

# Be a SUPERhero for CHILDren!



## SUPERHERO TO DO LIST

- \* Attend CAP Day at the Capitol and Mini Conference.
- \* Build Blue Ribbon Tree.
- \* Plan child abuse awareness activities.
- \* Be a Superhero!

Child Abuse Prevention  
Day at the Capitol Packet  
April 8, 2014



***Tuesday***

**APRIL 8<sup>th</sup>**



**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse Prevention  
- CAP Day at the Capitol -**

**&**

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual CAP Day  
Mini Conference**

**(The Samis Education Center)**

**BE A SUPERHERO  
for Oklahoma's Children!**

Visit these CAP Day links to help prepare you for CAP Month and CAP Day!

**Mini Conference Program (Conference is Full)**

<http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Be%20a%20SuperHero%20CAP%20Day%20Mini%20Conference%20Program.pdf>

**2014 Prevention Resource Guides**

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

**Oklahoma's Superhero Toolkit**

<http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/2014%20CAP%20MONTH%20TOOLKIT.pdf>

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# 2014 CAP DAY PACKET

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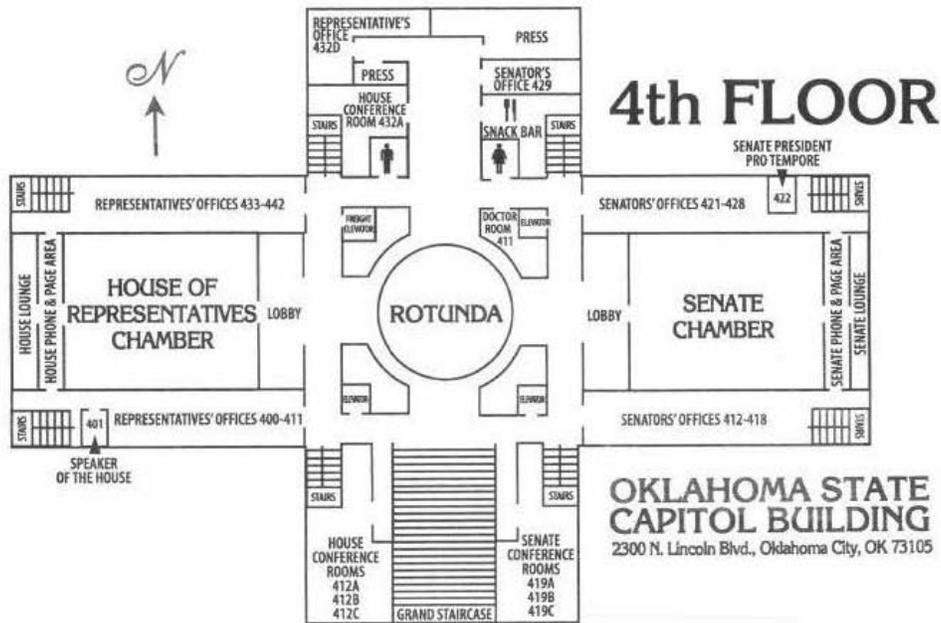
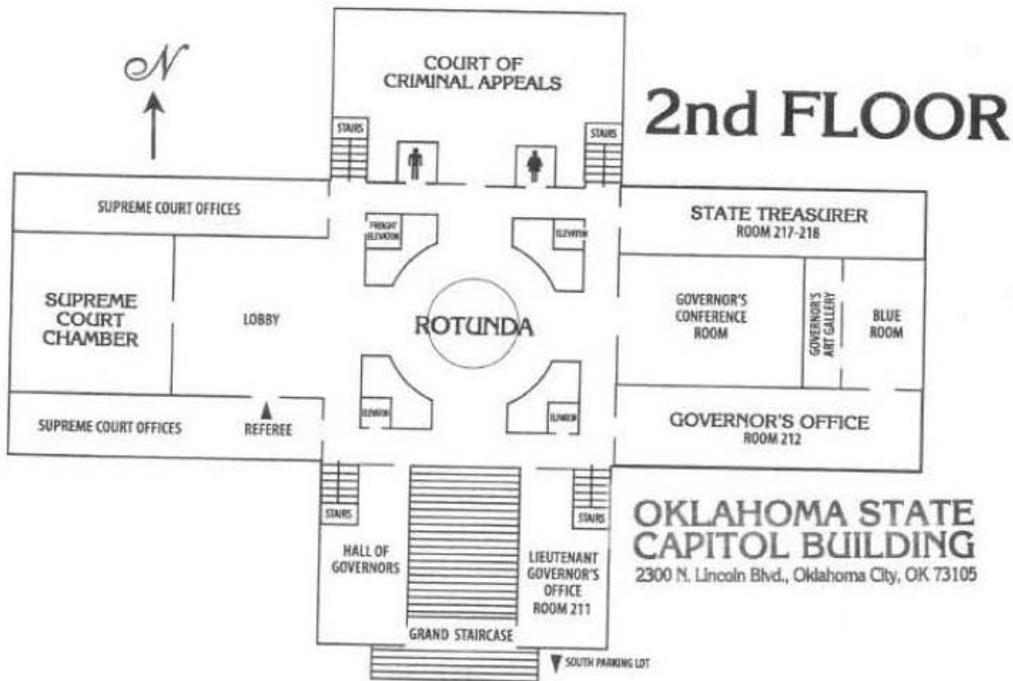
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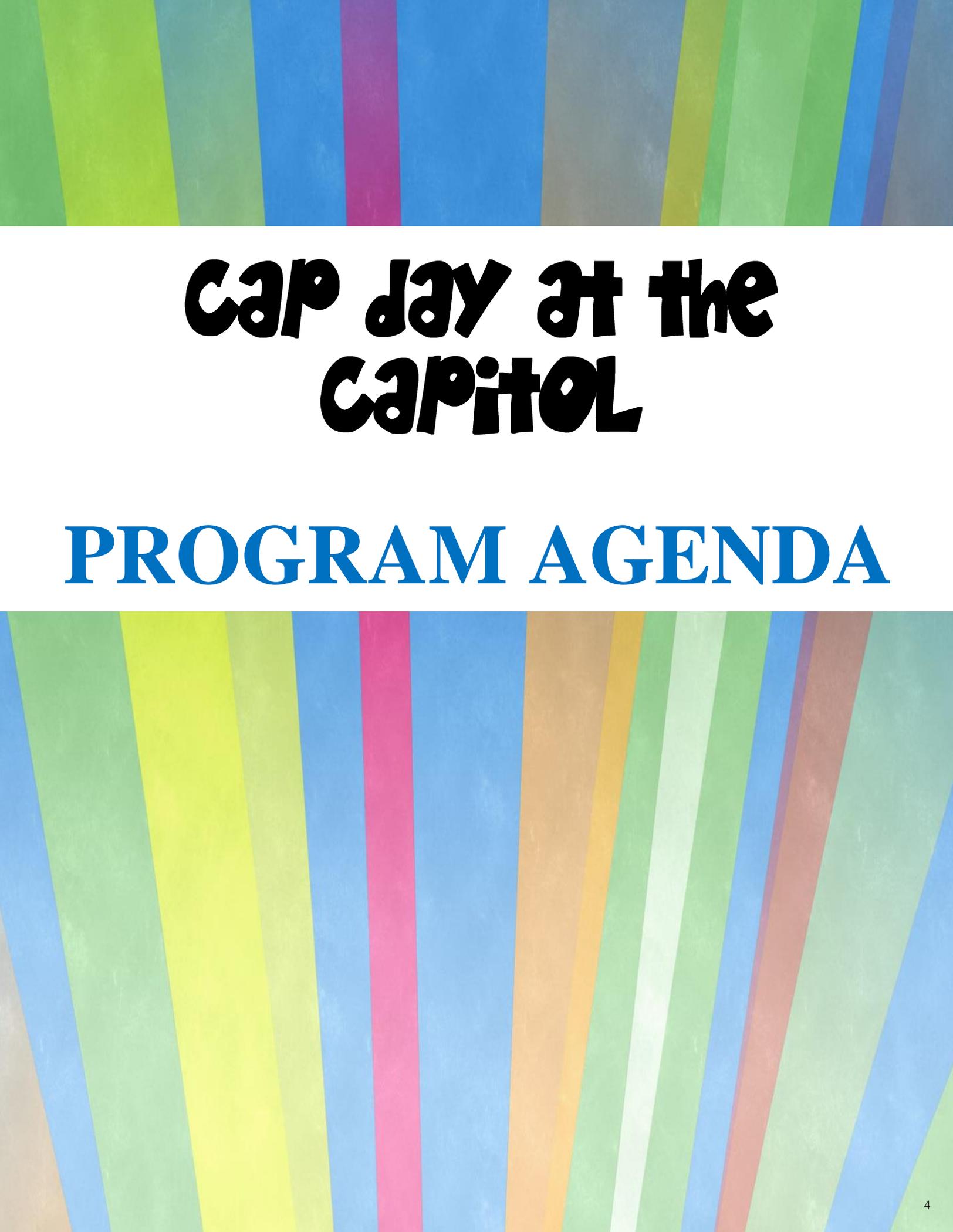
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# Capitol Complex - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Maps



