Building Healthy Communities and Preventing Child Maltreatment:

A Shared Responsibility











# Purpose & Results







## Welcome



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## Recent Accomplishments

Over the last year, OKDHS has launched some of the following major initiatives.



### Launched the Oklahoma Clearinghouse for Early Childhood Success

Targeting outcomes for children by creating and investing in an evolving definition of quality in early childhood.

Developed and Executed a Multi-channel Embedded Worker Strategy
As a larger effort to reimagine the distribution model of human services in
the State of Oklahoma. As an effort to meet those that we serve where
they are, OKDHS has built strategies including 'Service First,' Law
Enforcement Social Work Support Teams, traditional embedded workers
strategies and the Community Hope Center platform.

#### **Agency Response to COVID19**

Successfully executed an aggressive & proactive response to COVID19, transforming the state's largest workforce to remote work, partnering in meaningful ways for responsive service to customers, and prioritizing the safety of our workforce and customers first.

#### **Launched the Community Hope Center Platform**

HOPE To better serve the community during COVID19, OKDHS, utilizing CARES Forward funds, partnered with existing providers to provide more resources to children & families as systems closed in our communities.



### True North - Executive Leadership

ELTN 1 - Become the a 'Hope Centered Organization', recognizing the trauma that we all bring, and building hope and resiliency in ourselves, our customers and our communities

ELTN 2 – Removing systematic barriers that keep our customers from being successful by meeting our customers where they are to provide needed resources in a more effective way.

ELTN 3 – Become an 'Elite Employer,' by improving work/life balance, cultivating talent, improving retention rates and providing for the health and mental health needs of our team.

ELTN 4 – Become the model of efficiency, effectiveness and transparency, serving our community free from fraud, waste or abuse.

ELTN 5 – Innovation – Become a national thought leader and program innovator, embracing new ideas from internal and external sources.

ELTN 6 – Introducing our OKDHS to the public and to our partners in the community through strategic engagement, effectively communicating our desire for deeper relationships and collaborative efforts.

ELTN 7 – Build a culture of equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging, evaluating our current systems and building new systems that embrace one another as equals.

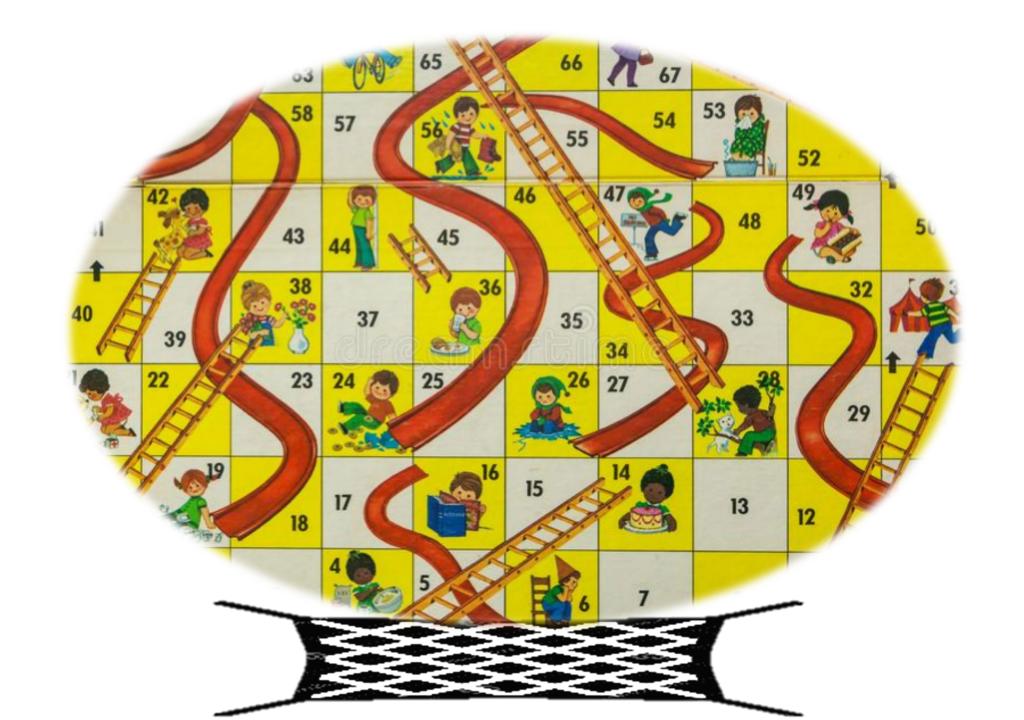
ELTN 8 – Move the agency to a space of prevention, going 'upstream' to build a system that supports families with services and resources before they are in crisis;

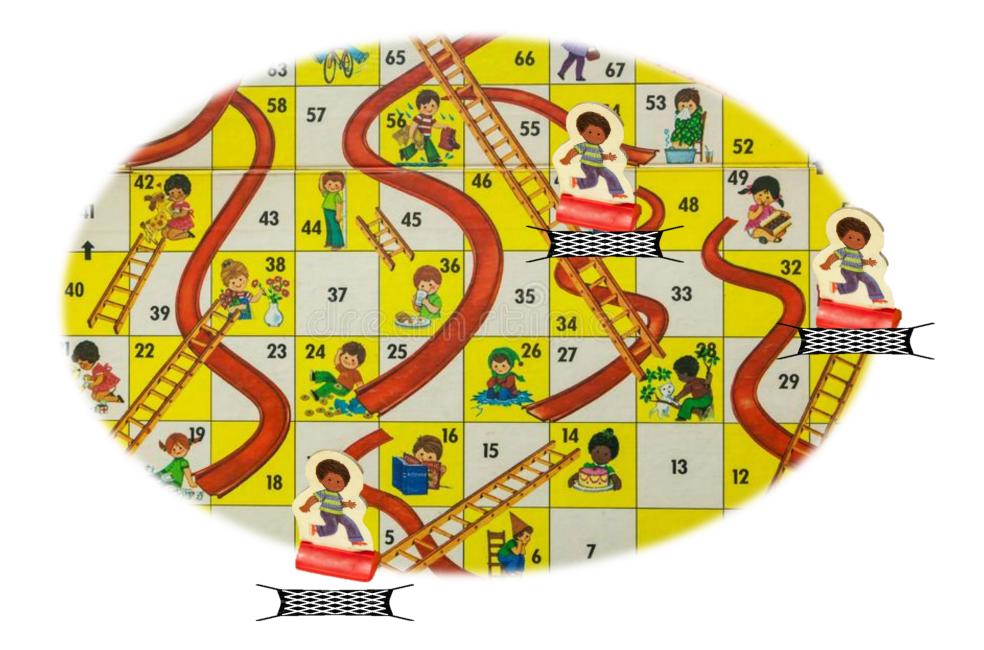




Rebuilding the distribution model for human services by meeting those that we serve where they are;

- Front Porch
- Traditional Embedded Worker Strategy
- Specialty Embedded Workers
- Virtual Front Porch











# Oklahoma State Department of Health



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# **Primary Prevention**

- Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (2019-2023)
- American Rescue Plan
- CAPTA Reauthorization

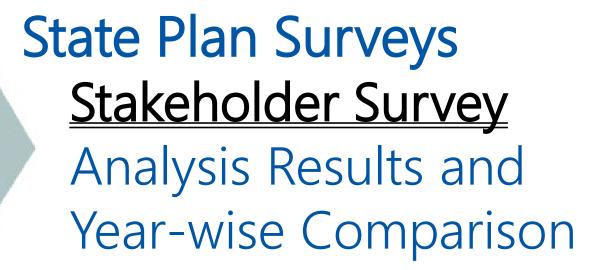




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## **CBCAP Stakeholders Survey Year 3**

- Survey launched: 7/31/2020
- Survey closed: 9/11/2020
- Duration: 4 to 5 weeks
- 34 questions in the survey.



## Survey Details

Stakeholders survey outreach: 386 Professionals across Oklahoma.

