



# FORUM SCHEDULE

## 2017 OKLAHOMA KIDS COUNT FALL FORUM

**Thursday, November 2, 2016**

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration/Check-In/Breakfast Pastries (Pastries Courtesy: EPIC Charter Schools)
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome and Conference Overview Joe Dorman, CEO, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) Introduction of Oklahoma's "Kid Governor" 2017 Jim Priest, CEO, Sunbeam Family Services Discussion of 2018: Year of the Child Jim Priest and Joe Dorman
9:00 am - 9:10 am	Break
9:10 am – 10:00 am	Workshop Session 1
10:10 am - 11:00 am	Workshop Session 2
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Laura Choate Resilience Award and Moran Kidizenship Award Presentations Gubernatorial Candidates and Recognition of Elected Officials (House Chamber)
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Luncheon (4th Floor Rotunda) (Lunch Courtesy: Anthem, Inc.)
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Break
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	Breakout Session
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Presentation from each session on their suggestions (House Chamber)
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing Remarks/Announcements Jay Scott Brown, OICA President Emeritus and Joe Dorman
4:30 pm	Adjourn to Farmers Public Market (See map on page 26)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner from Food Trucks at Farmers Public Market (included in registration)
6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	KIDS COUNT Data Presentation Lani Habrock, Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Director, OICA
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	"Resilience: the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope" (Courtesy: Potts Family Foundation)
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Panel Discussion on Adverse Childhood Experiences D.A. David Prater, Annette Wisk Jacobi, Dr. Jennifer Hays-Grudo, Ricky Munoz
8:30 pm	Closing Remarks

# ABOUT THE FORUM AND SPECIAL GUEST

## OUR PURPOSE

The 2017 Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Fall Forum is bringing together child advocates from across the state to raise awareness about key issues, share action strategies for meeting the needs of the state's children and youth more effectively, and identify program and policy changes that will improve the health, safety, education and economic well-being of Oklahoma's kids.

## CONFERENCE PLANNING PARTNERS

- A&A Advocates
- FKG Consulting
- Sunbeam Family Services

## OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE CONFERENCE:

- Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Anthem, Inc.
- Business Imaging Systems
- Epic Charter Schools
- Inasmuch Foundation
- Potts Family Foundation
- Sonic, America's Drive-In
- TSET (Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust)

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- All of our workshop and breakout session presenters who shared their knowledge, expertise, ideas, and commitment to improving the future of our state and its children.
- The Oklahoma Legislative staff members who assisted with the breakout sessions.

## SPECIAL GUEST AUDREY PATTON, OKLAHOMA KID GOVERNOR 2017

Sunbeam and the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) selected 10-year-old Audrey Patton as Oklahoma's 2017 Kid Governor! The two organizations introduced her in February at the State Capitol, where she gave her acceptance speech and was interviewed by the press. Audrey, a 5th grader at St. John Nepomuk Catholic School in Mustang, was one of 18 children ages 7-11 who submitted videos for the "Vote 4 Kids" campaign led by Sunbeam and OICA. Kid Governors serve each year from February until the Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Fall Forum in November. During Audrey's term, she addressed issues affecting the well-being of Oklahoma's children such as, foster care, childhood poverty, early childhood education and mental health. Audrey says she wanted Oklahomans to pay attention to issues that affect the state's children, specifically food insecurity. Daughter of William and Megan Patton, Audrey's video addressed child hunger and safe homes for children.

*"I don't want any child to go to bed wondering where and when their next meal is," said Audrey, who volunteers at the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank. "Children are most vulnerable during the summer when school is out."*

# WORKSHOP SESSION TOPICS

## **25 x 25: An Oklahoma Early Childhood Coalition**

Presenter: Craig Knutson, Chief Executive Officer, Potts Family Foundation

## **An Overview: Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Child Abuse & Neglect**

Presenter: Rebecca Craig, Forensic Interview and Manager of Programs, CARE Center

## **Crayons & Chaos: Children Experiencing Domestic Violence**

Presenter: Brandon Pasley, Senior Director of Specialized Training, OKC YWCA

## **Media & Advocacy**

Presenters: Tres Savage, Editor-in-Chief, NonDoc Media and Alex Weintz, Senior Director of Communications and Media, FKG Consulting

## **Mental Health Issues**

Presenter: Randy Tate, MSW, CEO, NorthCare

## **Childhood Hunger Prevention**

Presenter: Meagan Stanek, Network Director, Oklahoma Partnership for Expanded Learning

## **Partnerships in the Public, Private, and Faith-Based Sectors for Children**

Presenters: Amy Bruce and Shea Gordon, Whiz Kids

## **Preventing Bullying and Other Anti-Social Behaviors**

Presenter: Steve Hahn, Director, Anti-Bullying Collaboration

## **Recognizing ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences)**

Presenter: Dr. Deb Shropshire, M.D., Deputy Director for Child Welfare Community Partnerships, Oklahoma State Department of Human Services, and Pediatrician, OU College of Medicine

## **ROAR Program: Speaking up against child abuse**

*(A training session, CEUs and certificate available)*

Presenter: Stacy McNeiland, CEO, CARE Center

## **Trauma Informed Care for Children**

Presenter: Kimberly Parker, L.P.C.S., Clinical Supervisor/Project Director, Family & Children's Services, Child Abuse and Trauma Services

## **What You Can Do to be a Part of 2018: Year of the Child**

Presenter: Jim Priest, CEO, Sunbeam Family Services

# BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS

Breakout sessions are designed to allow your input on important issues under the main topic. These sessions will help OICA formulate a legislative agenda going forward to benefit the children of Oklahoma. Please work with the facilitators within your breakout session to share ideas and information and help us develop a consensus document to share with policymakers and our advocates across the state.