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# **Cap Day at the Capitol**

## **PROGRAM AGENDA**

# Special Thanks

All of the participants and agency representatives of the 2014 Child Abuse Prevention CAP ACTION Committee - A BIG THANK YOU!

**Kate Howell and Michael Cromaz**  
Graphic Design

**Adams Elementary School & Thelma R. Parks Elementary School**  
Children's Choirs

**Britton Elementary School**  
LifeChange Ballroom Dancers

**Parent Promise/PCAOK**  
CAP Day Press Conference  
Leading Advocacy/Printing Advocacy Cards

**Deborah Shropshire, M.D.**  
OU Children's Physicians  
Press Conference Presentation

**Charlie Swinton, Parent Promise/PCAOK**  
Press Conference Presentation

**Maggi Hutchason, Dearing House**  
Outstanding Prevention Awards Ceremony

**Susan Boehrer,**  
Oklahoma Federation of Families  
Advocacy Presentation

**Jacklyn Brink-Rosen, OK State Capitol**  
Advocacy Presentation

**Billie Brown, Parent Promise/PCAOK**  
Advocacy Presentation

**Debi Knecht, OKDHS**  
Basics of Reporting Child Abuse Presentation

**Darl DeVault and Albert Lang**  
Capturing professional photographs throughout the day (for multiple years)

**Rodney Timms, Calling All Hearts**  
PROTECT KIDS Truck Display

**Infant Crisis Services**  
Capitol Diaper Drive

**YWCA**  
Hospitality and Refreshments

**CAP DAY/CAP ACTION Members**  
Planning Event & Donation of SuperPops

## GETTING TO CONFERENCE

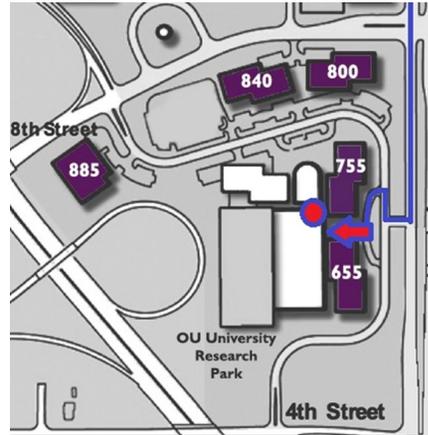
### FROM STATE CAPITOL BUILDING TO CONFERENCE PARKING

...you will drive to 825 Research Parkway.  
Park. Catch Shuttle.  
Ride comfortably to conference site. Return.

Due to extremely limited parking, participants only access to the conference site is via the **FREE** shuttle service. We have taken strides to make this an easy-as-possible transition.

**Directions below are from the Capitol to the Parking/ Shuttle Area - Shuttle service will loop back & forth to Mini Conference (see designated times below).**

1. Drive Southbound on Lincoln Boulevard
2. Go straight through the intersection of **Lincoln BLVD & NE 8th St.**
3. Turn **Right** on **Research Parkway** - go 0.1 mile
4. ★ Arrive at **University Research Parkway Parking Lot**



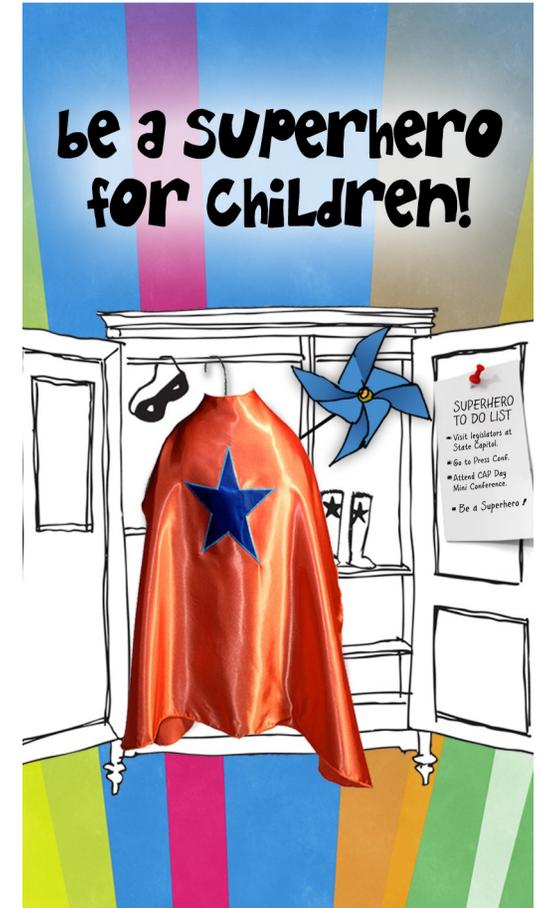
Follow the blue line into the parking garage. The Red dot is where the shuttle is located (Level 2). There will be signs directing you to this dot through the building and parking garage. The shuttle will be labeled for the conference. Once on the shuttle you will receive a token to get out of the garage once the conference is over.

### PLEASE NOTE AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY

**Shuttle Service** Will run from 12:15 - 1:30pm and from 4:30 until everyone is back. Shuttles will be coming/going as quickly as possible during this timeframe. Every effort will be made to make the wait for the next shuttle as minimal as possible.



**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**  
(Southeast side of South Capitol parking lot)  
Take a picture of your group  
in front of the  
**PROTECT KIDS TRUCK**



# Be a Superhero for Children!

Child Abuse  
Prevention Day  
at the Capitol

**APRIL 8 2014**  
**event schedule**

*"It's Your Turn...  
Be a Superhero for  
Children."*

# CAPITOL guide Location finder

Where to begin?

**SECOND FLOOR ROTUNDA**

**First Stop!**

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

*Everyone needs to check in!*

- **Check in with package of diapers!**
- **Sign in for your Display Table**
- **Sign in for Governor's Photo** (preregistered)
- **Superhero Pops Advocacy Card Station**  
Linking with Legislators like never before!