Professionals who chose not to respond to the survey after accessing the survey using the link: 62 (16 %)

Professionals who entered their responses to the survey questions: 324 (84 %)

Among those who completed;

245 (76 %) completed entire survey

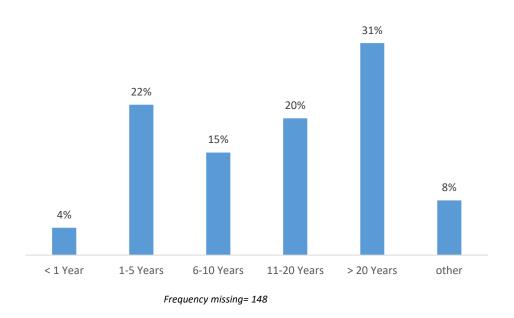
79 (24 %) completed partial survey.



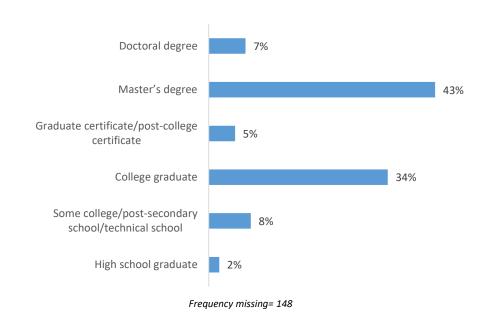


## Professionals' Education and Experience

Figure : Years of Experience



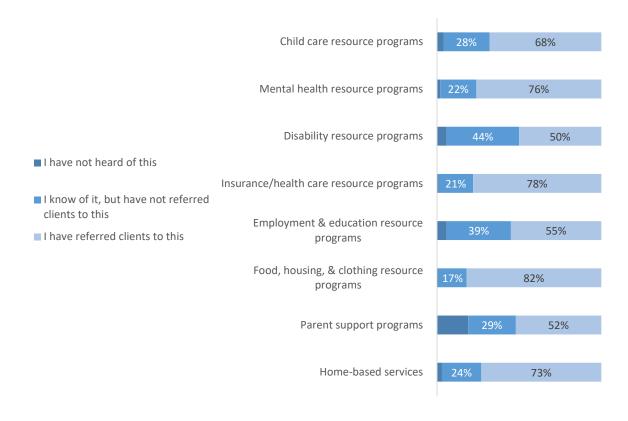
#### Figure: Respondents' Education





# Awareness and Use of Community Resources (Home-based services, Parent support programs, concrete resources, education etc.)

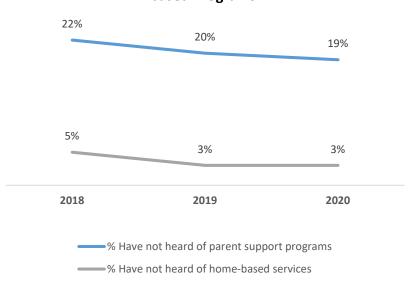
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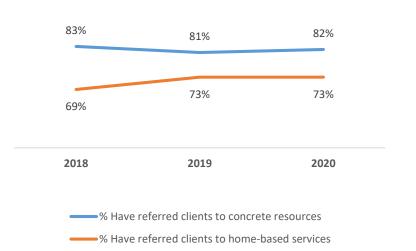


### Use and Awareness of Resources 2018-2020

#### Percent Unaware of Parent support and homebased Programs

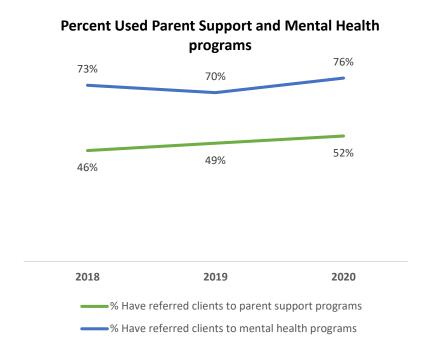


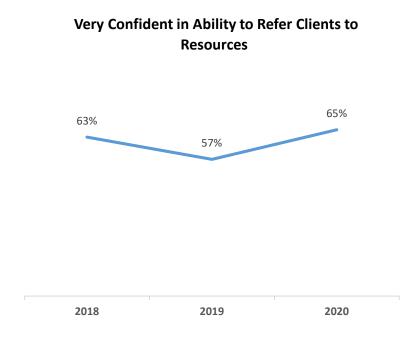
#### Percent Used Concrete Resources and Homebased services





### Use and Awareness of Resources 2018-2020



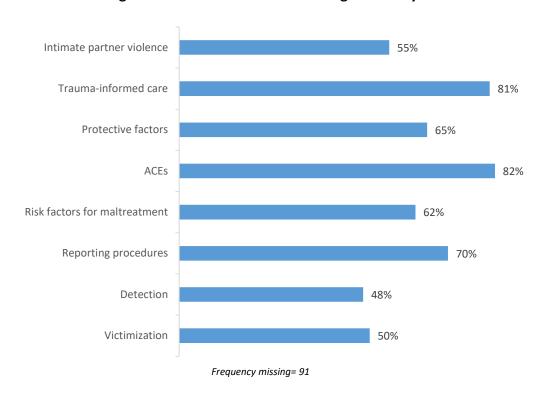






## Child Abuse and Neglect Training

Figure: Child Abuse-related Training in Past 5 years

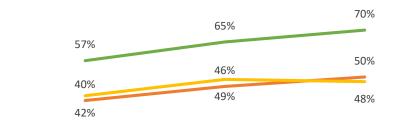






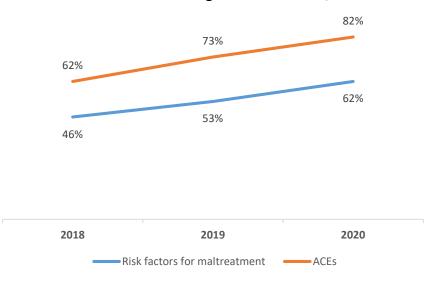
## Child Abuse and Neglect Training 2018-2020

### Have Received Training in Victimization, Detection, Reporting



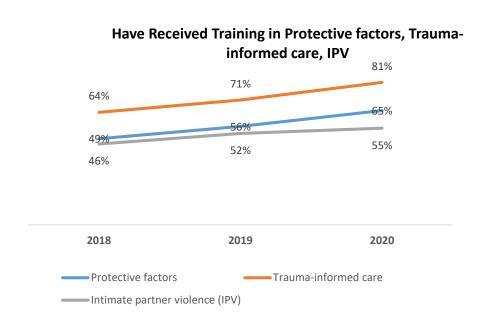


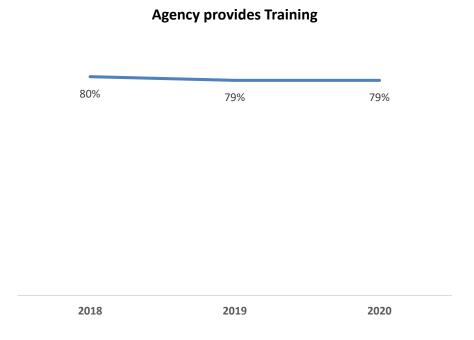
#### Have Received Training in Maltreatment, ACEs





