

OKLAHOMA COMMISSION  
ON  
CHILDREN & YOUTH



ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2013  
AND STATE PLAN FOR SERVICES TO  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
2013-2016

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH FINAL REPORT



## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth is to improve services to children and their families by: Planning, coordinating and communicating with communities and between public and private agencies; Independent monitoring of the children and youth service system; and Testing models and demonstration programs for effective services..



# History

“In 1982 the eyes of the nation were on the Oklahoma juvenile justice system. A highly publicized series of investigative newspaper articles, national TV coverage, and congressional hearings all uncovered the abuse and neglect of the children in institutions under the auspices of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS). It was revealed that the Department, a giant agency with a \$1.2 billion annual budget, essentially answered to no one – not the governor, the legislature, nor any oversight authority, even though it received more than half of the state budget. Because funding for DHS came from earmarked sales tax revenues, the Department did not have to rely on the legislature or governor for program or fiscal approval. As a result, there were only minimal fiscal or operational controls in place. Nor were there checks and balances by outside agencies, or internal or external monitoring for compliance with forms and standards...

***Spurred by this public scrutiny, the Oklahoma legislature passed legislation that brought far-reaching changes to its juvenile justice and child welfare systems, and assured that abuses would no longer be hidden from legislative and public attention. One of the cornerstones was the creation of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, specifically to bring accountability and oversight into the child care system...Its small but committed staff has created a climate of responsibility and openness in government that is worthy of emulation.”*** (Emphasis Added.)<sup>1</sup>

In 1982 House Bill 1468 was signed into law and the Commission on Children and Youth was created. The law also prohibited the placement of deprived children in detention facilities or jails and other adult lock-ups or in training schools. All DHS facilities were required to obtain national accreditation. DHS was directed to develop a diversity of placement alternatives with the emphasis on community-based services.

For thirty the OCCY has played a critical role in the protection of children and the improvement of services. OCCY has successfully worked for the establishment of effective services and has been instrumental in the remediation or elimination of substandard services and helped create transparent system for children, youth and families.

1. Reference: Profile, Joseph DeJames, Community Research Associates, 1988.

Prepared for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice.

# 2013 OCCY COMMISSIONERS

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**District Judge**

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**Dr. Sid Brown**

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**Richard Smothermon**

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**James Saffle**

*Representing Metropolitan Juvenile Bureaus*

**Joe Cordova, Director**

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**Ken Couchman**

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**Wanda Felty**

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**Jason Charles**

Representing the Oklahoma Children's Agencies and Residential Enterprises (OKCARE)

# COMMISSIONERS

Commission membership is established by statute to include the Director of the Department of Human Services, the State Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Chair of the SJR 13 Oversight Committee and the Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs. Additional members are representatives of the Oklahoma Children's Agencies and Residential Enterprises, a statewide association of youth services, the Oklahoma Bar Association, the Oklahoma District Attorney's Association, and a statewide court-appointed Special Advocate Association. Appointees of the Governor include a representative from one of the metropolitan juvenile bureaus; one representing business or industry, and one representative of the State Post Adjudication Review Board. The Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints one member who is the parent of a child with special needs. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate appoints one member who has a demonstrated interest in improving children's services and is not employed by a state agency or a private organization that receives state funding, and one member represents a community partnership board to be elected pursuant to the guidelines established by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. Appointed members may serve up to three terms of two years each.

Commissioners serve without compensation, except for reimbursement of travel expenses incurred while performing their duties. The Commission is statutorily mandated to meet at least quarterly, and special meetings are held as needed.



# OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH PERFORMANCE MEASURE HIGHLIGHTS

	PARB Judicial Districts Served	OJSO Com- plaints & Re- quests for Assistance	OJSO Public Facility Visits	P&C Local Com- munity Collabora- tion Meetings	Children of Incarcerated Youth Mentoring	JPTP Participants Trained	CDRB Cases Reviewed	Public Releases Deaths/Near Death
Fiscal Year 2013	<b>97%</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>8</b>
Fiscal Year 2012	<b>97%</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>10</b>

# Office of Juvenile System Oversight

**Purpose:** The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) has the responsibility to investigate and report misfeasance and malfeasance within the children and youth service system, to inquire into areas of concern, and to provide independent monitoring of residential and non-residential services to children. The OJSO is to ensure that agencies are complying with their established responsibilities, which include state and federal laws, applicable accrediting and licensing standards, policies and procedures, and applicable court orders.

