (co-founder) states "The life skills that we are teaching, the self-awareness that we are teaching, no matter how old you get, you're going to need that in your life in order to keep you from making some of the detrimental decisions that can have a long lasting effect on your life." (Image below.



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Carter County JJS Kristy Rasmusson has a youth B. G. who is expected to transition back home after his Court hearing on March 5th. While attending Welch, B. G. was the first to ever be trusted to work outside of the group home setting at a store located in Vinita, Oklahoma. B. G. has also earned certifications in Welding and Small Engine Repair. B. G. was able to amass enough money to be able to work and pay his complete restitution total. B. G. has accomplished a lot at praise for all his hard work.

Central Region Highlights from Regional Director Jeremy Andrews

February was a short month, but a busy one, nonetheless. One of our goals for the year was to continue to increase communication and better relationships with all our community partners. To kick this off, Carlos Sanchez-Medina and Wes Evetts the Central Region Area Directors have begun one-on-one meetings with all our juvenile judges in the central region. So far, we have received some great feedback on the work being done by our staff and hope to incorporate suggestions to continue to improve. We plan to continue these meetings, while also connecting with our other community partners throughout the year.

Our staff continue to be active in their communities. JJS Shannon Anderson, out of Payne County was invited to attend a threat assessment meeting at the Stillwater Board of Education and will be serving on one of their committees.

The entire Payne County Office was able to support our Payne County Youth Services (“PCYS”) by attending their annual gala this past month. PCYS provides great services for our youth, and our team was excited to attend and show their support.

In Creek County, JJS Noelle Waller participated in some mentoring for a 4H group on raising rabbits and competitions. She was also featured on the local news for a piece on how to safely evacuate animals.

Also out of Creek County, JJS Patricia Gragg was able to connect with the local school resource officer to collaborate on addressing truancy issues. They have made plans to follow up with additional meetings to ensure it is an on-going effort.

Out of Lincoln County, JJS, Aaron Schmitt began meeting with the DA’s office. They are currently short-handed, so Aaron is working to coordinate and assist them with streamlining the juvenile paperwork as they look to hire new staff. Aaron also attended the Lincoln County partners meeting to meet with various community partners and address any concerns. JJS Miranda Duplissey attended the municipal court docket and the Kay County community team meeting. This meeting includes local agencies/school staff/local tribes/health dept that provide services for the community. Kay County staff uses this meeting as resources to help our kids and families involved with OJA access services in Kay County.

This past month the Central Region had our two new workers Marissa Boatman and Myiah McGee attend and complete our new worker academy. They have both been doing a great job and we are excited as they continue to learn.

This past month with the help of Melissa Shaw and Samie Harley, we were able to launch the first round of training for COJC and JSU staff on Court Report writing. This was a great opportunity to remind staff of what information to include and introduce a standardized report format for the entire state.

RD Jaremy Andrews attended the Citizens for Juvenile Justice Meeting in Oklahoma City. This meeting is with other local community partners to hear updates from the Oklahoma Juvenile Bureau. I also attended the Oklahoma City Community Intervention Center Advisory Board Meeting. This was an opportunity to hear from local and state law enforcement agencies as they are interacting with the youth we serve and assist with directing them to services.

OKJB Meet and Greet with our FFT providers. Led by our FFT specialist, she was able to coordinate a meeting to allow for the juvenile bureau and contractors to get together and provide helpful feedback on the program. This is made possible through our continued Arnall Grant Funding.

Area Director, Wes Evetts participated in the first meeting for the new Oklahoma County Dual Adjudication Task Force being led by Judge Singleton and strategized around ways to expedite getting those youth out of detention more quickly. The goal of this task force is to work on

identifying a standard process for Dually involved youth to ensure their needs are being met from day one of being detained and touching the juvenile justice system.

RD, Jaremy Andrews and Area Director, Wes Evetts, along with Dr. Susan Schmidt, attended a meeting being led by the Oklahoma County DA's office to try to develop and implement a program to work with youth involved or engaging in domestic and intimate partner violence. This group is hoping to start a pilot program that can identify, educate and connect youth and victims of violence with services.

Wes also met with Judge Conyers and representatives with Norman Public Schools to discuss the PROMISE school in Cleveland County and opportunities for improvement for next school year.

This past month we were able to celebrate several youth and staff accomplishments. Staff were able to attend a graduation ceremony in Cleveland County for a youth that graduated from Epic Charter Schools while in Cleveland County Juvenile Detention. The young man had entered detention with half of a high school credit and was able to earn his diploma in the 16 months that he was there.

We also had a youth out of Oklahoma County that was able to come to state office and test for their GED. It was a great end to the month to hear he passed all his tests successfully! In Logan County, Tara Kerr had a custody youth who successfully completed Welch and was released from OJA custody over a year ago and received a call from his mother. The mother informed her D.T. successfully graduated high school and is preparing to enlist in military service soon. She believes the Welch Skills Center helped him develop the skills needed for future success.

Finally, several central region staff attended Carol Miller's Retirement. It was a bittersweet moment to celebrate her longtime service to the state and youth of Oklahoma. Congrats to her on a well-deserved retirement and we are very excited to welcome her as our newest OJA Board Member!

Eastern Region Highlights from Regional Director Rodney McKnight

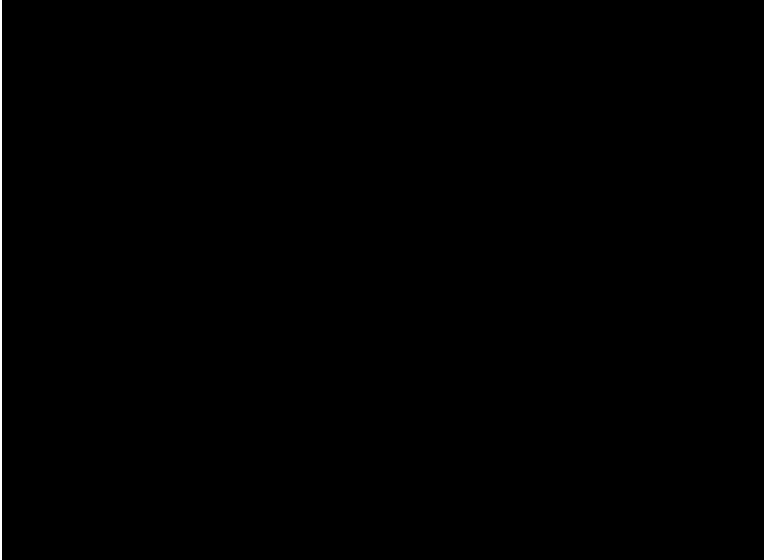
For the month of February 2026, the Eastern Region served approximately 1023, with 490 having a legal status of a deferred filing to custody. Contact notes for the month of January are approximately 5415 with 478 being TCM eligible. Out of 1023, there are 400 supervised cases with 132 being OJA Custody or YO youth and 17 Dual Custody youth. We currently have 52 kids in various placements. There are 53 youths in secure detention, 44 being pre-adjudicatory juveniles with 9 youths awaiting placement.

