



**OKLAHOMA
COMMISSION ON
CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Commission on Children and Youth

FY 2023 Budget Hearing Presentation

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The Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) serves as the State's oversight agent for services to children, in both private and state-operated services. OCCY is charged to assist all child-serving agencies with effective planning and coordinating of services.

The OCCY Commissioners are comprised of the heads of the OKDHS, SDE, DMHSAS, OHCA, DRS, OJA and Education; the Governor has five additional appointees; the President Pro Temp and Speaker of the House have one appointee each.

Founded in 1982, OCCY now encompasses the following divisions:

- Office of Juvenile System Oversight
- Office of Planning and Coordination
- Child Death Review Board
- Post Adjudication Review Boards
- Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams
- Board of Child Abuse Examiners
- Children's Endowment Fund
- Plus additional services

Agency Vision, Mission and Core Values

Vision: A future where Oklahoma assures children are safe and thriving.

Mission: 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; entering into agreements to test models and demonstration programs for effective services; and providing continuing professional education and training for the purpose of improving services to children and youth.

Core Values: We will be objective, focused, thorough, and fair. We will be respectful, cooperative, inclusive, responsive and available to advise and assist. We will be steadfast and diligent in our work to improve the lives of children and youth in Oklahoma. We will welcome feedback concerning the services we provide as we continually strive to improve the work we do for children.



Accomplishments & Challenges

Top accomplishments for FY 2021

- 1) **Program Manager for the Office of Planning and Coordination**

This position has been vacant for several years following budget reductions. With leadership and additional staff approved for this department important planning of state services and coordinating of cross-system activities has begun.
- 2) **Medical maltreatment reviews**

In accordance with 10 O.S. §1150.6 the agency began completing child medical maltreatment reviews in child death cases. The Oklahoma Chief Child Abuse Examiner conducts the case reviews which may assist OKDHS and the District Attorney's in the course of their work.
- 3) **Increased trainings**

One positive impact of the pandemic was the increased number of training events and attendees due to in-person events moved to virtual formats.
- 4) **Post Adjudication Review Board database**

OCCY contracted with OU to complete an evaluation of the PARB program and to create a datasytem for the program. For the first time review boards are able to input their case review information into the system and those case records will be available for review across the state. This will replace the "pen and paper" system that the program has had to rely upon.
- 5) **Language interpretation services**

The agency has partnered with LanguageLine Solutions to provide translation services when working with consumers whose primary language is not English, including individuals with hearing impairments.

Challenges (current & upcoming years)

- 1) **Staffing**

The agency has benefited from additional staff positions in years but the total FTE is still lower than the total count from years prior to budget reductions. There are statutory duties that the agency is only minimally addressing and some do not have staff support at all. Continuing to prioritize efforts and to best utilize available resources will continue to be a challenge.
- 2) **Data**

OCCY has never had a comprehensive data system. The agency's departments rely upon simplistic databases and spreadsheets, some of which are no longer supported by OMES. The current systems only collect minimal information and do not aid in identifying and reporting performance measures of the departments. Efforts have been occurring to begin the process for assessing the agencies data needs. It has been a challenge getting this project formally started.



Goals & Projects for FY 2023

Goals

- 1) Child Death Review Board Case Preparation
 - Reduce the backlog of child death cases
 - Collect at a minimum death certificates, Oklahoma Medical Examiner records, and any relevant law enforcement records no later than three months after the child's date of death.
- 2) Facility Oversight Inspections
 - 100% completion of full oversight inspections of state operated juvenile facilities, including the Oklahoma School for the Deaf and the Oklahoma School for the Blind which have not been done for several years.
- 3) Number of Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams
 - Currently, there are 37 operational multidisciplinary teams not associated with a "brick and mortar" child advocacy center. These teams routinely bring child abuse professionals together to staff active child abuse cases. The goal is to have a Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team serving every county that is not served by a child advocacy center – assuring that cases of child abuse and/or neglect have devoted experts reviewing at a minimum the most serious and heinous cases.