## **Criminal Justice Reform**

Facilitators: Jasmine Heiss and Adam Luck

## **Early Childhood Issues**

Facilitators: Craig Knutson and Sherry Fair

## **Federal Policies**

Facilitators: Deborah Stein and Mandy Winton

## **Foster Care/Child Well-Being**

Facilitators: Tricia Howell, Jason Grewe, and Tom Bates

## **Poverty and the Economy**

Facilitators: Courtney Cullison and Lani Habrock

## **Race Equity**

Facilitators: Cecilia Robinson-Woods and Gloria Torres

# WORKSHOP SESSION NOTES

# BREAKOUT SESSION NOTES

# AWARDS

## 2017 LAURA CHOATE RESILIENCE AWARD RECIPIENT

The award was created to celebrate individuals who have been significantly impacted by adverse childhood experiences but have overcome obstacles, made a lasting contribution to the lives of young people, exhibit bravery, demonstrate dedication to fostering resilience in youth and inspire resilience in youth by exhibiting the characteristics of the “7 Cs of Resilience:”

- Competence: Taking notice of what young people are doing right and giving them opportunities to develop important skills.
- Confidence: Ability to navigate the world, think outside the box, and recover from challenges.
- Connection: Connections with youth and with communities that offer young people the security to stand on their own and develop creative solutions.
- Character: Clear sense of right and wrong and commitment to integrity.
- Contribution: Taking action to improve the well-being of others.
- Coping: Ability to manage adverse experiences and exhibit resilience.
- Control: Understanding and exhibiting characteristics of respect and responsibility.

This award is named for Laura Choate who has served as a lifelong advocate for Oklahoma children and was the first recipient of the Resilience Award. Choate has worked with the OICA to reform the state’s child welfare and juvenile justice system to better serve and protect Oklahoma children. As a youth, Choate served as a plaintiff in a class-action lawsuit that resulted in dramatic changes to Oklahoma’s juvenile justice system and was used as a model by many other states to establish higher standards.

Note: these “7 Cs of Resilience” are based on the research of both Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg and the International Youth Foundation work of Rick Little and colleagues.

## 2017 MORAN “KIDIZENSHIP” AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Kidizenship Awards is the Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy’s inaugural statewide awards program recognizing and rewarding excellence in youth philanthropy. The Awards provide young Oklahomans under the age of 19 across the state with the opportunity to celebrate and showcase their activities which benefit their peers - other young people in Oklahoma. The Awards represent the true Oklahoma Standard - the opportunity to demonstrate how young Oklahomans are making this a great state!

The awards are named after Melvin and Jasmine Moran, philanthropists in their own right, who have spent their lives celebrating opportunities for the youth of Oklahoma. Though most well-known as the founders of the Jasmine Moran Children’s Museum in Seminole, OK, the Moran Family has spent decades dedicated to the improvement of lives of children all across our state.

# 2018 YEAR OF THE CHILD OBJECTIVES



1. Prioritize the issue of children (ages 0-18) as an issue during the 2018 political campaigns. Ask candidates for office "what is your plan for improving the lives of Oklahoma children?" Provide child centric questions to media to ask candidates and surveys to the candidates themselves.
2. Create and drive a legislative agenda that addresses critical issues affecting children. This may include creation of a children's cabinet, creation of a coordinated budget and making it "safe" to raise revenue to fund child related initiatives.
3. Promote "Oklahoma's Expectations for Children" to the public, policy makers and encourage implementation of the goals.
4. Lay the foundation for continuing to prioritize children after 2018 YOTC.
5. Work to include children as a priority in the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce OK 2030 Initiative under the "Quality of Life" and "Workforce and Talent Development" foundation components.

Please provide any input or suggestions to Jim Priest: [jpriest@sunbeamfamilyservices.org](mailto:jpriest@sunbeamfamilyservices.org) or 405-202-8863

## Oklahoma's Expectations for Children (2018YOTC)

Oklahomans recognize the importance of prioritizing our children and making Oklahoma a place where children are safe, secure, engaged, encouraged, and prepared for life as an adult. In order that Oklahoma may be such a place we establish the following expectations for children and for the state and the people of Oklahoma:

As a people and as a state we will work to insure every Oklahoma child is:

Safe—from abuse, neglect, abandonment and harm to their physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional well being;

Secure—in their access to affordable housing and healthy food, and secure in their home, educational, neighborhood, and worship environments;

Engaged—in positive activities physically, mentally, socially, spiritually, and emotionally both as individuals and within their communities;

Encouraged—by a Champion, who might be their parent or a mentor, and by all Oklahomans, who will speak and act in ways that cheer them on in life; and

Prepared—to reach their full potential in every area of life, especially in the areas of education and career, but also in life skills, so they may become a capable, positive, and contributing citizen of our state. ACTION PLAN 030

# 2017 Annie E. Casey KIDS COUNT U.S. Profile

2017 KIDS COUNT PROFILE | THE ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION

## UNITED STATES

### ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

#### CHILDREN IN POVERTY

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
15,000,000

22%  
2010  
21%  
2015

BETTER

#### CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
21,363,000

33%  
2010  
29%  
2015

BETTER

#### CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
24,646,000

41%  
2010  
33%  
2015

BETTER

#### TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING

NUMBER OF TEENS  
1,191,000

9%  
2010  
7%  
2015

BETTER

### EDUCATION

#### YOUNG CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
4,344,000

52%  
2009-II  
53%  
2013-15

WORSE

#### FOURTH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
NOT AVAILABLE

68%  
2009  
65%  
2015

BETTER

#### EIGHTH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
NOT AVAILABLE

67%  
2009  
68%  
2015

WORSE

#### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME

NUMBER OF TEENS  
NOT AVAILABLE

21%  
2010/II  
17%  
2014/I5

BETTER



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## OKLAHOMA

OVERALL  
RANK

36

DOMAIN  
RANK

28

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING



DOMAIN  
RANK

39

EDUCATION



### CHILDREN IN POVERTY

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 209,000

US 15,000,000

OKLAHOMA

25%  
2010

22%  
2015

22%  
2010

21%  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

22%  
2010

21%  
2015

### CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 279,000

US 21,363,000

32%  
2010

29%  
2015

33%  
2010

29%  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

### CHILDREN LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 249,000

US 24,646,000

32%  
2010

26%  
2015

41%  
2010

33%  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

### TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING

NUMBER OF TEENS  
OK 17,000

US 1,191,000

9%  
2010

8%  
2015

9%  
2010

7%  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

### YOUNG CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 61,000

US 4,344,000

58%  
2009-II

57%  
2013-15

52%  
2009-II

53%  
2013-15

BETTER

WORSE

### FOURTH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK N.A.

US N.A.