**Program characteristics that make it unique, necessary, and are not duplicated by other entities:** The OJSO annually inspects every state-operated residential facility and conducts systemic reviews at all other privately operated residential facilities that have children/adolescents as residents. The oversight agency also investigates misfeasance and malfeasance and areas of concern within the children and youth service system, including concerns of health and safety of state custody children in out-of-home care. The OJSO assesses facility/agency/program compliance with established responsibilities, contractual agreements, best practices, and the policies and procedures of each agency and facility.

The OJSO staff of nine oversight specialists (Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training or Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation Certified Investigators) respond to complaints, inquires, and requests for assistance and referrals from Oklahoma families, victims of abuse, legislators, child advocates, and judges. The office logs thousands of hours each year to investigate, mediate, resolve, and/or refer to appropriate parties. The oversight staff act as the independent set of eyes for the State of Oklahoma to monitor and assure the safety and welfare of children.

The OJSO is the only state oversight organization that provides comprehensive and independent monitoring of the children's service system. Because the Commission provides no direct services, the oversight reports are independent and without conflict of interest. In a collaborative effort with the state agencies that are represented on the Commission, the work of oversight serves a critical role identifying areas of concern and means for system improvement.

**Goals, Measures, Outcomes:**

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Ensure all state-operated children's facilities comply with established responsibilities of all state-operated children's facilities to increase the likelihood children will be safe and receive proper care.	1. The actual number of site visits made to state-operated facilities yearly.	Each public facility was visited a minimum one time during the fiscal year, thus improving the likelihood that more children would be safe and receive proper care. The OJSO continued to document violations and areas of concerns regarding resident quality of life, quality of treatment, and resident room confinement.

<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Ensure the safety of youth who reside in all other public and privately operated children's facilities, in accordance with state statutes, licensing standards, and contractual requirements. Designing and conducting systemic oversight at private/public children's facilities.	1. The number of visits to these facilities.	For FY'13, the OJSO conducted 37 site visits in private/public residential facilities. This number was reduced due to the legislation passed in 2009 that authorized systemic oversight at private facilities.

<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Conducts referral requests, requests for assistance, and investigations of all inquiries alleging misfeasance and malfeasance and lack of compliance with established responsibility within the children and youth service system.	1. The number of inquiries received.	For FY'13 448 the OJSO received 724 inquiries.

<b>Office of Juvenile System Oversight</b>	<b>FY 2013 FTE</b>	<b>FY-2012 Actual</b>	<b>FY-2013 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY-2014 Budget Request</b>
	12.7	\$1,030,000	\$1,073,736	\$1,060,426

# Oklahoma Child Death Review Board

**Purpose:** The Oklahoma Child Death Review Board (CDRB) and Local Review Teams have the mission to reduce preventable child fatalities through systematic multidisciplinary review of child fatalities and through data driven recommendations to improve the policies, procedures, and practices within and among agencies that protect and serve children. This includes recommendations about training needs for those agencies needing to improve their practices and investigative techniques.

**Program characteristics that make it unique, necessary, and are not duplicated by other entities:** These teams are uniquely qualified to understand what no single agency or group working alone can: how and why children are dying in their community.

The Child Death Review Board provides a multidisciplinary approach to case review of all child deaths as well as near deaths resulting from abuse or neglect, for the purpose of reducing the number of preventable deaths. No other entity exists that provides this type of comprehensive review on a statewide basis. Based on the reviews, statistical information is then collected that can identify system failures and help change policies, procedures and practices among the agencies that protect and serve the children of Oklahoma.

