

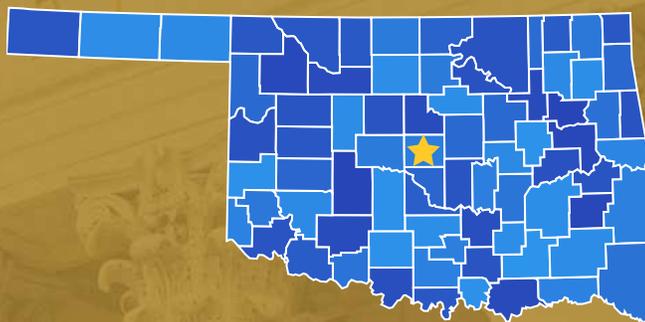
# OKLAHOMA COUNTY FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Pathway 1 Agency: Oklahoma Department of Mental Health  
and Substance Abuse Services

Lead Local Agency: Oklahoma County Family Treatment Court

Program Model: Integrated Family Treatment Court



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Oklahoma County Family Treatment Court (OKFTC) program is to improve the health and welfare of children whose lives have been adversely affected by caregiver's substance use by providing families with a wraparound treatment program that gives caregivers the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge necessary to choose a responsible, substance-free lifestyle, enhance caregiver capacity to meet the health and developmental needs of their children, and to expedite permanency for children.

## TARGET POPULATION

The OKFTC aims to serve families with an open deprived case where a petition has been filed containing an allegation of substance use and the caretaker(s) has an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) recommended substance use treatment level of Outpatient or higher. OKFTC cases further identified for QIC-CCCT are those where there is at least one child under the age of 3 years. The Oklahoma County QIC-CCCT has expanded to include all pregnant OKFTC participants and all infants and children under the age of three years with identified parental substance use, NAS, or FASD diagnoses with open deprived cases in Oklahoma County, regardless of caregiver eligibility for OKFTC.

## OKLAHOMA COUNTY QUICK FACTS



The OKFTC child welfare team has completed 18 Plans of Safe Care and three prenatal Plans of Safe Care since implementing them in April 2019.



The average length of time between the removal of the child(ren) from the home and referral to the OKFTC decreased from 77 days to 7 days from 2018 to 2019.



Of the 37 children that entered the OKFTC in 2019, 73% were under the age of three years and 40.1% were substance exposed infants.

# PROJECT GOALS

Goal 1: Increase the number of participants enrolled in Oklahoma County Family Treatment Court (OKFTC) by an average of 20 each year of the initiative for a total of 40 participants over the remainder of the grant period.

Goal 2: Improve the substance use and permanency outcomes for those participants with infants or children under the age of 3 with identified prenatal substance exposure, NAS or withdrawal, or FASD diagnoses.

Goal 3: Improve the substance use treatment outcomes of pregnant women participating in OKFTC.

Goal 4: Increase the number of Plans of Safe Care implemented in Oklahoma County for infants with identified prenatal substance exposure by at least 50%.

Goal 5: Establish cross-system policies and procedures to improve prenatal, maternal/fetal, and family wellness outcomes among pregnant women experiencing substance/ use disorder and families who have children age birth to three (3) years with identified prenatal substance exposure, NAS or withdrawal, or FASD diagnoses who are involved with the Oklahoma County child welfare and/or juvenile deprived systems.

# LEVERAGING PARTNERSHIPS

Oklahoma County Family Treatment Court

Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Division

Oklahoma County Public Defender's Office, Juvenile Division

Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS)

Specialized Outpatient Services (SOS)

Catalyst Behavioral Services

A Better Chance (ABC) Clinic

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Oklahoma County

NorthCare Comprehensive Home Based Services (CHBS)

Tribal Representatives

Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA)

## PROGRAM SUCCESS STORY

**Prenatal Plans of Safe Care** continue to be honed by a multidisciplinary team in Oklahoma County to ensure that they are useful to moms as well as the systems serving them. Olivia, \* a former Oklahoma County Family Treatment Court (OKFTC) participant, recently reached back out to the Court Coordinator when she learned she was pregnant. Although she was reunified with her child the first time she was involved in the OKFTC, Olivia knew that Child Protective Services was likely to get involved with her family again upon the birth of the newest baby due to past child welfare involvement and her previous struggles with substances. She was scared

and turned to the OKFTC for advice. The Court Coordinator spoke with Olivia about her worries and gave her the prenatal Plan of Safe Care to start working on independently as a way to organize her services and supports. When Olivia delivered her baby girl, a case worker from the Department of Human Services did visit the hospital to speak with her and she was able to share her Plan with the worker. As a result of the work done prior to the baby being born and Olivia's ability to show her comprehensive plan addressing services and supports, she was released from the hospital with her infant and they remain together today.

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