72%  
2009

67%  
2015

68%  
2009

65%  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

### EIGHTH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK N.A.

US N.A.

76%  
2009

77%  
2015

67%  
2009

68%  
2015

WORSE

WORSE

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME

NUMBER OF TEENS  
OK N.A.

US N.A.

N.A.  
2010/II

18%  
2014/15

21%  
2010/II

17%  
2014/15

N.A.

BETTER

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## UNITED STATES

### HEALTH

#### LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BABIES

NUMBER OF BABIES  
320,869

8.1%  
2010  
8.1%  
2015

SAME

#### CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
3,534,000

8%  
2010  
5%  
2015

BETTER

#### CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000

NUMBER OF DEATHS  
19,562

26  
2010  
25  
2015

BETTER

#### TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

NUMBER OF TEENS  
1,276,000

7%  
2009-10  
5%  
2013-14

BETTER

### FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

#### CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
24,444,000

34%  
2010  
35%  
2015

WORSE

#### CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
10,137,000

15%  
2010  
14%  
2015

BETTER

#### CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
10,032,000

13%  
2008-12  
14%  
2011-15

WORSE

#### TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000

NUMBER OF BIRTHS  
229,715

34  
2010  
22  
2015

BETTER



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## OKLAHOMA

OVERALL  
RANK

**36**

DOMAIN  
RANK

**29**

HEALTH



### LOW-BIRTHWEIGHT BABIES

NUMBER OF BABIES  
OK 4,172

US 320,869

OKLAHOMA

8.4%  
2010

**7.9%**  
2015

BETTER

UNITED STATES

8.1%  
2010

**8.1%**  
2015

SAME

### CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 71,000

US 3,534,000

10%  
2010

**7%**  
2015

8%  
2010

**5%**  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

### CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000

NUMBER OF DEATHS  
OK 364

US 19,562

36  
2010

**36**  
2015

26  
2010

**25**  
2015

SAME

BETTER

### TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

NUMBER OF TEENS  
OK 13,000

US 1,276,000

7%  
2009-10

**4%**  
2013-14

7%  
2009-10

**5%**  
2013-14

BETTER

BETTER

DOMAIN  
RANK

**39**

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY



### CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 317,000

US 24,444,000

35%  
2010

**35%**  
2015

34%  
2010

**35%**  
2015

SAME

WORSE

### CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 124,000

US 10,137,000

14%  
2010

**13%**  
2015

15%  
2010

**14%**  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

### CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS

NUMBER OF CHILDREN  
OK 113,000

US 10,032,000

12%  
2008-12

**12%**  
2011-15

13%  
2008-12

**14%**  
2011-15

SAME

WORSE

### TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000

NUMBER OF BIRTHS  
OK 4,391

US 229,715

50  
2010

**35**  
2015

34  
2010

**22**  
2015

BETTER

BETTER

# 2017 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

## Oklahoma Children's Agenda

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OICA works to ensure every child – from birth to adulthood – is nurtured, healthy, educated, protected from harm and thriving. This is our 2017 Children's Agenda.

### ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Funding services for low-income and at-risk children is a moral imperative and a defining feature of any civilized, compassionate society. We recognize 2017 is a challenging budget year, but we will not accept any cuts to programs that serve low-income or at-risk children. That includes the Department of Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Department of Education and the state's Medicaid program.

We urge our Legislature to explore new sources of revenue to prevent cuts that could negatively impact our children and negatively impact Oklahoma's long term prosperity.

### FOSTER CARE IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER CHILD WELLBEING MEASURES

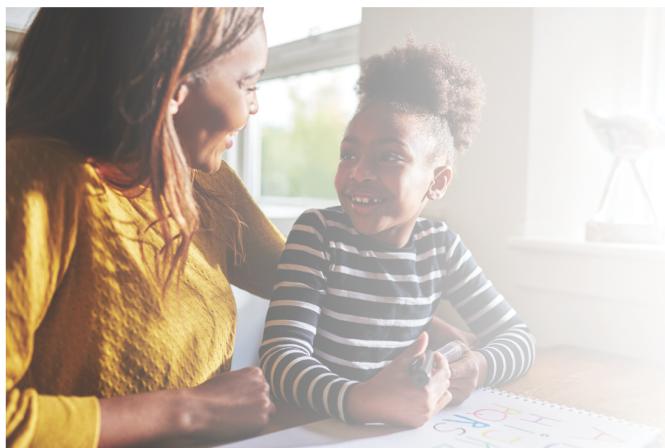
All children deserve loving, safe and stable homes. To achieve that goal, we support the successful completion of the Pinnacle Plan, the state's program to improve the Child Welfare system for children in state custody. Additionally, we are committed to supporting permanent improvements even after the completion of the Pinnacle Plan. Our policy checklist (opposite side) includes several reform measures, chief among them SB 727, that contain important and permanent proposals to improve DHS operations.

Additionally, we support policies that improve child health and nutrition. OICA thanks legislators for their overwhelming support of measures like HB 1875, which help schools and food banks partner to reduce hunger and improve nutrition among students.

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Oklahoma's overincarceration crisis is breaking up families, leaving children without parents and perpetuating a never-ending cycle of poverty and crime. Approximately one in 10 Oklahoma children has a parent that will end up serving time in prison or jail.

The state must continue to pursue justice reform measures that emphasize treatment and rehabilitation for non-violent offenders. That is particularly true of youthful offenders who can be set back on the path to becoming law-abiding and productive citizens if given the right support. See our full list of criminal justice reform priorities on the opposite side of this page.



