

SCAN Policies Database State Profile 2023: Oklahoma

Overview of the SCAN Policies Database

The State Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Policies Database compiles data on the definitions and policies that states use in their surveillance of child maltreatment, along with data on associated risk and protective factors. The SCAN Policies Database is funded by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in collaboration with the Children's Bureau in the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mathematica leads this project in partnership with Child Trends.

The project's purpose is to review and compile information from states' definitions and policies to create a database of those definitions and policies that can be used for analysis. The SCAN Policies Database is a resource for researchers, analysts, child welfare agency staff, and others interested in examining differences between states in their definitions and policies on child maltreatment and how they change over time.

Content

The scope of the SCAN Policies Database includes information about state definitions and policies related to child abuse and neglect for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The SCAN Policies Database team gathered this information through a document collection, review, and coding process. The team obtained input from states on data collection through a confirmation and verification process. More information about these data collection procedures can be found in the data user's guide and data collection protocol, accessible at <https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources>.

The SCAN Policies Database 2023 represents data collected, reviewed, and verified between June 2023 and July 2024. The data reflect the state definitions and policies for the calendar year 2023. The scope of topics in the database includes states' definitions of child abuse and neglect, as well as information about policies related to reporting, screening, and investigating child maltreatment. Key aspects of the child welfare systems' response and context are also included.

The content in the SCAN Policies Database is organized into six domains. The state profiles, codebook, data collection protocol, and data file are also organized by these domains. In the protocol, each question begins with a letter prefix identifying the domain for each variable. The six domains with the identifying protocol number prefix are listed below.

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State profile

This SCAN Policies Database state profile is a summary of the information collected about the definitions and policies for the identified state. Each of the six domains contain a set of tables that depict the state's information for all variables within that domain.

The state profile presents data for each variable with “yes,” “no,” “unknown,” or other response, as appropriate. The response of “unknown” appears for topics that could not be located from the state's available resources or verified with that state. In some cases, “logical skip” appears when a question was not applicable to a particular state, given a related response on a preceding question. Some information was not included in the state profile to ensure alignment with Executive Orders or other Presidential Actions.

Data use resources

Several data use resources are available to support users of the SCAN Policies Database:

- **Data user's guide:** The guide has detailed information about the data set, including the process used to collect and review the data, the scope of information included in the data set, guidance on using the data, such as how to link the data with other data sources, and notes about specific topics. The data user's guide includes appendices, including information about changes to the data between 2021 and 2023 that reflect changes to state laws and policies during that time period. There is one data user's guide that is updated and applicable for all rounds of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.
- **Codebook:** The codebook provides information about each variable in the data set, including variable names, labels, definitions, protocol number, variable type, and frequencies. There are separate codebooks to summarize the data from each round of data collection.
- **Errata statement:** The errata statement presents corrections applied to previous rounds of data for the SCAN Policies Database. Starting in 2023, there is one errata statement that is updated and applicable for all rounds of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.
- **Data collection protocol:** The protocol has the questions used to collect information about states' laws and policies as part of the data review and coding process for each round of data collection. There are separate data collection protocols for each round of data collection for the SCAN Policies Database.

These data use resources can be found on the SCAN Policies Database website (<https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com/data-use-resources>) or from the National Data Archive for Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN) (<https://www.ndacan.acf.hhs.gov/>).

More information

More information about the SCAN Policies Database can be found at <https://www.scanpoliciesdatabase.com>. General inquiries can be submitted to SCANPoliciesDatabase@mathematica-mpr.com.