Because of the CDRB's efforts, child fatalities are more thoroughly analyzed. Most mortality data analysis is based on death certificate information which is sometimes incomplete, and therefore does not present a viable approach to assessing preventability. Studies that use death certificate information alone, only report how an individual died, not on the contributing factors. The CDRB reviews all contributing factors, which improves the accuracy of the mortality data and identifies prevention strategies. The comprehensive review includes: all records and reports pertaining to a child whose case is under review such as the medical examiner's report, records from the hospital, school, court, prosecution, law enforcement, fire department, State Department of Health, doctors, dentists, emergency medical services, and Department of Human Services.

**Goals, Measures, Outcomes:**

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
To identify any systemic failures that occur in relation to a child death, or near death so that these failures will be addressed and not occur in the future.	Review child death and near death cases.	For FY 2013, 250 cases were reviewed and closed. 30 near death cases were reviewed and closed.

<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Identify system failures in relation to child deaths and make annual recommendations to improve policies, procedures, and practices within agencies that serve and protect children.	Number of recommendations made by OCCY.	8 recommendations were submitted. The numbers above only reflect policy and procedure recommendations and do not include all the training recommendations proposed.

<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Number of regional Boards that provide strategic coverage.	Create 4 regional boards to cover the state.	Four regional boards are operational.

<b>Child Death Review Board</b>	<b>FY 2013 FTE</b>	<b>FY-2012 Actual</b>	<b>FY-2013 Budget</b>	<b>FY-2014 Budget Request</b>
General Revenue	2.0	\$142,119	\$145,219	\$152,912

# Board of Child Abuse Examination

**Purpose:** The Board of Child Abuse Examination is responsible for (1) establishing a statewide system to provide expert medical evaluation of child abuse and neglect; and (2) implementing a continuing training program for medical professionals in the area of child abuse and neglect, as well as developing standards for medical evaluation of children suspected of being abused. The Chief Child Abuse Examiner provides consultation services to physicians in matters relating to diagnosing and treating child abuse, makes public presentations and assists other groups with training on child abuse. He also consults with other medical personnel and the OJSO on cases of suspected child abuse.

**Program characteristics that make it unique, necessary, and are not duplicated by other entities:** This is a multi-agency interdisciplinary Board that provides training to health care personnel on diagnosing and treating child abuse. Doctors, nurses, and physician assistants also learn about the child protection and judicial systems.

Goal #1	Measure	Outcome
Maintain a Chief Child Abuse Examiner to coordinate educational programs and represent BCAE on other boards and committees, and provide consultation to the Board and others. Ensure compliance with statute.	Chief Child Abuse Examiner provides documentation of activities. Board meets a minimum of 4 times per year.	In FY'13, the Board met 6 times.

Goal #2	Measure	Outcome
Provide basic and advanced child abuse training to healthcare providers.	Number of events, participants; evaluation results.	In FY'13, 57 professionals participated in basic and update training.

Board of Child Abuse Examination	FY 2013 FTE	FY-2012 Actual	FY-2013 Budget	FY-2014 Budget Request
General Revenue	0.00	\$60,917	\$60,917	\$51,000

The OCCY contracts with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center to fund the services of the Chief Child Abuse Examiner and provide the training.

# Post Adjudication Review Boards (PARBs)

**Purpose:** Post Adjudication Review Boards review the appropriateness of treatment goals, permanency plans and services for children and families in Deprived and Delinquent court cases. The boards develop recommendations following each review and serve in an advisory capacity to the district court. At least one review board is mandated in every judicial district and each board is comprised of volunteers from the community. These boards advocate for and encourage public entities to secure safe and permanent homes for each child.

**Program characteristics that make it unique, necessary, and are not duplicated by other entities:** The PARB program involves community volunteers in the review of confidential court cases of children and youth in the Deprived and Delinquent court systems. The review boards provide an unbiased oversight of each case and serve in an advisory capacity to the judges handling each case. Following each case the review boards develop recommendations for the court. The boards seek the best interests for each child and assist in ensuring children do not languish in the foster care system.

In calendar year 2013, local review boards reported that 6,200 Oklahoma children benefited from the review of a PARB. The boards reported that 4,539 Deprived cases were completed. Three hundred and nine volunteers gave over 8,500 hours of service in the program. During the year 53 boards served 24 judicial districts.