## Child Abuse and Neglect Training 2018-2020





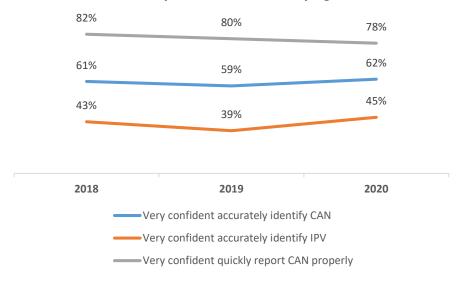


## Knowledge of CAN/ Laws

#### Figure: Confidence in Identifying and Reporting CAN



#### Percent Very Confident in Identifying CAN, IPV







## Knowledge of CAN/ Laws

Figure: Respondents' Knowledge of ACEs

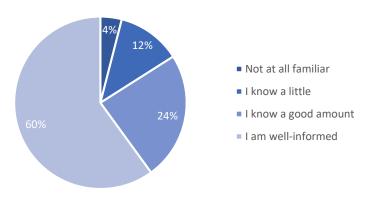
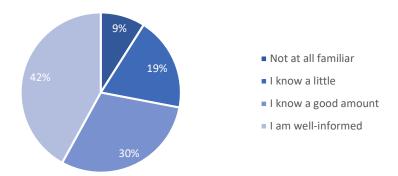
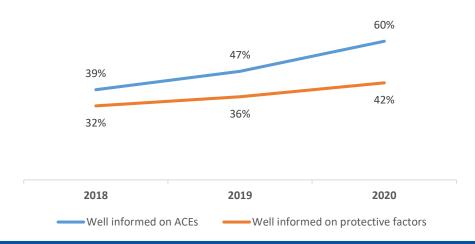


Figure : Respondents' Knowledge of Protective Factors



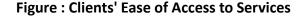
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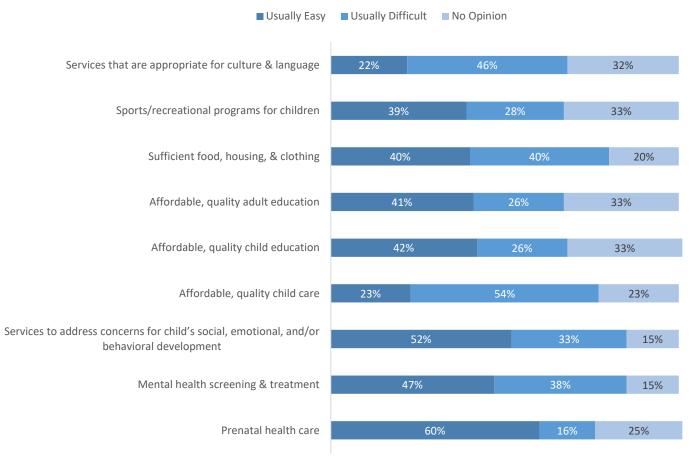






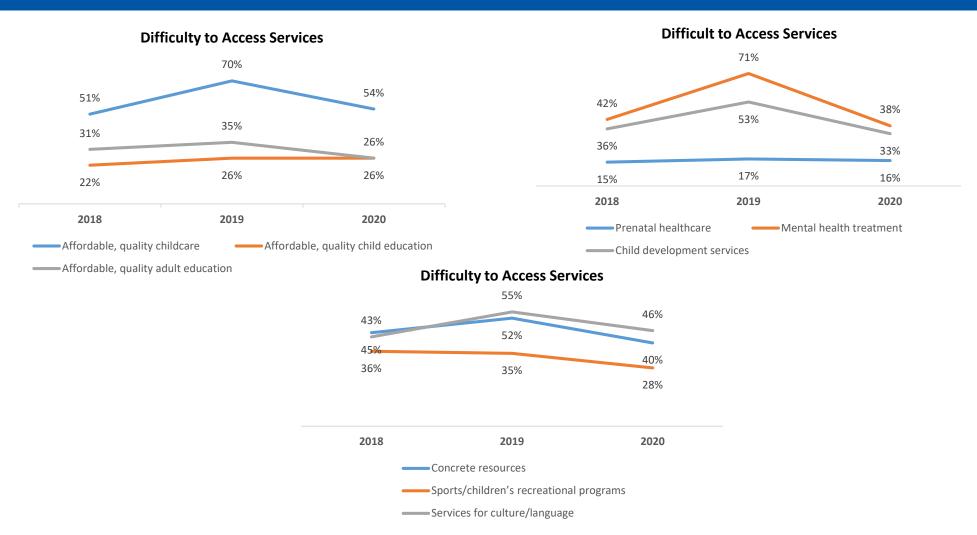
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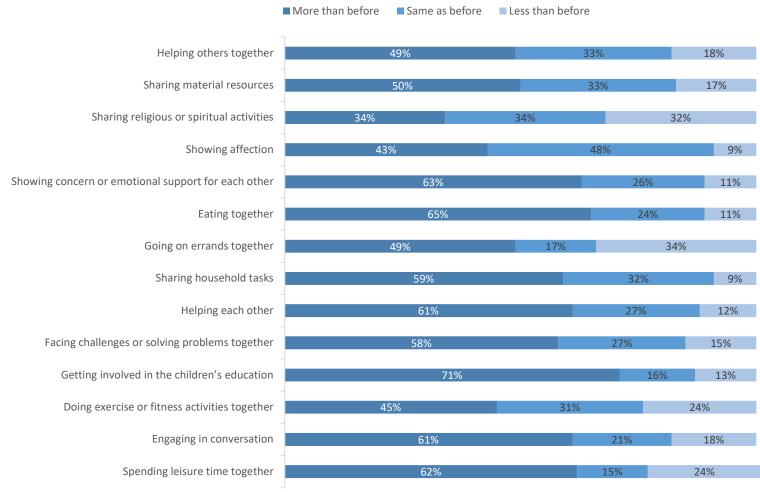
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### Positive Togetherness during COVID-19 compared to before COVID-19

#### Figure: Positive Togetherness During COVID-19 Pandemic





### Summarized Open-ended Responses to COVID-related Positive Togetherness

### Quality family time (45)

- Immediate family Being together
- Eating together
- Board games / game nights
- Better communication and understanding each other

#### Parents involvement with Child's education (14)

- Improved parent-child interaction
- Children who struggled at school have improved mental health and behaviors
- Parents desire to work on child's education
- Parents promoting their child's development



# Summarized Open-ended Responses to COVID-related Positive Togetherness

#### Online Education (10)

- Introvert people feel better with remote school
- Positive effect on Mental health due to no school

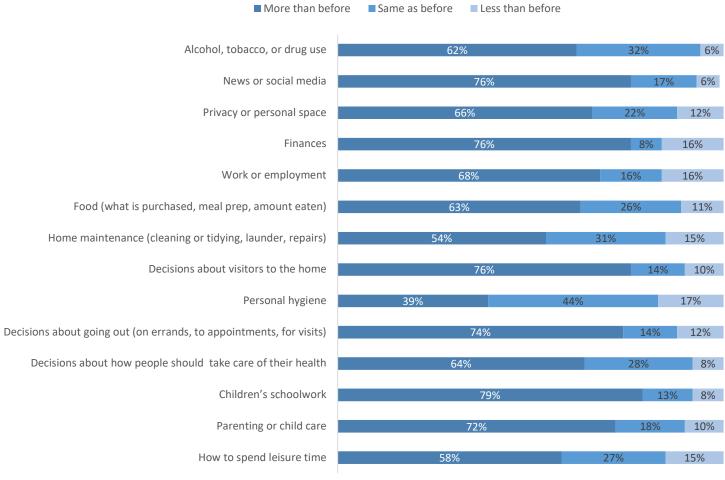
Improved access to services due to Telehealth (10)

Improved access to Mental health services
 More Creativity In clients.



### Conflicts during COVID-19 Pandemic compared to Before

#### **Figure : Conflicts During COVID-19 Pandemic**





### Summarized Open-ended Responses to COVID-related Conflicts

### Family conflicts (50)

- Differing opinions
- Conflicts regarding handling youth behaviors
- Conflicts on hygiene issues

#### Social Isolation (35)

- More distressing and worsening mental health
- Adults hiding medical issues from loved ones to avoid going to hospitals

#### Financial stress (20)

- Lost jobs
- Less resources, more sharing
- Less resources to support child care



### Summarized Open-ended Responses to COVID-related Conflicts

#### Limited social freedom (10)

- Family members have to adjust work or school routine around each other
- Cannot talk freely with friends

#### Mental health issues (8)

- kids having more down times and less supervision
- Poor mental health

#### Family stress

Parents have to struggle with work, child watch at home, and remote schooling

Less technological resources for virtual education /work



### Summarized Perceived Community Strengths (Open-ended Question)

# Evidence based home visitation services and child abuse prevention programs (parent PRO, PAT, C1) (50)

- Evidence based home visitation services (Parent Pro)
- Evidence based home visitation services (PAT)
- Home visitation programs

#### Education (24)

- For parents and care givers
- For students
- For providers

#### Schools as potential resource (22)

- Assessment and screening with in schools
- In-school abuse and neglect education for students
- Afterschool and summer programs to reduce parental stress



### Summarized Perceived Community Strengths (Open-ended Question)

#### Resources, Support and Access (32)

- Concrete, abundant and free resources.
- Resources that are informed on trauma symptoms, abuse cycles
- Interagency resources

DHS and Red rock (20)

Law Enforcement (7)

Relationships (5)

• Teacher-student, teacher-parent, provider-family relationships

Faith-based organizations, Partnerships, Direct referrals from Providers to Services.



