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MISSION

The University of Oklahoma Outreach is a lifelong learning organization dedicated to helping businesses, individuals, groups, and communities transform themselves through knowledge.

Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education

In 1937, Thurman J. White came to the University of Oklahoma as an instructor in what was then called the extension division. White had a passion for adult education, believing all adults should have access to continual education and training to keep up with the increasing demands of social and technological change. White's vision and leadership eventually led to the formation of the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education. In 1957, White secured one of 12 grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for creating university-based residential conference centers worldwide. The grant, the largest the university had received to date, was used to build the Thurman J. White Forum and other structures that, when completed in 1962, formed the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education. As OCCE developed and expanded, the International Association of Continuing Education Hall of Fame was added. We partner with public agencies and organizations to build healthy, safe, and sustainable communities, create a more fair and democratic society and increase civic involvement.

University Outreach (College of Continuing Education) is housed in the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education (OCCE) complex. Originally designed as a comprehensive adult learning community for educational activities, OCCE is one of several W.K. Kellogg Foundation-funded centers worldwide. OCCE provides a unique setting for individuals who have chosen this facility for their meetings, conferences, workshops, and seminars. The Thurman White Forum Building offers facilities for 1,000 participants through a combination of 15 meeting rooms, a computer lab, and the sizeable auditorium-sized Forum Room that seats 600. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the Forum can adapt to meet almost any group's conference requirements. On-site technical support is also available for the computer lab. The OCCE complex includes the James P. Pappas Administration Building, the Pete Kyle McCarter Hall, and the Boomer Outreach Building, all of which house staff for OU Outreach/College of Continuing Education and the College of Professional and Continuing Studies.

CORE VALUES

Lifelong Learner -The lifelong learner is at the core of every activity in which we are engaged.

Lifelong Learning

As an organization involved in the educational enterprise, we will engage in those activities that foster lifelong learning.

Change Agent

We provide leadership for societal change by enhancing and enriching the communities with which we are involved.

Respect, Civility, Social Responsibility

Respect, civility, and social responsibility are fundamental to all of our interpersonal interactions.

Stewardship

We strive to be effective stewards of the resources we manage to ensure they are leveraged for maximum efficiency.

Cultural Inclusion

All of our activities and programs reflect our high value of cultural inclusiveness.

Trust

Trustworthiness and cooperation are characteristic of all our work relationships.

Knowledge Sharing

We value sharing knowledge and information that enables us to transcend organizational barriers, communicate ideas, and better serve our constituents.

Continuous Improvement

In response to changing environments, we strive for continuous improvement in our staff development, corporate capacity, and service to others.

Departments

The University of Oklahoma Outreach boasts more than **16 diverse departments** focusing on education, business, and public and community services.

American Indian Institute



Aii provides culturally relevant conferences, training, strategic planning services, and expert technical assistance to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Canadian First Nation tribes and bands.

Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD)



CECPD focuses on increasing quality care for young children by providing training and technical assistance for early care and education professionals

The department plays an active role in developing a clearly defined career development system for early childhood professionals

Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE)



CSRDE founded in 1994 - has grown to approximately **600** institutions that collaboratively share data, knowledge, and innovation

This department publishes annual retention studies that provide timely, comprehensive, comparative benchmarking data on retention and graduation

Center for Public Management (CPM)



The center manages over 300 projects each year for state and federal government agencies

Provides training and support in the following areas:

- video production
- interactive videoconferencing
- Web-based training

ConferencePROS



ConferencePROS aids international, national, regional, and local agencies and organizations in designing, developing, marketing, and conducting small and large conferences.

Educational Technical Assistance Services



EDUTAS' experts serve as trusted thought partners to discover a district's/school's current situation and provide an honest evaluation of needs and root causes

Provides onsite and virtual needs sensing and customized technical assistance and professional learning focused on school improvement implementation and systems change.

Educational Training, Evaluation, Assessment, and Measurement



Partners with the public and private sectors to provide customers with carefully crafted research and evaluation studies and training support to make informed decisions for better outcomes

A dynamic program, E-TEAM makes research and analysis more accessible and understandable through strong writing, compelling graphics, and creative use of technology.