State identifying information

Table I. State Identifying information

	Response
State abbreviation	OK
State Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) code	40
Census region code	South
State verified coding of information	Yes
State confirmed documents reviewed	Yes
State definitions and policies for calendar year	2023
Data version	2023v1

Domain D: Definitions of child maltreatment

Table D.I. State's definition of child maltreatment

	Response
1. Types of maltreatment included in state definition	
a. Physical abuse	Yes
b. Excessive corporal punishment	Yes
c. Sexual abuse	Yes
d. Emotional maltreatment	Yes
e. Neglect	Yes
f. Inadequate clothing	Yes
g. Inadequate shelter	Yes
h. Malnourishment, inadequate food	Yes
i. Medical neglect, inadequate medical care	Yes
j. Failure to thrive	Yes
k. Educational neglect	Yes
l. Abandonment	Yes
m. Injurious environment. Likelihood of harm to child's health, physical well-being	Yes
n. Drug lab. Child present within structure where methamphetamine is being created	Yes
o. Inadequate supervision. Failure to meet parent or caretaker responsibilities	Yes
p. Drug or alcohol misuse. Parental drug or alcohol misuse causing harm to child	Yes
q. Prenatal exposure to drugs or alcohol	Yes
r. Illicit substance. Illegally providing a controlled substance to a child	Yes
s. Human trafficking, involuntary servitude, sexual servitude	Yes
t. Female genital mutilation	No
u. Shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma	Yes
v. Failure to protect. Failure to protect from harm	Yes
w. Domestic violence. Exposure to domestic violence	Yes
x. Factitious disorder by proxy	Yes
y. Institutional abuse/neglect	No
z. Other definition (specify)	No
2. Subtypes of maltreatment included in state definition	
a. Subtypes of maltreatment considered abuse	Abuse includes emotional maltreatment, sexual abuse and sexual exploitation, death and near death; Physical abuse includes extreme physical punishment and shaking a child

Table D.I (continued)

	Response
b. Subtypes of maltreatment considered neglect	Neglect includes (i) the failure or omission to provide any of the following: (I) adequate nurturance and affection, food, clothing, shelter, sanitation, hygiene, or appropriate education; (II) medical, dental, or behavioral health care; (III) supervision or appropriate caretakers to protect the child from harm or threatened harm of which any reasonable and prudent person responsible for the child's health, safety or welfare would be aware; or (IV) special care made necessary by the physical or mental condition of the child; (ii) the failure or omission to protect a child from exposure to any of the following: (I) the use, possession, sale, or manufacture of illegal drugs; (II) illegal activities; (III) sexual acts or materials that are not age-appropriate; or (iii) abandonment
c. Subtypes of maltreatment considered other than abuse or neglect	Not applicable
3. Level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a. Inflicts harm	Yes
b. Imminent danger or substantial risk of harm	Yes
4. Differences in level of harm included in state's definition of child maltreatment by type of maltreatment	No
5. Type of harm or injury specified in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a. Death, bodily injury, impairment of physical condition	Yes
b. Impairment of mental or emotional condition	Yes
c. Harmful environment, conditions	Yes
d. Type of harm or injury not specified	No
e. Other (specify)	No
6. Variation in extent of injury or harm by maltreatment type in the state's definition of child maltreatment	No
7. Perpetrator identified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	Yes
8. Types of perpetrators specified as part of state's definition of child maltreatment	
a. Any person	No
b. Parent	Yes
c. Guardian	Yes
d. Caregiver/caretaker	Yes
e. Family member or parent's paramour	No
f. Household member	Yes
g. Person responsible for child	Yes
h. Other (specify)	Yes - Third-party perpetrator

Table D.I (continued)

	Response
9. Types of perpetrators vary by type of maltreatment	Yes
10. Explanation of variation in types of perpetrator by maltreatment type	For failure to protect, the perpetrator is a non-abusing parent or guardian; For sexual exploitation, the perpetrator is any person over 18 years of age or the person responsible for child
11. Child age included in definition of child maltreatment	Yes
12. Specific child age in definition of child maltreatment	Under age 18 with variability under 18
13. Variability of child age by type of maltreatment	No