### Summarized Perceived Community Weakness (Open-ended Question)

#### DHS (25)

- Case load and burnout
- Lack of power or motivation
- Closing offices
- Hard to access via phone calls
- Child protective services come into play on serious incidents to children only

#### Knowledge of Services (15)

- Families don't know many resources
- Providers lack early detection knowledge



# Summarized Perceived Community Weakness (Open-ended Question)

#### Education and Training (18)

- Public education in identifying signs of trauma and abuse
- Parental education about child abuse
- Improper sex education in schools leading to teen/at risk pregnancies
- Lack of preventive education
- Stress management techniques

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# Summarized Perceived Community Weakness (Open-ended Question)

#### **Pandemic**

- Unwilling families and distanced further from interaction with provider
- No accountability of families due to home schooling.

#### Substance abuse support

- Substance abuse and Mental health support
- Treatment centers for under age substance abuse

Cost and transportation are barriers to access of services.

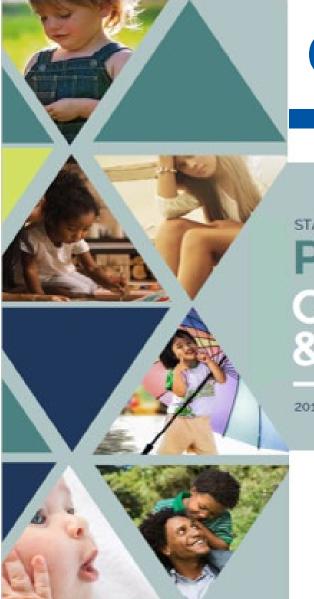


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# State Plan Surveys Community Survey

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### **Awareness of Community Resources**

- Most aware
  - ❖ Insurance/Health Care Resources 97%
  - ❖ Child Care Resources 89%
  - ❖ Employment & Education Resources 85%
  - ❖ -tie- Disability Resources; Mental Health Resources 78%
  - ❖ Home-based Services 72%
- Most unaware
  - ❖ Parent Support Programs 63%

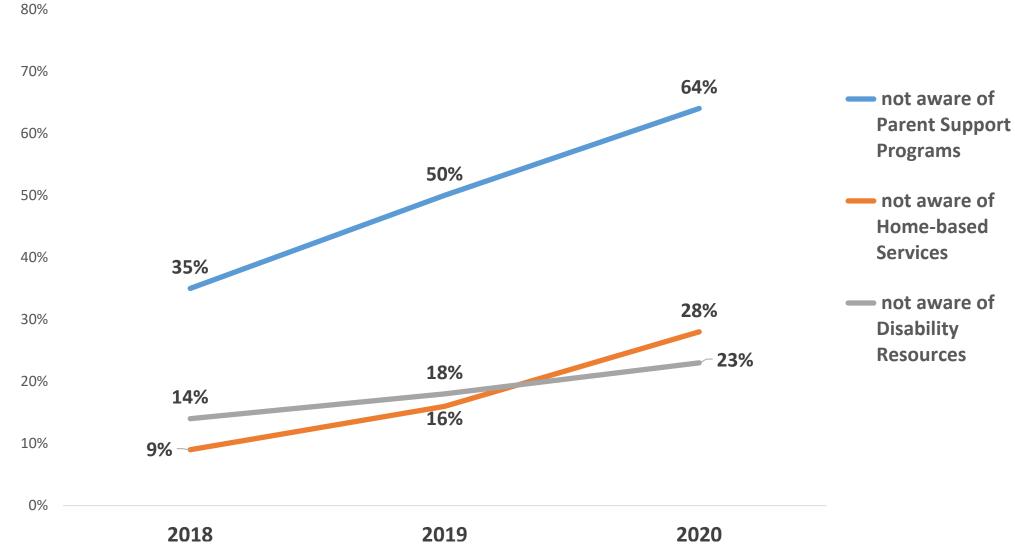


# Awareness of Community Resources, by Demographic Groups

- Younger parents were more likely to be unaware of...
  - Employment and Education resources
  - ❖ Mental Health resources
- Parents with < college degree were more likely to be unaware of...</p>
  - Mental Health resources
  - Home-based services
- ❖ Parents with income < \$30,000 were more likely to be unaware of...</p>
  - Disability resources
  - ❖ Home-based services



#### Unaware of Community Resources, by Survey Year



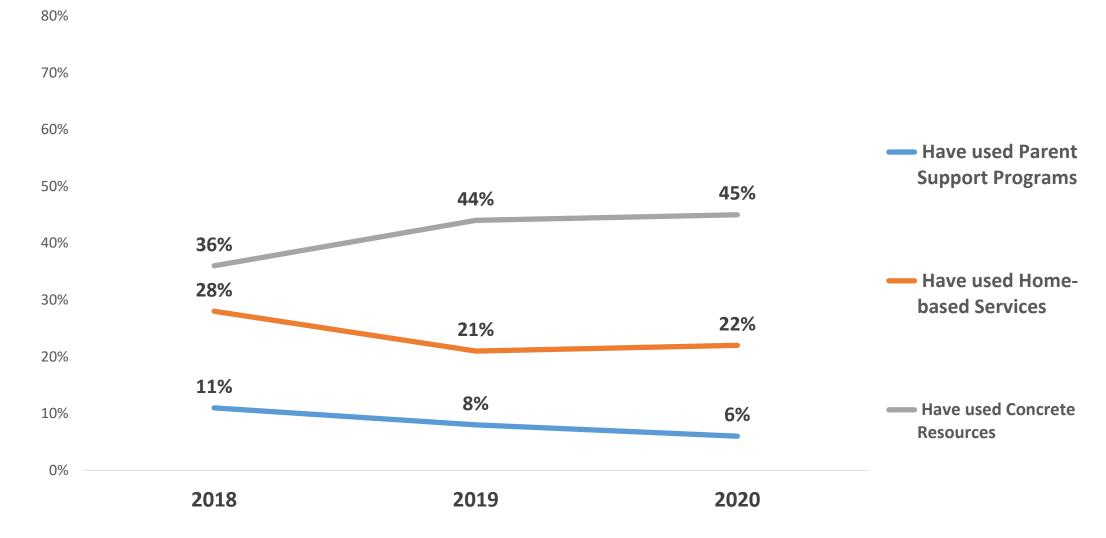


## Use of Community Resources

- Most used
  - ❖ Insurance/Health Care Resources 53%
  - ❖ Food, Housing, Clothing Resources 45%
- Younger parents were more likely to have used...
  - ❖ Home-based services
  - Concrete resources (food, housing, clothing)
- Parents with < a college degree were more likely to have used...</p>
  - ❖ Mostly all services (exception Child Care resources)
- ❖ Parents with an income < \$30,000 were more likely to have used...</p>
  - ❖ Mostly all services (exception Child Care resources)



#### Usage of Community Resources, by Survey Year





## Ease of Access to Community Resources

- Easiest to Access
  - ❖ Prenatal Health Care 76%
  - ❖ Services appropriate for culture and language 61%
  - ❖ Affordable, quality child education 60%
- Most Difficult to Access
  - ❖ Affordable, quality Child Care 59%
  - ❖ Mental Health screening and treatment 48%
  - Services to address child's social, emotional, behavioral development –
     48%