Goal # 1	Measure	Outcome
All judicial districts will be served by PARB.	Increase the number of counties with an operating review board.	In CY'13, 24 judicial districts were served.
Goal # 2	Measure	Outcome
Every district served by PARB will review every Deprived court case once every six months, in accordance with Oklahoma Statute.	Increase the number of volunteers by 25.	In CY'13 the number of volunteers increased by 30 for a total of 339.
Goal # 3	Measure	Outcome
Each PARB will thoroughly review every Deprived court case and develop useful recommendations for the court.	Increase the number of volunteers who attend training each year.	In CY'13 97 volunteers were involved in PARB training.

Post Adjudication Review Board	FY 2013 FTE	FY-2012 Actual	FY-2013 Budget	FY-2014 Budget Request
	1.85	\$205,980	\$275,000	\$251,210

# 2013 Oklahoma State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board

**Jay Scott Brown**  
Member At-Large

**Clara Cunningham**  
At Large

**Linda McDaniel**  
Member At-Large

**The Honorable April Sellers White**  
Judicial Member

**Sandra Brown**  
Active PARB

**Destry Hawthorne**  
Active PARB

**The Honorable Mark A. Moore**  
Judicial Member

**Millie Carpenter**  
Ex-Officio, Department of Human  
Services

**Carol Collins**  
Member At-Large

**The Honorable A. J. Henshaw Jr.**  
Judicial Member

**Holly Morris**  
Foster Parent

**Mary Jo Wimbish**  
Active PARB

**James Cooper**  
Active PARB

**Melanie Johnson**  
Member At-Large

**Cindy Nocton**  
Member At-Large

**The Honorable Pat Versteeg**  
Judicial Member

**Davis Ross**  
Foster Parent

**Julie Kennedy**  
Foster Parent

**The Honorable Dynda Post—Chair**  
Judicial Member

**Holly Morris**  
Foster Parent

**Greg Delaney**  
Ex-Officio, OJA



## Office of Planning and Coordination

The Office of Planning and Coordination provides technical assistance to local Community Partnership Boards (CPBs) and Freestanding Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Teams (FSMDTs). The P&C aims to assist communities and multidisciplinary child abuse teams address issues impacting children and youth at the local and state level. Technical assistance services include but are not limited to: Key Informant Surveys, Organizational Self Studies, and coordination of specialized trainings, consultation for district attorneys, volunteer community leaders, and assistance with resource development.

P&C provided technical assistance and limited funding to CPBs during FY2013. A total of twenty-eight CPBs received board operation funding in the amount of \$500 per board. In addition to technical assistance, the P&C enters into agreements to test models and demonstration projects in accordance with Oklahoma Statute. The P&C entered into agreements with the following CPBs: Payne County Smart Start Coalition, Payne County Transition Task Force, Texas County Coalition, Jackson County Community Action Health Team, and Southwest Oklahoma Workforce Investment Area Youth Council. Please see the “Community Partnership Board Demonstration Projects” section of this document for more detailed information on projects.

P&C received new duties and responsibilities with the passage of HB1467. HB1467 directs the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to coordinate with each district attorney to establish freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse teams in the district attorney’s district or in a contiguous group of counties. HB1467 became effective on November 1, 2013. In an effort to carry out provision of HB1467, P&C began meeting with district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team coordinators across the state. P&C also began to assess the needs of FSMDTs during visits with coordinators and district attorneys. P&C was able to identify some training needs of the FSMDTs specific to the core minimal standards of a functioning team. P&C partnered with the Child Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma (CACO) and the Southern Region Child Advocacy Center (SRCAC) to offer a specialized training for FSMDTs in the southeast region of the state. P&C will be coordinating and facilitating additional training endeavors over the upcoming fiscal year.

## Community Partnership Board Demonstration Projects

### *Smart Start Coalition (Payne County)*

Project Description: P&C provided on-going technical assistance and funding to support the development of the Early Childhood Coalition. The ECC serves in an advisory capacity for the implementation of the Healthy Steps Initiative and a standing sub-committee of the Smart Start Coalition. Healthy Steps is an evidenced-based program that aims to support new mothers and children attend well-child care visits with pediatricians and resources to respond to maternal depression.