Table D.II. Child maltreatment definition exemptions

	Response
1. Exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a. Financial issues, financial inability to provide for a child	No
b. Discipline; physical discipline, if it is reasonable and causes no bodily injury to the child	Yes
c. Safe haven exemption; newborn relinquished or abandoned in accordance with infant safe haven and safe surrender laws	Yes
d. Infant testing positive for drugs – medical; newborn with positive test for controlled substance due to parent's medical treatment	No
e. Religious observance; parent relies on spiritual or religious forms of medical treatment	Yes
f. Other exemption (specify)	No
2. Safe haven exemption included in state's definition of child maltreatment	
a. Must leave a child at specific safe haven locations or designated providers	Yes
b. Child must be left by parent or parent's agent	Yes
c. Child must be left by a certain age (specify)	Yes - 30 days old or younger
d. No intent to return	Yes
e. Child must be left unharmed	No
f. Other (specify)	No

Table D.III. Definitions and response for child fatalities and near-fatalities cases

	Response
1. State's definition of fatalities or deaths caused by child maltreatment	
a. Not specified or defined	No
b. Injury from abuse or neglect caused death	Yes
c. Abuse or neglect was contributing factor in death	No
d. Death of child who was in child welfare custody or foster care	No
e. Other (specify)	No
2. State conducts case reviews with a child fatality review team or a similar review process for fatalities caused by child abuse or neglect	Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases
3. State's definition of near-fatalities or near-deaths caused by child maltreatment	
a. Not specified or defined	No
b. General reference to a serious or critical condition or injury that is life threatening with a substantial risk of death	Yes
c. Specific injury or specific medical treatment or intervention (specify)	No
d. Other (specify)	No
4. State conducts case reviews with a review team or similar review process for near-fatalities caused by child abuse or neglect	Yes, reviews are required for all or some cases

Domain R: Reporting child abuse and neglect

Table R.I. Reporting policies

	Response
1. Statewide centralized reporting	Yes
2. Decentralized reporting	Logical Skip
3. Standard for reporting child maltreatment	
a. Known abuse and neglect	Yes
b. Reasonable cause to believe a child was abused or neglected	Yes
4. Universal mandated reporting	Yes
5. Required training for mandated reporters	Yes, some mandated reporters
6. Penalties for failure to report	Yes, all adults
7. Specific penalties for failure to report	
a. Criminal charges	Yes
b. Civil charges	No
c. Professional licensure suspended or revoked	No
d. Other (specify)	No
8. Penalties for false reporting	Yes
9. Specific penalties for false reporting	
a. Criminal charges	Yes
b. Civil charges	No
c. Professional license suspended or revoked	No
d. Other (specify)	Yes - Fine not to exceed \$5,000 and reasonable attorney fees incurred in recovering the sanctions
10. Immunity for reporters of child abuse and neglect	Yes
11. Information requested at the time of report	
a. Identifying information of child	Yes
b. Location and contact information of child and family	Yes
c. Type and severity of suspected maltreatment	Yes
d. Date of suspected maltreatment	Yes
e. Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s)	Yes
f. Identifying and other information of reporter	Yes
g. Identifying information of child's parents, guardian, or caregiver/caretaker	No
h. Identifying and other information of family or household members	Yes
i. Information on prior maltreatment	No
j. Other (specify)	Yes - Indian Child Welfare Act applicability; Worker safety

Table R.I (continued)

	Response
12. Anonymity of reporter	All reporters can remain anonymous
13. Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to accept reports of Tribal cases	Yes, collaboration of Tribes with state/local public welfare agency to accept reports - Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Chickasaw Nation; Choctaw Nation; Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Comanche Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Kaw Nation; Kialegee Tribe Town; Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma; Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Osage Nation; Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Oklahoma; Pawnee Nation; Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma; Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Seneca- Cayuga Nation of Oklahoma; Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
14. State requires all notifications of substance-exposed newborns (SENs) to be submitted as reports of child maltreatment	
a. State does not require all cases of SENs to be reported for child maltreatment, but they could be reported if they meet certain criteria	Yes
b. State requires all SENs to be reported as child maltreatment	No
c. Other (specify)	No
15. Accepts reports of risk without an allegation of child maltreatment (risk-only reports)	No

