Building Healthy Communities and Preventing Child Maltreatment: A Shared Responsibility
**Zoom Orientation**

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Welcome & Overview

Purpose & Results

Agenda

Strong Families

Promising Futures

PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY & WELL-BEING
Welcome

Justin Brown
Secretary of Human Services and Early Childhood Initiatives
The ‘True North’ is intended to be the compass and the guiderails to provide:

1) **Motivation** to the team to achieve our goals,
2) **Empowerment** to our workforce to know the direction that we are heading and to see the guardrails to make sure that we are heading there together,
3) **Direction** and guidance in making decisions and setting time **resource and budget priorities**, and
4) **Transparency** in communicating the goals of our agency to our stakeholders to allow for feedback and collaboration to reach the goals of the agency with our partners.

*True North* is intentionally broad enough to allow divisions to be truly innovative in how they serve. Beyond the aspirational focus provided by True North, the agency has identified a small number of critical metrics that drive value for each True North goal. These metrics will allow the agency to evaluate opportunities to measure progress on each True North value, and provide evidence of progress towards becoming a Top 10 agency.

‘Every discussion we have, every decision we make, and every priority we set should be tied measurably to our True North goals.’
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TRUE NORTH

E1 – Become a 'Hope Centered Organization,' recognizing the trauma that we all bring, and building hope and resiliency in ourselves, our customers and our communities.

E2 – Remove systematic barriers that keep our families from being successful by meeting our customers where they are to provide needed resources in a more effective manner;

E3 – Become an 'Elite Employer,' by improving work/life balance, cultivating talent, improving retention rates, providing for the health and mental health needs of our team, and receiving formal outside recognition as a Best Place to Work;

E4 – Become the model of efficiency, effectiveness and transparency, serving our community free from fraud, waste or abuse;

Our focus is to 'Promote the Safety, Independence and Wellbeing of Oklahomans.'
• Executive Leadership TRUE NORTH

E5 – Innovation – Become a national thought leader and program innovator, embracing new ideas from internal and external sources;

E6 – Introducing ourOKDHS to the public and to our partners in the community through strategic engagement, effectively communicating our desire for deeper relationships and collaborative efforts;

E7 – Build a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion, evaluating our current systems and building new systems that embrace one another as equals.

E8 – Move the agency to a space of prevention, going ‘upstream’ to build a system that supports families with services and resources before they are in crisis;

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One-Year Progress Report

ELTN 1 - Become the a ‘Hope Centered Organization,’ recognizing the trauma that we all bring, and building hope and resiliency in ourselves, our customers and our communities

- Formally contracted with Dr. Chan Hellman, a leading researcher in ‘the Science of Hope’ to dig deep into our programs to identify areas in which we build hope and areas in which we an build more hope in those we serve.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive Hope education platform for OKDHS;
- Measured individual and collective hope for the first time as an agency;
- Working to develop a ‘Hope Summit’ alongside the First Lady, to position the State of Oklahoma as a Hope Centered State, educating the nation on the Science of Hope;
- Utilizing HOPE Language across the agency through continued training and development, allowing the team to understand goal setting, pathways & willpower;

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One-Year Progress Report

ELTN 2 – Removing systematic barriers that keep our customers from being successful by meeting our customers where they are to provide needed resources in a more effective way.

- Launching the ‘Service First’ model, utilizing the True North platform to prioritize services to our customer and our workforce;
- Dramatically expanded the ‘embedded worker’ program, deploying our workforce into the community to meet our customers where they are;
- Begun a deep conversation with other state agencies to discuss co-locating and collaborating to serve our customers together;
- Dramatically expanding school based social services as a platform to engage with our customers where they are;
- Began embedding social work teams in the first OKCPD precinct;
- Developing the concept of interagency multidisciplinary teams to solve problems for families together;
- Built the Community Hope Center model, deepening our direct relationship with communities in need;

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ELTN 6 – Introducing our OKDHS to the public and to our partners in the community through strategic engagement, effectively communicating our desire for deeper relationships and collaborative efforts.

- Building a full-scale Strategic Engagement platform, developing deep relationships with legislators, non-profits & foundations, tribal and other community partners;
- Restructured communications team to tell the true story of OKDHS to the community;
- Building deep partnerships with other state agencies (OHCA, ODMH, OSDE, OSDH, OMES, ODPS);
- Rebuilding the entire internal communications strategy and toolkit;
- Developing a customer engagement strategy to get insight from our customers when building large scale systems;

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ELTN 7 – Build a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion, evaluating our current systems and building new systems that embrace on another as equals.