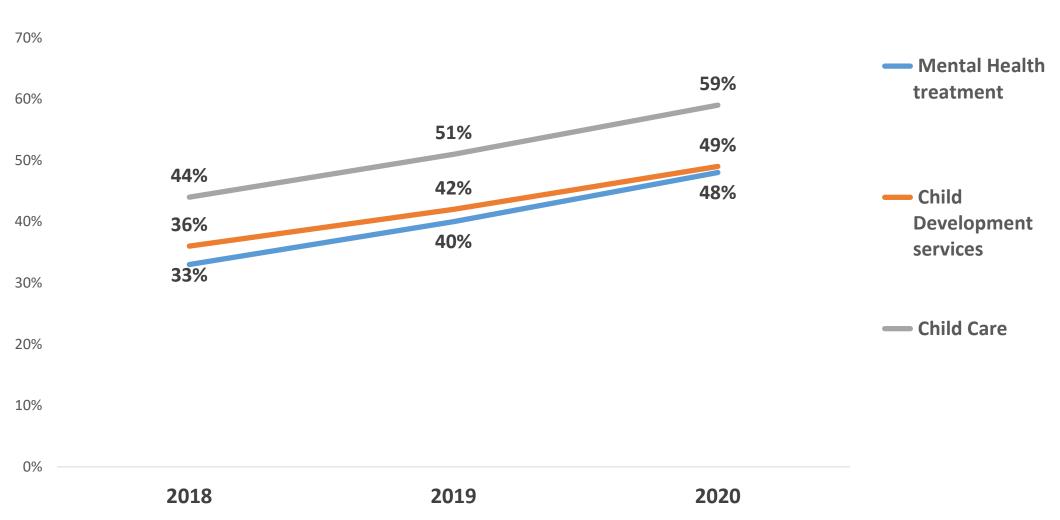
# Ease of Access to Community Resources According to Resource Users

#### Easy to Access

- ❖ Parents using Parent Support Programs (64%) or Home-based Services (52%) found resources to address their child's social, emotional, or behavioral concerns were easy to access
- Most Difficult to Access
  - ❖ Affordable, quality Child Care 65%
  - ❖ Food, clothing, housing resources 64%
  - ❖ Mental Health screening and treatment 56%



# Difficulty with Access of Community Resources, by Survey Year





80%

# Knowledge of Where to Find Help Basic Material Resources

- Most Agree
  - ❖ Food 72%
  - ❖ Health Care 63%
  - ❖ Finding employment 53%
  - ❖ Clothing 51%
- Most Disagree
  - ♦ Housing 53%
- Close Agreement/Disagreement
  - ❖ Affordable Child Care 43% agree, 42% disagree



### Knowledge of Where to Find Help Mental Health Resources

- Most Agree
  - ❖ Feeling depressed 58%
  - ❖ Intimate partner violence 54%
  - Using/abusing drugs or alcohol 51%
- Close Agreement/Disagreement
  - ❖ Child's behavior 44% agree, 47% disagree
  - ❖ Child abuse, by self or partner 49% agree, 41% disagree

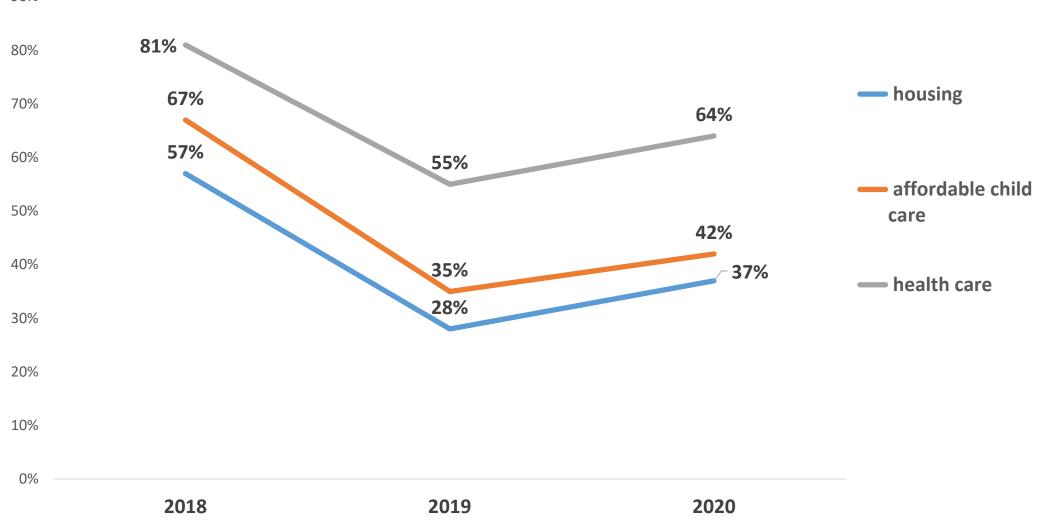


# Knowledge of Where to Find Help Parenting Resources

- Most Agree
  - ❖ Child's development 64%
  - ❖ Learn more about parenting 57%
- Most Disagree
  - ❖ Home-based services 50%
- Close Agreement/Disagreement
  - ❖ Quality child care 45% agree, 39% disagree