International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame



Honors leaders in the fields of continuing education and adult learning and serves as a record of inspiration for the next generation of continuing education leaders

Inductees are adult and continuing education leaders from the increasingly global leadership community who reflect the great diversity of adult and continuing education practice and scholarship that constitutes the IACE Hall of Fame.

KGOU/KROU



KGOU Radio is a full-service public radio station

KGOU's mission is to help people become deeply informed about the issues that affect their lives, be better prepared to make decisions, and be more engaged in our community

Medieval Fair



A living history fair featuring educational exhibits, arts, crafts, food, games, demonstrations, and entertainment at seven stages

Master crafters demonstrate their skills at the fair's art and craft booths offering unique and handcrafted pottery, wood crafts, stained glass, armor, costumes, jewelry, leather crafts, and much more.

Attended annually by thousands of enthusiasts from all over the United States

National Center for Disability Education and Training



NCDDET aims to improve independent living, employment, and career opportunities for people with disabilities, thereby enhancing their lives and the communities in which they live.

NCDDET demonstrates that youth and adults with disabilities can be successfully employed through model programs.

National Resource Center for Youth Services



Works to improve the quality of life for the nation's at-risk youth and their families by enhancing the effectiveness of human services

The Center assists agencies by developing training and technical assistance opportunities that enable child welfare and youth services professionals to take full advantage of effective practices.

Reading Program Development

The Institute for Reading Development (ISRD) partners with Outreach/College of Continuing Education to offer a summer reading program both face-to-face and online for students K-12.

ISRD also partners with Outreach to provide a speed-reading course, offered in the fall semester, for academic, professional, and recreational reading for K12 and adult students.

Southwest Prevention Center



A catalyst for positive social change committed to preventing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse and related high-risk behaviors.

Provides training, technical assistance, materials development, program evaluation, and information dissemination to schools, community-based coalitions, policymakers, and other social service and professional agencies

Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies



Devoted to studying and resolving human conflict while promoting understanding and cooperation among people of different racial, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds.



Home to the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), the leading and most comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in higher education.

Public Service Institute (PSI)



PSI provides programming focusing primarily on national and international sustainable development issues focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations.

Chief among its current initiatives of PSI is the Lake Chad Basin Project, which focuses on highlighting the dire needs of people living in this region on the African continent. A few years ago, Outreach and PSI hosted an international conference at the United Nations with national and international partners worldwide. PSI is housed under the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies.

Outreach Departmental Overview-

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Department Name: Center for Public Management (CPM)

Department Director: Vincent Deberry vince@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: Fostering a higher quality of life by working together with the public sector to optimize services.

Vision: People working together for Public Good.

Service Area: Across the state of Oklahoma.

Funding Sources: The vast majority of CPM funding comes from Oklahoma State Agencies through contracts. CPM does have some grant funding.

Key partner(s) within and outside the university: The Oklahoma Department of Human Services is the largest partner. CPM also has a long history of working with the Oklahoma Department of Health and occasionally has agreements with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, and others. CPM is currently in discussions with the Oklahoma Ethics Commission for training and organizational development. Within the University, CPM has worked extensively with Human Resources on the online course offered through OnPoint. CPM has long-standing partnerships with the School of Social Work and the National Resource Center for Youth Services.

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments: CPM is celebrating its 30th anniversary in April 2024. The department has grown exponentially over the years, with a budget of nearly \$65,000,000 for FY24. CPM has generated \$350,000,000 in revenue in the last decade and over \$386,000,000 in revenue for the past 10 years, including FY16, through agreements processed currently for FY25.

Examples of partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department: CPM currently has 5 Graduate Research Assistants in Computer Science and one undergraduate intern in Instructional Psychology and Technology. They assist on real projects in a professional working environment. CPM has also set aside \$250,000/year in the new TANF contract for academic partnerships to help identify and overcome barriers to service delivery. CPM is also working with the Sooner Works Program on campus to give student participants real-world working experience and skill-building.

