

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Human Services

Mission and Governance Statement

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

Improve services to children by planning, coordinating and communicating with communities and between public and private agencies; provide independent monitoring of the children and youth service system, and test models and demonstration programs for effective services.

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Lisa L. Smith M.A.
Executive Director

Mark James MSW
Assistant Director

GOVERNANCE:

Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

A Nineteen (19) member appointed Commission that meets 5 to 6 times a year. The Commissioners have established Subcommittees to include: Budget and Finance, Executive, Planning and Coordination, Oversight and Nominations.

MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

What steps has the agency taken to cut costs and/or eliminate waste?

In July 2016, OCCY subleased office space to the Office of Disability Concerns. The total sublease is for 1,379 square feet in the amount of \$15,224.16 annually.

CORE MISSION:

To help Oklahoma's most vulnerable children and families navigate a path to safety and well-being through oversight, planning and coordination and testing model programs.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In 2016, OCCY established the Professional Committee on Juvenile Competency to train and credential Juvenile Forensic Evaluators. As a result Oklahoma now has seven (7) juvenile forensic evaluators. The evaluators conducted twenty-five (25) juvenile competency evaluations statewide in 2016 to assist the Courts to determine whether juveniles were competent to face delinquent charges. Eighteen (18) juveniles were found not competent with eleven (11) of those juveniles having intellectual disabilities and seven (7) having mental impairments. Seven (7) juveniles were found competent to be adjudicated as a delinquent.

The Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT's) on Child Abuse and Neglect served 5,788 children in SFY 2015. OCCY trained 239 MDT professionals in SFY 2016 through the use of the Children's Justice Act Grant Funds (federal grant funds).

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In 2016, OCCY applied and received a \$50,000 grant from the Telligen Foundation to develop the infrastructure for a child abuse and neglect physician's network. This network is being established in coordination with the Board of Child Abuse Examination.

PRIVATE SECTOR ALTERNATIVES:

Are any of the services which are performed by the agency also performed in the private sector in Oklahoma? In other states?

NO

Has the agency been approached by any foundation, for-profit or not-for-profit corporation with efforts to privatize some of the functions of the agency?

NO