Projects

- 1) Agency-wide Database

It is anticipated that a vendor will be in place to complete a database system that will allow each department to capture needed information for both process and outcome analysis of the agency's work.
- 2) New Complaint System for Youth Being Held in Adult Facilities

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight is developing a new complaint system for youth being detained in adult detention facilities such as county jails beginning FY22. The process for jails to become certified to house those under 18 years of age will likely take into FY23 to become approved, therefore the full implementation and impact may not be known until FY23.
- 3) Including "People with Lived Experience"

The Office of Planning and Coordination is implementing a Parent Partnership Board that will inform the work of the agency and in particular the OCCY Commissioners. The board will consist of five to 13 parents/caregivers with varied life experiences.
- 4) Improved Website

The OCCY is well aware many people turn to the internet to seek information and assistance. For this reason, OCCY is in the midst of migrating its website to a new platform and restructuring its pages to be much more user-friendly.
- 5) Collaboration with Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH):

The OCCY has entered into an agreement with the OSDH to receive federal Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention funds to 1) support the developing Parent Partnership Board efforts; and 2) support a Cross-Systems Coordinator. The Cross Systems Coordinator will be housed at Oklahoma State University's Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity Center and provide assistance to the many agencies involved with the Children's State Advisory Workgroup which has enveloped the legislatively-created Trauma-Informed Care Task Force. The focus of the work will be to better coordinate trauma work between state and local agencies.
- 6) State Plan for Services to Children and Youth

Statute directs OCCY to conduct an assessment of state agencies budgets and priorities regarding children. Due to staff shortages this has not occurred in years. OCCY has contracted with a group conduct a statewide assessment of budgets and services and to work with OCCY to develop recommendations.



Savings & Efficiencies

- Telework

Almost half of the OCCY staff have decided to permanently continue to telework. This has allowed OCCY to reduce the size of its office space.

- Virtual Meetings

OCCY greatly appreciated the opportunity to utilize the exemption to the Open Meeting Act during the pandemic and host virtual meetings for open meetings. Participation was very good and travel costs were saved.

- Contract and Temporary Employees

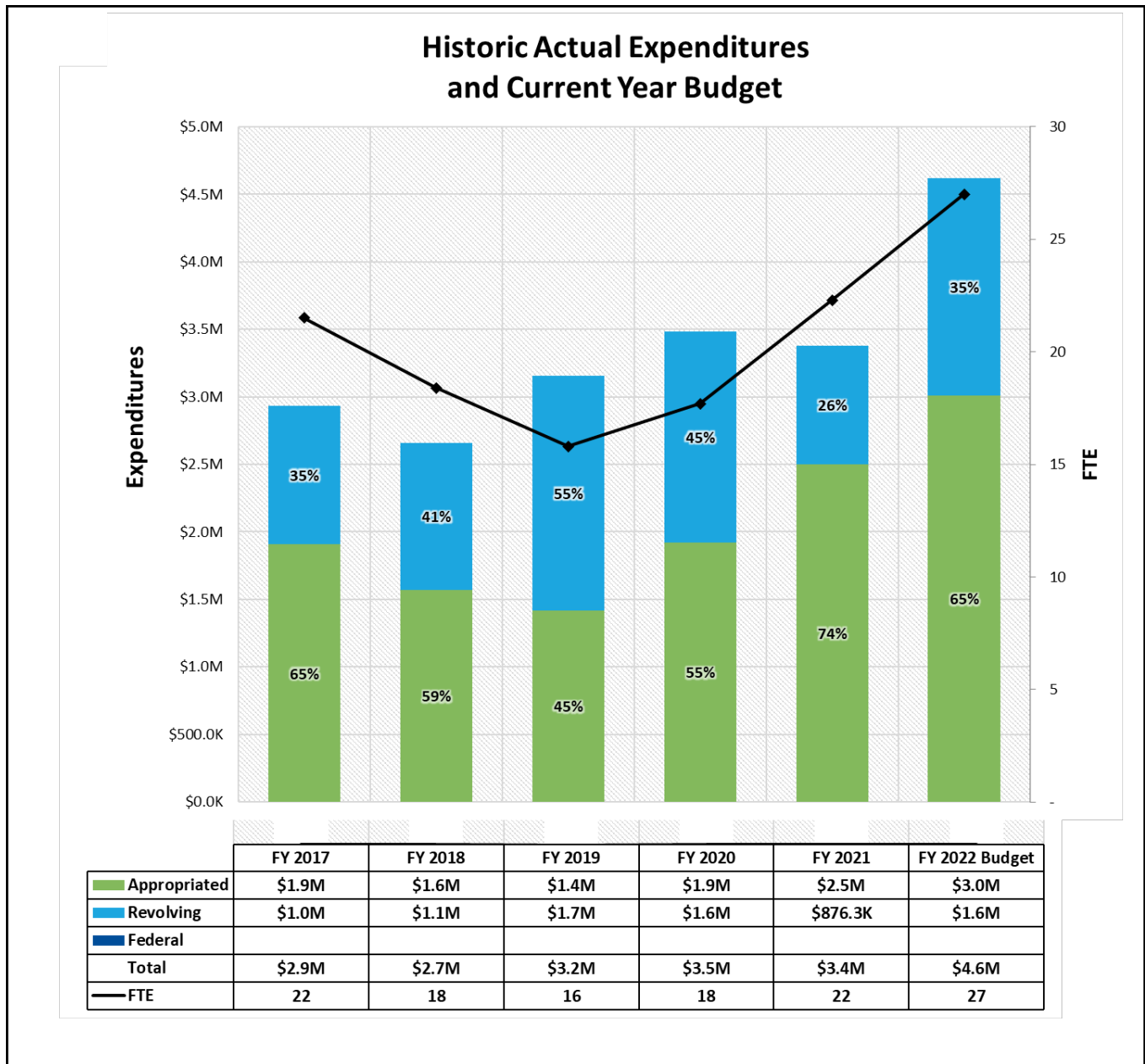
OCCY has utilized contract and temporary employees for time-limited projects and tasks that did not require a fulltime employee. These individuals have reduced the burden on staff and certain activities that were left undone are now accomplished.