# 2017 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



## Vote YES for Oklahoma's Children

### OICA LEGISLATIVE CHECKLIST

*We urge every lawmaker to earn as many gold stars as possible for supporting children (bill authors get TWO stars for each measure they sponsor!). Please **VOTE YES** on all the measures below to make sure our children are safe, healthy and thriving. Thank you to all the legislators who authored the bills below!*

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

- HB 2281 (O'Donnell/Treat): Modifies and reduces penalties associated with non-violent crimes like unlawful delivery of goods and credit/debit card related theft
- HB 2284 (O'Donnell/Treat): Provides training and legal education for public defenders
- HB 2286 (O'Donnell/Treat): Strengthens and clarifies pardon and parole process
- HB 2290 (Biggs/Treat): Supports drug courts and the goals of treatment, rehabilitation and reform
- SB 229 (Griffin/Lawson): Supports mental health and substance abuse treatment for juveniles and juvenile offenders
- SB 603 (O'Donnell/Treat): Requires DOC risk assessments include mental health and substance abuse screening
- SB 649 (O'Donnell/Treat): Addresses sentencing requirements regarding drug related crimes
- SB 650 (Shaw/Loring): Allows for faster expungement of non-violent felonies
- SB 689 (O'Donnell/Treat): Allows judges to reduce sentences for non-violent, life-without-parole convicts
- SB 793 (O'Donnell/Treat): Creates the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force to assess justice reform outcomes
- SB 786 (Shaw/Loring): Reduces penalties for some non-violent offenses, following the recommendations of the Governor's Criminal Justice Task Force

#### CHILD WELLBEING, HEALTH AND SAFETY / FOSTER CARE:

- HB 1127 (Biggs/Griffin): Defines "sexual consent" for juries
- HB 1875 (Dunnington/Griffin): Supports partnerships between schools and food banks to fight hunger and support better nutrition for children
- SB 34 (David/Biggs): Strengthens tools to prosecute human trafficking
- SB 506 (Bice/Pfeiffer): Creates the Healthy Food Financing Revolving Fund to support nutritious food options in underserved/low-income areas
- SB 717 (Griffin/Osborn): Expands Child Care Restricted Registry to better protect children in state custody
- SB 718 (Griffin/Lawson): Clarifies the meaning of a "children's emergency resource center"
- SB 727 (Griffin/Ownbey): Improves transparency and accountability at DHS Child Welfare Division; reforms system to increase collaboration between guardians and child welfare workers; provides additional support and protections to foster parents
- SB 748 (Griffin/Baker): Creates a pilot program to improve socioeconomic outcomes for children in state custody
- SB 749 (Matthews/Nichols): Creates a program to support community food gardens in low-income areas, supporting better child nutrition

#### GOVERNMENT SPENDING

- HB 2311 (McCall/Schultz): Creates the Agency Spending Review Commission to provide recommendations on government funding and efficiencies

# SPEAKER AND FACILITATOR BIOS

## **Tom Bates**, Special Advisor for Child Welfare and Pinnacle Plan Implementation

Tom was named the Special Adviser for Child Welfare and Pinnacle Plan Implementation by Governor Fallin in October of 2015. In this role he works to support the efforts of Director Ed Lake and the staff of the Child Welfare Division to improve the lives of vulnerable children in our state. Prior to his current position, he served as First Assistant Attorney General to Attorney General Scott Pruitt, overseeing more than 90 civil and criminal attorneys and 40 agents employed by the Attorney General's office. Tom joined the Attorney General's office in 1999. During his 15 years with the office he litigated and prosecuted a number of high profile cases. Before serving as First Assistant, he was Chief of the Multicounty Grant Jury Unit and Chief of the Public Protection Unit. In addition to his duties as Special Adviser for Child Welfare, he also serves as the Acting Advocate General, overseeing the Office of Client Advocacy.

## **Amy Bruce**, Communications and Development Manager, Whiz Kids Oklahoma

Amy Bruce is responsible for sharing the message about the activities and impact of Whiz Kids Oklahoma. Other duties at Whiz Kids include grant writing, development, event planning, and project management. Prior to joining Whiz Kids, she worked in higher education communications and marketing for 16 years, helping Oklahoma students and families prepare for college. She is a graduate of Oklahoma State University with a bachelor and master's degree in public relations and media management. Amy became involved in Whiz Kids by serving as a site coordinator at Del City Church of Christ. Outside of work, she and her husband, Cory, live in Choctaw and are the proud parents of three children.

## **Rebecca Craig**, CARE Center

Rebecca Craig is a Forensic Interview and Manager of Programs for the CARE Center of Oklahoma City. Rebecca has been conducting forensic interviews for 7 years and has completed approximately 1600 interviews. Rebecca is trained in four national forensic interviewing protocols. Rebecca holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of Oklahoma and has been in social services for 15 years. Ms. Craig provides training for all new DHS child welfare workers in Oklahoma County as well as her outreach work with the Oklahoma City Police Department Academy and the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office. She lives in Norman, Oklahoma with her daughter.

## **Courtney Cullison**, Policy Analyst, OK Policy

Courtney joined OK Policy in March 2017 as a policy analyst focusing on issues of economic opportunity and financial security. Before coming to OK Policy, Courtney worked in higher education, holding faculty positions at the University of Texas at Tyler and at Connors State College in eastern Oklahoma. A native Oklahoman, she received an Honors B.A. in Political Science from Oklahoma State University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. with emphasis in congressional politics and public policy from the University of Oklahoma. While at OU, Courtney was a fellow at the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center. As a professor she taught classes in American politics, public policy, and research methods and

# SPEAKER AND FACILITATOR BIOS

conducted original research with a focus on the relationship between representatives and the constituents they serve.

## **Joe Dorman**, CEO, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

Joe brings extensive experience as a 12-year member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, as well as active involvement in numerous civic, leadership, and youth-development organizations, including Leadership Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Academy. His awards have included the Journal Records "Achievers Under 40" and the Legislative Excellence Award from the Rural Health Association. Joe's life-long commitment to public service and improving the lives of Oklahomans is well-suited for his role as the leader of the statewide, nonprofit child advocacy organization. As CEO of the Institute Joe has said, "It is an honor to be part of an organization that plays such a critical leadership role in promoting policies, programs, and partnerships that improve the lives of our state's most vulnerable residents – its children and youth.