- Formally engaged with Stronger Together as a leader in organizational equity to identify bias and build strategies to address systemic discrimination;
- Developed workforce listening sessions with ‘The People’s Work’ to inform the future of our ‘Internal Council on Equity’
- Launched the Council of Voices to engage the voices of under-represented communities;
- Defining an ‘equitable organization’ providing resources to our partners to understanding how to evaluate & address systemic bias;

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ELTN 8 – Move the agency to a space of prevention, going ‘upstream’ to build a system that supports families with services and resources before they are in crisis:

- Developing a ‘Poverty Plan’ to address Social Poverty, Resource Poverty & Economic Poverty to provide the resources that a community needs to be successful in times of stress;
- Building a culture of prevention, prioritizing developing custom supports over pre-formed interventions to solve specific problems and to promote stronger families and resilient communities.

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State Plan Surveys
Community Survey
Preliminary Results

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Program Evaluator, Family Support & Prevention Services

https://go.usa.gov/xG6nj
State Plan Community Survey

- Began survey sharing 7/31/2020
- Ended survey sharing 9/11/2020
- 1902 replies
- 1230 viable surveys
Demographics

Age of Survey Respondents:
- 30s, 31.3%
- 40s, 24.8%
- 50s, 20.0%
- 60s, 9.4%
- 70s, 2.4%
- 20s, 11.7%
- Unspecified, 1.8%

Ages of Respondents’ Children:
- < 1 year
- 1 - 2 years
- 3 - 5 years
- 6 - 13 years
- 14 - 18 years
- > 18 years
## Services and Programs Used by Parents

Please indicate if you are aware or have used the following:

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How would you describe your experience accessing the following services for you or your child?

Responding Easy or Very Easy

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<td>Prenatal Health Care</td>
<td>84.9%</td>
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<td>Services that are appropriate for your culture and language</td>
<td>79.3%</td>
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Services and Programs Used by Parents

How would you describe your experience accessing the following services for you or your child?

Responding Difficult or Very Difficult

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## Services and Programs Used by Parents

I know where to get help if...

Responding Agree or Strongly Agree

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<th>I wanted to know more about my child’s development</th>
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<td>Agree</td>
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I know where to get help if...

Responding Disagree or Strongly Disagree

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<th>I wanted home-based services for my family</th>
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<td>Agree 41.3%</td>
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<td>Disagree 58.7%</td>
<td>Disagree 56.4%</td>
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Awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect

- Have you ever reported child abuse/neglect?
  - Yes – 47.9%

- Are you familiar with the laws in Oklahoma for reporting child abuse and neglect?
  - Yes – 71.4%

- Are you currently concerned that a child you know is being abused/neglected?
  - Yes – 11.8%
COVID-19 Pandemic

Compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic, during social distancing, was there more positive TOGETHERNESS in your household because of...

Responding: More than before

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Compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic, during social distancing, were there more CONFLICTS in your household about...

Responding: More than before

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Questions

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State Plan Surveys
Stakeholder Survey
Preliminary Results

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State Plan Stakeholder Survey

- Survey launched: 7/31/2020
- Survey closed: 9/11/2020
- Duration: 4 to 5 weeks
- 34 questions in the survey
Stakeholders survey outreach: 386 Professionals across Oklahoma.

Professionals who chose not to respond to the survey after accessing the survey using the link: 62 (16 %)

Professionals who entered their responses to the survey questions: 324 (84 %)

Among those who completed:
245 (76 %) completed entire survey
79 (24 %) completed partial survey.
Use of Home-Based Services (SoonerStart, ParentPro programs: Children First [C1], Parents as Teachers, Safe Care, etc.)

- I have not heard of this: 11 (3%)
- I know of it, but have not referred clients to this: 75 (24%)
- I have referred clients to this: 228 (73%)
Use of Child Care Resources Programs
(DHS child care licensing, local resource and referral agencies, etc.)