*Other 2nd floor Activities*

**SUPERPOP ADVOCACY TABLE**

(PCAOK offers on the spot assistance)

**HOSPITALITY TABLE**

**CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCES**

**DUAL BLUE RIBBON TREE SLIDESHOW**

**COALITION MEET & GREET**

## FIRST FLOOR

**SEEDS OF CHANGE ADVOCACY CLASS (108)**

**PRESS CONFERENCE (104)**

**CAP AWARDS PRESENTATION (104)**

## FOURTH FLOOR

**PREVENTION DISPLAY TABLES**

**ADVOCACY 101 CLASSES**

**BASICS OF REPORTING CHILD ABUSE**

**LARGE GROUP PHOTO - EVERYONE!**

# event SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**7:00 am - Noon** **welcome** to CAP DAY 2014!

**7:30 am** **Registration Opens**  
(2nd floor rotunda)

See Registration Process for details (left panel)

**8:45 am** **Seeds of Change Legislative Advocacy CLASS**  
(Room 108, 1st floor)  
Susan Boehrer, Oklahoma Federation of Families

**9:00 am** **Children's Performances**  
(2nd floor rotunda)

- Adams Elementary School Choir
- Thelma R. Parks Elementary School Choir
- Britton Elementary School  
LifeChange Ballroom Dance Program

**9:20 am** **The Importance of Citizen Advocacy to Sound Public Policy CLASS**  
(Room 419AB, 4th floor)  
Jacklyn Brink-Rosen, Legislative Assistant

**9:30 am** **Basics of Reporting Child Abuse Class CLASS**  
(Room 419C, 4th floor)  
Debi Knecht, OKDHS

**10:00 am** **Press Conference hosted by PCAOK & Presentation of Outstanding CAP Awards**  
(Room 104, 1st floor)

**10:40 am** **Photo with Governor Mary Fallin**  
(Check-in at registration for location, preregistration required)

**11:00 am** **CAP Day Large Group Photo - Everyone**  
(Grand Staircase, Southside 4th floor)

**11:15 am** **Advocacy 101 CLASS**  
(Room 419AB, 4th floor)  
Billie Brown, Parent Promise/PCAOK

**11:30 am** **Coalition for the Protection of Children & Families (formerly ITF) Meet & Greet!**  
(2nd floor rotunda @ registration area)  
Maggi Hutchason, Dearing House

# SPECIAL highlights

## CAP DAY GROUP PHOTO

**Invite Your Legislator - Prevention Photo!**  
(11:00 on Grand Staircase, Southside - 4th floor rotunda)



**Infant Crisis Services** leads the second Capitol Diaper Drive! Help build a mountain of diapers and You help save a baby's bottom!

Parent Promise/PCAOK

## --- PRESS CONFERENCE ---

**10:00 am**

- **Welcome & Introductions**  
Facilitated by **Billie Brown**
- **Brief Presentations**  
Dr. Deborah Shropshire  
Charlie Swinton
- **Presentation - Outstanding Child Abuse Prevention Awards**  
Maggi Hutchason, Dearing House  
(Room 104, 1st floor)



**CAP Day Concludes** **Next Stop: CAP Day Mini Conference**

(Preregistration required)

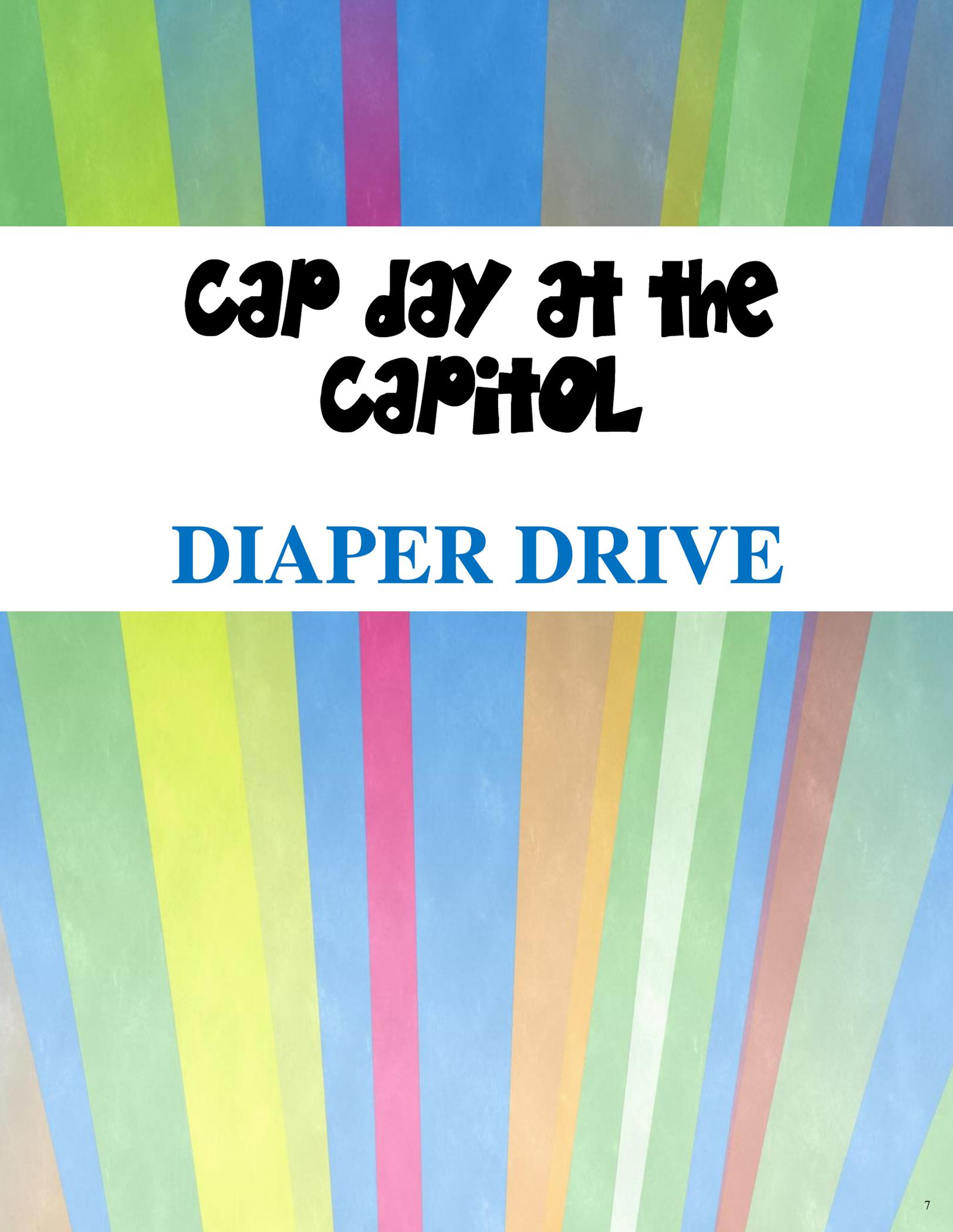
- **Lunch (on your own)** - Short timeframe  
**Brown Bag Lunch recommended!**  
\*Parking and Shuttle details on back.

