

Mission Statement

Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc. (YSOC) is a not-for-profit community organization that advocates, educates, intervenes, and counsels troubled youth and families to make a positive difference in their lives.

YSOC has been providing services to youth and families since 1972. A registered 501(c)3 organization governed by a board of trustees, the agency provides crisis intervention, counseling, shelter, and other critical and much-needed services to Oklahoma County youth and families.

Accreditation

Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc. is monitored and accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities International (CARF), the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Oklahoma Department of Health and Human Services, the City of Oklahoma City, the Oklahoma City Board of Education, and the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services. All of these entities have strict requirements regarding programming content, health and safety standards, and client and employee rights. Additionally, YSOC is a member agency of United Way of Central Oklahoma.

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Youth Services for Oklahoma County, Inc. has been **Changing Young Lives** for more than 40 years.

The following programs meet the community's ever-increasing need for services.

Supporting Kids in Independent Living (SKIL) Program

Since 1998, SKIL has provided invaluable financial and emotional support to high school students in the Oklahoma City school district who, for reasons beyond their control, live on their own while working toward their high school diploma. The SKIL Program provides students with basic needs such as food, hygiene items, clothing, and school supplies. By providing these resources, as well as community referrals, transportation, counseling, and life skills education, the program helps ensure that Oklahoma City's homeless and unaccompanied students get the help they need in order to focus on their education, receive their diplomas, and plan for their future.

Family Junction Emergency Youth Shelter

Thousands of children have found comfort, safety, and guidance in The Family Junction Emergency Youth Shelter since 1976. The Family Junction provides emergency shelter for youth between the ages of 12 and 17 years of age who need temporary protective services, for reasons beyond their control. Accommodating 18 children, the atmosphere is structured, yet home-like, to provide stability and normalcy for the residents. While at the shelter, youth attend public school, participate in individual and group counseling, receive life skills training, enjoy recreational activities, and carry out daily chores such as cleaning their rooms, helping to prepare meals, and taking out the trash.

Outpatient Behavioral Health Services

Outpatient Behavioral Health Services are today's version of counseling programs begun in 1972. Comprised of the Youth Counseling Center and Community At-Risk Services, our counseling programs are internationally accredited and provide assessment, crisis intervention, mentoring, and re-integration services, life skills training, and individual, family, and group counseling to at-risk youth and families. Started in 2008, the Juvenile Re-entry of Oklahoma County (JROC) Program works with youth re-integrating into the community after incarceration.

First-Time Offender Program

The First-Time Offender Program debuted in 1978 as a court-ordered consequence for first-time youthful offenders and an optional program for families in crisis. Youth between the ages of 8 and 17, and at least one of their parents, attend this four-week course together and learn life skills individually as well as a family unit. Available in English and Spanish on weeknights and the weekend, parent and child learn how to positively relate, communicate, and solve problems with one another.

Community Intervention Center (CIC)

The Oklahoma City/County Community Intervention Center opened in 1997 as a one-stop center for juvenile offenders. CIC, in collaboration with the City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City Police Department, and the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs, is a 24-hour holding facility for juveniles arrested by local law enforcement for specific felony, misdemeanor, truancy, and curfew violations. The CIC's goals are to immediately contact parents, create a safe environment of consequences for juveniles, and free officers to immediately return to active duty.