Table R.II. Types of mandated reporters

	Response	Response	Response
1. Types of mandated reporters	Included in state's definition of mandated reporters	Training required ¹	Subject to penalties for failure to report ²
a. Foster parents	Yes	Yes	Yes
b. School staff - teachers	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. School bus drivers or other transportation staff	Yes	No	Yes
d. Before- /after-school program staff	Yes	No	Yes
e. Child care staff	Yes	No	Yes
f. Camp counselors, directors, or administrators	Yes	No	Yes
g. Athletic coaches or staff	Yes	No	Yes
h. Medical or dental professionals	Yes	No	Yes
i. Substance abuse disorder treatment providers	Yes	No	Yes
j. Mental health, counselors, or other social service professionals	Yes	No	Yes
k. Police or other law enforcement	Yes	No	Yes
l. Emergency medical technicians, firefighters, or other emergency personnel	Yes	No	Yes
m. Judges	Yes	Yes	Yes
n. District attorneys or other attorneys	Yes	Yes	Yes
o. Guardians ad litem or court-appointed special advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
p. Other court personnel	Yes	No	Yes
q. Shelter staff	Yes	No	Yes
r. Those who work in fields processing or monitoring print, film, or computer images	Yes	No	Yes
s. Religious clergy	Yes	No	Yes
t. Volunteers	Yes	No	Yes
u. Coroners or medical examiners	Yes	No	Yes
v. Staff or contractors of state and county agencies	Yes	No	Yes

Table R.II (*continued*)

	Response	Response	Response
w. Other type of mandated reporter (specify)	Yes - Any adults	No	Yes - All adults

¹ Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no training is required for mandated reporters (Table R.II). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table R.I) and all mandated reporters require training (Table R.II).

² Responses in this column can equal logical skip when the given type of mandated reporter is not included in the state's definition of mandated reporters or when no mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table R.I). Responses in this column can be yes when a state has universal mandated reporting (Table R.I) and when all adults or all mandated reporters are subject to penalties (Table R.I).

Domain S: Screening reports of child abuse and neglect

Table S.I. Screening policies

	Response
1. Statewide centralized screening	Yes
2. How screening is decentralized	Logical Skip
3. Information required to screen in report	
a. Identifying information of child	No
b. Location and contact information of child and family	No
c. Type and severity of suspected maltreatment	Yes
d. Date of suspected maltreatment	Yes
e. Identifying and other information of alleged perpetrator(s)	No
f. Other (specify)	No

Table S.II. Screening decision process and activities

	Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
1. Decision processes used during screening			
a. Supervisory review	Yes	Required for all	—
b. Team-based decision	No	Logical Skip	—
c. Individual screener	No	Logical Skip	—
d. Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	—
e. Unknown	No	—	—
2. Variability of decision process used for screening			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	—	—
b. Varies locally	No	—	—
3. Certain activities or information are required as part of screening	Yes		
4. Activities or information required as part of screening			
a. Safety or risk assessment	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
b. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
c. Other (specify)	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
5. Types of safety or risk assessment used during screening			
a. Structured decision making	Yes	—	—
b. Other (specify)	No	—	—
6. Consistency of screening activities/information			
a. Consistent statewide	Yes	—	—
b. Varies locally (specify)	No	—	—

Table S.III. Screeners

	Response
1. Screener of abuse and neglect reports	
a. Caseworkers (frontline staff)	No
b. Case managers (supervisors)	No
c. Staff in specialized screening unit	Yes
d. Other (specify)	No
2. Qualifications of screener	
a. Associate's degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	Yes
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for screening (specify)	Yes - 6-week training course which includes in-class training as well as on-the-job training in the field with other child welfare specialists, mentors, and supervisors; There is a total of 8 weeks of training completion required before specialists begin call intake and disposition
e. Years of experience (specify)	No
f. Other (specify)	No
3. Degree in social work or related field for screeners	No
4. Tribal involvement in state or local public child welfare agency's process to screen Tribal cases	Yes, collaboration of Tribes with state/local public welfare agency to conduct screening - Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Chickasaw Nation; Choctaw Nation; Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Comanche Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Kaw Nation; Kialegee Tribe Town; Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma; Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Osage Nation; Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Oklahoma; Pawnee Nation; Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma; Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Seneca- Cayuga Nation of Oklahoma; Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma

