



STILLWATER

GROUP HOMES



ISSUE:

In Oklahoma, there is currently a 13-year waitlist for Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS) for individuals living with developmental disabilities. Right now, there are just over 5,800 individuals waiting.

Oklahoma Department of Human Services

RESPONSE:

Stillwater Group Homes provides a variety of services to 85 individuals with developmental disabilities, including the operation of 6 group homes and 10 Daily Living Support Homes with around the clock staff support.

MISSION:

Residents are encouraged and enabled to live as independently as possible in the least restrictive environment to meet their individual needs.

AGENCY IMPACT:

Education, Financial Stability, Health/Safety



LEGAL AID SERVICES OF OKLAHOMA, INC.



ISSUE: 71% of low-income households experience at least one civil legal problem per year. Many vulnerable Payne County residents face losing their homes, custody of their children, wages, property, safety from domestic violence, and more simply because they cannot afford an attorney or otherwise access justice.

Legal Services Corporation Justice Gap Report

RESPONSE: Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma works to make equal justice a reality for Oklahomans by providing access to free civil, non-criminal, legal services. They ensure the basics of survival for clients including personal safety, access to basic necessities, economic security, and support for family stability.

MISSION: To be a partner in the community making equal justice a reality for all.

AGENCY IMPACT: Education, Financial Stability, Health/Safety



girl scouts of eastern oklahoma



ISSUE:

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are prevalent among Oklahoma youth. When ACEs are not mitigated by Protective and Compensatory Experiences (PACEs), they can lead to disrupted neurodevelopment; social, emotional, and cognitive impairment; the adoption of risky behaviors; disease, disability, and social problems in adulthood; and the risk of early death.

American Psychological Association

RESPONSE:

Within Girl Scout troop settings, girls experience six out of the ten PACEs, which increase their resilience and protect against the risk for physical and mental illness that stems from ACEs. These six PACEs are as follows: volunteering or helping others, being active in a social group, having a mentor outside of the family, having opportunities to learn, having a hobby, and being active.

MISSION:

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

AGENCY IMPACT:

Education





ISSUE: Drowning is the number one cause of death of children between the ages of 1 and 4 years old.

National Drowning Prevention Alliance

RESPONSE: Teaching children how to be safe around water is not a luxury; it is a necessity. Utilizing the Safe Aquatics Program, the Stillwater YMCA is determined to help reduce the number of drownings and water-related injuries by providing individuals of all ages and experience the knowledge and skills of how to be safe around water.

MISSION: It is the mission of the Stillwater YMCA to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

AGENCY IMPACT: Education, Financial Stability, Health/Safety





ISSUE: In Oklahoma, four in ten women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. On average, an Oklahoman dies every five days as a result of domestic violence.

The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, Oklahoma Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board

RESPONSE: Wings of Hope is committed to stopping interpersonal violence and helping families end the cycle of violence that is frequently passed on from one generation to another. They aim to empower the victims of these crimes and to hold perpetrators accountable. They offer an emergency shelter, counseling, advocacy services, and more for victims of domestic violence.

MISSION: To break the cycle of violence by providing safety, hope, and empowerment.

AGENCY IMPACT: Education, Health/Safety



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ISSUE:

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of premature death for youth and young adults ages 15-34 years. Suicide is the most preventable cause of premature death for any age group.

National Institutes of Health & Centers for Disease Control

RESPONSE:

Building a Competent Community for Suicide Prevention (BCC) was launched as a new program at Payne County Youth Services in 2018. The program is offered for free across Payne County and utilizes an evidence-based curriculum to teach skills and empower adults in all walks of life on how to identify those at risk for suicide, how to intervene, and how to get them help.

MISSION:

Payne County Youth Services is dedicated to providing free, quality services for the positive development and recovery of children, youth, and families.

AGENCY IMPACT:

Education, Financial Stability, Health/Safety





ISSUE: 61% of renters in Stillwater pay more than 30% of their income in rent, and the price of housing has increased twice as fast as wages since 2000.

RESPONSE: Stillwater Habitat for Humanity utilizes volunteers to build safe, decent and affordable homes for low income families. The homes are sold at cost to the homeowners and financed with a zero interest mortgage, providing families financial security, independence and the ability to build generational wealth. A 3-bedroom 2-bath Habitat home in Stillwater has a typical monthly mortgage payment of \$595 per month. A similar home in the Stillwater rental market would rent for \$1,400.

MISSION: Seeking to put God's love into action, Stillwater Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

AGENCY IMPACT: Financial Stability, Health/Safety



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ISSUE: Payne County residents have the highest food insecurity rate in Oklahoma with 19.5%, and 35% of Oklahoma residents who are food insecure are likely ineligible for federal nutrition assistance under current program requirements.

Map the Meal Gap

RESPONSE: Through a partnership with the Stillwater Medical Center, Stillwater Mobile Meals delivers 100 fresh, hot, well-balanced meals to Stillwater residents every day, Monday through Friday. Due to age, illness, or disability, Mobile Meals recipients are not able to shop for themselves, stand long enough to prepare a meal, and often do not have adequate income to purchase nutritious food.

MISSION: To improve the quality of life for those they serve by providing nutritious meals to the convalescing, elderly, or homebound persons in the City of Stillwater.

AGENCY IMPACT: Financial Stability, Health/Safety



mission of HOPE



ISSUE:

As of January 2020, Oklahoma had an estimated 3,932 individuals experiencing homelessness on any given day. Of that total, 255 were family households, 325 were veterans, 290 were unaccompanied young adults (aged 18-24), and 1,128 were individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

RESPONSE:

The Mission of Hope Homeless Shelter provides a safe and supportive option for those in sudden, real need of housing due to emergency circumstances (loss of job, medical problems, etc.). Through intensive case management, they assist clients to increase their income, secure affordable housing, and increase their skills to maintain self-sufficiency.

MISSION:

Providing the homeless a hope for a better future.

AGENCY IMPACT:

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ISSUE: Of Payne County's 80,350 residents, 12% (9,748) have a disability. Of those 9,748, only 2,065 (39%) are currently employed, and 1,546 of those residents live in poverty.

Institute on Disability, Annual Disability Statistics Compendium

RESPONSE: MPower assists individuals in Payne County who have developmental disabilities in securing employment. Services include providing paid work, vocational training, job development and job placement.

MISSION: MPower strives to empower people with disabilities by facilitating independence and freedom of choice in vocational, adult day and/or residential opportunities and including the enhancement of same through the provision of relevant supports and services.

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