## CAP ACTIVITIES WORTH CATCHING

- ✓ Visit the gala of CAP Display Tables (4th floor rotunda)!
- ✓ View the special screening of the dual Blue Ribbon Tree Slideshow (2nd floor rotunda)!
- ✓ Photo Opportunity - Visit the PROTECT KIDS TRUCK (SE side of South parking lot).
- ✓ If registered, attend the Superhero Child Abuse Prevention Mini Conference.
- ✓ Evaluate your CAP Day experience at this link: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/CAPDay2014](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CAPDay2014).
- ✓ On your way home, drive under Skydance Bridge - royal blue lights are on for CAP.
- ✓ Mark your calendar for next year's CAP Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 14, 2015!



Check the OSDH/Family Support & Prevention Service website for additional April Prevention ideas! [fspd.health.ok.gov](http://fspd.health.ok.gov)

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# **Cap Day at the Capitol**

## **DIAPER DRIVE**

# BE A SUPERHERO – SAVE A BABY’S BOTTOM diaper drive

## CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

### *Did you know...*

- that it costs about \$120 per month for diapers and wipes?
- diapers are not covered by food stamps or WIC?
- that 1 in 3 American moms struggle to buy diapers for their babies?
- that families may be forced to choose between buying diapers and providing necessities for themselves and their children?

*You can be a part of the solution and help to provide a healthy tomorrow.  
Be a Superhero for a needy baby... donate diapers!*

# THE CAPITOL DIAPER DRIVE

*Infant Crisis Services is leading the way to a mountain of diapers at the Capitol!*

**When:** Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – Collect, Donate Diapers of all sizes for children of central Oklahoma!

### **Where:**

- Deliver diapers at the drop off site listed below *before* April 8<sup>th</sup>; or
- Deliver diapers to the Annual Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Day at the Capitol, Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

*Oklahoma State Capitol, 2<sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda*  
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
Oklahoma City, Ok

*Drop Off Donation Site (other than the Capitol on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>)*

*Infant Crisis Services*  
4224 N. Lincoln Boulevard  
(North of State Capitol, on the East side of Lincoln), Okc  
Donor drop-off door is on the north/east side of the building.

### **Posters**

Download, Print and Disseminate (next page)

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# Capitol The Diaper Drive

TO DO LIST

Be a Superhero...  
Save a Baby's Bottom!

Every day, thousands of Oklahoma parents are forced to choose between buying diapers and providing basic necessities for themselves and their children. According to a 2013 study published in the journal *Pediatrics*, one in three mothers has struggled to buy diapers. You can be a part of the solution and help to provide a healthy tomorrow.

*Be a super hero for a needy baby... donate diapers.*

**get  
involved:**

### Save a Baby's Bottom!

Donate/collect diapers of *all sizes* for children of central Oklahoma and deliver to the State Capitol for Infant Crisis Services.

**When &  
Where:**

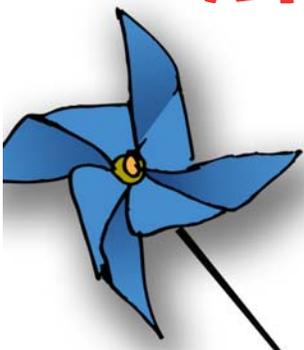
**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

**Oklahoma State Capitol, 2nd Floor Rotunda**

2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK

Infant Crisis Services provides life-sustaining formula, food and diapers to babies and toddlers in times of crisis... because no baby should go hungry.





March 01, 2014

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to personally thank you for your participation in the Annual Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, or for your involvement in a similar diaper drive in your own community. I take great pleasure in knowing thousands of needy babies and toddlers across Oklahoma will benefit from your generosity.