The referral rate had an upward trend for the month of February the total number of referrals is approximately 179, compared to 136 the month before, with a total of 88 intakes completed,

with 51 cases being diverted. Most referrals consisted of property and drug offenses with a few violent crimes happening throughout the district. FFT referrals totaling 14 families participating for the month of February and HUB referrals had a total of 7 families. The total amount of restitution collected in February was \$2051.00

Eastern Region activities for the month of February 2026 include monthly MDT meetings, liaison visits to JDC and YS Shelters, CARS staffings, drug coalition, graduated sanctions and several online training courses.

February 3 AAD Julie Fryer, SE Area Director Bobbi Foster and I assisted OPI in conducting the bi-annual audit at the Pittsburg County JDC.



February 4 Osage County Tristan Harzman JJS III attended a graduation celebration at COJC for custody youth C.P. AAD Ciera Hood, NE Area Director Bryson Paden, and I were able to watch the ceremony via TEAMS.

February 11 AAD Trent Hampton held a monthly unit meeting in Tahlequah with his area staff from Adair, Cherokee, and Sequoyah Counties. Discussed was 10-day contact note entry, staff doing great on TCM notes New Worker, continued state car

usage, EVAW online training institute, OPI Audit in September 2026, and worker pay rate increases.

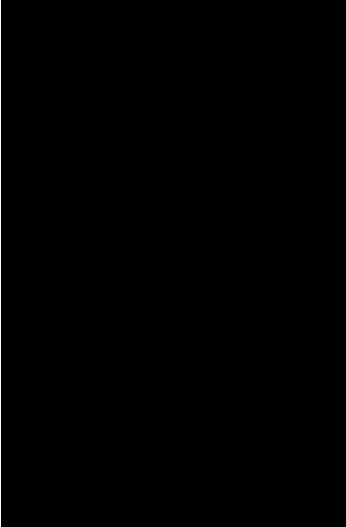
February 12 AAD Gary Witt held a monthly staff meeting in Vinita with his area staff from Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Rogers, and Ottawa Counties. Discussed was workday PMPs, re-entry meeting procedures, staff training, the JOLTS violent offender report and the JUMP program. Special note to staff: both the AAD Witt and NE Area Director Bryson Paden were given opportunity to participate in a URC on an inbound transfer case. Area Director Paden advocated for us to participate and support our stated positions.

February 17 AAD Ciera Hood held a monthly staff meeting in Bartlesville with her staff from Osage, Washington, Nowata and Wagoner Counties. NE Area Director Bryson Paden and I were in attendance. AAD Ciera Hood covered mid-year reviews, legislative updates, detention screenings and detention issues.

February 19 AAD Rachel Andrews, NE AD Paden and I attended and participated in placement staffing for Tulsa County Youth. AAD Rachel Andrews then conducted a 90-day reentry meeting for a custody youth at Cornerstone via TEAMS. AAD Rachel Andrews and AAD Cole Carlton also attended the Tulsa County YO docket on this date.

February 19 SE Area Director Bobbi Foster and I attended the retirement party for Carol Miller at COJC. We congratulate Carol on her retirement and her dedicated service to the youth of Oklahoma.

February 23 AAD Cole Carlton conducted a District Review Hearing on a youth who is currently in detention. He also met with Tulsa JDC Director David Parker to address plans for youth in detention awaiting placement as well as discussed ways to enhance and strengthen OJA and Tulsa JDC's relationship with continued collaboration.



February 24 DeDondra Carson JJS III had one of her long-time supervised youth J.D. graduates from OYACS. Members of the youth's family, AAD Cole Carlton, NE AD Bryson Paden and I were all able to join to view the ceremony and celebration via TEAMS Youth Academy Charter School, while.

February 27 NE Area Director Bryson Paden attended the quarterly PARB Board meeting in Oklahoma City.

Wagoner County JJS II Hannah Heaton, Cherokee County JJS II Savannah Ford, Muskogee County JJS II Lauren Harkins, and LeFlore County JJS II Rebecca Hunter attended New Worker training February 23-27, 2026.

JJS III Amber Kreps, JJS III Debbie Perez, JJS III Crystal Kimmons were all tasked with assisting with the JUMP Program for Tulsa County, Craig County and Pittsburg County JDC to assist youth awaiting placement for COJC.



State Advisory Group Title II Funding Proposals

SAG Approved Title II Funding Project Proposal

Organization	Tribal Partner	Proposal Amount
Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County	MODOC Nation	\$200,000.00

The Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County is requesting \$200,000 to expand their after-school programming in an underserved rural area. Their current program serves approximately 100 youth per day, and they are at capacity. This funding would serve Tribal youth ages 10-17 at a new location in Fairland, Oklahoma. Ottawa County includes nine federally recognized Tribal nations, with MODOC Nation serving as the main Tribal partner entity. The site in Fairland grew from a school-based sage room model serving about 50 youth a day; this funding request would expand staffing and program capacity. Program model includes Positive Action curriculum, youth leadership, and Youth Advisory Council input. BGBC has a current OJA title II grant that supports the Miami Teen Center location. This current request expands services that will serve additional tribal youth, including new staff positions and equipment; this funding would not duplicate an existing award.

