# **Child Development Screenings**

Developmental screenings, beginning at four months of age, were conducted using the Denver II Developmental Screening Instrument for 861 children. For the most recent screening conducted, approximately 11% screened positive for possible delays. 20% of the positive screen cases were referred for developmental assessment.

## **Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting**

During SFY 2007, OCAP Programs made thirteen reports to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services for possible child abuse and neglect on families receiving OCAP home visitation services. This number of reports equates to only 1% of all families served.

### **Parent Satisfaction Surveys**

Satisfaction surveys are conducted twice a year by each OCAP Program. The following cumulative results show the percentage of parents who responded "Very True" to the statements on the survey (Table 4).

"Kathy and Brenda have been a great support and role model for me.

There have been hard times during the 17 months of my daughter's life and I can always count on one of them to be there. Because of them, I am now a stay at home mom enrolled in college."\*

\*Source: General input, written submissions for OCAP public hearing, District XIV. Office of Child Abuse Prevention, OSDH. 2006

Table 4: Parent Satisfaction Surveys, SFY 2007

Program Services	Response
Addressed the family's concerns	92%
Helpful to the Family	92%
Good Quality	94%
Recommendable	96%
Easy to Access	86%

Program Staff	Response
Listened to the Family	97%
Skilled to Provide Service	97%
Knowledgeable About Services	98%
Treated the Family with Respect	98%

Parents said it was "Very True" that they:	Response
Felt better prepared to care for children	88%
Felt like a better parent	86%
Learned coping skills	58%
Learned listening skills	77%
Learned child abuse risk factors	88%
Learned about children's behaviors	87%
Applied problem-solving skills	70%
Applied techniques	84%
Improved their support system	79%
Wanted to improve their living situation	92%
Had a better relationship with their children	90%
Had improved health and well-being of their children	89%

Table 5: Number of Families Participating & Average Length of Time Participating

OCAP Fund Program	Families Enrolled in Home Visitation Services in SFY 2007	Families active in Center- based Services in SFY 2007	Families served by Home Visitation Services in SFY 2007	Families served by Center- Based and/or Home Visitation Services in SFY 2007	Montl Home Vis Service all ser	sitation among
	Number(a)	Number(b)	Number(c)	Total Number (b+c)	Average	Range
Bartlesville Public Schools	5	67	31	98	33	3-61
Community Children's shelter & Family Resource Center	9	14	27	41	23	1-71
Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc.*	15	6	14	20	2	0-12
Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Oklahoma	52	4	112	116	13	0-82
Great Plains Youth & Family, District 8	16	1	37	38	8	1-21
Great Plains Youth & Family, District 9	14	-	35	35	19	0-66
Help-in-Crisis	11	25	35	60	7	0-11
Latino Community Development Agency	17	118	56	175	16	0-62
Mary Mahoney Memorial Health	16	2	38	40	7	1-23
McClain-Garvin County Youth and Family Center	21	2	31	33	7	0-32
McCurtain County Health Department	11	3	31	34	13	0-70
Northern Oklahoma Youth Services Center & Shelter	36	23	57	80	5	0-11
Northwest Family Services	21	34	40	74	8	2-56
Oklahoma State University, Canadian County Cooperative Extension	19	80	38	118	9	0-46
Oklahoma State University, Cotton & Jefferson Co. Cooperative Ext*	34	18	34	52	3	0-7
Oklahoma State University, Delaware County Cooperative Extension	18	6	43	49	10	0-34
Oklahoma State University, Texas County Cooperative Extension	9	18	25	43	22	0-73
Okmulgee-Okfuskee County Youth Services	26	52	43	95	9	0-54
Parent Child Center of Tulsa	66	56	147	203	14	0-81
Pittsburg County Health Department	14	22	29	51	10	0-42
Sapulpa Public Schools	19	47	65	112	19	2-66
Youth & Family Services for Hughes & Seminole Counties	7	25	34	59	19	0-78
Chickasaw - federally funded	16	26	40	66	9	0-42
Comanche - federally funded	29	-	69	69	10	1-47

Note: The number of families served in Center-Based and Home Visitation Services may contain duplicate count because families can enroll for both services simultaneously.

