

Annual Report
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The State Plan Update for 2004 is a report of the progress made during the fourth year of a four-year (2000-2004) planning cycle for services to children and youth. Goals with tasks for implementation were developed in an attempt to see positive outcomes for Oklahoma's children, youth, and families. The plan encompasses five outcome areas: Administrative/Systemic, Health, Education, Safety, and Economic Security. Participants from various agencies and communities have worked to develop this plan update. The emphasis has been on implementation and the establishment of indicators for the individual outcomes that will assist us in determining how much we have accomplished during this four-year period.

I would like to thank the many individuals who have participated in the development of the State Plan Update over the past year, and I invite you to become involved in the work being done to enhance the lives of our children, youth, and families in Oklahoma.

As reported by the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy, "The 2004 Oklahoma Legislative Session will go down in history as one of the most productive and significant sessions in years." OCCY continues to look enthusiastically to a Systems of Care approach to children's services having centered our 2003 retreat on analyzing its possible use in Oklahoma. Still much work must be done. Specifically, State Question 713 on the November ballot is important to reducing youth smoking and increasing revenue for health services while providing some tax relief. Children's access to dental care and mental health services are extremely deficient in Oklahoma. Whether a legislator, other public official, service provider, or family member, I encourage you to thoroughly read the State Plan Update and consider how you can help. Remember, RIGHT NOW there is a child in Oklahoma that needs help!

Bart Bouse
Chair

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the cover of this annual report indicates, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth is of one heart when it comes to working to improve the lives of children and their families in Oklahoma. And the OCCY is made up of many, many hands. There are 19 Commissioners and only 23 staff, but there are hundreds of volunteers serving children and their communities on Community Partnership Boards and Post Adjudication Review Boards.

Our state agencies are working cooperatively together in ways that I have not been witness to in the past which also makes it an exciting time to be working in the children and youth service system. Because of this cooperation, Oklahoma is on the brink of making major positive and significant changes in mental health services for children.

As evidenced in this report, OCCY has a growing number of responsibilities. But this small staff remains resolutely committed; we will make Oklahoma a better and safer place for children.

INTRODUCTION

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) was created by the Legislature for the purposes of:

- providing independent oversight of the children and youth service system;
- assisting local communities in the development of partnership boards to improve and increase needed services for children and their families; and
- to provide leadership on children's issues through test models and demonstration projects.

During 2003, the staff of the OCCY worked diligently to achieve these purposes. This report summarizes the work done in the monitoring of programs, investigation of complaints, and partnering with communities to improve outcomes for children and their families.

2003 OCCY COMMISSIONERS

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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 serve for a two-year term and may be reappointed for one additional term. 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.

2003 OCCY STAFF

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth is to improve services to children by:

- facilitating joint planning and coordination among public and private agencies;
- independent monitoring of the children and youth service system for compliance with established responsibilities; and
- entering into agreements to test models and demonstration programs for effective services.

In 2003, the OCCY conducted the following activities aimed at fulfilling its threefold mission:

Mission: Facilitate Joint Planning and Coordination among Public and Private Agencies.

Office of Planning and Coordination – The Office of Planning and Coordination (P&C) has the responsibility to assist the Commission in the establishment of Community Partnership Boards, to develop guidelines for board memberships, and to provide technical assistance and administrative support to the local boards. In 2003, the Office of Planning and Coordination consisted of two staff who shared responsibility for working with 32 Community Partnership Boards. P&C also assisted the Community Partnership Boards in developing recommendations for the annual State Plan for Services to Children and Youth.

Volunteers – Over 850 local volunteers assisted in various capacities, ranging from participation on community partnership boards to citizen reviews of cases regarding children adjudicated deprived. Local citizens donated their time, expertise, and resources in addressing various children and family issues.

Joint Oklahoma Information Network (JOIN) – The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth has been a key planning agency in the development and implementation of the internet-accessible data sharing system. Eleven agencies signed an interagency agreement that allows for the sharing of data across agency boundaries for information and referral; single-point of entry; and policy analysis and research. Agency representatives worked cooperatively in 2003 to move closer to implementation of the system.

During the past year, JOIN partnered with NIC and Your Oklahoma to develop a dynamic website. This will be the portal to all the services that JOIN will provide. JOIN furthered its partnership with the Department of Human Services by contracting with the Data Services Division to develop a web-based Eligibility Questionnaire that will be accessible from the JOIN web site. JOIN has also partnered with OASIS (Oklahoma Areawide Services Information System), to be the starting point of the JOIN Community Resource Directory. JOIN will enhance and expand this database by collecting and combining other state agencies' resource guides. JOIN has several standing workgroups that meet at least monthly. These groups work on the upcoming renewal of the Interagency Agreement, Mission Statement, Goals, a brochure and marketing strategy, the subject matter of the web site, resource directory, and the Eligibility Questionnaire. JOIN plans to have this current system accessible to the public April 2004.

JOIN participants continue to work together in collecting and importing participating agencies' data. As more agencies contribute to the baseline data, JOIN will benefit a variety of stakeholders. Participating agencies will realize a more efficient use of resources through increased case management and administrative tools. The people of Oklahoma will benefit through a more efficient and effective service delivery system.

One of the strengths of JOIN is the variety of participating agencies that manage workforce development initiatives, as well as children and family services. This alliance enables partners to share the costs and resources more efficiently.

