

REPORT ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PURSUANT TO 28 O.S. SECTION 3122

The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) respectfully submits this Report of its recently entered Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) and the National Resource Center for Youth Services, NRCYS.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is undertaking a targeted allocation to invest in local, cross-system collaborative efforts to prevent and end homelessness among youth with a current or prior history of child welfare involvement. HUD's Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative will provide Tenant Protection Vouchers (TPVs) for eligible youth. The success of this effort requires community partners to coordinate effectively to identify, target, and connect eligible youth at-risk of or experiencing homelessness to housing and related supports.

Young adults aging out of foster care, or with histories of involvement with foster care, are at a high risk of homelessness. Some sources estimate that between approximately 20,000-25,000 youth age out of foster care every year. Of those, approximately 25 percent experience homelessness within four years of aging out, and an even higher percentage will experience some form of precarious housing. The challenges these young adults encounter also affects their educational and employment opportunities. A unified and collaborative response that includes housing along with varying levels of support and services can improve outcomes.

1. The Effective Date of the Memorandum of Understanding is March 1, 2021.
2. The MOU's duration is until it is terminated in writing by any of the parties.
3. The parties subject to the MOU are Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS), and the National Resource Center for Youth Services (NRCYS), an agency of the University of Oklahoma. Though not a party to this MOU, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will provide funding/vouchers for housing youth being served through this MOU.
4. The purposes of the MOU are:
 - a. to provide housing through dedicated Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) to youths who are aging out of foster care, who are about to age out of foster care, or who are homeless;
 - b. to provide supportive services and education to those youth placed in housing through this MOU.
5. Constitutional or Statutory Provisions allowing these subjects to be addressed
 - a. Oklahoma Constitution Article 25 Sections 1 and 6
 - b. Oklahoma Homeless Prevention Act 74 O.S. §§ 2900-2900.2
 - c. Section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 675(5)(H)), 24 CFR 578.3 and 24 CFR 576.2.
 - d. Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 (2019 Appropriations Act) (Public Law 116-6, approved February 15, 2019), Tenant Protection Voucher

appropriated funds may be used for the Family Unification Program under Section 8(x) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(x)).

- e. Title 60, O.S. § 176(A)(1) and other public trust statutes and OHFA's trust indenture executed on May 1, 1975. *See* OHFA Third Amended Trust Indenture (Sept. 24, 2002)