<sup>\*</sup> These two programs have been in operation for only the first and fifth year of the 5-year cycle. Service was interrupted due to lack of funding during SFY 2004, 2005 and 2006.

# Program Budget and Expenditures

In SFY 2007, seventeen Child Abuse Prevention Districts were designated in Oklahoma (Figure 20). Each District was allocated a portion of the total CAP Fund for programs in their area for the fiscal year. Each District's allocation is based upon the statutorily required formula: the percentage of children less than 18 years of age and the percentage of child abuse and neglect reports in the District.

Twenty-one private, non-profit and public agencies had their contracts renewed. SFY 2007 was the last year of a five-year contract cycle. In SFY 2007, \$3,336,482 was appropriated to the CAP Fund and distributed to the 22 OCAP Programs (see table 6 on page 19).

In addition, the OCAP was able to award contracts to the Chickasaw and Comanche Nations utilizing its Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Federal Grant monies. Each tribal nation was awarded a contract for \$150,000 each in order to provide the exact same service as the state-funded OCAP Programs.

Important Fiscal Note: All monies appropriated to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund are distributed to the OCAP Programs through contracts for direct services. No CAP Fund monies are utilized for administration (central office staff, site visits, training, evaluation). Administration is funded out of 1) state general revenue provided to the Oklahoma State Department of Health at the discretion of the Commissioner of Health, and 2) the federal Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families.

## **Average State Expenditure per Family**

- The average actual State expenditures per family during SFY 2007 is estimated at \$2,456.
- This amount was derived by adding the CAP Fund expended amount (\$3,2196,367) plus the OCAP Administrative Fund (general revenue at the discretion of the Commissioner \$282,199) divided by the total number of unduplicated families served by state-funded OCAP Programs (1,426).

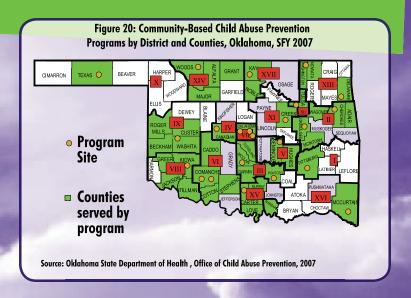


Table 6: State and Federal Funds Allocated To Programs Under Contract During SFY 2007

District Name and Counties Served within the District	Agency Name	Contract Award \$	District Total \$
District I: Pittsburg, Haskell, LeFlore, Latimer Counties	Pittsburg County Health Department	\$108,404	\$108,404
District II: Adair, Cherokee, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sequoyah, Wagoner Counties	Help-In-Crisis, Inc. Okmulgee-Okfuskee County Youth Services, Inc.	\$143,516 \$132,476	\$275,992
District III: Cleveland, Coal, Garvin, McClain, Pontotoc Counties	McClain-Garvin County Youth and Family Center, Inc. Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc. The Chickasaw Nation <sup>†</sup>	\$105,460 \$158,191 \$150,000	\$413,651
District IV: Canadian, Kingfisher, Logan Counties	Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service for Canadian County	\$132,612	\$132,612
District V: Hughes, Pottawatomie, Seminole Counties	Youth and Family Services for Hughes and Seminole Counties, Inc.	\$103,208	\$103,208
District VI: Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jefferson, Stephens Counties	Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service for Cotton & Jefferson County Comanche Nation of Oklahoma†	\$234,870 \$150,000	\$384,870
District VII: Oklahoma	Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center Exchange Club Parent-Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Oklahoma, Inc. Latino Community Development Agency, Inc.	\$105,830 \$293,974 \$188,143	\$587,947
District VIII: Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Tillman Counties	Great Plains Youth and Family Services, Inc.	\$101,500	\$101,500
District IX: Beckham, Blaine, Custer, Dewey, Roger Mills, Washita Counties	Great Plains Youth and Family Services, Inc.	\$101,500	\$101,500
District X: Beaver, Cimarron, Ellis, Harper, Texas, Woodward Counties	Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service for Texas County	\$101,500	\$101,500
District XI: Creek, Lincoln, Okfuskee, Pawnee, Payne Counties	Sapulpa Public Schools	\$169,658	\$169,658
District XII: Tulsa County	Parent Child Center of Tulsa, Inc.	\$490,293	\$490,293
District XIII: Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers, Washington Counties	Bartlesville Public Schools Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service for Delaware County	\$135,438 \$101,500	\$236,938
District XIV: Alfalfa, Garfield, Grant, Major, Woods Counties	Northwest Family Services, Inc.	\$101,500	\$101,500
District XV: Carter, Johnston, Love, Murray Counties	Community Children's Shelter, Inc.	\$101,500	\$101,500
District XVI: Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Marshall, McCurtain, Pushmataha Counties	McCurtain County Health Department	\$121,734	\$121,734
District XVII: Kay, Noble, Osage Counties	Northern Oklahoma Youth Services Center and Shelter, Inc.	\$103,673	\$103,673