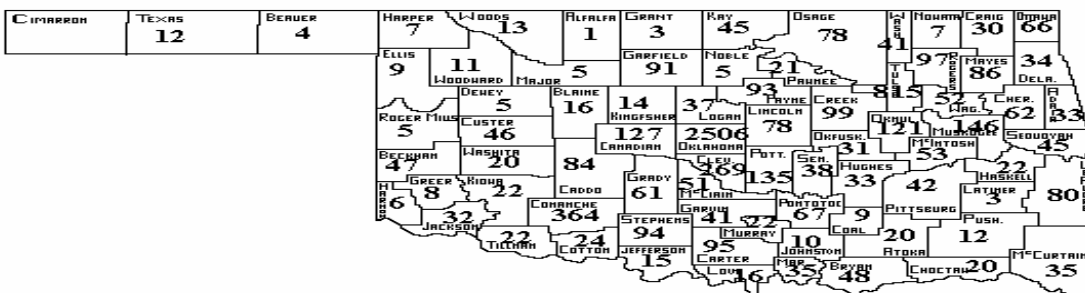
Community Partnership Boards (CPBs) - In 2003, thirty-three CPBs representing forty-nine counties developed local plans to address the concerns of children and families in their communities. Community Partnership Boards include citizens, service providers, faith community representatives, and business leaders. Community Partnership Boards are making a difference in their communities through the development of collaborative projects, using shared resources such as developing mentor/tutor programs in Haskell County and Midwest City and youth speak-outs in Canadian, Pottawatomie, Creek and Sequoyah Counties. A brief description of the accomplishments of the CPBs in 2003 is included as Appendix A.

SoonerStart/Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) - In fiscal year 2003, there were 9,051 infants and toddlers with disabilities who received SoonerStart services. The ICC and SoonerStart are nationally recognized models of interagency coordination for service delivery. Partners in SoonerStart include the State Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse; the University of Oklahoma's Lee Mitchner Tolbert Center; and the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth. The State Department of Education is the lead agency with the OCCY coordinating the ICC. SoonerStart and ICC consistently receive high praise for their family-centered, culturally-sensitive approach to early intervention. When surveyed, 94% of the SoonerStart families agreed or strongly agreed they were satisfied with services. Additionally, 64% of children who were in Sooner Start did not receive special education services once leaving the program. SoonerStart is highly effective in minimizing the effects of disabling conditions while empowering families with the tools needed to promote their children's development.

Oklahoma Areawide Service Information System (OASIS) - During fiscal year 2003, OASIS received 9,986 requests for assistance, provided assistance on 3,997 requests directly and made 8,758 referrals. Information also is provided through a website at <http://oasis.ouhsc.edu>. This website received over 1,147,994 hits in fiscal year 2003.

The OCCY contracts with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center for this statewide toll-free telephone referral system that provides information and referrals for professionals and parents of children with special needs, as well as for women and children's health care needs. The system also maintains a current data source that documents services available and requests for services on a county-by-county basis.

Origin of Requests:



Problems or Needs:

Advocacy	93	1%
Adult Day Care/Child Care	82	1%
Assistive Technology	155	2%
Basic Needs (Food, shelter, clothing)	269	3%
Education/Early Childhood Intervention	109	1%
Financial Assistance	837	11%
Health/Dental Care/Eye Care	413	5%
Mental Health/Substance Abuse	356	5%
OASIS Service (Literature, Message Relay, Update, etc.)	557	7%
Respite Care	109	1%
Respite Voucher Application/Information	3440	44%
Support	175	2%
All Others Combined	1234	16%

Mission: Independent monitoring of the Children and Youth Service System for Compliance with Established Responsibilities.

Office of Juvenile System Oversight - Pursuant to Section 601.6 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) has the responsibility to conduct semiannual, unannounced inspections of state-operated facilities and periodic inspections of privately operated residential facilities that have children as residents. The OJSO also inspects the county-operated detention centers and visits jails when there are allegations of children being held illegally or when there is a complaint regarding the treatment a person less than eighteen years of age is receiving while in jail. The OJSO is to ascertain compliance with established responsibilities, which may include state and federal laws, accrediting and licensing responsibilities, contractual agreements, and the policies and procedures of each agency and facility. Included as Appendix B is a directory of the facilities the OJSO has responsibility to monitor in the State of Oklahoma.

Section 601.6 of Title 10 also mandates the OJSO to investigate allegations of misfeasance and malfeasance and inquire into areas of concern regarding the children and youth service system.

Facility Oversight - Public Facilities. During 2003, the OJSO visited 22 state-operated residential facilities and 9 county-operated detention centers. These 31 facilities represented 54 separate visits and 72 days on-site. These 72 days represented 93 person days on-site.

Twelve of the visits found no violations or concerns. Forty-two visits found violations of established responsibilities and concerns with practices. Concerns and recommendations were noted over a wide range of issues, such as children and youth subjected to abuse, mistreatment, and neglect; lack of individualized treatment plans; overcrowding at the public shelters; lack of required and appropriate staff training; violations of policies regarding room restrictions and confinements; inappropriate placements for youths who have severe emotional problems; problems with the grievance process; lack of a license to operate a facility; staff shortages; and lack of documentation in files.

State Operated Facilities Visited in 2003

Cedar Canyon Adventure Program	Oklahoma School for the Blind
Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center	Oklahoma School for the Deaf
Deborah Rothe Group Home	Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics
Enid Adventure Program	Oklahoma Youth Center
Foss Lake Adventure Program	Pauline Mayer Annex
Ghost Mound Adventure Program	Pauline Mayer Shelter
J.D. McCarty Center	Southern Oklahoma Resource Center
Laura Dester Children’s Shelter	Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center
Lawton Adventure Program	Tenkiller Adventure Program
L.E. Rader Center	Thunderbird Youth Academy-Alpha Company
Northern Oklahoma Resource Center	Thunderbird Youth Academy-Bravo Company

Detention Centers. The OJSO visited nine of the county-operated detention centers in 2003. The OJSO identified violations of established policies at eight detention centers and expressed concerns at the remaining detention center visited. The violations and concerns included the lack of documentation in the files on the residents regarding medical screenings, educational histories, acknowledgments of rights, and consents for medical authority to treat; inadequate staff training; lack of recertification in training; noncompliance with grievance procedures; violations of policies regarding room restrictions and confinements; lack of policy regarding the use of behavioral management practices; unwarranted use of mechanical restraints; lack of policy in all areas of the detention certification standards; insufficient hours of school activities provided; lack of criminal record background checks on employees; inadequate grievance systems; and lack of a comprehensive policy and procedures manual.