- Scanning of Documents

OCCY has many years' worth of paper documents in file cabinets. Space is having to be leased to store some of the documents. With the assistance of a scanning service, these documents will soon be removed and cost-savings related to storage will be saved.



Historic Actual Expenditures (FY 17-21) and Current Year Budget (FY 22)



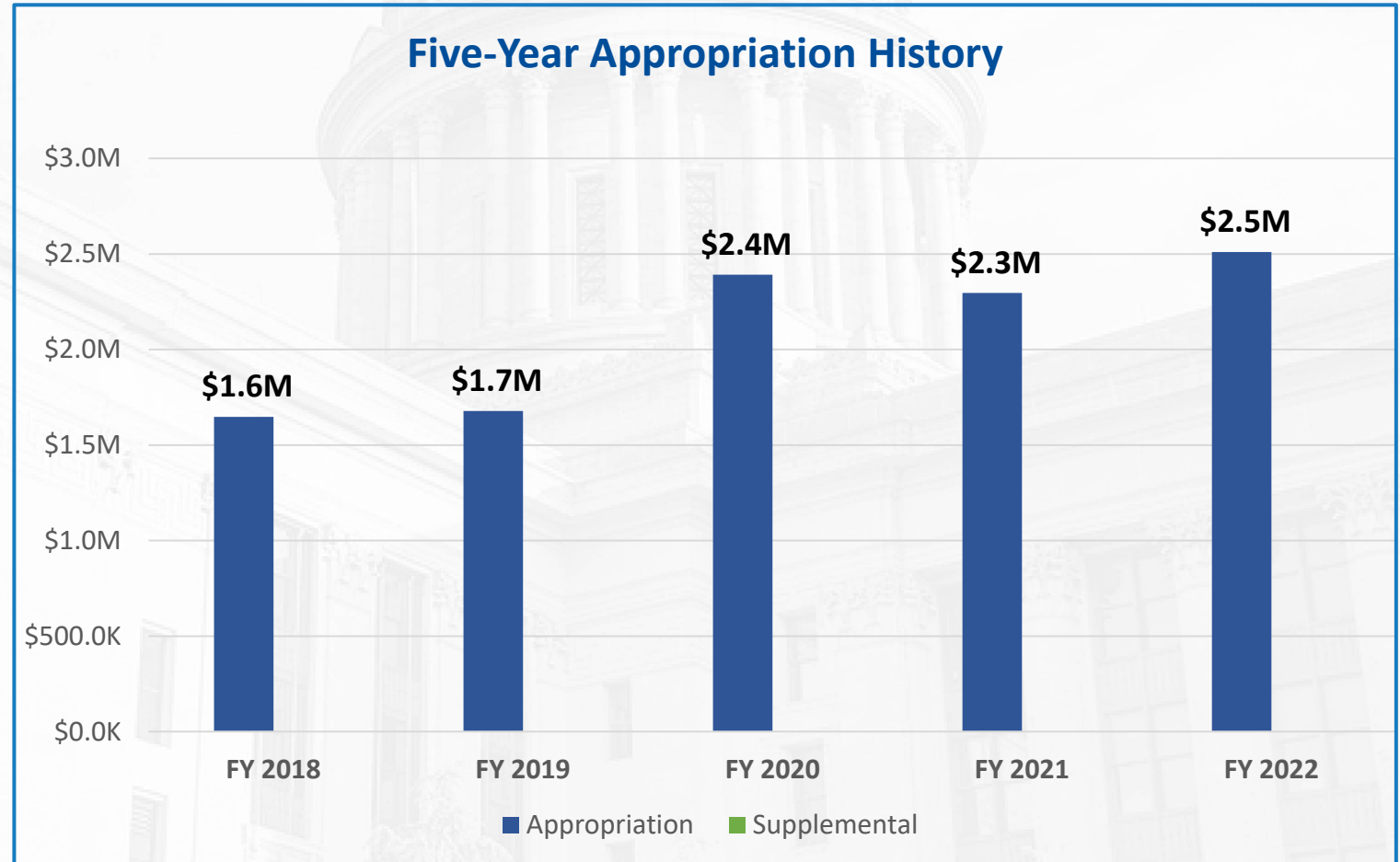


FY 2022 Budgeted Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

	FY 2022 Budgeted FTE
Total FTE	27
Supervisor FTE	9
Supervisors to Total FTE Ratio (%)	33%