Awarded Amount: \$5,000

### *Payne County Transition Task Force*

Project Description: P&C provided technical assistance and funding to the Payne County Transition Task Force. The funding provided supported a part-time coordinator to the local task force to identify viable solutions to addressing homelessness and transition issues for at-risk youth and former foster care youth in the Payne County Community.

Awarded Amount: \$5,000

### *Texas County Coalition (Texas, Beaver and Cimarron)*

Project Description: P&C entered into an agreement with Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU) to develop a Masters of Counseling Program (MCP) at the Panhandle State University campus. The services are in response to a shortage of licensed mental health care providers in the Texas County area. Participants that receive a degree are encouraged to remain in the Texas County area to provide mental health services.

Awarded Amount: \$5,000

### *Jackson County Community Health Action Team*

Project Description: P&C entered into agreement with the Southwestern Youth Services to provide direct staff support and technical assistance in the development of the Community Based Services Committee. The Community Based Services Subcommittee is a committee of the Jackson County Community Action Health Team that serves in an advisory capacity for the implementation of the transitional living program, mentoring program, school based services, and other initiatives of the local community aimed at address needs of children and youth.

Awarded Amount: \$5,000

### *Southwest Oklahoma Workforce Investment Area Youth Council*

Project Description: To identify and train a mentoring coordinator and utilize the Altus Air Force Base volunteers to serve as community mentors for at-risk youth and youth that are participating in the Southwestern Youth Services transitional living program.

Amount Awarded: \$5,000

**Goals, Measures, Outcomes:**

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Facilitation of interagency efforts to increase local communications while improving services to children and youth.	Increase interagency efforts through coordinated local meetings that increase communication and enhance service delivery at the local inter-agency level.	475 CPB meetings were held throughout the state in FY'13.

<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Develop community partnership boards (CPBs) with focus on planning and implementation of services to children and youth.	Number of new community partnership boards.	In FY'13 there were a total of 48 boards.

<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Assist in developing and implementing the State Plan for Services to Children and Youth according to recommendations and budget limitations.	Percent of recommendations adopted into state plan.	A State Plan for Services to Children and Youth was developed utilizing recommendations from community partnerships, state level groups and citizens. 100% of the CPB's recommendations were adopted by OCCY.

<b>Goal #4</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Test model programs and demonstration projects for children and their families.	Number of model programs funded.	In FY'13 9 communities worked on Intensive Technical Assistance projects.

<b>Office of Planning and Coordination</b>	FY 2013 FTE	FY-2012 Actual	FY-2013 Budget	FY-2014 Budget Request
	3.7	458,000	\$429,882	\$552,373

# Children of Incarcerated Parents

The purpose of the Oklahoma Mentoring Children of Incarcerated Parents Program (CIP) is to provide effective intervention services through one-to-one mentoring relationships to children of incarcerated parents who are in the custody of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) and currently placed outside the home, or have been identified by OJA as at risk of becoming involved in the juvenile justice system.

The OCCY also coordinates an advisory committee that works collaboratively with agencies and service providers to better meet the needs and improve the quality of life for children of incarcerated parents. An annual report is submitted to the legislature and Governor on the progress and barriers to serving children of incarcerated parents.

### Goals, Measures, Outcomes:

Goal #1	Measure	Outcome
Provide mentoring services to children of incarcerated parents.	Number of children	112 children were served during FY'13.
Goal #2	Measure	Outcome
Submit an annual report to the legislature and Governor.	Reports submitted	An annual report was submitted for FY 2013.
Goal #3	Measure	Outcome
Facilitate and support community involvement	Number of events	2 communities were selected to pilot a community resource database.