Detention Centers Visited in 2003

Beckham County Juvenile Detention Center	Pittsburg County Regional Detention Center
Craig County Regional Detention Center	Pottawatomie County Juvenile Detention Center
Garfield County Regional Detention Center	Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center
LeFlore County Juvenile Detention Center	Texas County Juvenile Detention Center
Northwest Oklahoma Detention Center	

Facility Oversight - Private Facilities. The OJSO conducted visits at 49 private facilities, requiring 76 days on-site and representing 90 person days on-site. Concerns were noted and recommendations were made regarding violations of established responsibilities in 36 of the 49 programs.

Some of the concerns listed and the recommendations made in the reports regarded inappropriate consequences for negative behaviors, lack of provision of therapies, inadequate individualization of treatment plans, insufficient staff training, lack of recertification in training, the practice of residents defining consequences for peers, the use of group punishment, lack of documentation in progress notes and files, untimely reporting of suspected abuse and neglect, inappropriate treatment services, inconsistent provision of treatment services, inadequate grievance systems, lack of use of the least restrictive behavioral interventions, lack of policies and procedures, inappropriate use of room restrictions, use of tobacco products by residents, untimely employee performance evaluations, unsecured sharp knives, understaffing, residents uninformed about what medications they take and the results they can expect from their medicines, the residents' medicines were allowed to run out, and inappropriate restraints.

Private Facilities Visited in 2003

American Legion Children's Home	Oklahoma Diagnostic & Evaluation Center
Baptist Children's Home Owasso Program	Oklahoma Lion's Boys Ranch
Bethesda Family Services Foundation - Level E Boys Group Home	Oklahoma United Methodist Children's Home
Bethesda Family Services Foundation - Level E Girls Group Home	Owens Specialized Community Home
Cleveland County Youth and Family Shelter	Parnell Specialized Community Home
Cornerstone	Pendergrass Specialized Community Home
Dash Specialized Community Home	Poucher Specialized Community Home
Days Springs Villa	ROCMND Group Home
Frances E. Willard Home for Girls	Sand Springs Children's Home
Grace Cottage	Second Chance
Guzman Specialized Community Home	Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc., North Program
Harbor House	Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc., South Program
High Pointe	Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc., Spencer Program
Holy Family Home	Shadow Mountain Hospital
Hope Harbor Children's Home and Academy	Smith Specialized Community Home
House of Life/Drug Recovery, Inc.	Speck Homes, Inc.
Individualized Therapeutic Services Shadow Mountain Hospital	Stanfield Specialized Community Home
Lakeside Home	Tate Specialized Community Home
Lauderdale Specialized Community Home	Tulsa Center for Adolescent Treatment
Laureate Psychiatric Clinic and Hospital	Tulsa County Juvenile Trust Authority
Lighthouse	United Methodist Boys Ranch
Morrison Specialized Community Home	Western Plains Youth and Family Services
Murrow Indian Children's Home	White Specialized Community Home
Norman Adolescent Group Home	Willow Springs Boys Ranch
Oaks Indian Center	

Complaint Inquiries. Much of the OJJO's resources were spent conducting reviews and investigations of allegations regarding misfeasance and malfeasance in the children and youth service system. The OJJO provided a much-needed independent resource for citizens to make their concerns known, without fear of reprisal, and where they could be assured an objective and thorough review of their concerns.

In 2003, the OJJO received 476 inquiries for information and assistance. Of this number, 281 of the inquiries resulted in the OJJO conducting complaint investigations, 134 of the inquiries were requests for assistance that did not warrant full investigations, and 61 were contacts in which referrals to other entities were appropriate or general information was given.

At the time of this writing, the OJJO had recorded 1,577 clock hours (197 days) on 224 of the 281 complaint investigations. Fifty-seven were still being worked and, therefore, the time was not yet recorded. The OJJO also worked 185 hours on the 134 requests for assistance and 24 hours on the requests for information and referrals. Recorded hours did not include time spent by administration and support staff on the completion of investigations and preparation of reports.

The majority of the complaints the OJJO investigated in 2003 involved the Department of Human Services. One hundred and ninety-eight complaints involved child welfare and 97 involved entities such as the court, law enforcement, district attorneys' offices, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the State Department of Education, detention centers, training centers for juveniles, and private facilities. Sometimes, more than one entity was the subject of a complaint.

The OJJO confirmed there were violations of established responsibilities in 32 of the 224 investigated cases. The OJJO found violations of child welfare policy and procedures in 10 cases, private facility policy and procedures in 22 cases, and 1 case each regarding the court, a detention center, and the State Department of Education. In 3 cases with violations, more than one entity was involved.

The child welfare policy and procedures violations concerned such issues as violations of licensing standards, improper practices of policy and procedures, inaccuracies in documentation, inappropriate placements, inadequate services provided, and problematic foster care services.

Violations of private facility policy and procedures concerned contract agreements and licensure standards, lack of interstate compacts on residents from other states, inappropriate placements, problematic practices of medication administration, improper grievance procedures, inadequate provision of treatment and services, lack of education services for residents, falsified documents provided by staff, unreported critical incidents, understaffing/staff shortages, use of group punishment, and lack of medical care provided to residents.

The OJSO received the greatest amount of inquiries on Oklahoma County, with 71; Tulsa County, with 19; Pottawatomie County, with 15; Cleveland County, with 14; Pittsburg County, with 13; and Bryan County, with 10. The OJSO confirmed the allegations in 14 of the complaints made involving Oklahoma County. Three of the 14 were on DHS child welfare, 10 on private facilities, and 1 on the court system. The OJSO confirmed the allegations in 3 of the complaints involving Tulsa County, 1 concerning DHS child welfare and 2 concerning a private facility.

Postadjudication Review Boards (PARB) - A Postadjudication Review Board (PARB) reviews documentation of court cases involving children who have been adjudicated, deprived or delinquent. The purpose of their independent review focuses on whether the treatment goals and services support the best interest of the child. PARBs were established by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1983 and the authorizing statutory language is found in Title 10 O.S. 1116.2.