*The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) is a statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to improve the health, safety, education and economic well-being of Oklahoma's children and youth by creating awareness, taking action and changing policy. For over 30 years, OICA has been a trusted, independent voice speaking on behalf of Oklahoma's children and youth, particularly those whose life circumstances leave them vulnerable to poverty, poor health, victimization and abuse, disparities or lack of educational and economic opportunities. From the State Capitol to communities across the state, OICA is a persistent advocate for children on a broad range of issues, from infant mental health and early childhood to teen pregnancy prevention and youth in child welfare and juvenile justice systems. OICA coordinates Oklahoma KIDS COUNT, a premier source of data on child well-being that is part of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's national KIDS COUNT Data Center. Website: [www.oica.org](http://www.oica.org)*

## **Shery Fair**, Executive Director, Parent Promise

With a background in public relations, issue campaigns and nonprofit management, Sherry has championed the causes of children throughout her career at Oklahoma City Public Schools, Oklahoma Contemporary, the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the MAPS for Kids campaign. She has a bachelor's degree in public relations from Purdue University.

*Parent Promise is an organization working to strengthen Oklahoma families through the delivery of home-based parent education and family support programs that promote positive health and developmental outcomes for children, as well as school readiness. Parent Promise delivers the Parents As Teachers model to expectant families or those with a child five or under. The staff also is trained in the Exchange Parent Aide model which allows the organization to serve families with children through the age of 12. Both program models are evidence-based and require parent educators to participate in rigorous training before serving families. Parent Promise is accredited by the National Exchange Club Foundation and Prevent Child Abuse America and is the Oklahoma chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America.*

# SPEAKER AND FACILITATOR BIOS

**Jason Grewे**, Community Liaison Coordinator, TFI Family Connections and Texas Family Initiative

Jason is most known for creating innovative recruitment strategies and bringing businesses, churches, and communities together for collaborative advocacy initiatives. Jason was most recently awarded Oklahoma Foster's "All Star Recruiter" for private placement agencies for 2017.

**Shea Gordon**, Assistant Director, Whiz Kids Oklahoma

Shea is responsible for the outreach and preservation of all community and corporate partnerships, including related event planning, projects and fundraising. Prior to joining Whiz Kids, she worked for a nation-wide online education company for twelve years, beginning with its start-up year, and held various roles including national account representative, director of Direct to Student, and senior project manager. Shea graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Corporate Communications and later from Keller Graduate School of Business with a master's degree in Business Administration. Her passion for positive mentoring continues outside the walls of Whiz Kids where she and her husband, Miles, work as bi-vocational youth pastors at the First Baptist Church in Washington, OK. Shea and Miles are the proud parents of two boys.

**Lani Habrock**, KIDS COUNT Director and Advocacy Coordinator, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

Lani has a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from The King's College in New York City. She enjoys Netflix, running, and rabble-rousing on social media. You can listen to her host Oklahoma's KIDS COUNT podcast at OICA.org/Podcast

**Steve Hahn**, Director, Anti-Bullying Collaboration

Steve has 17 years of experience working in prevention through community education and school-based services in Tulsa and surrounding communities. He holds a Master of Science in Curriculum and Leadership Studies from Oklahoma State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Oral Roberts University. Steve is married and the proud father of two children.

*The Anti-Bullying Collaboration is a Collective Impact project of The Parent Child Center of Tulsa, which includes partners from the fields of education, mental-health, and non-profit as well as parent and advocacy groups.*

**Jennifer Hays-Grudo**, PhD, Regents Professor & Director of the Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity

Jennifer is a Regents professor of Human Development and Family Science and an adjunct professor of Pediatrics at Oklahoma State University, and the Director and Principal Investigator of the Center for Integrative Research on Childhood Adversity (CIRCA), an \$11.3M, five-year NIH grant focused on the effects of trauma and poverty on children's health and development. From 2008 to 2013, she was a George Kaiser Family Foundation Chair in

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Community Medicine at OU-Tulsa, where she led the Tulsa Children's Project, a George Kaiser Family Foundation-funded collaboration with Harvard's Center for the Developing Child to develop and implement interventions to reduce the effects of intergenerational poverty and adversity. Before coming to Oklahoma, she was on the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where she led the Office of Health Promotion, and held numerous NIH grants on health behaviors in high-risk populations.

## **Jasmine Heiss**, Deputy Director, The Coalition for Public Safety

Jasmine Heiss is the Deputy Director of The Coalition for Public Safety, the nation's largest bipartisan effort to reform the U.S. Criminal justice system. She has worked at the local, national and global level on a range of criminal justice issues, including solitary confinement, mass incarceration and police accountability. Prior to joining the Coalition, Jasmine served as Amnesty International USA's Senior Campaigner, where she lead the organization's work on groundbreaking victories, including the passage of the country's first reparations package for police torture survivors and the release of two of the longest held-prisoners in solitary confinement. Jasmine is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Chicago

## **Tricia Howell**, MHR, LPC, Deputy Director, Foster Care and Adoption, OKDHS Child Welfare Services

Tricia started her career in the child welfare field in 1985 and currently serves as the Deputy Director of Foster Care and Adoption for the Department of Human Services. In her role she oversees all work related to foster care and adoption for Oklahoma including recruitment and retention efforts, policy, training, collaboration with community partners, and overall development of the foster care and adoption programs. She has also worked in several areas of child welfare, as well as managing a therapeutic foster care program. Prior to her current position, she was the Deputy Director of Region 4, which includes 22 counties in the southeastern part of Oklahoma. Ms. Howell has a strong belief in the responsibility of DHS to not only care for children in care, but also to work closely with the child's family and foster and adoptive families who are caring for the children in DHS custody.

## **Craig Knutson**, President and CEO, Potts Family Foundation

Before joining the foundation, Craig held professional/executive positions in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, including Principal/President, Growing Global LLC; Chief of Staff for President Robert Henry, Oklahoma City University; Chief of Staff, Oklahoma Insurance Department; Vice President of Research and Convening, United Way of Central Oklahoma; and Chief Economist, Southwestern Bell; and Senior Economic Planner, Oklahoma City. He serves on a number of local and statewide boards of directors, and is an OKCEO with a long history of supporting early childhood development through his professional and personal affiliations.