- I have not heard of this: 12 (4%)
- I know of it, but have not referred clients to this: 87 (28%)
- I have referred clients to this: 211 (68%)
Barriers to Client’s use of available service and resources

- Waiting list: 19%
- Location: 20%
- Language or cultural incompatibility with Provider: 30%
- Work schedule: 51%
- Lack of providers in community: 41%
- Transportation: 44%
- Don’t know what’s available: 77%
- Cost: 19%
Child Abuse

Concerns of a child (client) being abused
- Yes: 20 (8%)
- No: 216 (92%)

Ever reported child abuse
- Yes: 192 (81%)
- No: 45 (19%)
### Challenges of Virtual Visits (used by 77% providers)

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Conflicts among families served: Before VS During COVID

- Alcohol, tobacco, or drug use:
  - More than before: 62%
  - Same as before: 32%
  - Less than before: 6%

- Finances:
  - More than before: 77%
  - Same as before: 7%
  - Less than before: 16%

- Work or employment:
  - More than before: 68%
  - Same as before: 16%
  - Less than before: 16%

- Children's schoolwork:
  - More than before: 79%
  - Same as before: 13%
  - Less than before: 8%

- Parenting or child care:
  - More than before: 71%
  - Same as before: 18%
  - Less than before: 11%
Togetherness among families served: Before VS During COVID

- **Showing affection**: 43% More than before, 47% Same as before, 10% Less than before.
- **Helping each other**: 61% More than before, 27% Same as before, 12% Less than before.
- **Solving problems together**: 58% More than before, 27% Same as before, 15% Less than before.
- **Involved in the children's education**: 71% More than before, 15% Same as before, 14% Less than before.
- **Spending leisure time together**: 62% More than before, 15% Same as before, 23% Less than before.
Any Questions or Comments?

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Family Resource Centers

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The National Family Support Network defines a family support and strengthening network as two or more Family Strengthening organizations, including Family Resource Centers.

Ensure coordinated quality support for families.

Serve as the backbone entity to leverage and coordinate the collective impact of their members.

Create opportunities for service providers to meet formally and informally, exchange information, make connections, develop relationships, build capacity, develop joint projects, and address systems challenges.
The Family Support and Strengthening Network’s Most Common Functions

- Increase connectedness, coordination, cooperation, and collaboration amongst members
- Provide training and technical assistance
- Work on advocacy, policy, and legislation
- Provide and maintain a shared data tracking system
OFSN / Hope Centers Timeline

October 2017
OSDH began communication with the NFSN

May 2018
OSDH established as the Oklahoma Family Support Network

May 2018
First Standards Training held in Oklahoma

June 2018
First members of the Standards Training of Trainers trained

July 2019
Regular Standards Trainings established in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties

December 2019
Community Interest Survey conducted by OSDH

January 2020
Beginning of FRC collaboration between OSDH and OKDHS

August 2020
Establishment of the Hope Community Centers

September 2020
Release of the Hope Centers RFP

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National Family Support Network

NFSN Mission
To promote positive outcomes for all children, families, and communities by leveraging the collective impact of state networks and championing quality family support and strengthening practices and policies.

NFSN Vision
A nation in which every family is thriving and every state has a strong and effective Family Support and Strengthening Network.
NFSN Frameworks

The Strengthening Families Framework and Approach

- Parental Resilience
- Social Connections
- Concrete Supports in Times of Need
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Social and Emotional Competence of Children

The Principles of Family Support Practice

- Developed by Family Support America in 1996
- Continue to guide the family support and strengthening field today
- Incorporated into the nationally-adopted Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and support
Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support

Focus on 5 core areas of practice:
- Family Centeredness
- Family Strengthening
- Embracing Diversity
- Community Building
- Evaluation

Creates a common language and expectations across different kinds of Family Strengthening and Family Support programs, such as Family Resource Centers, home visiting programs, and child development programs.

Designed to be used by all stakeholders – public departments, foundations, community based organizations, and families – as a tool for planning, providing, and assessing quality practice.
The Vision of Hope

Family Resource Center Model

Family Resource Centers offer **upstream** preventions

Science of Hope

- **WILLPOWER**: Mental strategies to achieve goals
- **WAYPOWER**: Ability to develop pathways

**DESIRED GOAL**

Nurture, enhance, and model hope through every interaction and program

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**Model**

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- **Yes**
- **No**
- **Maybe, depending on program**

**2 Minute in Pairs**

**PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY & WELL-BEING**
Contact Information

Any Questions or Comments?