The primary responsibility of the PARB is to be an advocate for the child. The local PARB is composed of at least five (5) people living or working within the local judicial district. The PARB members are volunteers and are appointed by the Oklahoma Commission of Children and Youth through a recommendation of the local judge. The PARBs function in an advisory capacity to district courts, making findings and written recommendations regarding the appropriateness of treatment and service plans, permanency planning and overall services provided to the child and family.

For federal fiscal year 2003, which covers the timeframe of October 1, 2002, through September 30, 2003, there were fifty-nine (59) boards representing forty-one (41) counties operating in all judicial districts but five (5). A total of ninety-three percent (93%) of the local PARBs reported data for this time period. Approximately, 13,455 Oklahoma children received benefit of a PARB independent review. Two hundred and seventy (270) volunteers gave 16,068 hours of service for the reviews.

Child Death Review Board - This multi-disciplinary board is responsible for reviewing the deaths of children in Oklahoma and providing statistical data and systems evaluation information to develop recommendations to improve the policies, procedures, and practices within and among agencies that protect and serve children. In 2003, the State Board, along with two local boards, reviewed the deaths of 292 children. Of these, 219 (75%) had received some type of assistance from the Department of Human Services. The Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) program had the highest frequency of involvement with 154 (52.7%) cases. Child Protective Services had previous involvement with 89 (30.5%) of the families who lost a child. In 63 (21.6%) of the cases, the child who died had a previous abuse/neglect report. Three of the deaths reviewed involved children who were in foster care. One died of natural causes; one was ruled an accident by the medical examiner's office, and one was a homicide.

Accidental deaths made up 48.6% (142) of the cases reviewed; natural causes was the second leading cause of death, 29.1% (85); and undetermined was third at 9.6% (28). Suicides accounted for 5.8% (17) of the deaths reviewed and homicides made up 7.2% (21) of the deaths.

Child Deaths Reviewed Number = 292

	Number	Percentage
Prior DHS Involvement	219	75.0%
TANF	154	52.7%
Medical Assistance	106	36.3%
Child Protective Services	89	30.5%
Food Stamps	75	25.7%
Child Support Enforcement	79	27.1%

Accidental Death Causes Number = 142

	Number	Percentage
Vehicular	89	62.7%
Drowning	21	14.8%
Asphyxiation	6	4.2%
Fire Related	11	7.7%
Firearm Related	2	1.4%
Poisoning/Overdose	5	3.5%
Other	8	5.6%
Total	142	100%

Board of Child Abuse Examination - Beginning in July of 2003, the Board of Child Abuse Examination began meeting every two months to develop rules for certification of child abuse examiners. The members of the Board include: Dr. Robert Block, Chief Child Abuse Examiner, Dr. Michael Crutcher, State Department of Health, Howard Hendrick, Department of Human Services, Tim Harris, District Attorney's Association, Dr. James Hogin, Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, DeWade Langley, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and Dr. John Stuemky, Oklahoma Allopathic Association.

During Fiscal Year 2003, the Chief Child Abuse Examiner provided two basic trainings for medical personnel on the identification and treatment of child abuse. Each two-day conference focused on being able to correctly diagnose physical and child sexual abuse in children, as well as information on how to work with the Department of Human Services and the court system. The two basic trainings were attended by 30 physicians, 29 nurses and 4 physicians' assistants.

Mission: Promote Innovative programs through funding model projects.

Systems of Care Initiative – In 2003 the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth continued to support implementation of Systems of Care for children with serious emotional disturbances. Approximately \$165,000.00 was provided to assist the effort in addition to continuing to co-chair the State Team and participating in a Policy Academy to redesign children's behavioral health services.

Promoting School/Community Partnerships – A contract was awarded to the Garfield County Public School District to provide technical assistance to communities on developing and expanding strong school/community partnerships to improve school attendance and performance in at-risks schools. In addition to Enid, a similar program was developed.

APPENDIX A

Community Partnership Board (CPB) Accomplishments in 2003

Blaine County CPB

The Blaine County Community Health Action Team will hold the “Blaine County 8th Grade Wellness Day” in November 2003. The event will focus on providing youth with information about various health concerns and avoiding several risk behaviors while building self-esteem.

Canadian County CPB

The Canadian County CPB held a Youth Listening Conference in El Reno. The conference enlisted students throughout Canadian County discussing serious issues within their community. This board also partnered with local schools, Canadian County Youth and Family Services, and the OSU extension.

Cherokee County CPB

The Cherokee County board held a Safety Fair. Over 200 participants received information ranging from bicycle safety to what to do when you are home alone.

Craig County CPB

This board developed an assessment for the district to determine the assets and deficits of youth in various communities.

Creek County CPB

The Creek Co. Partnership has recently partnered with the local Turning Point initiative to help promote healthy life styles in Bristow. The group will also hold its first Youth Listening Conference and then incorporate youth into the boards activities.

Garfield County CPB

The Youth Opportunity Task Force (Garfield County partnership) recently held a Community session with concerned citizens to gather ideas on how best the community can address juvenile delinquency concerns.

Harper County CPB

The Harper County CPB partnered with the City of Buffalo and Americorps VISTA. This partnership provided for 10 VISTA volunteers to assist the City of Buffalo in their youth and community development efforts. The future plan is to create a youth center where children and young adults can learn technology,

obtain academic assistance, and have access to positive personal development and other outreach programs.

Haskell County CPB

The Haskell County CPB implemented a mentor/tutor program utilizing 17 volunteers who tutored students at a high-risk elementary school. Children received at least 2 hours of mentoring per week through the program.

Lawton-Ft. Sill Community Coalition

This CPB implemented the Botvin's Life Skills Curriculum in every sixth, seventh, and eighth grade classroom in the Lawton public schools. This is a research-based curriculum that has shown to substantially decrease substance abuse among youth who have participated in the program.