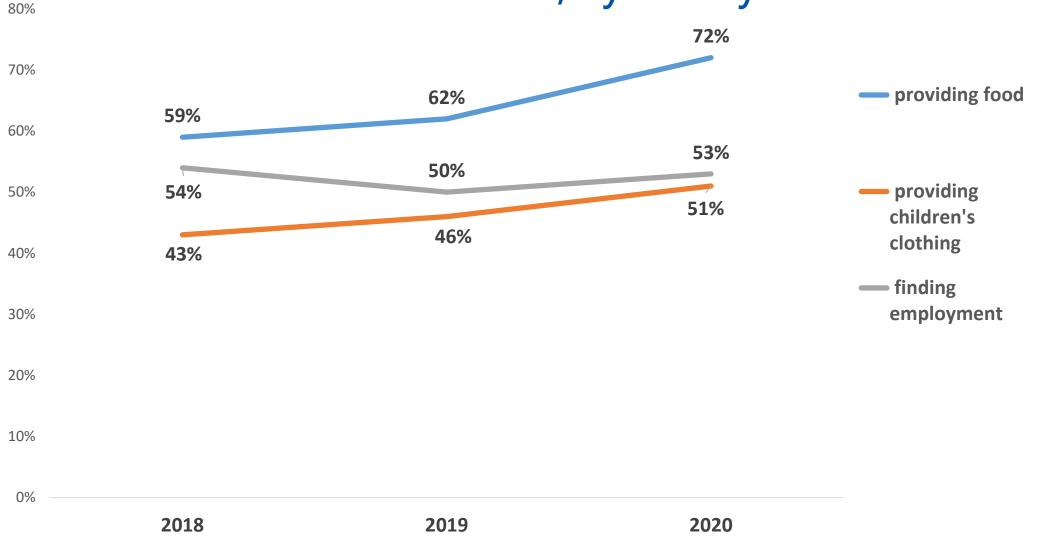


# Agreement with Knowledge of Where to Find Help Basic Material Resources, by Survey Year



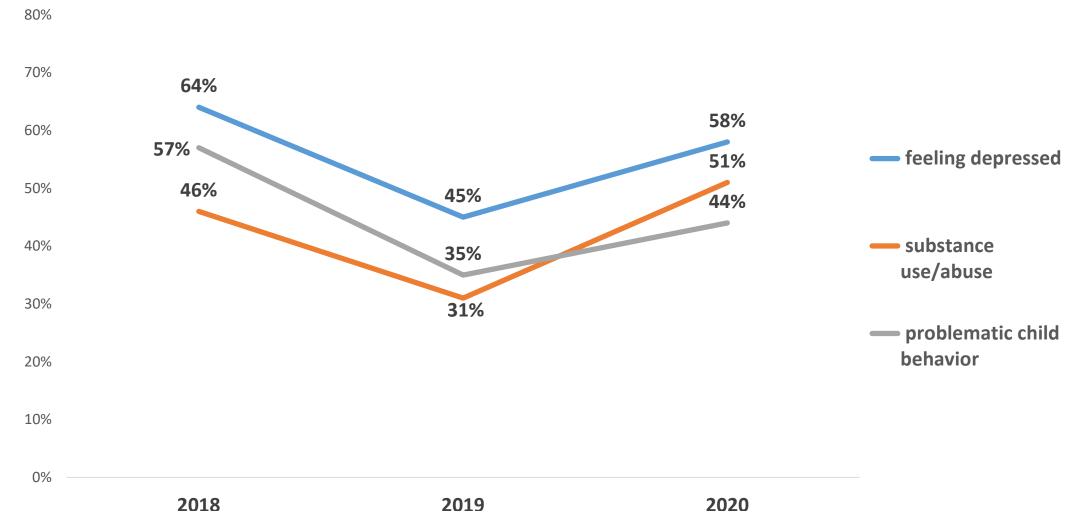


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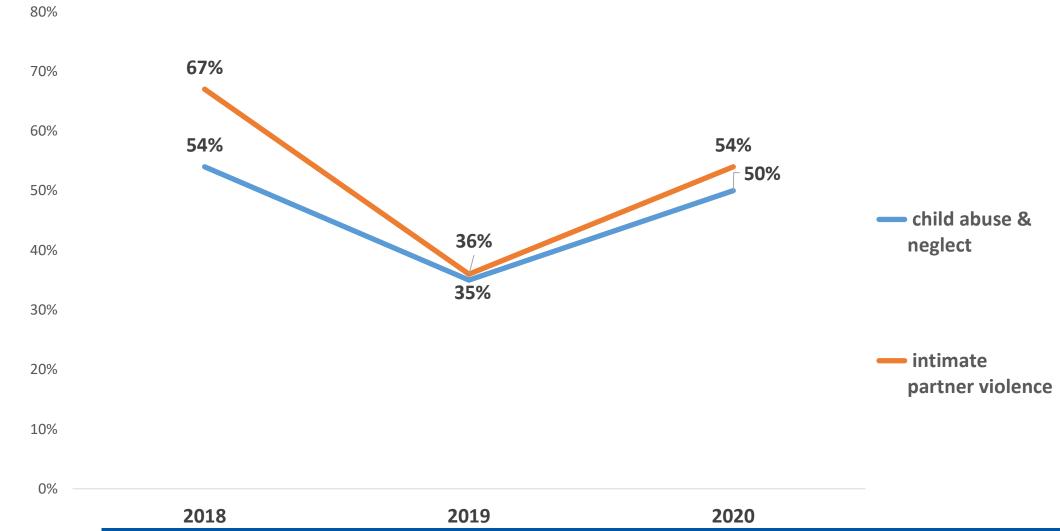


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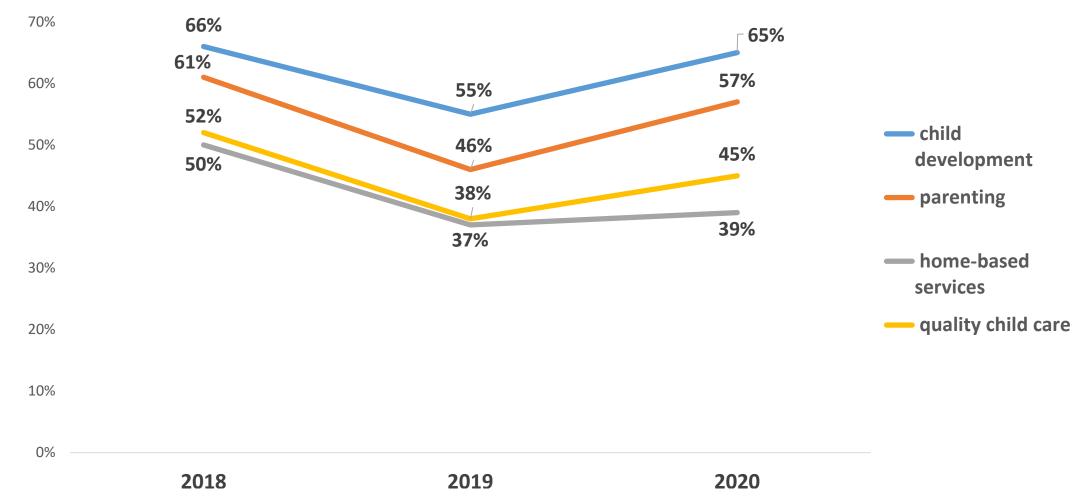


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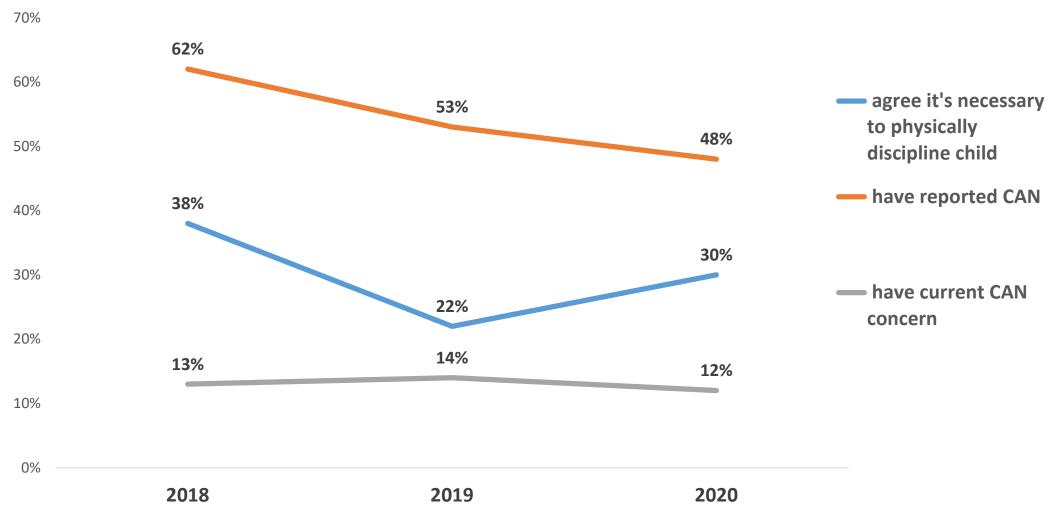


# Knowledge of Child Abuse & Neglect

- Most Respondents
  - ❖ Disagreed that it's necessary to hurt their partner 97%
  - Agreed they know how to report CAN to the appropriate authorities 87%
- When comparing by parent education level
  - Higher education were more likely to have reported CAN
  - Higher education more likely to be familiar with Oklahoma's CAN laws



# Knowledge of Child Abuse & Neglect, by Survey Year





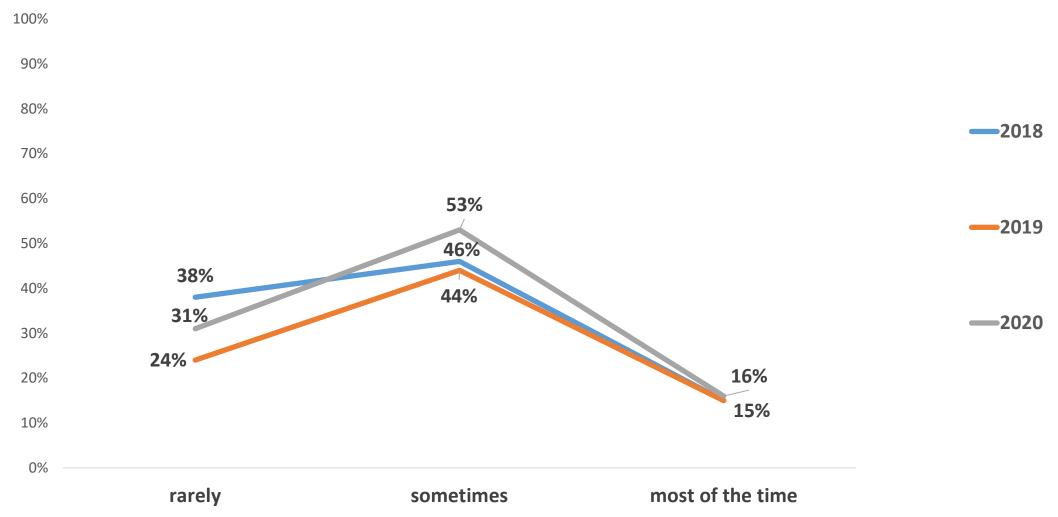
80%

### Family Life - Stress

- I feel overwhelmed by stress
  - ❖ Rarely 31%
  - ❖ Sometimes 53%
  - ❖ Often 16%
- When comparing by parent age
  - Older parents were more likely to report 'rarely' being overwhelmed by stress when compared to younger parents



