



— INTERIM STUDY

Child Welfare Disabilities Program

Ensuring quality care and treatment
for those with disabilities in Child
Welfare custody.

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Child Welfare Disabilities Program

The

Quinten Douglas Wood Act Of 2014

is the foundation of what we do.

Child Welfare Disabilities Program (CWDP) partners with communities and providers to ensure quality care and treatment in placements of all levels for those in Child Welfare Custody and with disability needs. With a service-first approach, we prioritize teamwork, clear communication, and collaboration to support youth and providers. Together, we create lasting change and empower every child to thrive.

Core Functions

- **Navigation:** assessing and coordinating appropriate level of placement for children with disabilities
- **Consultation:** reviewing the child's needs, identifying supports, connecting to resources
- **Collaboration:** working with the child's caregivers and professional support team
- **Coordination:** partnering with Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) and community supports for access to services and placement needs



The Quinten Douglas Wood Act of 2014

Children with developmental disabilities may be more vulnerable to child maltreatment, requiring closer coordination and collaboration between Child Welfare Services (CWS) and DDS upon receipt of a child abuse or neglect report. When a Child Welfare specialist encounters a child who has a diagnosed or perceived developmental disability, medical issue, or both, the Child Welfare specialist may seek consultation with DDS.

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The Quinten Douglas Wood Act

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01

CWS, in collaboration with DDS, will implement a protocol for any child with a disability, whether a victim or a sibling. This includes resource coordination, medical consultation, and medical evaluation with CPS.

02

During the Investigation or Assessment, workers may obtain a child's psychological, medical, and non-directory educational records without a court order. This applies to the children, not the parents.

03

The definition of neglect includes the failure or omission to provide the special care made necessary by a child's physical or mental condition.

04

The protocol includes guidance regarding a child who is unable to communicate effectively due to a disability.

Higher Levels of Placement

01

**Agency Companion
Services Foster Care
(AC/S FC)**

02

Level D Placement

03

**Extensive Residential
Supports (ERS)**

04

**Specialized Habilitation
Individual Empowerment at
the Laura Dester (SHIELD)**

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JD McCarty Center

Specialized Foster Care vs. Agency Companion

Specialized Foster Care

- Child Placement Review
- Up to 3 children
- Monitored through DDS
- Stay after 18

Agency Companion

- Child Placement Review
- Only 1 child
- Monitored through a contracted child placing agency
- Stay after 18

WHAT TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

Level D Group Homes



Located in Sallisaw, Tahlequah, and Bartlesville, Oklahoma

A DDS and CWS partnership

Utilizes a structured Treatment Team



Bartlesville Group Home

WHAT TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

Specialized Habilitation Individual Empowerment at the Laura Dester (SHIELD)

Located in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Internal Disciplinary Team (IDT)

Treatment Modality

Aftercare



Tulsa, OK

Enhanced Respite Services (ERS) Program

One child
at a time.

The ERS Program provides a stable, community-based home setting designed for children with high-level intellectual disabilities and co-occurring behavioral health needs. By serving one child at a time, the program fosters a consistent "family-style" environment to help youth thrive in their school systems and build lasting relationships with neighbors until a permanent family is located. This specialized care model operates through strategic partnerships and a unique, continuous staffing rotation.

Key Highlights:

- **Dedicated Care:** Serves only one child at a time to maximize stability and community connection.
- **Rotational Staff:** House Parents work a "2 days on, 4 days off" schedule with overlapping times for family meals and weekly meetings.
- **Collaborative Partners:** Developed in partnership with DDS and CWS, with high-level staffing identified by CWDP.

— WHAT TYPES OF PLACEMENTS

J.D. McCarty Center



J.D. McCarty Center is a specialized, pediatric rehabilitation hospital located in Norman, Oklahoma. Founded in 1946 by a local veterans organization, it operates as a unique public agency dedicated exclusively to helping children reach their highest level of function and independence.

Inpatient Pediatric Care

Outpatient Therapy Clinics

Applied Behavior Analysis

Free Therapeutic Screening

Seating and Mobility Clinic

Assistive Technology Lab

Out of State Placements

3 youth with Autism (ASD) in OKDHS Custody have been placed out of state.

Main Points:

These placements are only utilized when all placement options that provide the appropriate level of care in state have been exhausted.

There are plans for all 3 to be transferred into Oklahoma treatment programs in the near future.

Questions

Thank you for the opportunity to present on behalf of
Oklahoma Human Services.



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