LeFlore County CPB

The LeFlore County CPB conducted a one-day Teen Conference promoting self-esteem for youth. Youth trainers worked with peers on targeted community service projects.

Muskogee Youth Coalition CPB

An "Asset Building Workshop" was held in the Muskogee area to spread the concept and to better understand what youth need to be successful and how to give and receive appropriate support.

Nowata County Resource Council CPB

The Nowata County Resource Council CPB conducted the TEEN ODYSSEY Health Conference. All seventh and eighth graders and their families in the county were invited to participate. The workshop agenda included twenty health-related topics, i.e. Expect Respect, Teenline, Consequences of Choices, Anger Management, and When Tragedy Strikes.

Pottawatomie County CPB

The Shawnee Asset Building Alliance (S.A.B.A.) partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to provide a 2 week Arts and Sports Camp to area youth. S.A.B.A. also held a Youth Speak-Out and has formed a youth coalition.

Sequoyah County Interagency Council CPB

The Sequoyah County Interagency Council CPB Conducted a Youth Speak-out for all County High School students. Representatives from each school addressed county leaders, outlined concerns and offered solutions. Task groups were formed to address the concerns.

Texas, Beaver and Cimarron Counties CPB

This Panhandle CPB collaborated with the Oklahoma Area-wide Services Information System to provide training for parents of children who have disabilities. Information was provided on what resources are available and the benefits of a support group. The parents have since committed themselves to establish a support group.

Washington County CPB

The Washington County CPB volunteers completed a community needs assessment and identified transportation as the number one priority. They partnered with other agencies in the community to transport individuals and families to the health department for medical appointments and childhood immunizations.

Johnston County CPB

The Johnston County CPB partnered with the Boys and Girls Club in Tishomingo and the Johnston Co. O.S.U. Extension office to provide positive youth activities through the month of June. Attendees of the club as well as area foster youth participated in activities such as a modified ropes course, mentoring and games that promote confidence and positive self-esteem. The board is expanding the program to a year around activity.

Seminole/Hughes County CPB

The Seminole and Hughes County partnership co-sponsored the district Child Abuse Prevention Conference and also helped deliver parenting education to county residents.

The following boards were formed in 2003:

Ottawa County

Lincoln County

APPENDIX B

Public Juvenile Facilities

Name of Facility	Location	Phone Number	Ages Accepted	Gender
<i>Training Schools</i>				
L. E. Rader Center	Sand Springs	918-246-8000	12 to 18	Male/Female
Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center	Tecumseh	405-598-2135	12 to 18	Male/Female
Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center	Manitou	580-397-3511	13 to 18	Male
<i>Emergency Shelters</i>				
Laura Dester Shelter	Tulsa	918-560-4881	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Pauline E. Mayer Shelter	Oklahoma City	405-767-2750	Birth to 18	Male/Female
<i>Mental Health Facility</i>				
Oklahoma Youth Center	Norman	405-364-9004	5 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Detention Centers</i>				
Beckham County Detention Center	Elk City	580-225-1001	13 to 18	Male/Female
Bryan County Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Durant	580-920-2030	13 to 18	Male/Female
Canadian County Detention Center	El Reno	405-262-6111	12 to 18	Male/Female
Cleveland County Juvenile Detention Center	Norman	405-447-8581	13 to 18	Male/Female
Comanche County Regional Juvenile Detention Facility	Lawton	580-357-2250	13 to 18	Male/Female
Craig County Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Vinita	918-256-6488	10 to 18	Male/Female
Garfield County Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Enid	580-234-3347	10 to 18	Male/Female
LeFlore County Juvenile Detention Center	Talihina	918-567-3393	13 to 18	Male/Female
Muskogee County Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Muskogee	918-683-3696	12 to 18	Male/Female
Northwest Oklahoma Juvenile Detention Facility	Woodward	580-256-4400	13 to 18	Male/Female
Oklahoma County Juvenile Bureau	Oklahoma City	405-713-6475	10 to 18	Male/Female
Osage County Detention Center	Pawhuska	918-287-2881	13 to 18	Male/Female
Pittsburg County Regional Detention Facility	McAlester	918-426-1585	13 to 18	Male/Female
Pottawatomie County Public Safety Center	Shawnee	405-273-6531	13 to 18	Male/Female
Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center	Stroud	918-968-4279	12 to 18	Male/Female
Texas County Juvenile Detention Center	Hooker	580-652-2933	10 to 18	Male/Female
Tulsa County Juvenile Detention Center	Tulsa	918-596-5960	10 to 18	Male/Female

Public Juvenile Facilities

Name of Facility	Location	Phone Number	Ages Accepted	Gender
<i>Group Homes</i>				
Cedar Canyon Adventure Program	Weatherford	580-343-2132	16 to 18	Male
Deborah Rothe Group Home	Oklahoma City	405-524-4524	13 to 18	Female
Enid Adventure Program	Enid	580-234-0001	12 to 18	Male
Foss Lake Adventure Program	Foss	580-592-4444	13 to 18	Male
Lawton Adventure Program	Lawton	580-353-1626	12 to 18	Male
Pauline E. Mayer Annex	Oklahoma City	405-271-7606	13 to 18 w/babies	Female
Tenkiller Adventure Program	Park Hill	918-457-5125	12 to 18	Male
<i>Residential Treatment Center (RTC)</i>				
Norman Adolescent Center	Norman	405-573-3998	13 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation</i>				
Northern Oklahoma Resource Center	Enid	580-213-2700	6 to 18	Male/Female
Southern Oklahoma Resource Center	Pauls Valley	405-238-6401	6 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Other State Schools</i>				
Oklahoma School for the Blind	Muskogee	918-781-8200	PreK-12	Male/Female
Oklahoma School for the Deaf	Sulphur	580-622-4900	3 to 18	Male/Female
Thunderbird Youth Academy, Alpha Company	Pryor	918-824-4850	16 to 18	Male/Female
Thunderbird Youth Academy, Bravo Company	Pryor	918-824-4864	13 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Special Care Facility</i>				
J. D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities	Norman	405-321-4830	0-18	Male/Female
<i>Maternity Homes</i>				
Holy Family Home	Midwest City	405-523-3012	13 to 18 w/babies	Female
Grace Cottage	Poteau	918-649-3737	13 to 18 w/babies	Female
DaySpring Villa	Sand Springs	918-245-4075	13 to 18 w/babies	Female
SafeHaven Ministries	Ponca City	580-762-5572	13 to 18 w/babies	Female