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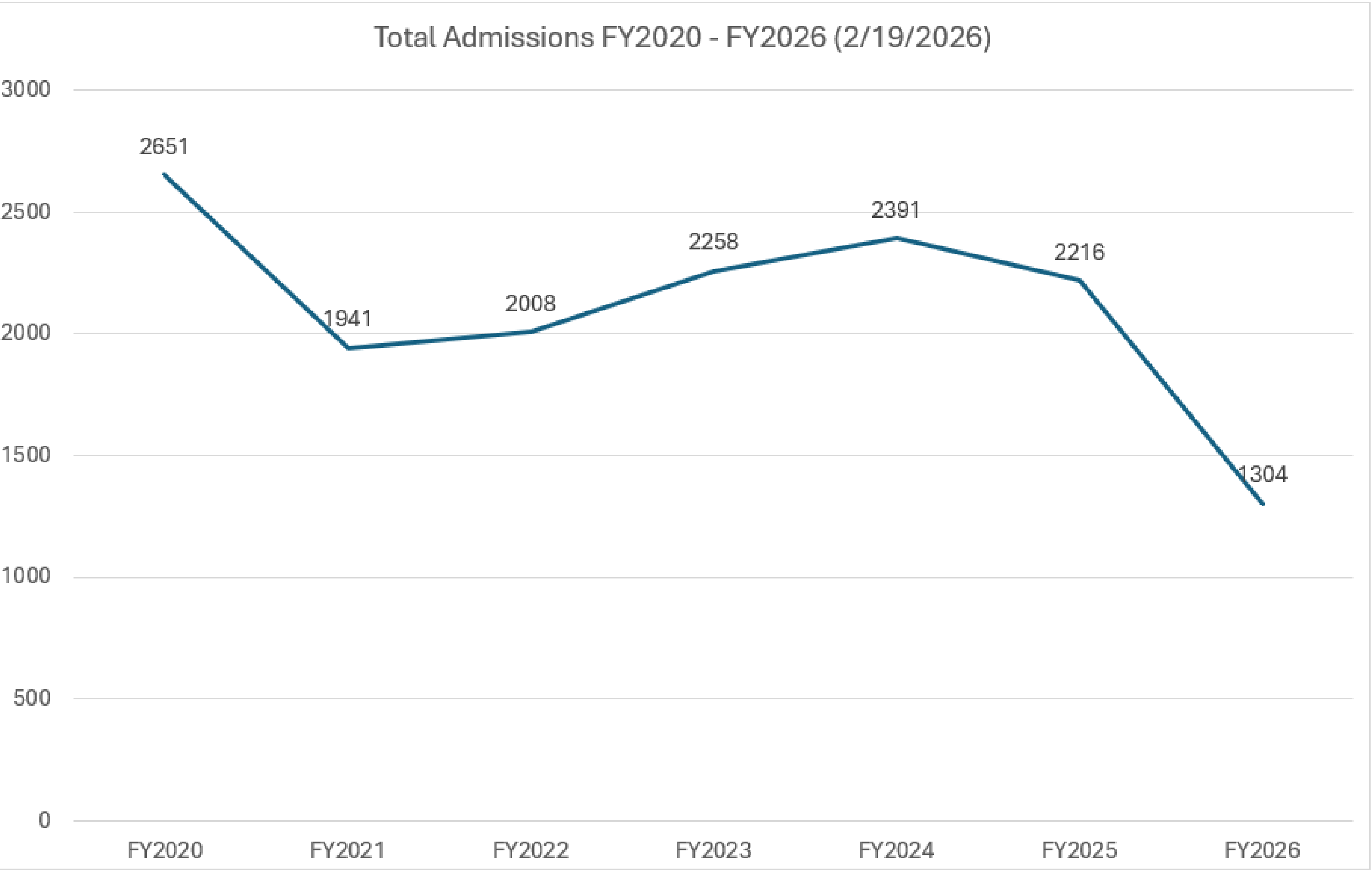
Organization	Tribal Partner	Proposal Amount
Youth & Family Resource Center of Shawnee	Citizen Pottawatomie Nation	\$151,863.27

Youth and Family Resource Center is requesting \$200,000 for their Tribal Youth and Family Strengthening Initiative that will serve tribal youth ages 10-17 in Pottawatomie and Lincoln Counties. Their tribal partnership is with Citizen Potawatomi Nation and estimates that they will serve 50 youth and 25 families over the 12-month grant period. Their services focus on school and community-based prevention services, including emotional regulation, coping skills, and family strengthening. Their program includes culturally responsive, trauma-informed mentoring and support services, family and caregiver support, and the creation of a Youth Advisory Council that will be led by a Tribal Liaison. Their focus will be on prevention of juvenile justice involvement, and program models include Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Skill building Interventions, Trust Based Relational Intervention, and Positive Youth Development Framework.

Current Status of Secure Juvenile Detention



Total Detention Admissions FY2020 – FY2026 (2/19/2026)



FY2027 Projected Totals

Averaging 174 youth detained per month for FY 2026.

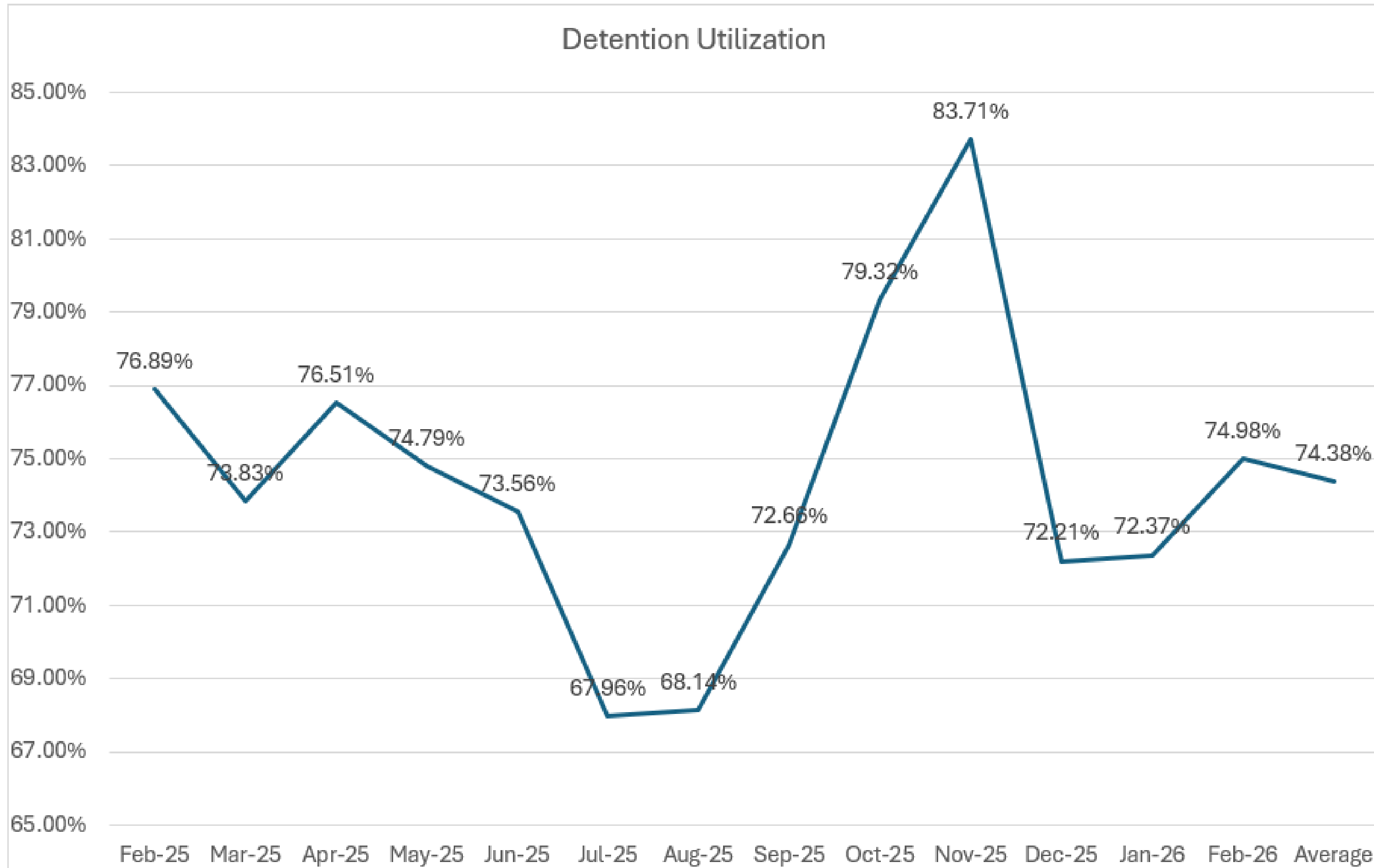
If detention rates maintain, it is estimated the total youth detained for FY 2026 will be 2,088 youth, a 5.8% decrease from FY 25.