Note: † Programs funded by CBCAP federal funds, all other Programs funded by OCAP state appropriations.

# **Future Program Direction**

There are three main areas of change that define the SFY 2008-2012 OCAP contracts: enhanced program evaluation, improved peer support for parents and additional training for home visitors.

Program Evaluation: The OCAP has developed a new logic model that outlines specific areas of concern dealing with at-risk families. The evaluation instruments used by OCAP Programs have been restructured to align with the logic model and provide more complete and meaningful data. OCAP will assess in greater detail short and long-term outcomes (i.e. changes in tobacco use, access of prenatal care, developmental screenings of children, home safety conditions). In addition, the OCAP continues to work with the Western Regional Resource Center as part of a multi-state effort to enhance evaluation methods through comparison of Oklahoma program outcomes with other states.

<u>Parent Support:</u> The 2008-2012 OCAP Programs now have the option to be trained in the Circle of Parents method of providing parent peer support. The OCAP has become affiliated with the Circle of Parents national network. Circle of Parents is a particular model that encourages parents to meet together in order to create an informal system of support and thereby reduce the likelihood of child maltreatment. The parents co-lead the meetings with a trained facilitator and are integral in the content of the meetings. In addition, Circle of Parents has developed a nationwide data collection system that will allow OCAP to monitor the efficacy of the model.

<u>Additionally Required Trainings:</u> The OCAP Program staff are now required to receive additional trainings in a variety of areas imperative to working with high challenge families. New trainings include topics such as domestic violence, adoption, substance abuse and family planning.

# THE CHILD ABUSE TRAINING AND COORDINATION PROGRAM

The Child Abuse Training and Coordination (CATC) Program provides training throughout the state for professionals with responsibilities for children and families in the prevention, intervention, and treatment of child maltreatment. In addition, CATC is responsible for training, technical assistance, and assessment of the developing and functioning multidisciplinary child abuse and neglect teams (MDTs) throughout the state.

# CATC Training Activities

Activities of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention are funded by State appropriations and Federal grants. Refer to Table 7 for summary of activities conducted by OCAP and CATC throughout the year.

# Table 7: Activities During SFY 2007

## **Child Abuse Training and Coordination Program**

Provided 20 trainings at 15 locations across the state to 1,124 registrants. Special topics covered: Protocol Development, Why Investigating Child Sexual Abuse Is So Important, MDT investigation of Severe Injury & Death of Children & Infants, Investigating Child Fatalities, Interviewing the Offender in Child Sexual Abuse Cases, Elements of a Successful Child Abuse Investigations, Basic & Advanced Joint Investigations.