Domain I: Investigations of child abuse and neglect

Table I.I. Investigations policies

	Response
1. Findings from child maltreatment investigations can lead to criminal penalties	Yes
2. Investigator for reports	
a. Caseworkers (frontline staff)	Yes
b. Case managers (supervisors)	No
c. Staff in specialized investigations unit	Yes
d. Law enforcement	No
e. Other (specify)	No
3. Qualifications of investigator	
a. Associate's degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	Yes
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for conducting investigations (specify)	Yes - 6-week training course which includes in-class training as well as on-the-job training in the field with other child welfare specialists, mentors, and supervisors; There is a total of 8 weeks of training completion required before specialists receive a case load assignment
e. Years of experience (specify)	No
f. Other (specify)	No
4. Degree in social work or related field for investigators	No
5. Level of evidence required for substantiation (founded/indicated/confirmed)	Credible or substantial evidence
6. Investigation determination can result in an "inconclusive" finding	No

Table I.II. Required activities/information for investigation

	Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
1. Certain activities or information required for the investigation process	Yes		
2. Specific activities or information required for investigation			
a. Review agency records for prior involvement with child protective services	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
b. Visit to child's home	Yes	Required for some	If there is no reason to believe that there is an extreme safety risk to the child or worker; For children alleged as abused and/or neglected in all placements that are not facility-based out-of-home settings
c. Interview or observation of child victim	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
d. Interview or observation of other children living in child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
e. Risk or safety assessment	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
f. Evaluation of home environment or home study	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
g. Interviews with child's parents, caregivers, or other adults residing in child's home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
h. Check of criminal records for adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable
i. Check of child welfare or central registry for prior child maltreatment allegations against adults in home	Yes	Required for all	Not applicable

Table I.II (continued)

	Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
j. Medical evaluation	Yes	Required for some	Injuries on a child 3 years of age and younger that are unexplained or implausibly explained and do not appear to be caused by normal play or toddling; A child of any age with unexplained or implausibly explained bruises, burns, or fractures; All of a non-ambulatory child's bruises, burns, or fractures; Referrals of sexual abuse in non-verbal children whose behavior mimics adult sexual behavior, such as simulated intercourse or oral stimulation of another's genitals; Sexual abuse cases in which oral or genital skin-to-skin contact is alleged or suspected; Cases of (i) sexually transmitted infections in a prepubescent child, (ii) malnutrition and failure-to-thrive, (iii) medical neglect, or (iv) fabricated or induced illness, formerly referred to as Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome; When the caregiver admits responsibility for a child's observable injury and medical documentation is necessary to determine if there are internal or old injuries; Or all bruises or injuries to a child with a diagnosed or perceived disability who is unable to communicate effectively about the alleged abuse, neglect, or both
k. Mental health evaluation	Yes	Required for some	Children who exhibit a need for an immediate psychological or psychiatric evaluation
l. Interview alleged perpetrator	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable
m. Interview reporter or collateral source	No	Logical Skip	Not applicable

Table I.II (*continued*)

	Response	Required cases	Conditions or types of cases
n. Other (specify)	Yes - The investigation or assessment shall include an inquiry into whether the person responsible for the health, safety or welfare of the child is an active duty service member of the military or the spouse of an active duty service member	Required for all	Not applicable