Total Youth Detained FY18- FY26	
FY20	2651
FY21	1914
FY22	2008
FY23	2258
FY24	2391
FY25	2216
FY26	1304 (2/19/2026)

Youthful Offenders (YOs)

- At this time there are no adult jails certified to house juvenile offenders.
- For FY25, there were 169 YO's detained, and to date for FY26, 97 YO's have been detained in juvenile detention centers.

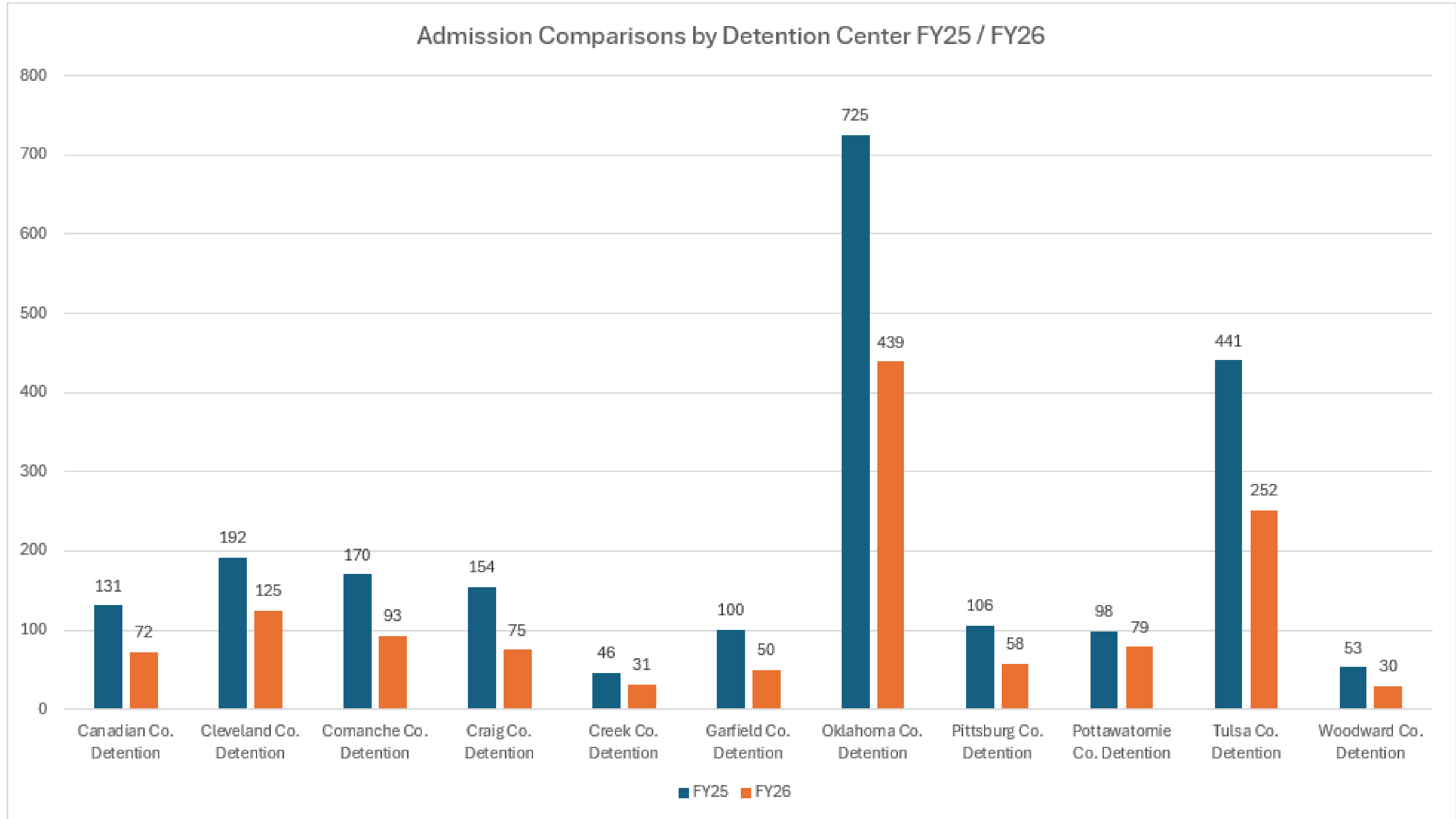
Detention Utilization Rates (February 2025–26)