### **CATC Co-sponsored the Bridges Out of Poverty Training**

- a. Sarkeys Foundation
- b. Mary Abbott House of Cleveland County

CATC collaborated with the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect to provide recruitment and evaluation of the Interdisciplinary Training Program on Child Abuse and Neglect.

CATC collaborated with 3 Child Advocacy Centers to co-sponsor local trainings.

#### CATC co-sponsored 9 training/educational events (overall 3,150 registrations)

- 1. Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Statewide Conference (provided 64 scholarships)
- 2. Oklahoma Lawyers for Children Continuina Legal Education Seminars
- i. Improving Compliance and Coordination with the Indian Child Welfare Act
- ii. Advocationg for Educational Rights of Children in Out-Of-Home Care
- 3. National Crimes Victims Week (US Attorneys Office)
- 4. Oklahoma Attorney's Office Super-Conference on Domestic Violence
- 5. Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assualt State Conference
- 6. OKDHS Judicial Conference on Juvenile Court Issues
- 7. National Indian Child welfare Association National Conference (provided 3 scholarships)
- 8. Indian Health Services Statewide Behavioral Health Conference

#### CATC collaborated on 5 trainings (Estimated 305 registrations)

- 1. Forensic Interview Training:
  - a. Woodward: Ann Ahlquist Cognitive Graphic Interviewing
    - i. Woodward County DA's Office
    - ii. Woodward County MDT
    - iii. OSE
  - b. Comanche County: Ann Ahlquist Cognitive Graphic Interviewing
  - i. Comanche County MDT
  - c. Children's Hospital: Finding Words Oklahoma

#### Special Interviewing the Offender Techniques by Reid Investigations

- a. Child Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma, Inc
- b. Sara's House

# Multidisciplinary Child Abuse And Neglect Teams

A Multidisciplinary Child Abuse and Neglect Team (MDT) is a group of professionals from various organizations and agencies who work in a coordinated and collaborative manner to ensure an effective response to cases of child abuse and neglect. MDT's work to minimize the number of interviews necessary for a child victim of sexual abuse, physical abuse or neglect, and coordinate the system's response to child maltreatment.

Oklahoma legislation calls for the establishment of teams in every county and the funding of functional MDT's. MDT standards have been established by the Child Abuse Training and Coordination (CATC) program, in accordance with 10 O.S., Supp.2003, Section 7110.

In summary, the standards include:

Standard #1 - Protocols for joint investigations and interviews

Standard #2 - Professional development training

Standard #3 - Service identification inventory

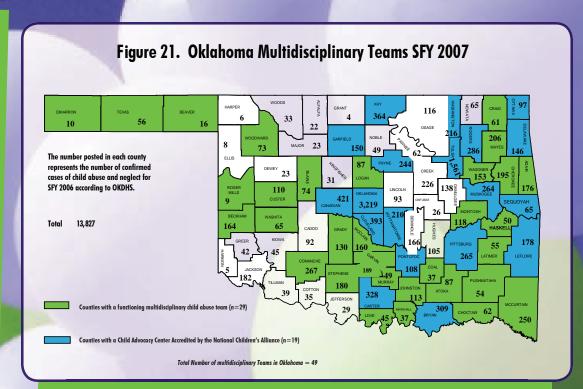
Standard #4 - Team meetings

Standard #5 - Required data and annual team survey

Teams must meet these standards in order to be considered functional. At the end of SFY 2007 there were 49 functioning teams.

In SFY 2007, CATC conducted an *Annual Team Survey* with all of the 49 teams responding. Results indicated that:

- Routine case review meetings were conducted weekly (14.2%), twice a month (18.4%), or monthly (67.4%).
- All of the responding teams had established a child abuse protocol and 65% utilized the protocol routinely while 33% of the teams utilized the protocol, but felt there was room for improvement.
- The responding teams conducted joint investigations of child abuse and neglect by law enforcement and child welfare either often (53%) or routinely (43%).