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Private Juvenile Facilities

Name of Facility	Location	Phone Number	Ages Accepted	Gender
<i>Intermediate Care Facility</i>				
The Children's Center	Bethany	405-789-6711	Birth to 18	Male/Female
<i>Residential Facilities</i>				
American Legion Children's Home	Ponca City	580-762-4156	11 to 18	Male/Female
Baptist Children's Home for Girls	Madill	580-564-2218	2 to 18	Female
Baptist Children's Home	Oklahoma City	405-691-7781	2 to 18	Male/Female
Baptist Children's Home	Owasso	918-272-2233	5 to 18	Male/Female
Boys Ranch Town	Edmond	405-341-3606	7 to 15	Male
Brush Creek Youth Ranch	Jay	918-253-8036	13 to 18	Male
Cookson Hills Christian School	Kansas	918-597-2192	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Eagle Springs Training Center	Skiatook	918-396-7757	13 to 17	Female
Frances Willard Home for Girls	Tulsa	918-583-9506	12 to 18	Female
Genesis Project, Inc.	Jones	405-396-2942	6 to 12	Male
Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home	Hugo	580-326-7568	6 to 14	Male
Hope Harbor	Claremore	918-343-0003	6 to 18	Male/Female
Lakeside Home	Tulsa	918-591-6016	12 to 18	Male/Female
Murrow Indian Children's Home	Muskogee	918-682-2586	6 to 18	Male/Female
New Lifehouse-Teen Challenge	Disney	918-435-8206	13 to 18	Female
Oaks Indian Mission	Oaks	918-868-2196	5 to 14	Male/Female
Oklahoma Lions Boys Ranch	Perkins	405-547-2462	12 to 18	Male
Peppers Ranch	Guthrie	405-260-2107	6 to 17	Male
Sand Springs Home	Sand Springs	918-245-3232	5 to 18	Male/Female
Speck Homes	Oklahoma City	405-239-7101	13 to 17.5	Male
The Tipton Home	Tipton	580-667-5221	5 to 18	Male/Female
Tulsa Boys Home	Tulsa	918-245-0231	13 to 18	Male
United Methodist Boys Ranch-Circle of Care	Gore	918-487-5281	12 to 18	Male
United Methodist Children's Home	Tahlequah	918-456-6166	6 to 12	Male/Female
Westview Boys Home	Hollis	580-688-9281	5 to 16	Male

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Private Juvenile Facilities

Name of Facility	Location	Phone Number	Ages Accepted	Gender
<i>Emergency Shelters</i>				
Area Youth Shelter	Ada	580-436-6130	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Cherokee Nation Youth Services	Tahlequah	918-458-4440	12 to 18	Male/Female
Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Emergency Youth Shelter	Concho	405-262-9024	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Community Children's Shelter & Family Services Center	Ardmore	580-226-1838	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Creek County Youth Services	Sapulpa	918-227-2622	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Crossroads Youth & Family Services/ Cleveland County Youth and Shelter	Norman	405-321-0240	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Ft. Sill/Apache Emergency Youth Shelter	Apache	580-588-2296	Birth to 18	Male/Female
J. Roy Dunning Children's Shelter	Lawton	580-357-6263	Birth to 12	Male/Female
Kiamichi Youth Services, Inc.	Idabel	580-286-2311	Birth to 18	Male/Female
LeFlore County Youth Services	Poteau	918-647-4196	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Logan County Youth & Family Services	Guthrie	405-282-7045	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Marie Detty Youth and Family Services	Lawton	580-248-6450	12 to 18	Male/Female
Mid-DeI Emergency Youth Shelter	Midwest City	405-424-0177	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Muskogee County Council of Youth Services	Muskogee	918-682-2841	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Northern Oklahoma Youth Services Center & Shelter	Ponca City	580-762-8341	10 to 18	Male/Female
Okmulgee County Council of Youth Services	Okmulgee	918-756-7700	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Payne County Youth Services	Stillwater	405-377-1452	10 to 18	Male/Female
Pittsburgh County Youth Emergency Shelter	McAlester	918-423-8845	Birth to 18	Male/Female
ROCMND Area Youth Emergency Shelter	Miami	918-540-2836	13 to 18	Male/Female
Rogers County Youth Services	Claremore	918-341-7580	11 to 18	Male/Female
Southwest Youth & Family Services	Chickasha	405-222-5437	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Southwestern Youth Services	Altus	580-482-6229	8 to 18	Male/Female
Western Plains Youth & Family Services, Inc.	Woodward	580-256-8931	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth & Family Resource Center	Shawnee	405-275-3340	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth & Family Services, Inc.	El Reno	405-262-6555	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth & Family Services of North Central Oklahoma	Enid	580-233-7220	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth and Family Services of Washington County	Bartlesville	918-335-1111	7 to 18	Male/Female
Youth Emergency Shelter	Eufaula	918-689-2900	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth Services for Oklahoma County/Family Junction	Oklahoma City	405-272-0726	12 to 18	Male/Female
Youth Services for Stephens County	Duncan	580-252-3060	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth Services of Bryan County	Durant	580-924-6263	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth Services of Osage County	Pawhuska	918-287-2881	Birth to 18	Male/Female
Youth Services of Tulsa	Tulsa	918-582-0061	12 to 18	Male/Female