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## **Adam Luck**, Executive Director, City Care

Adam is an Oklahoma native and left the state to serve five years in the U.S. Air Force as a Korean Cryptologic Linguist. He has a B.S. degree in Global Security and Intelligence Studies from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard University. Appointed by Governor Mary Fallin to the Oklahoma State Board of Corrections and Adam also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Center for Employment Opportunities, a national non-profit that provides comprehensive employment services to individuals with recent criminal convictions. Prior to joining City Care, Adam served as the Policy Director at the E Foundation for Oklahoma and the Oklahoma state director for Right on Crime, an initiative of the Texas Public Policy Foundation focusing on criminal justice reform. He and his wife Sarah both grew up in Oklahoma and now live in Oklahoma City with their four young boys and yellow lab.

*City Care is a non-profit organization serving the less fortunate in Oklahoma City by feeding the homeless and impoverished, providing affordable housing for low-income individuals and pairing tutors/mentors with at-risk children.*

## **Stacy McNeiland**, CEO of the CARE Center (Child Abuse & Evaluation Center)

Stacy is an active board member for Prevent Child Abuse Oklahoma, Children's Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma, The Family Justice Center and Sigma Kappa Sorority. She is actively engaged with the Oklahoma Center for Nonprofit's, a graduate of Leadership Edmond and Oklahoma Citizen's Academy and has been recognized as the Oklahoma City Panhellenic Woman of the Year and received Edmond's "Most Flexible" Award.

*The CARE Center is a nationally accredited child advocacy center and the largest in the state of Oklahoma. The CARE Center is a non-profit organization focused on helping children. The CARE Center is a place where children who have been abused can heal after the heartbreak act of abuse. We offer a variety of services including a forensic interview, court school, medical exams, counseling and customized advocacy. We work to prosecute the child's offender and begin the healing process for children and families. The CARE Center is a part of a multidisciplinary team including state police departments, the Department of Human Services, & the District Attorney's office. We also teach two education programs for adults and children that teach personal body safety and empowerment. We believe we can end child abuse.*

## **Ricky Munoz**, OU Street Outreach Clinic

Ricky's scholarship work includes work in the importance of hopeful thinking to client's a local area non- profits, along with community engaged research efforts centering on health with homeless youth and other vulnerable populations. Ricky is also a fellow with the University Of Oklahoma School Of Community Medicine and the Center of Applied Research or Non-profits. Ricky has 10 referred publications in his areas of interest and 5 more currently under review. Ricky also continues to engage in direct practice social work at the OU Street Outreach Clinic, a combined effort of Youth Services of Tulsa, the OU School of Community Medicine, and the OU School of Social Work. The clinic has won multiple awards for the clinic's efforts to improve health outcomes for homeless youth.

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## **Kimberly Parker**, L.P.C.S., Clinical Supervisor/Project Director, Family & Children's Services, Child Abuse and Trauma Services

Kimberly has had opportunities over the past 20 years to work with children and families in a variety of environments including schools, domestic violence intervention programs, children's day treatment and community mental health centers. These experiences have helped shape her passion for understanding the impact of parent/caregiver trauma and its impact on parenting as well as infant and children's mental health. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) trained in CPP, PCIT, TFCBT, CPT, Sanctuary Model, and EMDR. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

## **Brandon Pasley**, Senior Director of Specialized Training, OKC YWCA

Brandon Pasley has worked in the victim services field for over sixteen years. He has served as a victims advocate as a direct service provider, and a systems advocate. Brandon managed the Oklahoma Address Confidentiality Program from 2008-2015, and served on the Oklahoma Attorney General's certification review team for domestic violence, sexual assault, batterers intervention and human sex trafficking programs. Brandon currently serves as the Senior Director of Specialized Training, providing advanced domestic violence training to individuals, agencies, and organizations across the state of Oklahoma.

## **David Prater**, Oklahoma County District Attorney

David Prater began his law enforcement career at 19 years of age when he was hired by the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff. At the age of 20, Mr. Prater became the youngest cadet ever to graduate from the Norman Police Academy. In 1988, Mr. Prater left the police department to complete his Law Enforcement Administration Degree from the University of Oklahoma. In 1991, he began law school at the University of Oklahoma, graduating in just two and a half years. From 1993 until 2001, he served Oklahoma County and the state as an Assistant District Attorney under Bob Macy and as an Assistant Attorney General, in the Grand Jury Unit, under Attorney General Drew Edmondson. Prior to being elected as Oklahoma County District Attorney, he maintained a private law practice in Oklahoma City, with the firm of Huddleston, Pike, Henderson, Cusack & Parker. Regardless of race, creed, religion, or socioeconomic status, David Prater desires to see justice served for all people of Oklahoma County. Above all else, Mr. Prater is most grateful for his wife and their two children. The Praters share a deeply held faith in God and dedication to putting family first. These principles provide the foundation to their commitment to make Oklahoma County a place where families thrive in safe and healthy communities.

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## **Jim Priest**, CEO, Sunbeam Family Services

Jim is a husband, dad, attorney, author and ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He was a trial lawyer focusing on employment and civil rights law for over thirty four years before joining Sunbeam in November 2014. Jim graduated magna cum laude from Houghton College in Houghton, New York and magna cum laude from Syracuse University School of Law. He is a member of Leadership Oklahoma City, Leadership Edmond, and Leadership Oklahoma and has served on numerous non-profit boards. Jim and his wife, Diane, have been married for 38 years and have two adult children, Amanda (married to Martin Howell) and Spencer. He is owned by one dog named Jeter who was born on the day Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter got his 3,000 career hit.