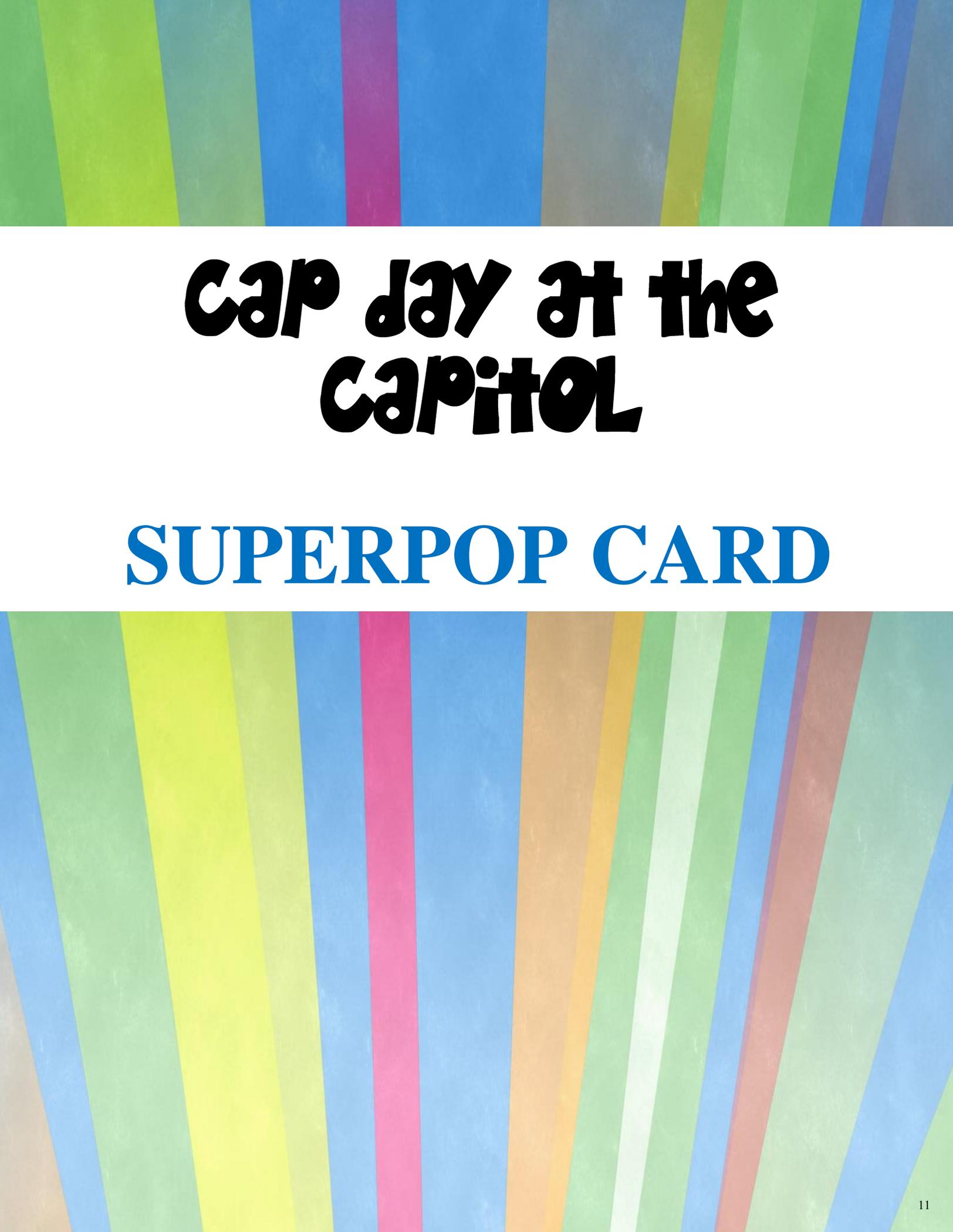
For the past 30 years, Infant Crisis Services has been dedicated to providing food, formula, diapers and other essentials to needy babies and toddlers in central Oklahoma. We provide our tiny clients with the necessities to help them grow into healthy, productive adults. But that's not all, we also ease the burden of poverty for their mothers by helping them nourish and nurture their babies. Studies have shown that mothers who cannot provide an adequate supply of diapers are more prone to depression and anxiety, which often leads to child abuse or neglect.

Currently, we serve more than 1,200 needy babies each month. With your help, we can continue our mission to provide for needy babies and toddlers in our community. Together, we can change the lives of our tiniest citizens.

Always for the Babies,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Miki Farris' in a cursive script.

Miki Farris  
Executive Director  
Infant Crisis Services

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# **Cap Day at the Capitol**

## **SUPERPOP CARD**

Child advocacy takes many forms and it always matters. It matters now and it will matter later. Now it's your turn.

# Be a SUPERhero for Children!



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Name

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Address

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City

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Zip Code

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Phone

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E-mail

In SFY 2013, there were 11,418 substantiated reports of child abuse and neglect in the state of Oklahoma.

# Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect by Supporting Home Visitation Services

Home visitors regularly monitor mother and child health, help parents better interact with and nurture children, track children's development, and connect families with health and other resources they need.

Taxpayers reap the benefits when child abuse, welfare dependence, crime and school failure are prevented. Home visiting is proven to return more to our economy than we spend. The most definitive study shows that **we save over \$5 for every \$1 we spend** on Nurse-Family Partnership. A detailed study by the State of Washington found average returns of \$2.24 per dollar spent.