The Office of Child Abuse Prevention provided training, consultation, site visits, technical assistance, standards, and data collection instruments to the developing and functioning MDT's across the state during SFY 2007 (Figure 21).

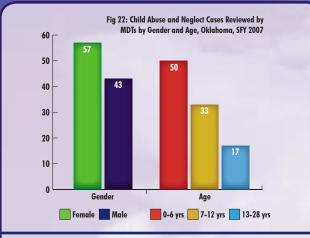
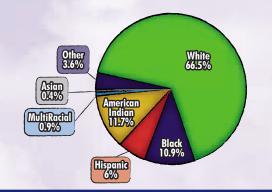
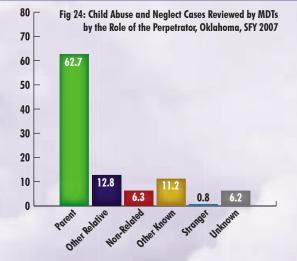


Fig 23: Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Reviewed by MDTs by Race/Ethnicity, Oklahoma, SFY 2007





# Common Data Collection Survey Results

Common data on cases reviewed in SFY 2007 was provided by 49 MDT's. During this period, 6,985 cases of child abuse and neglect were reviewed by the MDT's. Of the teams reporting, a case was usually reviewed once (49%), while 35% were reviewed twice and 16% were reviewed more than twice.

Of the cases reviewed, 57% of the victims were females while 43% were males. In 50% of the cases, the child was less than seven years of age (Figure 22). The majority of the cases involved Caucasian children (67%), followed by 12% American Indian and 11% African American children. Six percent of the cases reviewed were Hispanic (Figure 23).

Reviewed cases could have involved more than one type of child maltreatment. Sexual abuse (38%) was the leading type of child maltreatment among the cases reviewed (Table 8). Other conditions were also involved in the reviewed cases. Among teams reporting, 45% of the cases involved alcohol or drugs and 27% involved domestic violence. See Table 8 for conditions associated with the reviewed cases.

In 63% of the cases reviewed, the perpetrator was a parent or a step-parent (Figure 24). The majority of perpetrators were aged 18 years or older (72.5%) while 6% were aged 13-17 years. Approximately 3.2% were below 13 years of age. Age was unknown for 18.3% of the perpetrators.

Table 8: Child Abuse and Neglect Cases Reviewed by MDTs by the Type of Abuse, Oklahoma, SFY 2007

Туре	n	%
Sexual Abuse	3,222	38.4
Neglect	2,848	33.9
Physical Abuse	1,709	20.4
Other	613	7.3
Other Conditions Involved	n	%
Alcohol or Drugs	1,401	45.2
Domestic Violence	822	26.5
Divorces or Custody Proceedings	573	18.5
Mental Illness	258	8.3
Other Circumstances	45	1.5

# Additional OCAP The following additional activities were provided:

# **Table 9: Activites During SFY 2007**

Provided 13 Healthy Families America trainings to Program staff: Family Support Worker Training, Assessment Worker Training, Prenatal Education Training; Supervisory Training.

Provided the Annual OCAP Programs Contractor Meeting. Focused on procedures, evaluation and contract monitoring. Attended by 64 participants including administrators, managers and financial staff.

Co-sponsored the Family Matters Conference.\*

Co-sponsored the Annual Center on Child Abuse and Neglect/Healthy Families Conference. Provided 125 scholarships. \*

Provide respite care service vouchers to 398 OCAP Program and 272 Children First families in crisis or enduring extreme stress. \*

Collaborated with other agencies in hosting the 2007 Child Abuse Prevention Day at the Capitol as well as "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaigns in all 17 Child Abuse Prevention Districts across the state.\*

Provided all Smart Start Communities and pediatricians upon request a set of "I Am Your Child' videos. These top-quality, educational videos will be used in waiting rooms and parent education groups. Promotional materials accompanied the videos. \*

OCAP developed the State Plan for the Prevention of Child Abuse for 2007-08. Was approved by the Oklahoma Commission on Child and Youth.