*Sunbeam Family Services is a 110 year old non-profit that provides a range of social services to support Oklahoma's most vulnerable people. The mission of Sunbeam Family Services is to provide people of all ages and stages of life in central Oklahoma the health, hope, and opportunity they need to succeed. Sunbeam builds strength and resilience in individuals and families through an array of programs that focus on early childhood, foster care, counseling, and senior services. Originally founded in 1907 as a children's home, Sunbeam is recognized as the longest-serving nonprofit in the Oklahoma City area, providing vital support to thousands of individuals and families every year. Website: [www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org](http://www.sunbeamfamilyservices.org)*

## **Cecilia Robinson-Woods**, Superintendent , Millwood Public Schools in Oklahoma City

With the goal of 100% of Millwood students graduating college and career ready, Ceclilia has introduced innovative reading programs at the elementary level, iPad classrooms in 3rd and 7th grades, on-campus concurrent enrollment at the high school and strengthened family and community involvement. Ms. Robinson-Woods received her B.S. degree in Elementary Education from the Oklahoma State University and her M.Ed. degree from the University of Oklahoma in Education Administration and Curriculum Supervision in 1999. Ms. Robinson is currently an Ed.D student at the University of Oklahoma pursuing a degree in Education Administration and Curriculum Supervision. Superintendent Robinson-Woods began her career in education as a teacher in Oklahoma City Public Schools in 1995 at Putnam Heights Elementary. In 1999 she relocated with her family to Hartford, Connecticut, where she served as an Assistant Elementary Principal, Sr. Coordinator for Elementary Math, Elementary Principal and Middle School Principal over a 7 year span. In 2006 Ms. Robinson was recognized by the US Department of Education as a National Blue Ribbon Principal of one of the highest performing middle schools in the state of Connecticut. Ms. Robinson-Woods served as an Associate Superintendent of School Leadership in Kansas City, Missouri from 2006-2009. From 2009-2012 she served as the Sr. Director for Early Learning at Community Action Project of Tulsa County (CAP). She was named the Women of Color Educator of the Year in 2015 and currently serves as a member of the State Superintendents Advisory Board, MAPS 3 Citizens Advisory Council, OKC Public School Foundation Advisory Board, OSSAA Board Member, USSA Executive Board Member, Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy Board Member and the Governor's Oklahoma Workforce Youth Council. She is also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City, Class of 33.

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## **Tres Savage**, Editor-in-Chief, NonDoc Media

William W. Savage III (Tres) is the editor in chief of NonDoc.com, an independent journalism site based in Oklahoma City. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, and he covered the Legislature in 2008 and 2009 for eCapitol.net before working six years in the health care arena. He is a nationally certified Mental Health First Aid instructor.

**Deborah Shropshire**, M.D., MHA, Deputy Director of Child Welfare Community Partnerships, Oklahoma State Department of Human Services and Pediatrician at OU College of Medicine Deb provides healthcare to children in foster care through the Fostering Hope clinic and a local emergency foster shelter, and for the past 8 years has served as the medical director for foster care for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Recently Deb is also a Deputy Director of Child Welfare for Oklahoma, responsible for Community Partnerships. She also writes the stories of these kids and families from a perspective of hope, and shares those stories on a blog and through a 30 day devotional plan found at [fosteringhopeproject.org](http://fosteringhopeproject.org).

**Meagan Stanek**, Network Director, Oklahoma Partnership for Expanded Learning (OPEL) Megan has worked with OPEL since its inception in 2015. In this capacity, she coordinates state-level efforts around expanded learning opportunities, represents Oklahoma at national-level advocacy efforts and works to ensure the goals of the partnership are achieved. Megan holds a Master's degree in Natural Resources and has two decades of experience with youth development.

*The Oklahoma Partnership for Expanded Learning is a statewide network created to increase out-of-school time opportunities for the children of Oklahoma.*

## **Deborah Stein**, Network Director, Partnership for America's Children

Deborah became the first network director for the Partnership for America's Children in 2014, and has more than 30 years of experience in policy analysis and advocacy on behalf of vulnerable children and their families. She is a nationally recognized child advocate and strategic communications expert who is passionate about improving children's lives through better public policy. Before she came to the Partnership as its first leader, she spent eight years at The Hatcher Group, a public affairs and communications firm, where she served as Vice-President of Public Policy. Debbie also spent nine years with Voices for America's Children, where she rose to become Director of Policy and Advocacy and a member of the senior management team. Debbie previously worked for the Food Research and Action Center and as a consultant for several national legal services organizations. She spent six years at Brooklyn Legal Services, where she represented indigent clients in housing matters and in obtaining public assistance. She was co-president of the New York City Legal Services union local. A cum laude graduate of Princeton University, Debbie has a law degree from New York University. Deborah has written or coauthored reports for KIDS COUNT, the Coalition on Human Needs and the Save for All Campaign, Tax Credits for Working Families, First Focus, Voices for America's Children, and the Clearinghouse Review.

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## **Randy Tate**, MSW, CEO, NorthCare

Phillip Randall (Randy) Tate, has served as the Chief Executive Officer of NorthCare since 2001. Randy has served the organization in multiple capacities since joining NorthCare in 1989. Randy has over 31 years experience working in the behavioral health field as a clinician, program developer, advocate, and administrator. He co-founded North Rock Community Pharmacy and North Rock Community Medication Clinic and serves as an officer of each corporation. Randy Tate represents community behavioral health organizations from 5 states on the Board of Directors for The National Council for Behavioral Health in Washington, DC. He also serves on the Board of Directors for The Daily Living Centers in Oklahoma City, an organization that provides Senior Day Health Services and Advantage Case Management. Randy is also on the Board of Visitors for School of Social Work at the University of Oklahoma. Randy is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a BA in Psychology and Master's Degree in Social Work.

## **Gloria Torres**, Vice Chair, Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education and District 6 Representative

A life-long Oklahoman, Ms. Torres was born and raised in South Oklahoma City. She has dedicated her professional and personal life to enhancing the lives of others with an emphasis on the progress of women and children through education and community development. Gloria has spent more than 25 years in public education, which began in Oklahoma City Public Schools. Over the span of her career, Gloria has worked at every level from elementary to high school, and served in several capacities from teacher assistant to principal. In 2004, she became OKCPS' first Latina Principal and was named Principal of the Year by the Oklahoma Association of Bilingual Educators in 2005. Gloria was appointed to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women in 2015 and elected as the Vice-Chair in 2016. Gloria also serves as Chairperson of the OKCPS Government Relations Committee and as a member of the Policies and Finance Committees. In addition to her elected and appointed board service she has, and continues to serve on various boards including Habitat for Humanity, Community Action Agency, Capitol Hill Business District, American Red Cross, American Heart Association - Vestido Rojo and others. Ms. Torres earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from The University of Central Oklahoma and her Master's degree in Public Administration at Texas Women's University.