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Child Welfare Services True North Goals

- Equip and empower families to provide a safe home for their children
- If children enter foster care, understand and meet their specific needs. This includes their need for safety, connections with family, community and culture, and addressing health, behavioral health, developmental, and educational needs.
- Aggressively pursue the belief that every child and youth deserves a family and the supports they need to grow and develop into healthy adults
# Promote Strong Oklahoma Families Together

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<td>Equip and empower families to provide a safe home for their children. Decrease the number of unnecessary family disruptions by increasing prevention efforts in order to strengthen families, prevent child maltreatment, and keep children safely in their own homes.</td>
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<td>Non-Family-Based Placements</td>
<td>The belief that every child and youth deserves a family and the supports they need to grow and develop; when a non-family-based placement is needed, ensure children are placed in the least restrictive, highest-quality setting appropriate to their individual needs.</td>
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<td>Evidence-Based Programs</td>
<td>Advance the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based, trauma-informed programs that appropriately and effectively improve child safety, ensure permanency, and promote child and family well-being.</td>
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<td>Resources &amp; Financial Accountability</td>
<td>Build capacity and leverage resources to provide effective services to prevent foster care placement while ensuring financial accountability.</td>
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Child Welfare Services

- Abuse and Neglect Hotline – 77,000 calls
- 38,000 investigations each year, 23% substantiated
- 52% of ongoing cases are prevention (Family Centered Services)
- 7,740 children in DHS custody, 4,300 enter/exit each year
  - 43% reunify
  - 49% adoption/guardianship
- 159 youth age out
Types of Maltreatment

- **Neglect**: 21,324 (86.62%)
- **Abuse**: 2,295 (9.32%)
- **Sexual Abuse**: 999 (4.06%)

Data Collected On Jul 1, 2020 from 1:00 am to 1:09 am
Filters Applied: CWS
Maltreatment: Substantiated Neglect

- Threat of Harm: 10,213 (47.89%)
- Exposure to Domestic Violence: 5,241 (24.58%)
- Failure to Protect: 2,771 (12.99%)
Reasons Children Enter Foster Care

- Neglect: 56%
- Parent Substance Abuse: 56%
- Inadequate Housing: 13%

Chart showing the reasons children enter foster care from 2013 to 2018.
Oklahoma’s Child Welfare System

Total Children Served in Out-of-Home Care
By Age Groups - Apr. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020

- 0-1 Years: 15.53%
- 2-5 Years: 31.49%
- 6-12 Years: 32.21%
- 13+ Years: 20.77%

Data Source: KIDS Data
Pinnacle Context Data

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Oklahoma’s Child Welfare System

Total Children Served in Out-of-Home Care
By Race - Apr. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020

- White: 47.78%
- African American: 8.46%
- Multi-Race: 9.42%
- Native American: 34.20%

Asian and Pacific Islander were omitted as they total <0.2% of the population. Hispanic is not included in primary races as it is an ethnicity. 18.36% of the children identified an ethnicity of Hispanic.

Data Source: KIDS Data
Pinnacle Context Data
Oklahoma’s Child Welfare System

Placement Days of Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Type - Apr. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020

- CW Foster Family Care: 20.7%
- CW Supported Homes: 17.1%
- Kinship Relative Care: 34.8%
- Kinship Non-Relative Care: 6.9%
- Therapeutic Foster Care: 0.8%
- Other Foster Family Care: 12.3%
- Congregate Care: 1.7%
- Other Placements: 5.8%

Data Source: KIDS Data Placement Days by Resource Type
Pinnacle Plan – The Experience of Foster Care

- Adequate number and type of family placements
  - Foster Care
  - Specialty foster homes including those that can meet behavioral and developmental needs
  - Reducing shelter and group care, especially for those 12 and under
- Placement stability
- Timely permanency
- Maltreatment in Care
- Adequate workforce support/workloads
Oklahoma’s Child Welfare System

Figure 1: Number of Children in DHS Custody at the End of SFY - 2004 to 2020

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Measure 5.3: Shelter Use: Children Age 6 - 12 Years

Data Source: KIDS Data Measure 5
Oklahoma’s Child Welfare System

Measure 6.5: Rate of Adoption for Legally-Free Children

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Target: 75.0%

Data Source: AFCARS, Timeliness of Adoption within 12 Months of TPR
Oklahoma’s Child Welfare System

Measure 6.4: Permanency for Legally-Free Teens


- 30.4%
- 25.9%
- 26.9%
- 25.0%
- 25.3%
- 26.2%
- 27.6%
- 28.5%
- 31.1%
- 43.4%
- 51.9%
- 52.5%
- 52.5%
- 52.8%
- 55.1%

Target 80.0%

Data Source: KIDS Data Measure 6.4
Current Focus Areas

- Building a “Continuum of Care” for kids in foster care
  - Broad placement and service options
  - Needs assessment early to better understand individual needs
  - Ongoing monitoring of progress
  - Eye toward kin and permanency

- Needs Analysis
  - Foster homes that can care for children with behavioral health needs
  - Foster homes that can care for children with developmental needs
  - Specialized group home care
  - Transitional living options?
Family First Prevention Services Act

The Family First Prevention Services Act was passed and signed into law (P.L. 115-123) as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018.