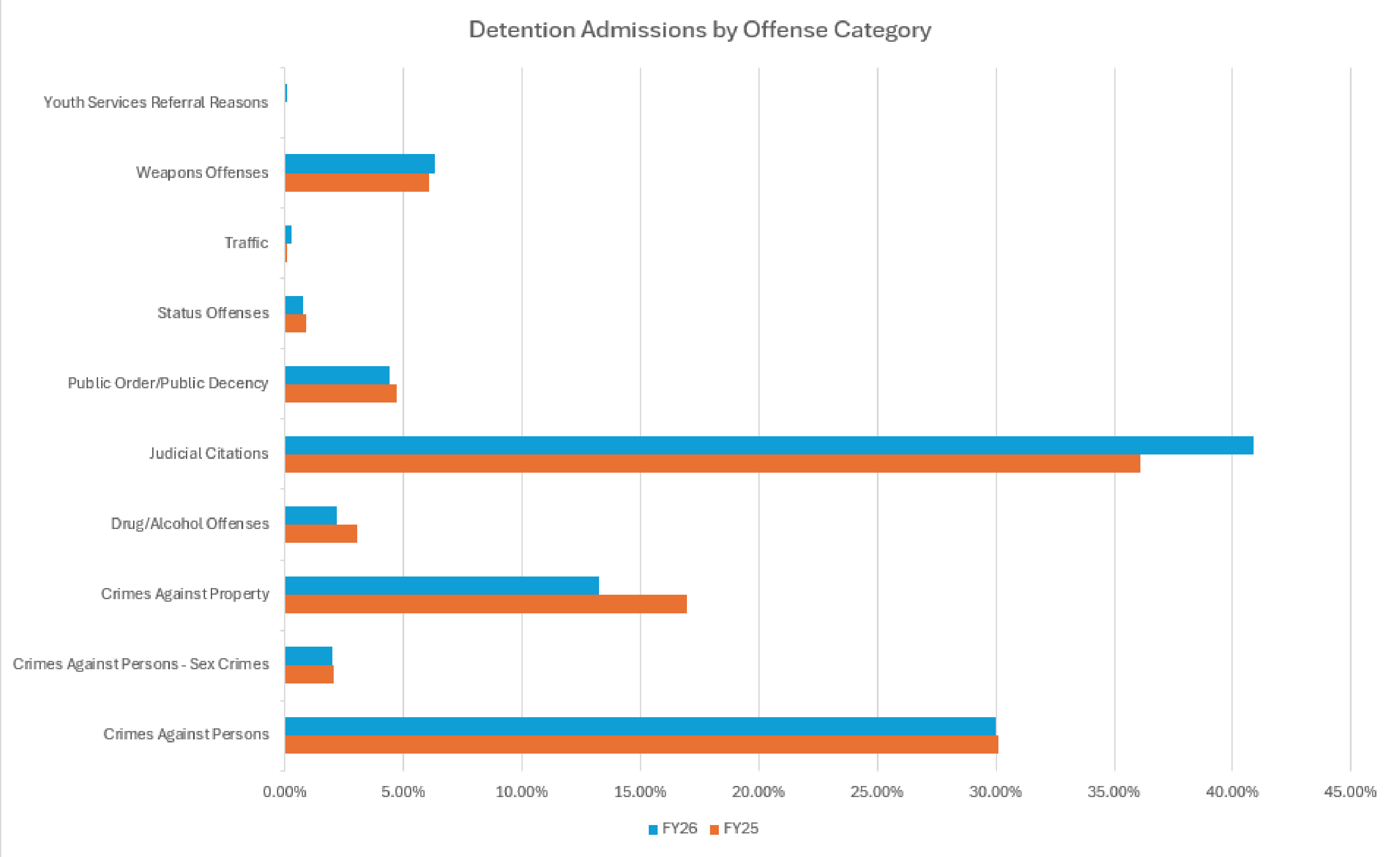
Detention Usage for FY2025-26

Total Detention Averages	FY25	FY26 (2/19/2026)
Total # Detention Admissions	2,216	1,304
Average Length of Stay	28.26 days	24.49 days
YO Average Length of Stay	67.93 days	62.71 days
Male	29.74 days	26.39 days
Female	22.08 days	16.79 days
Average Age at Admission	15.64	15.67

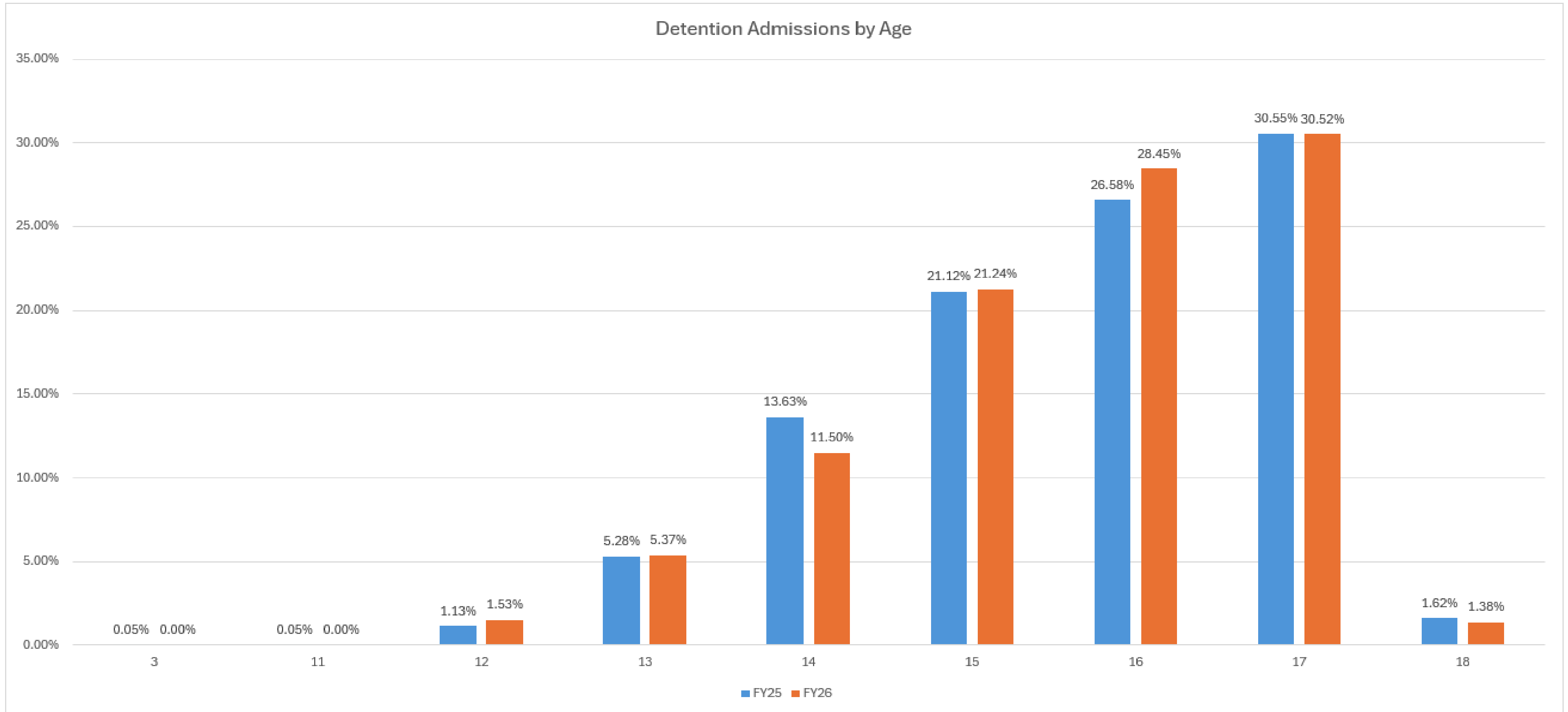
Admission Comparison by Detention Center FY25-26 (2/19/2026)