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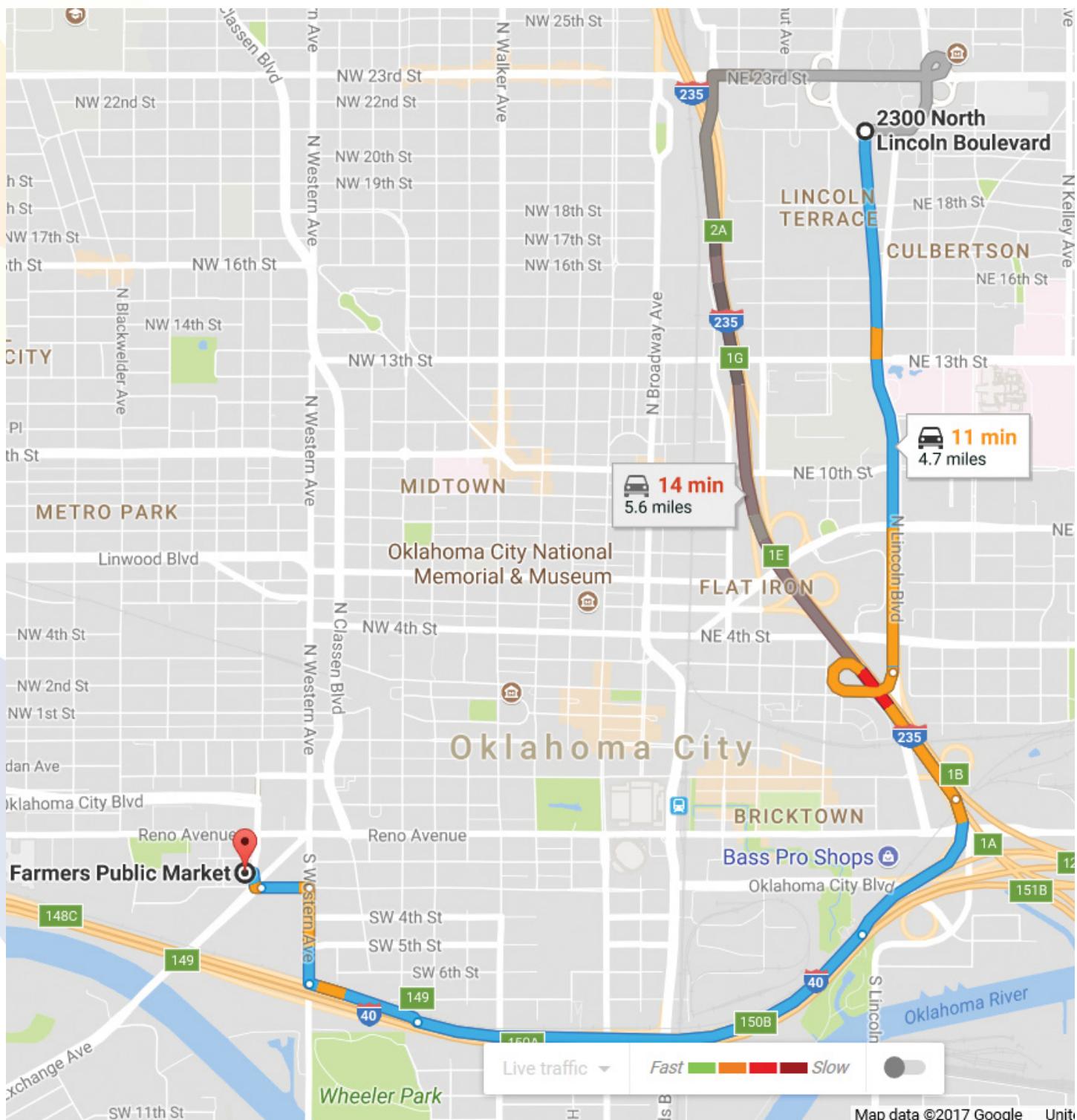
## **Alex Weintz**, Senior Director of Communications and Media, FKG Consulting

Alex is a veteran communications professional who is experienced in driving an agenda and delivering results. He served from 2011 to 2015 as the communications director and chief spokesman for Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin. Alex also managed the communications department for Fallin's two successful gubernatorial campaigns and served as her press secretary in the United States House of Representatives. Prior to his work with Fallin, he worked for the Tarrance Group, a political consulting and polling firm based in Alexandria, Virginia. Originally from New York, Alex is still searching for another Mets fan in Oklahoma. He and his wife Becky love to travel, eat sushi and foster dogs from the Oklahoma Humane Society.

## **Annette Wisk Jacobi, J.D.**, Director, Family Support & Prevention Services at Oklahoma State Department of Health

Annette leads Oklahoma's efforts to provide home visiting services and other activities related to the promotion of child well-being and the prevention of child maltreatment. She has over 20 years of experience in the family support arena. Ms. Jacobi received her J.D. from the University of Oklahoma College of Law with a special certificate from the Interdisciplinary Training in Child Abuse and Neglect Program. She serves on the board of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds, is a member of the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board, and is a master of the William J. Holloway, Jr., American Inn of Court.

# MAP TO THE FARMERS PUBLIC MARKET



# DIRECTIONS TO THE FARMERS PUBLIC MARKET

**START:** Oklahoma Capitol, 2300 N Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Head south on N Lincoln Blvd toward NE 18th St

1.4 mi

Use the right lane to merge onto I-235 S via the ramp to I-35/I-40

0.7 mi

Take exit 1B for Interstate 40 W toward Amarillo

0.5 mi

Merge onto I-40 W

1.3 mi

Take exit 149 for Western Ave

0.3 mi

Turn right onto S Western Ave

0.3 mi

Turn left onto SW 3rd St

0.1 mi

Turn Right onto S Klein Ave (Destination will be on the right)

289 ft

**END:** OKC Farmers Public Market, 311 S. Klein Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73108

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