Domain W: Child welfare response

Table W.I. Differential or alternative response

	Response
1. Differential/alternative response	Yes--implemented statewide
2. Types of maltreatment eligible for differential/alternative response	Only certain types of maltreatment are eligible
3. Types of maltreatment <u>not</u> eligible for differential/alternative response	
a. Cases involving child fatalities and near-fatalities	Yes
b. Substance-exposed infants	Yes
c. Physical abuse	No
d. Sexual abuse	Yes
e. Neglect	No
f. Abandoned infants	No
g. Other (specify)	No
4. Eligibility for differential/alternative response determined by a risk determination	Yes
5. Tools used to determine risk for differential/alternative response	Yes - Form 04KI030E Assessment of Child Safety
6. Risk level eligible for differential/alternative response	
a. No risk	Yes
b. Low risk	No
c. Moderate risk	No
d. Other (specify)	No
e. Unknown	No
7. Other types of cases or conditions eligible for differential/alternative response	
a. No other cases or conditions	No
b. No immediate safety concerns	Yes
c. No or few prior reports of child abuse or neglect	Yes
d. Other (specify)	Yes - There are less than 3 prior reports of abuse or neglect; When a report meets the abuse or neglect guidelines but does not constitute a serious and immediate safety threat to a child
8. When is determination made for differential/alternative response	
a. At the time of screening to assign to differential response	No
b. After a report is screened in	Yes
c. Other (specify)	No
9. Referrals to community services for cases engaged in differential response	
a. No	No
b. Yes - for all cases	No
c. Yes - when families express interest	Yes
d. Yes - when there is a determination of risk	Yes
e. Yes - other (specify)	No

Table W.II. In-home services, foster care, and permanency

	Response
1. In-home services provided for unsubstantiated cases to maintain intact families	Yes--implemented statewide
2. In-home services provided post reunification	Yes--implemented statewide
3. Permanency	
a. Kinship guardianship as a permanency option	Yes
b. Subsidized guardianship	Yes
c. Subsidized kinship guardianship	Yes
d. Subsidized adoption	Yes
4. Foster care case management staff	
a. State/county public agency staff	Yes
b. Contracted provider staff	Yes
c. Tribal agency staff	Yes
5. Qualifications of foster care case managers	
a. Associate degree	No
b. Bachelor's degree	Yes
c. Master's degree	No
d. Training for case management (specify)	Yes - Yes - Child Welfare (CW) Specialist Development Plan also known as CORE training, which provides a uniform level of competency regardless of the specialist's level of education or field of study. The development plan includes 10-14 weeks of CORE training, structured mentoring, mandatory specialized training, and intensive supervision. The Child Welfare Comprehensive Training Program (CWCTP) is a system that provides in-service training to CW specialists through standardized competency-based curricula. This system is designed to provide basic and specialized child welfare knowledge and skills and is one of several sources of job-related training. In addition, the system provides basic skills related to computerized information management necessary to support casework activities.
e. Years of experience (specify)	No
f. Other (specify)	No
6. Degree in social work or related field for foster care case managers	No

Table W.III. Tribal foster care and Tribes that directly operate Title IV-E programs through an agreement with HHS

	Response
1. Tribal involvement in foster care for Tribal cases	Yes, Tribes within state provide foster care - Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; Chickasaw Nation; Choctaw Nation; Citizen Potawatomi Nation; Comanche Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Kaw Nation; Kialegee Tribe Town; Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma; Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma; Miami Tribe of Oklahoma; Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Osage Nation; Otoe-Missouri Tribe of Oklahoma; Pawnee Nation; Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma; Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma; Sac and Fox Nation; Seminole Nation of Oklahoma; Seneca- Cayuga Nation of Oklahoma; Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma; Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma
2. Tribes directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	Yes
3. Number of Tribes that directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	1
4. Specify Tribes that directly operate a Title IV-E program through an agreement with US HHS	Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma Tahlequah

Table W.IV. Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

	Response
1. Federal ICWA requirements codified in state law	Yes
2. Federal ICWA requirements that are codified in state law	
a. Identifying a child's Tribal status	Yes
b. Use of active efforts to prevent removal/reunite families	No
c. Notification of child's parents and Tribe for child custody proceedings	Yes
d. Actively working to involve a child's parents and Tribe during the custody proceedings	No
e. Identifying a foster care or pre-adoptive placement using ICWA preferences provisions	Yes
f. Use of qualified expert witnesses	Yes
3. State law codifying ICWA includes state-recognized Tribes	No