Children of Incarcerated Parents	FY 2013 FTE	FY-2012 Actual	FY-2013 Budget	FY-2014 Budget Request
General Revenue	.85	\$189,011	\$189,011	\$218,521

# Juvenile Personnel Training Program (JPTP)

**Purpose:** Funded by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth budget since 1983, the Juvenile Personnel Training Program (JPTP), a program of The University of Oklahoma National Resource Center for Youth Services (NRCYS), provides ongoing, high-quality competency-based training, resources, and trainers for human services personnel in Oklahoma's public and private not-for-profit child serving organizations.

JPTP training is geared to Oklahoma's youth-serving professionals, paraprofessionals, and volunteers in public and private child welfare, youth service, juvenile justice, and prevention services. It is designed to improve effectiveness of services to Oklahoma children, youth and their families. Agencies participating in training with JPTP are better able to meet licensing and accreditation standards in a cost efficient manner.

**Program characteristics that make it unique, necessary, and are not duplicated by other entities:** Nearly three decades of dedication to timely, relevant programming has made JPTP one of the nation's most respected and comprehensive programs of its kind in the United States. Without the JPTP program, many of Oklahoma's public and private nonprofit agencies would have difficulty meeting their licensing and accreditation standards in regard to training. JPTP provides essential training for the children and youth service system. In FY'13, 2,988 personnel received training from JPTP, making them better equipped to work effectively with Oklahoma children and their families who, due to poverty and lack of adequate resources will potentially require the support of a non-profit, youth serving agency.

JPTP's relationship with NRCYS assures the unique provision of training that would be difficult, if not impossible to duplicate. First, the extensive amount of work done nationally by NRCYS staff provides access to current trends, leaders in the field of youth work, and state of the art curriculum and practice. This knowledge adds to the training received by Oklahoma's youth service providers who, due to budget constraints of their own, rarely have access to training opportunities outside of Oklahoma. Secondly, access to the national trainers housed at NRCYS adds to the training schedule in the face of budget cuts. As mentioned earlier the program is funded at 2.15 FTE's. It would be next to impossible to provide for the scheduled workshops, and respond to the increase in on-site training requests in a cost effective manner without access to this extensive training resource. In addition, OCCY is able to leverage federal IV-E funding, based on the training activities of JPTP, thus increasing the amount of training available to the youth serving agencies in Oklahoma.

JPTP training can be accessed two specific ways. A large number of trainings are provided on a regional basis in Tulsa or Oklahoma City. These trainings are especially effective in providing cost effective training for specific agency personnel. For example, staff that is required to maintain a license in order to provide services finds JPTP a reliable source to meet the 20 hour requirement without placing a financial burden on the agency.

However, it has been found that simply providing regional training is not as effective with all agency personnel, direct care workers for example. JPTP has been able to reach more direct care staff by bringing this much needed training directly to agencies. This has shown to be especially effective in providing training to those agencies in rural areas in Oklahoma. JPTP has increased its efforts to offer consultation and technical assistance to assure agencies receive the training that best fit their needs and specific program goals. It is felt that this type of service delivery assists agencies in building capacity rather than simply meeting training hours requirements.

JPTP will continue to build on the collaborative efforts with other Oklahoma agencies and programs. These collaborations have already provided new, more effective ways to deliver services to more eligible agencies and have maximized training dollars.