Appropriation History

Fiscal Year	Appropriation (\$) <i>(include supplemental if applicable)</i>
FY 2018	\$1,647,131
FY 2019	\$1,678,244
FY 2020	\$2,391,056
FY 2021	\$2,295,414
FY 2022	\$2,509,414



Appropriated Carryover History and Justification

	FY 2017 (Actuals)	FY 2018 (Actuals)	FY 2019 (Actuals)	FY 2020 (Actuals)	FY 2021 (Actuals)	FY 2022 (Planned)
Total appropriated carryover amount expended (\$)	\$294,968	\$130,665	\$208,729	\$470,377	\$940,142	\$728,651

Fiscal Year of the original appropriation	Projected amount carried over to FY 2023 (\$)	Describe how projected carryover will be used in FY 2023
FY 2022	\$220,000	Maintenance costs for the new agency datasytem will need to be covered from this amount. Continued increase of services for the Children of Incarcerated Parent Mentoring program.
FY 2021	\$0	
Total projected FY 23 Carryover (\$)	\$220,000	



Available Cash Description and Justification

Class Fund #	Available Cash amount (\$)
19111	\$228,651
20000	\$3,508
Total Available Cash:	

Available cash is unbudgeted cash that is not restricted by federal partners, statute, or contractual obligations.

Fiscal Year	Agency's plan to deploy available cash (include amounts):
FY 2023	Community grants for the improvement of services to children (\$100,000)
FY 2024	
FY 2025	



Agency Key Performance Metrics

Metric		Goal	FY 20 Actuals	FY 21 Actuals	FY 22 Target	FY 23 Target
1	Routine inspections of services at state operated facilities and response inspections at private-operated facilities	Children are safe and receiving proper care in residential facilities by the Office of Juvenile System Oversight identifying areas in need of improvement.	19	8	15	20
2	Completed case reviews of all available information regarding child death cases	The Child Death Review Board will identify and address system failures that occur in relation to child deaths and near deaths to prevent future deaths.	55	74	150	200
3	Board members trained in child maltreatment services and court processes.	The Post Adjudication Review Board will have competent and effective volunteers conducting reviews of local court involved child abuse cases to assist courts in moving children to permanency.	146	218	230	250
4	Number training events provided to professionals (Law Enforcement, Medical Providers, Ok. Human Services, etc.) addressing child maltreatment.	The Freestanding Multidisciplinary Team will provide professional trainings that address multidisciplinary approach, legally sound and age-appropriate interviews, effective investigative techniques, and joint investigations.	19	96	25	26



Budget & Supplemental Request Summary

Request Name		FY 23 Appropriated Request Amount (\$)	Type of Request: Operating, One-time, or Supplemental
1	Two full-time positions within the Office of Juvenile System Oversight.	\$181,500	Operating
2			
3			
4			
5			



Budget Request

Office of Juvenile System Oversight - two full time positions

Type: Operating

\$181,500

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) is charged with multiple statutory responsibilities.

10 O.S. § 601.6, 10A O.S. § 1-6-105, 10A O.S. § 1-6-802, 10A O.S. § 1-9-120, 10A O.S. § 2-3-105, 10 § 404

- Perform issue-specific monitoring of systems
- Inspect state operated children's facilities
- Establish foster parent mediation
- Respond to foster parent retaliation complaints
- Issue reports to the Governor, Legislature, Supreme Court and others
- Provide recommendations to OCCY Commissioners annually
- Foster parent and foster child grievances
- Issue public reports in certain child deaths/near deaths
- Administer grievances for youth in adult jails
- Address rule changes of childcare facilities





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Appendix



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- Fiscal Year 2022 plan
 - Utilize recent years of carryover funds for database project and other program services
 - Examine true costs of existing programs
- Diversification of funding for statutory activities
 - Partnerships with Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness to support the Parent Partnership Board
 - Additional Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) funding from OKDHS for the Freestanding Multidisciplinary Teams
 - Utilizing eligible reimbursement funds from Federal IV-E for expanding activities of the agency
 - Medical maltreatment reviews
 - Youthful offender competency evaluations
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