Table W.V. Extended foster care

	Response
1. Foster care extension for youth older than age 18	Yes
2. Age youth are allowed to remain in extended foster care	Up to age 21 (until 21st birthday)
3. Youth must proactively request, provide consent, or opt-in to receive extended foster care	Yes
4. Criteria for youth to remain in extended foster care	
a. There are no criteria to remain in extended foster care	No
b. Enrolled in school	Yes
c. Employed	No
d. Participating in workforce development/training program	No
e. Comply with independent living/self-sufficiency plan	Yes
f. Receive independent living or other services	No
g. Medical condition exemption	No
h. Other (specify)	Yes - Reached age 18 prior to completing GED or high school education; Did not obtain a GED or high school education and left out-of-home placement after age 18; Has specified reasons approved by the district director for the county where the youth resides; The youth is appropriate for out-of-home placement; Placement is available
5. Reentry to extended foster care allowed for youth older than age 18 who aged out or left foster care	No
6. Conditions for youth to reenter extended foster care	Logical Skip

Domain C: Child welfare system context

Table C.I. Child welfare system context

	Response
1. State- or county-administered child welfare system	State-administered
2. State operates under legal consent decree or other court-ordered monitoring	Yes - D.G. vs. Yarbrough (also known as D.G. vs. Henry)

Supplemental Notes on State

Definitions

Third-party perpetrator means a perpetrator of child abuse or neglect other than the person responsible for the child.

Reporting

Each Department of Human Services (OKDHS) staff member ensures the employee receives relevant training on their employee's responsibility to report a child or vulnerable adult's alleged abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Any other required training is determined by each specific entity and not known to OKDHS.

Abuse or neglect occurring to Tribal children on Tribal land is referred to the Tribe and screened out by OKDHS. Abuse or neglect occurring to children in OKDHS custody on Tribal land is addressed by OKDHS jointly and in collaboration with the Tribe. Any abuse or neglect occurring to Tribal children on state land is addressed by OKDHS and jointly in collaboration with the Tribe when the Tribe so chooses.

Screening

Oklahoma's Department of Human Services (OKDHS) refers to the staff who screen and investigate reports of child maltreatment and who provide ongoing case management services as child welfare specialists.

Investigations

Specialized investigation protocols exist in policy for cases including but not limited to:

1. Out-of-home investigations;
2. Open deprived cases;
3. Victims of human trafficking;
4. Active military families;
5. Infants born to incarcerated mothers (Erica's Rule);
6. Abandoned or relinquished newborns;
7. Judicial referrals;
8. Investigations involving Oklahoma's Department of Human Services (OKDHS) employees;
9. Infants with medical neglect;
10. Drug-endangered children;
11. Cases involving child death or near death;
12. Cases involving a multidisciplinary team.

Searches for all public records are required on all cases.

OKDHS refers to the staff who screen and investigate reports of child maltreatment and who provide ongoing case management services as child welfare specialists.

The Office of Client Advocacy investigates reports of child abuse or neglect of a child in custody when the child is placed in an above foster care level setting.

Child welfare response

For post-reunification in-home services, outside of the case management services from the child welfare specialist following reunification, families can have Oklahoma Children's Services if needed (Comprehensive Home-Based Services, Parent Aide, or Youth Villages-Intercept) that are paid directly through child welfare. Alternatively, they could receive other in-home services such as SoonerStart, Children's First, Parents as Teacher, Exchange Parent Aide, or Healthy Families Attachment and Behavioral Catch-up (ABC) that are not funded through child welfare and are funded by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS), the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), or Medicaid.

In practice, Oklahoma's Department of Human Services does allow reentry into extended foster care after age 18 and up until age 21 for youth who want to return to care (when an identified placement is available or can be located). However, these reentry practices are not specifically outlined in agency policies or procedures.

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