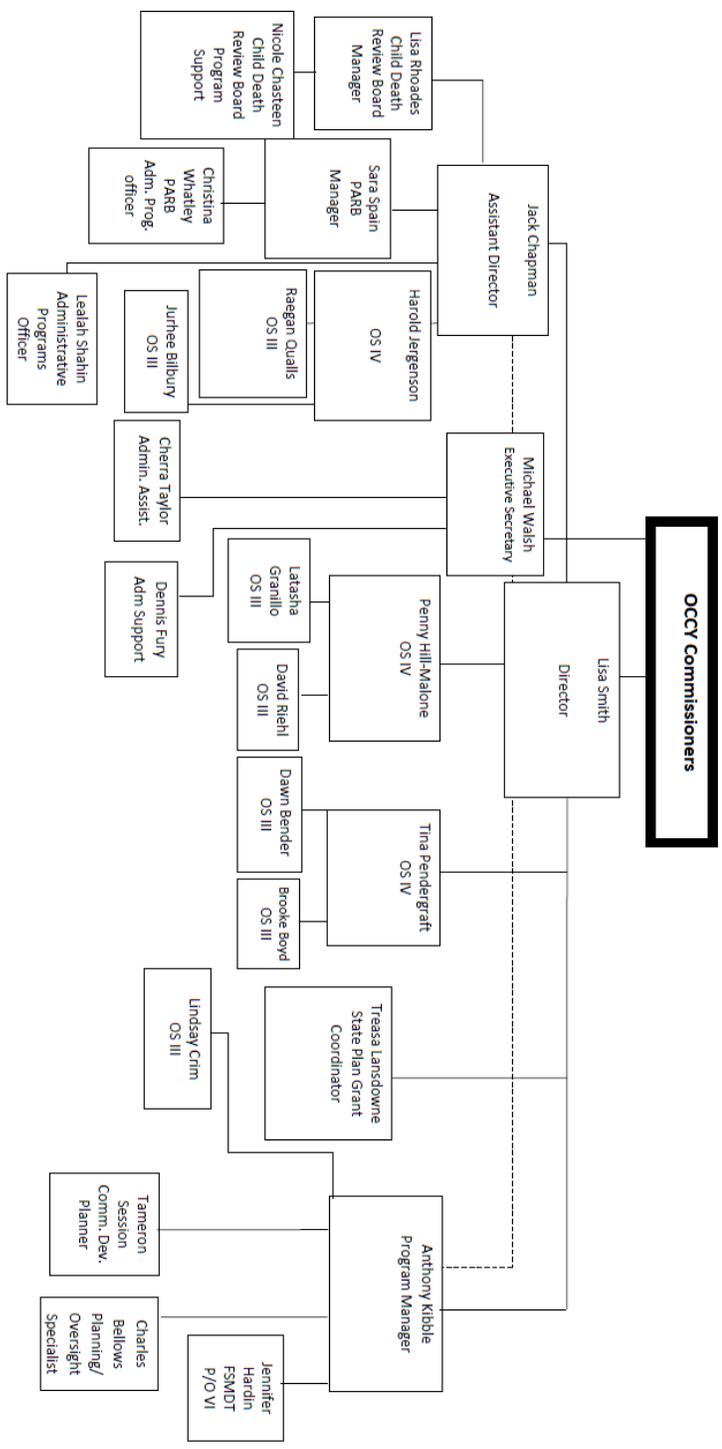
**Goals, Measures, Outcomes:**

<b>Goal #1</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Provide training events based on results of Oklahoma public and nonprofit agency needs assessments.	Number of events	58 trainings were conducted in FY'13.
<b>Goal #2</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
Train participants (Oklahoma service providers working with children, youth and families) to increase their knowledge and skills.	Number of participants; training evaluations.	2,988 participants received training in FY'13.
<b>Goal #3</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
To increase the skills and knowledge of participants of JPTP events measured through evaluations.	Percent of participants reporting an increase in knowledge and skills.	95% of participants in FY'13 reported an increase in skills and knowledge.

<b>Juvenile Personnel Training</b>	<b>FY 2013 FTE</b>	<b>FY-2012 Actual</b>	<b>FY-2013 Budget</b>	<b>FY-2014 Budget Request</b>
General Revenue	0*	\$189,011	\$189,011	\$189,011

\*OCCY contracts with the National Resource Center at the University of Oklahoma for JPTP

# Appendix A



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# Appendix B

**Oklahoma State Plan for Services for Children & Youth (FY2013-FY2016)** The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, Office of Planning & Coordination, annually collects data from Community Partnership Boards across the state. Data collected from the CPBs through the annual systemic issues survey process is utilized to identify areas that are improving and those that may need additional technical assistance. Community Partnership Boards are surveyed based on identified goals in the Oklahoma State Plan for Services to Children & Youth. A more detailed report can be located on the attachment. There is one goal in the Oklahoma State Plan for Services for Children and Youth which is to Strengthening Custody and Transition Services to children and youth over the next two years. In an effort to address the goal in the plan, the Office of Planning and Coordination created the Strengthening Custody and Transition Advisory Team and the Oklahoma Child Welfare State Stakeholder Collaborative.