Detention Admission by Offense Category FY25–26 (2/19/26)



Age Breakdown of Detention Usage FY25–26 (2/19/26)



Detention Utilizations By Center

Location	Contract Beds	February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Average
Canadian County	10	75.57%	69.03%	99.33%	79.03%	81.00%	58.06%	40.32%	26.67%	54.84%	92.00%	90.00%	81.61%	94.74%	72.71%
Cleveland County	26	65.11%	51.36%	50.51%	59.55%	49.10%	59.68%	64.39%	67.44%	87.59%	93.33%	70.72%	82.63%	87.85%	68.41%
Comanche County	25	92.57%	93.29%	75.87%	76.52%	77.73%	82.19%	75.61%	95.07%	97.94%	94.67%	89.42%	98.84%	83.58%	87.18%
Craig County	16	83.36%	82.86%	83.13%	73.79%	54.79%	43.55%	50.81%	79.17%	79.84%	70.42%	46.98%	39.11%	43.75%	63.73%
Creek County	6	70.83%	65.59%	62.22%	69.35%	54.44%	60.75%	40.00%	68.89%	89.25%	75.56%	54.30%	65.59%	100.00%	67.44%
Garfield County	10	65.36%	72.52%	73.33%	69.35%	87.67%	83.87%	93.23%	76.67%	98.06%	90.33%	80.32%	79.35%	92.11%	82.09%

* Utilization percentages that exceed 100% reflect licensed bed usage.

Detention Utilizations By Center

Location	Contract Beds	Feb. 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	Average
Oklahoma County	50	100%	100%	100%	98.19%	93.60%	100%	99.29%	98.20%	89.87%	99.73%	99.35%	95.42%	100%	97.97%
Pittsburg County	10	95.36%	74.52%	93%	89.35%	92.67%	76.45%	72.58%	95.00%	85.48%	82.00%	67.74%	81.61%	80%	83.52%
Pottawatomie County	12	69.35%	75.81%	73.89%	50.54%	67.50%	63.17%	89.78%	76.67%	69.09%	94.17%	76.08%	63.71%	61.84%	71.66%
Tulsa County	34	82.98%	70.97%	80.29%	82.16%	77.06%	86.15%	85.77%	81.18%	86.72%	92.65%	91.94%	87.86%	61.17%	82.38%
Woodward County	10	45.36%	54.19%	50%			33.64%	37.74%	31.33%	33.87%	36%	27.42%	20.34%	15.71%	35.06%
Average		76.89%	73.83%	76.51%	74.79%	73.35%	67.96%	68.14%	72.66%	79.32%	83.71%	72.21%	72.37%	74.98%	74.38%

* Utilization percentages that exceed 100% reflect licensed bed usage.

FY2028 Contracted Bed Considerations

- Continued Data Review
 - Adjustment of presentations to Board to directly reflect the current State Plan for Detention
 - Continued review of JOLTS coding for Status Offenses and Judicial Orders
 - Training staff to update JOLTS coding based on actual offense rather than initial Order to Detain
- Monitoring Length of Stay for YO's
- Impact of potential 2026 Legislation on Length of Stay
- Continue Monitoring
 - Utilization rates
 - Contracts within the statewide regional bed system

County	Licensed Beds	FY26 Contracted	FY27 Proposed
Canadian County	21 (-7 for CIC)	10	10
Cleveland County	28	26	26
Comanche County	25	25	25
Craig County	18	16	16
Creek County	16	6	6
Garfield County	11	10	10
LeFlore County	10*	0	0
Oklahoma County	78	50	50
Pittsburg County	10	10	10
Pottawatomie County	14	12	12
Tulsa County	34	34	34
Woodward County	10	8 (+2 for Texas County)	8 (+2 for Texas County)
TOTAL	275	209	209

*LeFlore County Detention is licensed by OJA but utilizes all licensed beds for tribal nation contracts.



**Juvenile
Detention
Revolving Find**

Juvenile Detention Revolving Fund

10A O.S. § 2-7-401 – Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund

A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Office of Juvenile Affairs to be designated the "Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies appropriated to the Juvenile Detention Improvement Revolving Fund and monies which may otherwise be available to the Office of Juvenile Affairs for use as provided for in this section.

B. All monies appropriated to the fund shall be budgeted and expended by the Office of Juvenile Affairs for the purpose of providing funds to counties to renovate existing juvenile detention facilities, to construct new juvenile detention facilities, to operate juvenile detention facilities and otherwise provide for secure juvenile detention services and alternatives to secure detention as necessary and appropriate, in accordance with state-approved juvenile detention standards and the State Plan for the Establishment of Juvenile Detention Services provided for in Section 2-3-103 of this title. The participation of local resources shall be a requirement for the receipt by counties of said funds and the Department shall establish a system of rates for the reimbursement of secure detention costs to counties. The methodology for the establishment of said rates may include, but not be limited to, consideration of detention costs, the size of the facility, services provided and geographic location. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

Applications for FY2026

East Shower Repair/Update

- Handle Repair
- Replaced Cartridge and Shower head
- Adjusted temperature

Garfield County Juvenile Detention Center

OJA Request	\$960.73
County Match (15%)	\$169.54
Total	\$1,130.27

Rates & Standards



Services	Definitions	Requirements & Standards	Rate/Unit
<p>New Rate</p> <p>RS2026-006-001 INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM</p> <p>Type: Direct</p> <p>Code(s):</p> <p>Program(s):</p>	<p>Independent living programs (ILPs) provide youth transitioning from juvenile justice settings in developing the skills and resources needed to live independently. All programming and assistance should be youth driven and help the youth with maintaining and continuing supportive relationships during and after they leave care.</p> <p>Basic living skills redevelopment – are goal-directed activities designed for each resident to restore, retain, and improve those basic skills necessary to independently function in a community. Alcohol and other drug abuse treatment programs - must be provided to youth who have been identified as having emotional or behavioral problems related to substance abuse/chemical dependency.</p> <p>Social skills redevelopment – are activities designed for each resident to restore, retain and improve the self-help, communication, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in a community-based settings.</p>	<p>Assist residents with the following</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Career or Education Plan 2.Obtain full- or part-time employment 3.Assist youth with obtaining a Driver’s License 4.If needed, assist youth with providers who can help them obtain the redevelopment of basic living and social skills. 5.Assistance with obtaining transportation. 6.Assist youth with obtaining and creating relationships with a medical and/or dental health provider. 7.Money Management and obtaining a banking account. <p><u>Tier A</u> Residents will be staff supervised at a minimum 10 hours a day.</p> <p><u>Tier B</u> Residents are not staff supervised but case management supported.</p>	<p>Tier A \$218.57 per bed per day</p> <p>Tier B \$140.12 per bed per day</p>
<p>R&S Approved Date:</p>	<p>OMES Approved Date:</p>	<p>BOJA Approved Date:</p>	<p>Effective Date:</p>



