



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
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## **Media Fact Sheet**

- The goal of the Office of Juvenile Affairs is to *protect the public, intervene in the anti-social lifestyles, provide guidance, encourage normal adolescent maturation and prepare youths for reintegration back into the community.*
- OJA is made of 3 institutional services. L.E. Rader Center, Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center, Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center.
- Residential programs and services are also provided through OJA. These facilities include OJA operated homes, foster care homes, contracted group homes and independent living programs.
- The age of residents can range from 13-19.
- The Office of Juvenile Affairs fulfills the OJA mandate to provide intake, probation and parole services in every county except Comanche, Oklahoma and Tulsa, which have county-based juvenile bureaus.
- The Juvenile Services Unit (JSU) provides referral services to juveniles alleged to be in-need-of-supervision, delinquent or a youthful offender. JSU provides services that address the victim and need for intervention to prevent further delinquency while constantly striving toward community protection.
- Residents are provided education, medical, dental, psychotherapy, individual and group therapy, family counseling, recreation therapy, religious services, substance abuse treatment and sex offender treatment.

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