In 2010, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) found 13 **home visiting programs that are proven to improve child and family outcomes**. Oklahoma has long invested in several of these successful programs through a COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM of EVIDENCE-BASED HOME VISITING in OKLAHOMA including:

- ✱ **Nurse-Family Partnership** (Children First in Oklahoma) - Oklahoma State Department of Health
- ✱ **Healthy Families America** (Start Right in Oklahoma) - Oklahoma State Department of Health
- ✱ **Parents as Teachers** - Oklahoma State Department of Education
- ✱ **SafeCare** – Oklahoma State Department of Human Services

All of these programs work to prevent child abuse and neglect, support families parenting young children and reduce challenges such as developmental delays that increase stress on families.

Home visiting makes dramatic contributions to our economy by reducing mothers' likelihood of receiving public assistance, increasing mothers' educational goals, lowering children's likelihood of being classified "at risk" and decreasing low rankings in health indicators for mothers and children.

Make sure we continue the work we have started!  
Keep Our Programs In Place!

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# **Cap Day at the Capitol**

## **MINI CONFERENCE AGENDA**

# BE A SUPERHERO Child Abuse Prevention Day Mini Conference

THE SAMIS EDUCATION AND CONFERENCE CENTER • Oklahoma City, OK

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Workshop Schedule At a Glance

12:45 pm - 1:00 pm	<p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>Registration - <a href="http://fspd.health.ok.gov">Click here to Pre-Register Online http://fspd.health.ok.gov</a>  <i>*Space is limited and available to those that register on a first come, first serve basis.</i></p>					
<p>1:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>  <p><b>Laura Porter</b>          Director of ACE Partnerships for the Comprehensive Health Education Foundation          Washington</p>	<p><b>Opening Welcome</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="470 342 1976 480"> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 342 1199 480"> <p><b>Robert W. Letton, Jr., MD</b>                  Pediatric Trauma Medical Director                  The Level One Pediatric Trauma Center                  The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1199 342 1976 480"> <p><b>Sherie Trice OSDH / FSPS &amp; Sarah Ragland Smart Start North Central Oklahoma</b>                  Representatives from OSDH/FSPS and CAP ACTION</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Keynote Address</b>  <b>THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SOLUTION</b></p> <p>The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Study findings are the largest public health discovery of our time. ACEs affect a lifetime of health, safety and prosperity. This talk will weave together findings from neuroscience, epidemiology, resilience research and systems thinking and provide examples of how professionals and community residents are using this science to promote health in this and future generations. Participants will learn about the progressive nature of adversity – from historical trauma and ACEs to peer and adult trauma and suffering – and about three systems for promoting resilience and creating trans-formative and sustainable change. The magnitude of the solution for shifting the trajectory of public health is in our hands.  <i>(To be continued – Ms. Porter will be providing two breakout sessions following the keynote address.)</i></p> <p>(Auditorium)</p>				<p><b>Robert W. Letton, Jr., MD</b>                  Pediatric Trauma Medical Director                  The Level One Pediatric Trauma Center                  The Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center</p>	<p><b>Sherie Trice OSDH / FSPS &amp; Sarah Ragland Smart Start North Central Oklahoma</b>                  Representatives from OSDH/FSPS and CAP ACTION</p>
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2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	<p>Break</p>					
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	<p><b>ACE PREVENTION IN COMPLEX ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS</b></p> <p>ACEs, neuroscience and resilience research findings provide us with new information we can apply to solving complex problems. Participants will discuss ways that toxic stress can make it harder to be in various roles - from customer or client to parent or community leader, and explore intervention strategies and tools for interrupting transmission of adversity. We will focus on processes that employ rhythm, ritual, and trauma sensitive ways of working with people to achieve population-level impacts.</p> <p><b>Laura Porter</b>          Washington          (Auditorium)</p>	<p><b>YOU MAY BE WHAT THEY WERE THEN: A LOOK AT YOUR FAMILY THROUGH THE USE OF A GENOGRAM!</b></p> <p>The purpose of identifying trends over 3-4 generations is to become aware that they are a part of their family history. Trends may include health/illness issues, addictions, family violence, professions, hobbies/ recreational interests, namesakes, divorces/no divorces, education and possible others such as military, geographic location, twins etc. A narrative or journal includes a discussion of the trends and is helpful in either supporting or intervening to determine if the trend will continue in future generations. A valuable aspect of constructing a genogram is that it is an orderly way of obtaining a family history and organizing that history so the family members and/or therapists can look at it together. The trends identified will be invaluable as the family looks at the past and uses it to make plans and changes for the future.</p> <p><b>Kaye Sears, ED.D, LMFT, CFLE, CCPS</b>          University of Central Oklahoma          (Conference B1)</p>	<p><b>GANGS 101</b></p> <p>The course attendees will learn about what defines a group as a gang and an individual as a gang member. The major gangs in the OKC area and their colors, hand signs, turfs, related numbers and how many there are. The objective is to help the attendee understand the local gang culture and to be more educated on what they are seeing when around it as well as possible prevention techniques.</p> <p><b>Inspector Tim Hock</b>          OKCPD          (Conference B2)</p>	<p><b>THEY SERVE TOO! SUPPORTING MILITARY CHILDREN IN YOUR COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>Children with family members who have served or are currently serving in the military reside in every county in Oklahoma. Learn about the unique strengths and challenges military families face, including the transition from military to civilian life, and specific strategies and resources for buffering stress and building the resiliency of our youngest heroes and future leaders.</p> <p><b>Teresa Baird</b>          Child &amp; Youth Military Family Life Consultant          (Conference B3)</p>		

