The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work (AHZSSW) has partnered with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and several Eastern Oklahoma Tribal Nations to develop a Tribal Child Welfare Training Pilot. The training is the first in the state wholly developed by Tribal Child Welfare professionals, for Tribal Child Welfare professionals. The AHZSSW’s Dallas Pettigrew and Rita Hart (both pictured here), along with help from Graduate Research Assistant Chloe Beachy and Practicum student Melena Mayes, both graduating in May, carried out the University’s portion of the training development. **The Bureau of Indian Affairs funded the project for 2018-2019 at $150,000!**

The project uses the Simulation Center at OU-Tulsa (SCOUT) to train Tribal Child Welfare professionals in the Core Competencies and Practice Behaviors developed by the Tribal Leadership Workgroup. The project has been developing for over almost two years, and may be funded for future years, too. A special benefit to coordinating the training and partnering with tribes is the ability to recruit from tribes. So far at least four Tribal Child Welfare professionals have enrolled in the MSW program.