Private Juvenile Facilities

Name of Facility	Location	Phone Number	Ages Accepted	Gender
<i>Group Homes</i>				
Bethesda Level E Boys' Group Home	Sand Springs	918-245-3761	13 to 18	Male
Bethesda Level E Girls' Group Home	Sapulpa	918-224-6349	13 to 18	Female
Lighthouse Group Home	Norman	405-307-0342	13 to 18	Male
Marie Detty/Parker Pointe Level D+ Group Home	Lawton	580-248-6470	13 to 18	Male/Female
Norman Adolescent Group Home	Norman	405-573-1008	13 to 18	Male
People, Inc.	Sallisaw	918-775-3517	8 to 18	Male
Realations Community Services	Tulsa	918-447-0880	8 to 18	Male/Female
ROCMND	Miami	918-540-4563	13 to 18	Male
Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc. Level E Group Home	Chickasha	405-222-2768	12 to 18	Female
Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc./North Program	Enid	580-234-2980	13 to 18	Male
Sequoyah Enterprises, Inc./South Program	Enid	580-233-5844	12 to 18	Male
The Cornerstone	Norman	405-573-1000	13 to 18	Male
Youth Habilitation Center	Norman	405-701-8530	12 to 18	Male
<i>*Specialized Community Homes</i>				
Dash Home	Altus			
Guzman Home	Hollis			
Morrison Home	Muskogee			
Owens Home	Muskogee			
Parnell Home	Muskogee			
Pendergrass Home	Stigler			
Poucher Home	Chickasha			
Ramsey Home	Okmulgee			
Smith Home	Norman			
Spaulding Home	Olustee			
Stanfield Home	Konawa			
Tate Home	Grove			
White Home	Miami			

* Specialized Community Homes are private homes that are contracted with the Office of Juvenile Affairs and the Department of Human Services.

Private Juvenile Facilities

Name of Facility	Location	Phone Number	Ages Accepted	Gender
<i>Private Residential Psychiatric and Chemical Dependency Facilities</i>				
<i>Acute Care and Residential Treatment Centers (RTC)</i>				
Crewson Youth Centers (RTC)	Tulsa	918-293-9750	7 to 18	Male/Female
Drug Recovery, Inc./House of Life	Arcadia	405-396-2921	13 to 18	Male/Female
High Pointe (Acute)	Oklahoma City	405-419-1500	12 to 18	Male/Female
Integrus Bass Baptist Health/Meadow Lake (Acute and RTC)	Enid	800-759-2211	3 to 18	Male/Female
Integrus Mental Health (Acute and RTC)	Spencer	405-427-4710	12 to 18	Male/Female
Integrus Mental Health/Willow View (Acute and RTC)	Spencer	405-427-2441	5 to 18	Male/Female
Integrus Mental Health/Star Program (RTC)	Spencer	405-427-2441	5 to 12	Male/Female
Jack Brown Treatment Center	Tahlequah	918-458-0496	13-18	Male/Female
Laureate Psychiatric Hospital (Acute, RTC, and Eating Disorders)	Tulsa	918-481-4000	4 to 18	Male/Female
Moccasin Bend Ranch (RTC)	Miami	800-950-7577	5 to 18	Male/Female
Morning Star (RTC)	Marietta	580-276-5443	13 to 18	Female
Rolling Hills Hospital (Acute and RTC)	Ada	580-436-3600	13 to 18	Male/Female
Shadow Mountain Behavioral Health System (Acute and RTC)	Tulsa	918-492-8200	5 to 18	Male/Female
Southwestern Behavioral Health (Acute and RTC)	Lawton	580-536-0077	5 to 18	Male/Female
St. Anthony Hospital (Acute and RTC)	Oklahoma City	405-272-6216	5 to 18	Male/Female
St. Anthony's Accents Program for Mental Retardation/Mental Illness	Oklahoma City	405-272-4900	12 to 18	Male/Female
St. Anthony's Hospital at St. Michael's Campus/Positive Outcomes	Oklahoma City	405-713-5780	13 to 18	Male
Tulsa County Juvenile Trust Authority (RTC)	Tulsa	918-293-9750	5 to 18	Male/Female
Tulsa Regional Medical Center/ Children's Medical Center (Acute and RTC)	Tulsa	918-599-5880	3 to 18	Male/Female
Willow Crest Hospital (Acute and RTC)	Miami	800-950-7577	3 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Seventy-Two Hour Stabilization Program</i>				
Intensive Treatment Services	Norman	405-447-1911	8 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Diagnostic and Evaluation Center</i>				
Oklahoma Diagnostic and Evaluation Center for Children	Norman	405-360-9736	5 to 18	Male/Female
<i>Chemical Dependency Residential Treatment</i>				
Eagle Ridge Family Treatment Center	Guthrie	405-282-8232	Pregnant/Mothers w/babies-11 yrs	Female
McAlester Alcoholism Council/The Oaks (RTC and Halfway House)	McAlester	918-423-6030	Pregnant/Mothers w/babies-11 yrs	Female
Monarch, Inc.	Muskogee	918-682-7210	Pregnant/Mothers w/babies-13 yrs	Female
Northwest Substance Abuse Treatment Center	Waynoka	580-824-0674	Pregnant/Mothers w/babies-12 yrs	Female

APPENDIX C

2004 UPDATE

FOR THE

STATE PLAN

FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2000-2004

Recommendations

On June 18, 2004, the Commission unanimously voted to Adopt and Support the following Recommendations from the Office of Juvenile System Oversight, Family Perspectives Committee, Community Partnership Boards, and the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board, respectively:

Recommendations to Adopt

The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to assemble an interagency, interdisciplinary workgroup consisting of family members, providers, state agency policy makers and other stakeholders to develop strategies that address the shortfall of pediatric dental services for children with developmental disabilities and engage in the promotion of the implementation of those strategies. **[Recommendation of the Family Perspectives Committee]**

- Increase access to dental services for all children and youth especially those in rural areas. **[Recommendation of the Community Partnership Boards]**
- The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth will continue to work with the Statewide Dental Task Force, families and stakeholders to make quality dental care available for all children in Oklahoma with and without a disability. **[Recommendation of the Family Perspectives Committee]** (This is a continuation of last year's recommendation.)