OJA

Finance Report

FY2026 - Budget Status

Item	Total	Federal	ARPA	State	Appropriations
Budget	162,535,290	21,578,121	18,232,144	15,301,240	107,423,785
Year to date Expenditures	76,357,597	4,177,635	8,432,750	4,603,483	59,143,729
Estimated Obligations	81,019,185	15,718,527	9,779,182	8,175,745	47,345,731
Less: Projected Expenditures	157,376,782	19,896,162	18,211,933	12,779,228	106,489,460
Available Budget	5,158,508	1,681,959	20,212	2,522,012	934,325
Budget Spend %	97%	92%	100%	84%	99%

FY2026 Budget to Actual Projection by Expense Category

Expense Category	Total Budget	Expense YTP	Estimated Obligations	Projected Budget Balance
Administrative	6,593,747	2,094,149	2,532,223	1,967,375
Assistance	73,787,134	35,318,710	38,132,618	335,806
ARPA Assistance	18,110,968	8,392,432	9,718,536	0
Debt Service	2,659,864	1,758,332	901,531	0
Building Construction/Renovations	10,486,471	77,321	10,500,000	(90,851)
Equipment & Furniture	1,282,590	494,181	432,701	355,708
Others	-	-	-	-
Payroll	44,568,059	26,185,995	15,476,358	2,905,706
Professional Services	4,654,616	1,929,165	3,168,979	(443,528)
Travel	391,841	107,312	156,239	128,291
Grand Total	162,535,290	76,357,597	81,019,185	5,158,508

FY2026 Budget to Actual Projection by Division

Description	TOTAL				FEDERAL		STATE	
	Total Budget	Expense YTD	Estimated Obligations	Projected Budget Balance	Federal Budget	Projected Budget Balance	State Budget	Projected Budget Balance
JJDP	2,643,965	1,203,902	1,042,432	397,631	2,492,821	382,013	151,144	15,618
Administration	5,129,168	2,831,337	1,850,073	447,758	485,219	109,251	4,643,949	338,507
Residential	23,277,667	11,825,968	9,578,976	1,872,723	1,252,432	442,834	22,025,235	1,429,889
JSU/(Community Services	62,081,504	31,721,299	29,755,017	605,188	5,612,011	66,124	56,469,493	539,064
CBYS	32,072,291	16,121,760	15,670,662	279,869	-	-	32,072,291	279,869
Santa Claus	6,000	890	3,070	2,040	-	-	6,000	2,040
IT	4,750,035	1,886,527	1,915,905	947,604	404,761	219,263	4,345,274	728,341
Capital Projects	14,468,811	2,378,264	11,484,851	605,696	11,457,173	482,686	3,011,639	123,010
ARPA	18,105,849	8,387,650	9,718,199	-	18,105,849	-	-	-
	162,535,290	76,357,597	81,019,185	5,158,508	39,810,265	1,702,171	122,725,025	3,456,337

Overtime Summary (12 months)

State Fiscal Year	Accounting Month	# of Payrolls	Administration		Residential Services		JSU/Community Services		Grand Total	
			Overtime Paid	Overtime Hours	Overtime Paid	Overtime Hours	Overtime Paid	Overtime Hours	Overtime Paid	Overtime Hours
2025	Mar-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 62,504	1,797	\$ 222	11	\$ 62,725	1,808
2025	Apr-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 55,389	1,731	\$ 5	0	\$ 55,394	1,731
2025	May-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 52,605	1,743	\$ 508	22	\$ 53,113	1,765
2025	Jun-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 45,398	1,499	\$ 135	6	\$ 45,533	1,505
2026	Jul-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 45,329	1,500	\$ 233	12	\$ 45,561	1,512
2026	Aug-25	3	\$ -	-	\$ 80,822	2,644	\$ 127	6	\$ 80,949	2,649
2026	Sep-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 50,813	1,672	\$ 73	3	\$ 50,886	1,675
2026	Oct-25	2	\$ 0	0	\$ 58,633	1,886	\$ 55	3	\$ 58,689	1,888
2026	Nov-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 62,585	1,977	\$ -	-	\$ 62,585	1,977
2026	Dec-25	2	\$ -	-	\$ 58,077	1,159	\$ 24	1	\$ 58,100	1,160
2026	Jan-26	3	\$ -	-	\$ 81,931	2,764	\$ 9	0	\$ 81,940	2,765
2026	Feb-26	2	\$ -	-	\$ 44,177	1,343	\$ 39	2	\$ 44,216	1,345
Grant Total		24	\$ 0	0	\$ 654,084	20,372	\$ 1,392	64	\$ 655,476	20,436

Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

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FY-2026 200 Revolving Funds

Fund	Name	Budget	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenue YTD	Expenditures YTD	Ending Cash Balance
200	Revolving Fund - The revolving fund consist of all monies received, pursuant to statutory authority, but not including appropriated funds. The revolving funds shall be continuing funds, not subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the control and management of the administrative authorities of the board. Majority of revenue is reimbursement for state funded grant projects.	10,443,645	8,095,391	3,942,228	3,030,148	9,007,471
205	Parental Responsibility - OJA shall enforce the legal duty of parents to provide for their child even though that child has been adjudged a ward of the court pursuant to the Juvenile Code. Title 10A O.S., § 2-2-703 authorizes the Office of Juvenile Affairs to obtain from a juvenile's parent reimbursement for costs and expenses for care and maintenance incurred by OJA in providing services for the juvenile. Information regarding parental financial accountability must be provided by the JSU worker to the court.	592,702	868,297	67,832	140,021	796,108
210	Santa Claus Commission - The Santa Claus Commission shall have authority to provide or purchase a Christmas present for every child who is in the custody of the state residing in a child care institution of the Department of Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs, a licensed child care institution or a group home or foster home, supported in whole or in part by the state, as defined by the Department of Human Services or the Office of Juvenile Affairs, who would not otherwise receive a present.	6,000	3,671	3,051	890	5,831

Trust Funds 700 (Agency Special Account)