Distributed thousands of public awareness items, particularly during April — Child Abuse Prevention Month. The items included blue ribbon lapel pens, writing pins, hotline cards, posters, wristbands, bookmarks and a variety of literature. \*

OCAP staff served on the Child Death Review Board and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board. OCAP staff Annette Wisk Jacobi and Sue Vaughn Settles served as the Boards Chairs respectively.

OCAP staff provided leadership and staff support for the Home Visitation Leadership Advisory Committee. Sherie Trice served as the Lead in these efforts. \*

Contracted with the Comanche Nation in order for the Tribe to provide home visitation and center-based services equivalent to the OCAP Programs. A \$150,000 contract was awarded for SFY 2007. 28 families received home visitation services and 8 families received center-based services.\*

Contracted with the Chickasaw Nation in order for Tribe to provide home visitation and center-based services equivalent to the OCAP Programs. A \$150,000 contract was awarded for SFY 2007. 15 families received home visitation services and 60 families received center-based services. \*

Sponsored the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board/Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board Joint Retreat. Attended by 28 Board members. \*

OCAP continued to participate as a member of the National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds. Annette Wisk Jacobi served on the Alliance's Board of Directors. \*

OCAP collaborated with OSDH Child Guidance Services to revise and distribute a curriculum based on the Seven Challenges research by Dr. Barton D. Schmitt. Suzy Gibson served as the Leader in this project.

OCAP staffed the required CATC meetings. Sue Settles served as Lead.

OCAP staffed the required ITF meetings and the annual retreat. Sherie Trice served as Lead.\*

OCAP staff continued to participate as a member of the Healthy Families America Western Regional Resource Center. Kathie Burnett served on the Resource Center's Advisory Board.

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- 1. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention and the interagency child abuse prevention task force of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth shall prepare the comprehensive state plan for prevention of child abuse and neglect for the approval of the Commission. The development and preparation of said plan shall include, but not be limited to, adequate opportunity for appropriate local private and public agencies and organizations and private citizens to participate in the development of the state plan at the local level.
- 2. The inter agency child abuse prevention task force and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention shall review and evaluate all proposals submitted for grants or contracts for child abuse prevention programs and services. Upon completion of such review and evaluation, the interagency child abuse task force and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention shall make the final recommendations as to which proposals should be funded pursuant to the provisions of the Child Abuse Prevention Act and shall submit its findings to the Oklahoma Commission on force and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention for compliance of such approved proposals with the comprehensive state plan prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Child Abuse Prevention Act.

Upon ascertaining compliance with said plans, the Commission shall deliver the findings of the interagency child abuse prevention task force and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention to the State Commissioner of Health.

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# Duties of Child Abuse Training and Coordination Council<sup>8</sup>

- Establish objective criteria and guidelines for multidisciplinary and, as appropriate
  for each discipline, discipline-specific training on child abuse and neglect for
  professionals with responsibilities affecting children, youth and families;
- 2. Review curricula and make recommendations to state agencies and professional organizations and associations regarding available curricula and curricula having high standards of professional merit;
- 3. Review curricula regarding child abuse and neglect used in law enforcement officer training by the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) and make recommendations regarding the curricula to CLEET:
- 4. Cooperate with and assist professional organizations and associations in the development and implementation of ongoing training programs and strategies to encourage professionals to participate in such training programs;
- 5. Make reports and recommendations regarding the continued development and improvement of such training programs to the State Commissioner of Health, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, and each affected agency, organization, and association;
- 6. Prepare and issue a model protocol for multidisciplinary teams regarding the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse, child physical abuse and neglect cases;
- 7. Review and approve protocols prepared by the local multidisciplinary teams;
- 8. Advise multidisciplinary teams on team development;
- 9. Collect data on the operation and cases reviewed by the multidisciplinary teams;
- 10. Issue annual reports; and
- 11. Annually approve the list of functioning multidisciplinary teams in the state.

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