# Family Life – Feeling Overwhelmed by Stress, by Survey Year





# Positive Comments on Stay at Home Request

- More time together
- More time at home
- More outdoor time
- Education and learning
- Health
- Mental Health
- Related to Covid-19
- More discussions with family
- More playtime
- Less distractions

- Cooking/baking/eating meals together
- Awareness of effects we have on others
- Working from home
- Saved money from less driving and outings
- Less rushing to activities/ events/social obligations
- Using technology to stay connected
- Helping family/friends experiencing financial difficulties



# Comments on Challenges from Stay at Home Request

- Concerns for children
- Online learning concerns
- Mental Health concerns
- Physical health concerns
- Increased stress
- Family concerns
- Covid-19 concerns

- Financial concerns
- Unable to attend/host social functions
- Many activities/places were unavailable
- Shortages of certain items



# Survey Strengths and Challenges

- 2020 Community Survey Strengths
  - ❖ Large number of participants 1,221
  - ❖ Almost every Oklahoma county represented 88%
  - Larger percent of...
    - younger parents
    - parents with young children (birth to 2 years)
- 2020 Community Survey Challenges
  - Continue to have more older parents and parents with older children than young parents and parents with young children



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### **Family Resource Centers**

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# Promote Strong Oklahoma Families Together



#### Child Welfare Services True North Goals

- Equip and empower families to provide a safe home for their children
- If children enter foster care, understand and meet their specific needs. This includes their need for safety, connections with family, community and culture, and addressing health, behavioral health, developmental, and educational needs.
- Aggressively pursue the belief that every child and youth deserves a family and the supports they need to grow and develop into healthy adults





#### Financing Streams that Support Prevention for Children and Families



Title IV-E Prevention dollars Specific services to meet the needs of **families involved with child welfare** where children are candidates for and at risk of placement in foster care.

Title IV-B
Child Abuse Prevention
and Treatment Act
(CAPTA)

**Targeted** services to meet the additional needs of some families with children including **mitigating risk factors** associated with abuse and neglect.

Social Services Block Grant TANF SNAP Medicaid Specific resources and services that are available to families with low-income in order to help meet their basic needs.

Earned Income Tax Credit
Child Tax Credit
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting
(MIECH-V)

Resources and services available to many families in the community, some of which are tied to income while others are not.

Public K-12 Education Universal Pre-K Public Health Programs Public Recreation Programs

Universal resources and services that are available to all families in the community.





#### Who is Eligible?

- A "child who is a candidate for foster care" (as defined in section 475(13) of the Act),
  - -A child with a parent who is <u>at risk of imminent placement in foster care</u>, but can remain safely at home or in a kinship placement with prevention services
  - -A child who exited foster care to adoption or legal guardianship, or who was reunified with his or her parents and are at risk of re-entering foster care
- Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care, and
- ❖The parents/kin caregivers of those children and youth (sections 471(e), 474(a)(6), and 475(13) of the Act).



### Oklahoma Title IV-E Prevention Services

#### Factors to consider when selecting EBPs for FFPSA

- ❖ Need-match to target population
  - Addresses service/system gaps
- Fit-match to value, culture, and state priorities
- Capacity to implement (or expand availability)
  - Case-level decision-making to refer for EBPs
  - Provider availability
  - Administrative requirements
  - Evidence-implications for required evaluation and CQI

#### Feasibility

Payer of last resort: If public or private providers (private health insurance or Medicaid)
would pay for a allowable service under the Title IV-E prevention program, they have
to pay for these services before the Title IV-E agency.



### Oklahoma CWS Prevention Services

- \* There are 3 models of home visiting programs offered via CWS Prevention:
  - SafeCare (CHBS): 2 providers serve statewide
  - Intensive Safety Services (IV-E Waiver Project): 2 providers serve statewide (w/limitations due to capacity)
  - Youth Villages: 1 provider serves Oklahoma, Canadian, Logan, Cleveland,
     Pottawatomie and Lincoln, Tulsa, Creek, Rogers, Mayes, Washington, Okmulgee,
     and Muskogee counties
- ❖ These programs are offered through Family Centered Services (FCS) cases. CWS served 2012 families/6288 children in SFY19 through FCS.



### Oklahoma Primary Prevention Services

- \* There are 3 models of home visiting programs offered via Primary Prevention:
  - Parents As Teachers (Start Right): 17 programs in 30 counties
  - Nurse Family Partnership (Children First): 7 programs in 65 counties
  - SafeCare (augmented): 3 programs in 5 counties (Oklahoma & Tulsa County)
     Cherokee Nation (Mayes, Cherokee, and Adair)
- These programs served 2,865 families/2,494 children in SFY19 (OK Home Visiting Annual Outcomes Report)
  - NFP served 1,304 families/1,055 children (Children First Annual Report)
  - PAT served 386 (OCAP Annual Report)
  - SafeCare served 233 families in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties (Dr. Silovsky)
- ❖ PAT & SafeCare are via contractors and NFP is through the health department



- National "movement" around child abuse prevention and strengthening families
- Collaboration between Children's Bureau, Casey Family
   Programs, Annie E. Casey, and Prevent Child Abuse America
- State/county/Tribal jurisdictions included
- Specific focus areas include:
  - Co-design with those who have lived expertise
  - Addressing diversity and equity



- Oklahoma was accepted for round 2
- Vision: Oklahoma has a vision to reduce or eliminate the amount of trauma experienced by individuals, heal and strengthen families and communities, and build alternative supports so that foster care is no longer an intervention for child safety and well-being



#### • Strategies:

- Shift financial resources to prioritize primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention at least as much as we do foster care and adoption
- Create a child and family well-being network grounded in the science of hope
- Create structures for leadership and co-design with "lived" experts using human centered design principles
- Aggressively work to dismantle systemic racism and other barriers to equitable access



- Oklahoma's assets
  - Child welfare reform success
  - IV-E waiver/prevention of foster care success
  - SAT and CSAW
  - TIC task force work
  - Depth of academic engagement around ACES
  - OPSR and CAP strategic plans
  - IDTA around maternal substance use
  - Hope Centers
  - Cross agency collaboration



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### Oklahoma Child Welfare Services

#### CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PLAN (CFSP)

A strategic plan that sets forth a State's vision and goals to strengthen its child welfare system

### ANNUAL PROGRESS AND SERVICES REPORT (APSR)

An annual update on the progress made by states toward the goals and objectives in their CFSPs and outlines the planned activities for the upcoming fiscal year.



### **OKDHS CWS CFSP: GOAL 1**

Decrease the number of unnecessary family disruptions by increasing prevention efforts in order to strengthen families, prevent child maltreatment, and keep children safely in their own homes.