Fund	Name	Budget	Beginning Cash Balance	Revenue YTD	Expenditures YTD	Ending Cash Balance
701	Trust Fund - Established to account for all the funds a juvenile received or expended while in OJA Custody	175,000	22,050	54,551	66,254	10,347
702	Canteen Fund - Established to account for all the funds at canteens located at COJC. Proceeds from the canteen are used for the benefit of the juvenile.	30,000	9,248	8,337	8,017	9,568
703	Donations - Established to account for all Donated funds received/expended. These funds are used for the benefit of the juvenile	-	1,325	-	-	1,325
704	Restitution - Established to account for all funds received from OJA's Victim Restitution Program	15,000	4,403	30,000	9,424	24,979

FY-2026 Revolving Funds Revenue Projection

As of 02/28/2026

Receivable Source	FY-26 Budget	Budget to Date	Receipts	In-Transit	Over (Under) Budget
SSI and SSA \ DRS	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,656		\$ (4,344)
Income from Rent	9,201	6,134	\$ 3,450		(2,684)
Charter School State Aid/Grants	700,000	466,667	\$ 305,327		(161,339)
School Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks Program	57,213	38,142	\$ 94,543	10,674	67,075
Sales	20,000	13,333	\$ 138,292		124,958
Child Support	90,000	60,000	\$ 67,832		7,832
Other Receipts	5,000	3,333	77,886		74,553
Total Revolving Funds	\$ 956,414	\$ 637,609	\$ 732,986	\$ 10,674	\$ 106,051

Reimbursements and Refunds	FY-26 Budget	YTD Expenses	Receipts	Outstanding Reimbursements	Variance to YTD Expenses
DHS Reimbursements, OMMA/OSDH Rehabilitation Drug and Alcohol Services, Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ 4,227,002	\$ 2,220,273	\$ 1,981,756	\$ 238,517	\$ -
Total Revolving Funds Revenue	\$ 5,183,416	\$ 2,857,882	\$ 2,714,741	\$ 249,191	\$ 106,051

FY-2026 Federal Funds Revenue Projections

As of 02/28/2026

Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	Projected Annual Revenue	Budget to Date	Actual Revenue	In-Transit	Receipts Variance to Budget
FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements from Other State Agencies					
Residential Behavior Management Services (RBMS)	\$ 6,000,000	4,000,000	3,553,473	221,056	\$ (225,471)
Targeted Case Management (TCM)	1,700,000	1,133,333	1,331,999	18,266	\$ 216,932
IV-E Shelter	100,000	66,667	\$0.00		\$ (66,667)
Indirect Cost Reimbursement (OHCA)	50,000	33,333	\$13,282	46,678	\$ 26,626
Total FF Fixed Rates Reimbursements From Other State Agencies	\$ 7,850,000	\$ 5,233,333	\$ 4,898,754	\$ 285,999	\$ (48,580)
FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	FY-26 Budget	Expenditures Reports	Receipts/Balance	Outstanding Reimbursements	Receipts Variance to YTD Expenses
Direct Federal Grant, OJJDP Formula	\$ 2,092,821	\$ 1,326,807	\$ 1,116,886	\$ 209,921	\$ -
DAC-RSAT	225,000	170,070	\$ 97,679	72,390	-
Arnall Award (FFT)	558,371	194,962	\$ 252,028	-	57,066
State Recovery Fund (ARPA)	13,573,815	10,956,036	\$ 13,142,451	-	2,186,415
Total FF Cost Reimbursements from OJJDP/Other State Agencies	\$ 16,450,007	\$ 12,647,875	\$ 14,609,045	\$ 282,311	\$ 2,243,481
Total Federal Fund (FF) Program Fund	\$ 24,300,007	\$ 17,881,208	\$ 19,507,799	\$ 568,311	\$ 2,194,901

Emergency Purchases

As of 02/28/2026

EMR#	Date	Vendor	Description	Location	Amount
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Sole Source Purchases

As of 02/28/2026

SS#	Date	Vendor	Description	Amount



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School (OYACS)

School Board Meeting

January 15, 2026

Finance Report



OYACS Combined Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balances for School Year 2025-2026 as of February 28, 2026	OJA GENERAL & REVOLVING FUNDS		FUND 25000	TOTALS EFFECTIVE 02/28/2026	TOTAL OYACS-COJC FY26
REVENUES					
State Aid - Foundation/Salary Incentive (000)			31,343.27	31,343.27	31,343.27
State Aid - Driver Education (317)			-	-	-
State Aid - Redbud School Funding Act (318)			-	-	-
State Aid - Textbooks/Ace Technology (333)			1,348.98	1,348.98	1,348.98
SRO/School Security (376)			93,041.47	93,041.47	93,041.47
CNP - State Matching (385)			-	-	-
State Aid - Alternative Ed Grant (388)			-	-	-
Title IA - Basic Programs (511)			48,466.41	48,466.41	48,466.41
Title IA - School Support (515)			-	-	-
Title ID - Agency Neg/Del/At Risk Youth (531) - 55A310			88,329.50	88,329.50	88,329.50
Title IIA - Staff Training/Recruiting (541)			6,409.56	6,409.56	6,409.56
Title IVA - Student Support/Academic Enrichment (552)			10,129.52	10,129.52	10,129.52
Title VB - RLIS - Rural/Low Income (587)			1,834.32	1,834.32	1,834.32
IDEA-B - Flow Through (621)			24,424.13	24,424.13	24,424.13
IDEA-B - ARP IDEA-B - Flow Through (628)			-	-	-
CNP - CCC Supply Chain Assistance (759)			-	-	-
CNP - Lunches/Snacks (763)			63,338.92	63,338.92	63,338.92
CNP - Breakfast (764)			31,204.36	31,204.36	31,204.36
ARP ESSER III (795)			-	-	-
Refunds (TRS)			-	-	-
Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs			594,331.00	594,331.00	594,331.00
TOTAL REVENUES FY25			\$ 594,331.00	\$ 399,870.44	\$ 994,201.44
EXPENDITURES					
Equipment and Library Resources			-	-	-
Operational Expenses			55,002.18	75,231.08	130,233.26
Payroll Expenses			533,084.76	376,266.55	909,351.31
Professional Services			2,910.00	347.00	3,257.00
Training and Travel			3,334.06	-	3,334.06
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FY25			\$ 594,331.00	\$ 451,844.63	\$ 1,046,175.63
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			-	(51,974.19)	(51,974.19)
Fund Balances 2024 - 2025 School Year (End Bal - Prior Yr)			-	289,457.36	289,457.36
Fund Balances 2025 - 2026 School Year			\$ -	\$ 237,483.17	\$ 237,483.17

Proposed 2025-26 Encumbrances



OKLAHOMA YOUTH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS OF THE 2025-2026 ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance#	Description	Vendor	Amount

Proposed 2026-27 School Calendar



Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School - 2026/2027 Calendar



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