

Lead Agency:

Oklahoma
Department of Mental
Health and Substance
Abuse Services

**Geographic Area and
Congressional
District Served:**

Tulsa County,
Congressional
District 1

Federal Grant:

\$1.48 million/4 years

**Evaluation Design,
Comparison Group
Type and
Treatment Received:**

Quasi-experimental,
concurrent
comparison group
matched through
propensity score
matching

**Proposed Number
Served (4 Years):**

Children: 264
Adults: 213

Project Description

The Tulsa County Children Affected by Methamphetamine (CAM) Project is expanding and enhancing services to parents and children participating in the Tulsa County Family Drug Court (TCFDC). The TCFDC CAM project is family centered and includes a high rate of participation from fathers. Key elements of the CAM project include:

- ***Strengthening Families*** – a 14-session, evidence based family skills training program designed to increase resilience and reduce risk factors for substance abuse, depression, violence and aggression, delinquency, and school failure in high-risk, 6–12 year old children and their parents;
- ***Celebrating Families*** – a 16-week evidence-based interactive parenting program that helps families recover from the effects of substance abuse and child neglect; every family member from ages 3 through adulthood, participate in structured educational groups and activities;
- ***Outreach and Engagement Strategies*** – to engage and retain parents in the TCFDC and in substance abuse treatment.

Target Population

The **Tulsa CAM Project** serves families in the large urban area of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the surrounding suburbs with a total population of 610,000. Services are provided to children ages 0–17 years old and their families.

Major Project Goals

- Expand the capacity of the TCFDC to identify, assess, and increase access for children and parents, to targeted trauma-informed services in the community;
- Increase overall parent, child, and family functioning through two evidence-based family interventions: Celebrating Families Program and Strengthening Families Program;
- Improve permanency outcomes for TCFDC-involved families;
- Increase collaboration and community capacity to serve all substance-affected families by providing training, workforce development, and education.

Partner Agencies and Organizations

The **Tulsa County CAM Project** includes the following partners:

Child Welfare

- Oklahoma Department of Human Services
- Cherokee Nation

Behavioral Health

- Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS)
- Center for Therapeutic Intervention
- Oklahoma Citizen Advocates for Recovery and Treatment Association (OCART)
- 12 and 12 Residential Treatment Center
- Oaks Behavioral Health Center
- Tulsa Women and Children Center
- Monarch Residential Treatment Center
- House of Hope Residential Treatment Center
- Family and Children's Services of Tulsa
- Resonance, Inc.

Courts

- Tulsa County Family Drug Court
- Supreme Court of Oklahoma

CAM Program Description

Children Affected by Methamphetamine is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funded grant program focused on expanding and/or enhancing services to children and their families who are affected by methamphetamine use and abuse. The Public Health Service Act of 2000 Section 509 provided funding over a four-year period to 12 Family Treatment Drug Courts (FTDC) to improve the well-being, permanency, and safety outcomes of children, who are in, or at-risk of out-of-home placement as a result of parental methamphetamine or other substance abuse.

Housing

- Day Spring Villa
- New Wings of Freedom
- Oxford Houses

Other Community, Child and Family Services

- Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau for Staffing and Transportation Support.

Performance Indicators

CAM grantees are measuring their performance on outcomes for children and adults. **The Tulsa CAM Project** bi-annually provides data on the following 18 performance indicators.

Child/Youth Indicators

- Children remain at home
- Occurrence of child maltreatment
- Average length of stay in foster care
- Re-entries to foster care placement
- Timeliness of reunification
- Timeliness of permanency
- Prevention of substance-exposed newborn
- Connected to supportive services
- Improved child well-being

Adult Indicators

- Access to substance abuse treatment
- Retention in treatment
- Substance use
- Connection to supportive services
- Employment
- Criminal behavior

Family/Relationship Indicators

- Improved parenting
- Family relationships and functioning
- Risk/protective factors