Develop and Expand behavioral health services. **[Recommendation of the Community Partnership Boards]**

- Increase the Office of Juvenile Affairs' funding for detention centers to provide mental health services for youths. **[Recommendation of the Office of Juvenile System Oversight to the Oklahoma State Legislature]**
- Ensure there are an adequate number of psychiatric beds for residential treatment and acute care to serve the juveniles in Oklahoma who require those levels of care. **[Recommendation of the Office of Juvenile System Oversight to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services]** (This is a continuation of last year's recommendation.)

Initiate Independent Living Skills training beginning at age thirteen (13) for all custody youth with a concentration on literacy. **[Recommendation of the State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board to the Department of Human Services]**

Recommendations to Support

Supported recommendations are those that the Commission are in agreement with and will support the recommending group in achieving.

Recommendations made to the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth:

1. Strengthen Oklahoma's graduated drivers licensing system to include restrictions on teen drivers and the number of unlicensed and/or younger passengers allowed. **[Child Death Review Board]**
2. Increase fines for drivers transporting unrestrained children to be comparable with fines for unrestrained drivers. **[Child Death Review Board]**
3. Court sanctions and/or education prevention programs, such as drunk driving victim's panels should be strongly encouraged for first time and/or repeat offenders. Drug court or a comparable drug and alcohol treatment program for repeat offenders should also be strongly encouraged. **[Child Death Review Board]**
4. Provide mandated universal driver education classes for all high school and career tech students. **[Child Death Review Board]**
5. Mandatory reporting by health care providers to the appropriate law enforcement agency of any/all gunshot wounds. Subsequently, mandatory reporting by law enforcement agencies to the Injury Prevention Services, Oklahoma State Department of Health of all gunshot wounds for review. **[Child Death Review Board]**
6. Development of gun safety and avoidance programs, including implementation plans, with a particular emphasis on elementary age children. **[Child Death Review Board]**
7. Identification of secure visitation drop-off locations for the safe exchange of children in cases where the court has ordered visitation and a caregiver/parent has expressed to the court a concern over safety. **[Child Death Review Board]**
8. Provide the Oklahoma Department of Human Services with funding to hire additional child welfare staff to be in compliance with the recommended national standard issued by the Child Welfare League of America. **[Child Death Review Board]**
9. Continue to fund the Oklahoma State Health Department's primary and secondary prevention programs (i.e. Children First, Child Guidance, Office of Child Abuse Prevention Programs, Oklahoma Parents as Teachers, and Safe Families). **[Child Death Review Board]**
10. Increase child abuse prevention services that serve families that do not qualify for Children First but have been considered to be at high risk for abuse/neglect. **[Child Death Review Board]**

11. Address the need for transportation to increase the availability of social services particularly in rural areas. **[Community Partnership Boards]**
12. Develop constructive after-school activities for children and youth. **[Community Partnership Boards]**

Recommendations to the Office of Juvenile Affairs:

1. Recommend the Office of Juvenile Affairs hire a nationally-recognized consultant to rewrite policy and to develop training regarding de-escalation practices in working with juveniles who have severe behavioral issues. **[Office of Juvenile System Oversight]**
2. Recommend to the Office of Juvenile Affairs provide better permanency planning services to Delinquent and In Need of Supervision youth. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendations to the Department of Human Services:

1. The Department of Human Services should ensure the emotional and psychological safety of sibling groups before recommending a Swift Adoption placement. **[Office of Juvenile System Oversight]**
2. Request the Department of Human Services study and identify any commonalities in prior referrals on child near death and child death cases where there has been a pattern of prior referrals of five (5) or more involving the family. **[Office of Juvenile System Oversight]**
3. The Department of Human Services should provide more focus, training and support to the caseworkers working directly with children and families. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
4. The Department of Human Services should include input from the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee when drafting and revising agency policy. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
5. The Department of Human Services should develop methods to identify factors that contribute to the success or failure in the adoption process. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
6. The Department of Human Services should create a user-friendly system for foster parents' comments through the use of an evaluation form. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
7. The Department of Human Services should provide quality control for adoption placements and extended transitions. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
8. The Department of Human Services should develop independent follow-up on adoption placements. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendations to the Oklahoma State Legislature and Governor Henry:

1. The Legislature and/or state agencies should restore funding for children's services in Oklahoma and specifically the following:
 - a. The National Guard Mentorship program for Delinquent children;
 - b. STARS Tracking Program for monitoring Delinquent children;
 - c. The Independent Living program that enables Deprived children to live in their own apartment; and
 - d. Sexual abuse certification incentive for child welfare workers. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
2. Recommend to the State Legislature and Governor Henry that there be adequate residential and community services treatment beds for In Need of Supervision and Delinquent youth. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
3. Recommend to the State Legislature and Governor Henry that there be an increase in pay for juvenile court appointed attorneys. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
4. Recommend to the State Legislature and Governor Henry that a change in the law state that stipulations in a juvenile case shall not be admissible in the criminal case. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendation to the Oklahoma Supreme Court

The Oklahoma Supreme Court should include a line item appropriation to match funds for the Court Improvement Program in the court's FY 06 budget request. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendation to the District Courts

Recommend to the District Courts that all children involved in juvenile court should attend at least one (1) court hearing per year. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendations to the District Attorneys

1. District Attorneys should recognize the importance of children's cases and assign prosecutors who have specific training in these types of cases. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**
2. District Attorneys should expedite the filing of termination petitions as mandated by statutes. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendation to the Oklahoma Bar Association:

Recommend that the Oklahoma Bar Association establish standards that direct attorneys who represent juveniles to receive at least six (6) hours of continuing education per year in issues relating to juvenile law, child abuse and neglect and other issues relating to children involved in foster care or parental divorce or other child custody issues. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

Recommendation to the Child Abuse Training and Coordinating Council:

Suggest that the Child Abuse Training and Coordinating Council (CATCC) consider inviting all attorneys involved in children's cases to CATCC training events. **[State Post Adjudication Review Advisory Board]**

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