Investing in Families: Foster Care Prevention

- Prevent additional entries into foster care
- Elevate the availability and quality of prevention services for families whose children are at risk of entering foster care
- Encourage and support kinship care
Improving the Quality of Foster Care

- Decrease the use of unnecessary congregate care and improve the quality of care for children for whom congregate care is appropriate.
- For those children who cannot remain safely at home, there are new federal policies to ensure appropriate foster care placements.
# Family First Prevention Services Act

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| Provides an opportunity to finance specific services for:  
• Children who are at imminent risk of placement in foster care and their caregivers  
• Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care  
• Children at risk of experiencing a disrupted adoptions or guardianship                                                                 | The answer to broad prevention reform                                                                |
| A financing opportunity to support child welfare in prevention those at imminent risk from entering foster care                                                                                             | A financing stream for prevention of child abuse and neglect                                           |
| Family First can be leveraged to build and enhance broader prevention strategies                                                                                                                       | A financing stream for primary prevention                                                             |
Eligibility for and Access to IV-E Prevention Services

Candidate for Foster Care:

- A child with a parent/kin caregiver who is at risk of imminent placement in foster care, but can be safe at home with prevention services; Oklahoma has to determine who is at risk of imminent placement.

- A child who exited foster care to adoption or legal guardianship, or who was reunified with his or her parents at risk of re-entering foster care can get services along with the parents or guardians.

- Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care.
Families can have Access to these Services

**Substance abuse** prevention and treatment for children and parents

**Mental Health** services for children and parents

**Intensive parent skill-building** programs
- a) Parent Skills
- b) Parent Education
- c) Individual and family counseling
Criteria for Evidence Based Programs

**Promising**
- The practice is superior to a comparison practice
- Results based on at least 1 study carried out in a usual care or practice setting
- At least one study must find effects at the six-month follow up

**Supported**
- Results based on at least 2 studies carried out in a usual care or practice setting
- Sustained effects for at least 6 months beyond the end of treatment

**Well – Supported**
- Sustained effects for at least 12 months beyond the end of treatment
Welcome

The Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse was established by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct an objective and transparent review of research on programs and services intended to provide enhanced support to children and families and prevent foster care placements.

The Prevention Services Clearinghouse, developed in accordance with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) as codified in Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, rates programs and services as well-supported, supported, promising, or does not currently meet criteria.

Search the newly released programs and services rated as well-supported, supported, promising, or does not currently meet criteria. Healthy Families America, Methadone Maintenance Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing are still under review and ratings will be released soon. Stay tuned!
A Child and Family Well-Being System of Care

- **Rebuilding Safety & Well-being**: Strategies that intervene when children have entered the child welfare system.

- **Restoring Safety & Well-being**: Strategies to address the needs of families who are experiencing adversities and focus on re-stabilizing families.

- **Building & Preserving Well-being**: Strategies to keep all families strong and stable in their homes and within the community.
PROMOTE HEALTH, SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Universal resources and services that are available to all families in the community.

Resources and services available to many families in the community, some of which are tied to income while others are not.

Specific resources and services that are available to families with low-income in order to help meet their basic needs.

Targeted services to meet the additional needs of some families with children including mitigating risk factors associated with abuse and neglect.

Specific services to meet the needs of families involved with child welfare where children are candidates for and at risk of placement in foster care.

Resources and services available to all families in the community.

Financing Streams that Support Prevention for Children and Families

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Any Questions or Comments?
The Oklahoma State Department of Health and Oklahoma’s Child Welfare Team will continue to work together on promoting health, safety, and well-being of children, youth, and their families through the prevention continuum aimed to increase protective factors and strengthen families.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with you!

SAVE THE DATE:

- Friday, April 2, 2021 (Time & Format TBD)
- Thursday, October 14, 2021 (Time & Format TBD)

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