#### **OKDHS CWS CFSP GOAL 1: Data Measures**

MEASURE	BASELINE	PERFORMANCE	TARGET
Foster Care Entry Rate Per 1000	5.3	4.7 (FFY19)	4.0
Families who receive preventative/FCS services	2,024	2,024 (FFY19)	2500
Absence of maltreatment in care	99.08%	99.19% (ending Mar 2020)	99.68%
Services to protect children in home and prevent removal or reentry into foster care	51.06%	69.79% (ending Mar 2020)	95%
Risk and safety assessment and management	18.46%	40.77% (ending Mar 2020)	95%

# CFSP GOAL 1: OBJECTIVES

- ❖ Increase use of Intensive Safety Services and other well supported/promising services to keep children in their home.
- ❖ Increase access to evidence-based programs and services to support and prevent maltreatment and unnecessary family separation.
- Improve the quality of safety decisions through enhanced policy followed by training and support to the field.
- Complete qualitative MIC Reviews for a portion of unsubstantiated investigations and for all substantiated investigations. Compile, analyze, and share data of reviews to regional staff for practice improvement efforts
- Supervisor utilization of the three key strategies of the Supervisory Framework to support staff in critical decision-making.

### **CFSP GOAL 1: OBJECTIVES CONTINUED**

- ❖ CQI will partner with other CWS programs to compose combined reviews over statewide and regional practices, sharing data back to the regions to identify areas of focus
- ❖ Increase completion of Family Service Agreement (FSA) at time of Safety Plan creation ensuring services are timely, flexible, coordinated, accessible and are organized as a continuum, linked to a wide variety of supports
- Enhance family meeting continuum to improve the assessment of child safety and increase family involvement early on and throughout the life of the case through child safety meetings (CSMs), Initial Meetings (IMs), and ongoing family meetings.
- ❖ Increase community collaborative with OSDH, ODMHSAS, and the Court Improvement Project (CIP) utilizing mental health consultants as a liaison between local CWS district offices and community service providers to increase preventive and ongoing services.

### OKDHS CWS CFSP: GOAL 2

Decrease trauma experienced by a child who enters the child welfare system by ensuring stability of placement, enhancing family engagement and decision-making, decrease maltreatment in care, and enhancing efforts to achieve timely permanency.



#### **OKDHS CWS CFSP GOAL 2: Data Measures**

MEASURE	BASELINE	PERFORMANCE	TARGET
Two or fewer placement settings for children in care for less than 12 months	79.8%	79.2% (FFY20)	88%
Two or fewer placement settings for children in care for 12 to 24 months	61%	63.4% (FFY20)	68%
Two or fewer placement settings for children in care for 24+ months	33%	35.4% (FFY20)	42%
Initial placement as kinship	47.2%	52.3% July-Dec 2020	55%

#### OKDHS CWS CFSP GOAL 2: Data Measures Continued

MEASURE	BASELINE	PERFORMANCE	TARGET
Reunification in less than 12 months	55.5%	56.3% (Ending Mar 2020)	69.9%
Guardianship in less than 18 months	59.8%	63.5% (Ending Mar 2020)	65%
Adoption in less than 24 months	45.9%	47.8% (Ending Mar 2020)	54.5%
Absence of maltreatment in care	99.08%	99.19% (Ending Mar 2020)	99.68%

## **CFSP GOAL 2: OBJECTIVES**

- \* Enhance focus on ensuring as many supports and connections are present during CSMs and IMs. Ensuring that not only are meetings scheduled within policy, but that they are of good quality.
- Ensure resource parent check-in calls and Child and Resource Support Plans are completed and of good quality.
- Implement strategies of CWS resource recruitment and retention goals.
- Continued focus on enhanced safety discussion and collaboration, and consistency of safety decisions made across all programs, including Foster Care and Adoptions
- Supervisor utilization of the three key strategies outlined in the Supervisory Framework to support staff in critical decision-making.
- Monitor and enhance contracts of Systems of Care and mobile response to ensure that if a child in foster care is in crisis, appropriate services can be provided without disruption to the child's placement.

# **CFSP GOAL 2: OBJECTIVES Continued**

- ❖ Increase use of the Care Portal to access resources for resource homes to meet needs.
- Improve collaboration and communication with contracted RFP's, by including RFPs in CW training pertaining to safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes as well as include RFPs as key stakeholders to inform and support updates to safety practices.
- Use of CBHS for children in out-of-home care to assess child's educational, developmental, physical, and mental health in the resource home and to ensure service referrals are sent timely.
- Focus Actively Seeking KINnections (ASK) efforts within each region to enhance strategies in building permanent connections and locating family for the child in DHS custody.
- Develop a parent stakeholder group to gather and apply feedback from parents and relatives in improving ASK efforts.

# CFSP GOAL 2: OBJECTIVES Continued

- Complete qualitative MIC Reviews for a portion of unsubstantiated investigations and all substantiated investigations. Compile, analyze, and share data of reviews to regions for practice improvement efforts.
- \* Enhance communication between programs involved with resource families in use of resource alerts, written plans of compliance, screen-out consultations, injury alerts, and ten-day staffings
- Provide ongoing training for staff surrounding quality worker visits with children and parents and use of qualitative reviews of quality worker visits to inform practice.
- ❖ Make changes within the KIDS system to reflect expectations of parent visitation.
- Use of Permanency Safety Consultations (PSCs) to assess safety in a team approach at key junctures of the case and throughout the life of the case while the case plan goal is reunification.
- Use qualitative reviews and ongoing training of outcomes of Initial Meetings and resource placement calls.
- Continue ongoing collaboration with CIP to engage staff in barriers with the court and improve relationships with court partners

### **OKDHS CWS CFSP: GOAL 3**

Decrease trauma experienced by a child who enters the child welfare system by ensuring stability of placement, enhancing family engagement and decision-making, decrease maltreatment in care, and enhancing efforts to achieve timely permanency.



#### **OKDHS CWS CFSP GOAL 3: Data Measures**

MEASURE	BASELINE	PERFORMANCE	TARGET
Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs, includes services of child, parents, and foster parents	21.54%	35.38% (Ending Mar 2020)	95%
Percent of children receiving a CBHS in accordance with policy	66.7%	60.2% (Ending Mar 2020)	98%
Improvement of children's social and emotional functioning as compared to their own baseline and throughout the duration of service provision	To be created		To be created
Percent of families who complete (FCS) and do not have a subsequent removal or unsafe finding within 12 months	95.08%	97.1% (Ending Mar 2020)	97%
Percent of children needing an intervention and served in FCS	25%	49.9% (Ending Mar 2020)	50%

## CFSP GOAL 3: OBJECTIVES

- Enhance family-centered practices by utilizing services that are focused on the family as a whole and are developmentally and/or culturally appropriate. Utilize service providers that will work with families as partners in identifying and meeting needs and strengthening families.
- \* Evaluation of providers understanding of children, families, and resource parents needs and effectiveness of services provided through information gathered by community stakeholders during the annual stakeholder meetings in partnership with OSDH and CIP.
- Support and enhance a competent, skilled, and professional trauma-informed workforce to identify and meet the needs of children and families; determining the appropriateness of the services array and broader CW decision-making and case planning.
- ❖ Utilize outcomes from CFSR reviews to inform and enhance the quality and timeliness of the Child Behavioral Health Screener to better serve the needs of children.

# CFSP GOAL 3: OBJECTIVES Continued

- \* Effectively use IMs to support family involvement in assessing needs of the child and resource family by identifying and providing appropriate services to support placement stability.
- ❖ Build community partnerships with the education system through school-based social workers to adequately identify appropriate prevention services for children and families in need.
- Utilization of Early Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) to identify and link through referral for necessary medical and behavioral health treatment.
- Utilization of an evidence-based screener to determine appropriate treatment needs of children and families.

### **Next Steps**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health and Oklahoma's Child Welfare Team will continue to work together on promoting health, safety, and well-being of children, youth, and their families through the prevention continuum aimed to increase protective factors and strengthen families.

We look forward to our continued collaboration with you!

#### SAVE THE DATE:

2021 Biannual Oklahoma State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect & Oklahoma Human Services, CWS CFSP & Title IV-E Prevention Program Plan Review and Stakeholder Engagement

Thursday, October 14, 2021 (Time & Format TBD)





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