**Strengthening Custody & Transition Services Advisory Team**

**Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center (COJC)**

Increased a paid work study program from ten to twenty hours per week

Implemented an off campus career tech program at the Gordon Cooper Technology Center. Programs offered included first aid, precision measurements and food-handling certification training.

Completed the wind turbines project in which residents from the facility attended classes at Gordon Cooper CareerTech and learned about designing parts, fabrication and manufacturing assembly. The juvenile offenders then built and installed a wind turbine on the COJC campus.

Assist residents with developing a comprehensive portfolio containing forms of identification, educational documentation and any training or vocational certificates.

**Southwestern Oklahoma Juvenile Center (SWOJC)**

SWOJC is in the process of implementing the pilot project that was started at COJC

A rehabilitation counselor candidate has been identified for SWOJC through DRS for the pilot project

This counselor will serve Cedar Canyon Adventure Program and Butler Skills Development Center

**Southwestern Youth Services (SWYS)**

Functioning transitional living program

Teen pregnancy program was implemented and completed at the Altus High School in the Family Life and Consumer Sciences Department. The program is scheduled to be implemented at the Altus Junior High in the next school year as well.

School based counseling services are being provided at a three Altus grade schools and one counselor is going to the Navajo Public School. The program began in just one elementary school and has expanded. The school board is planning on hiring an additional school based counselor to provide service to the other schools in the district.

Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing program is still helping families every month.

The first SWYS Table Talk was held in February 2014. Table Talk is where all members of the family come together at the dinner table and share a meal and conversation. This will be held once a month.

*FY2015 Strengthening Custody and Transition Services Advisory Team Development Projects*

**Norman Public Schools Pilot Project**

Transition support for youth in the fourteen Norman facilities

Partners-OCCY, Norman Public Schools, OJA, DRS, DHS, ODMHSAS

Focus on reentry skills, reintegration, independent living, and connect youth with post-secondary education opportunities

**The Next Step TLP, Inc. (Comanche County)**

Transitional living program

Serves former foster care, OJA and at-risk youth

Volunteer board

Provides mentoring and counseling services

Provides assistance with educational goals

Provides employment guidance

**Youth Services of Creek County (YSCC)**

Fosters youth up to 22 years of age

Provides case management to teach social and basic life skills

Links youth with resources, educational and employment opportunities

Helps youth to obtain vital records and identification

Outreach counseling program

### **Oklahoma Child Welfare State Stakeholder Collaborative**

The Oklahoma Child Welfare State Stakeholder Collaborative continues to support the implementation of the Avedis Foundation grant in the Pottawatomie community. The Oklahoma Child Welfare State Stakeholder Collaborative is currently in a transition period. The transition is being monitored by the P&C Steering Committee. Outcomes specific to the Pottawatomie County community collaborative can be viewed below.

### **Pottawatomie County Child Welfare Collaborative**

- \$415,000 grant from the Avedis Foundation
- Coordinated school health team
- Coordinator for the implementation

### **Access to Care**

#### **Access to Care (Texas, Beaver, and Cimarron Counties)**

- Partnered with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to employ a part-time coordinator (Monica Ronne) located in Guymon to assist the Access to Health Care Committee of the Texas County Coalition
- Created the Barrier Busting and Navigator Teams to assist with accessing health care in the area
- Have secured reliable transportation through Leflore Transportation out of Amarillo, TX, to transport SoonerCare members to medical appointments
- Preparing to submit paperwork to have a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) located in Guymon

#### **Northwestern Oklahoma State University (NWOSU)**

Charlie Osborn, an October 2013 graduate from the Master of Counseling Psychology (MCP) program offered through NWOSU at the Oklahoma Panhandle State University campus, was hired as a counselor at the Panhandle Services for Children Emergency Shelter in Guymon, OK.

Charlie was the first student to enter the program when the ITV classes to OPSU from NWOSU became available. She took all of her classes via ITV or on site at OPSU from NWOSU professors.

Six students are currently enrolled in the MCP program at OPSU

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