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<p>3:15 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRO ACTION CAFÉ</b></p> <p>Our every-day actions matter for preventing ACEs and moderating their effects. Participants will generate ideas for action that are informed by ACE, resilience and related science and utilize the wisdom and experience of workshop participants to improve those ideas through peer consultation. We will consider a range of questions during the consultation - from our aspirations, to what's radically right that we are building on, to what is needed and next. We will reflect on how this process helps to build community capacity, and how rhythm, ritual and responsiveness help to invite everyone to contribute to the wellbeing of community and family life.</p> <p>Laura Porter Washington</p> <p>(Auditorium)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BASICS OF REPORTING CHILD ABUSE</b></p> <p>Information will be shared on basic reporting laws, examples of child abuse and neglect, how you report and information about the hotline. A general overview of the OKDHS stats in terms of numbers of referrals will also be shared.</p> <p>Debra Knecht Oklahoma State Department of Human Services</p> <p>(Conference B1)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEST PRACTICES IN TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION</b></p> <p>Teen dating violence has been given heightened awareness as a preventable public health issue. This session will discuss national and state statistics as well as highlight best practices for preventing teen dating violence in schools and the community.</p> <p>Rachele Eskridge, A.A.S. CDSVRP/YWCA</p> <p>Andrea Hamor Edmondson, M.A., CDSVRP/OSDH</p> <p>(Conference B2)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BRINGING HEROES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD ABUSE</b></p> <p>Superheroes all have similar characteristics: intelligence, strength, healing, and even flying. What makes up an Advocate? Learn from the survivors perspective what makes an advocate a superhero, and how your agency can incorporate the superpowers into your services.</p> <p>Brandi White, Executive Director The Saville Center of Child Advocacy</p> <p>Alton Carter Youth Minister</p> <p>(Conference B3)</p>
<p>4:00 pm - 4:15 pm</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>			
<p>4:15 pm - 5:00 pm</p> 	<p><b>Closing Address</b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: #0070C0;"><b>The Heart of the Matter</b></p> <p>Behavior change often has a lot to do with heart change. We will explore our common basic need for community and acceptance, and discuss how finding connection can change a generation of people impacted by childhood adversity.</p> <p>Dr. Deborah Shropshire/OU Children's Physicians</p> <p>(Auditorium)</p>			
<p>5:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Thanks for attending!</b></p>			

↪ We would like to hear from you! Please complete the online evaluation at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CAPDay2014>  
 ↪ Mark your calendar now for next year's CAP Day at the Capitol & Mini Conference - Tuesday, April 14, 2015!

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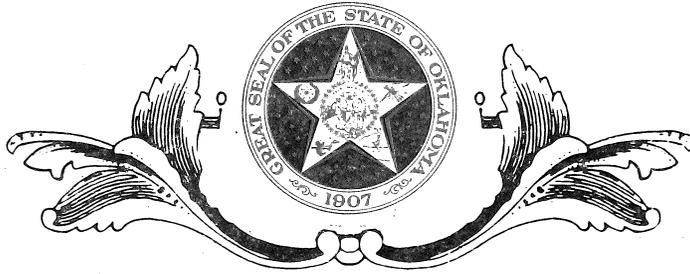


**CAP DAY AT THE  
CAPITOL**

**GOVERNOR'S  
PROCLAMATION**



# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma's future prosperity depends on nurturing the healthy development of almost one million children currently living, growing and learning within our many diverse communities; and

Whereas, research shows that safe, nurturing relationships and stimulating, stable environments improve brain development and child wellbeing, while neglectful or abusive experiences and unstable or stressful environments increase the odds of poor childhood outcomes; and

Whereas, the abuse and neglect of children can cause severe, costly and lifelong problems affecting all of society, including physical and mental health problems, school failure and criminal behavior; and

Whereas, research also shows that parents and caregivers who have social networks and know how to seek help in times of trouble are more resilient and better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

Whereas, individuals, businesses, schools, and faith-based and community organizations must make children a top priority and take action to support the physical, social, emotional and educational development and competency of all children; and

Whereas, the Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention Action Committee in partnership with the Oklahoma Interagency Child Abuse Prevention Task Force engage public and private sector agencies, early learning professionals, advocates for children and youth, and residents throughout the state in activities that increase understanding of topics related to child, family and community success; and

Whereas, during the month of April, the Oklahoma State Department of Health in collaboration with its statewide partners will be engaging individuals and communities throughout Oklahoma in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices and the types of support families need within their communities; and

Whereas, I encourage all citizens of Oklahoma to recognize that prevention starts with each of us;

Now, therefore, I, Mary Fallin, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as

### **"Child Abuse Prevention Month"**

in the state of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixth year.

*Chi Zenge*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Mary Fallin*  
GOVERNOR