Department website: www.oucpm.org

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Department Name: Educational Technical Assistance Services (EDUTAS)

Department Director: Lisa Pryor lisa.pryor@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose

- Education Technical Assistance Services (EDUTAS) designs and delivers school improvement technical assistance and professional learning services that provide research-based solutions for adults engaged in school improvement efforts. Our team members are proven design and implementation partners able to transfer research into practice for individuals and groups. Our foci are Systems Change, Instructional Practice, and Leadership Development.

Service Area

- EDUTAS currently serves Oklahoma and Arkansas schools, districts, and state agencies. EDUTAS previously supported the same audience in Louisiana, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and New Mexico.

Funding Sources

- Fee for service and state contracts

Key partner(s) within and outside the university

- Oklahoma State Department of Education
- Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Arkansas Public School Resource Center

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments

EDUTAS's signature programs include,

1. Moving UP for assistant principals (8 years)
2. Principal Leadership Academy for early career principals (3 years)
3. Arkansas Leadership Academy for school and district executives, instructional leaders, teacher leaders, master principals, and school teams (3 years)

Department website: <https://outreach.ou.edu/Educational-Services/PreK-12-Education/edutas>

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Department Name: Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange--C-IDEA

Department Director: Dr. Nicole Watkins nwatkins@ou.edu

The Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange (CSRDE) is an association of higher education institutions with the common goal of achieving the highest possible levels of student success through collaboratively sharing data, knowledge, and innovation. Founded in 1994 by a small group of institutional research directors to exchange data on college retention and graduation, our first report was published in May 1995.

Department Mission/Purpose

C-IDEA's institutional members share retention data in exchange for reports on first-time, STEM & transfer students. The National Symposium on Student Success and Retention, the monthly webinar series, and the *Building Bridges for Student Success: A Sourcebook for Colleges and Universities* provide additional resources for our members. C-IDEA is also the program evaluator for the Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (OK-LSAMP) program, which the National Science Foundation funds.

Service Area (Across the United States)

Services

Outside Evaluator OSU LSAMP Grant from NSF
Data Exchange Membership
NSSR Conference
Webinar
Sourcebook

Key partner(s) within and outside the university

OSU LSAMP
259 Universities for Data Exchange

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments

CSRDE Exchange
NSSR Conference
Sourcebook/Webinars

Recent Accomplishments: Transition to online data sharing portal; Implementation of CVENT

Examples of any partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department

NSSR Conference Presenters -Danielle Lindley, Robert Terry, Nicole Campbell, George Bosgaski, Suzanna Livingood,

Webinar Presenters – Robert Terry, Nicole Campbell, George Bosgaski, Suzanna Livingood,

Department website: <https://csrde.ou.edu/>

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Department Name: ConferencePROS

Support Service—Contacts: Richard Feinberg rfeinberg@ou.edu and Laurie Smith lasmith@ou.edu

Funding Sources—Fee for service, grants, and contracts

Key partner(s) within and outside the university:

OU Marketing and Communications, Presidents Office, Charles Russell Center, OU State Regents Office, OU Price College of Business, OU Graduate College, International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame, Consortium for Student Retention Data Exchange.

Signature programs or recent accomplishments:

Provide technical/equipment support and logistical support for the National Symposium on Student Retention Conference. Coordinated technical support and operated equipment for Price College Adams Gala. Coordinated/technical supervisor/operator for the School of Architecture “Placemaking” Conference.

Department website: <https://conferencepros.org>

Department Name: KGOU Radio

Department Director: Dick Pryor, General Manager dick.pryor@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose) *Delivering thoughtful storytelling that informs, reflects, connects, and serves communities.*

Service Area: KGOU Radio's broadcast signal reaches 36 counties in Oklahoma and stretches from east-central Oklahoma across the Oklahoma City metro and into western and northwestern Oklahoma, southwestern Kansas and the Texas Panhandle. KGOU's broadcasts reach 1.8 million Oklahomans. KGOU's weekly audience is 62,500 to 91,000 people in the Oklahoma City metro area and KGOU's web site, www.kgou.org, reaches a global audience via streaming. KGOU averages 47,000 unique visitors to www.kgou.org each month. KGOU also reaches around the world through the NPR podcast and three KGOU podcasts – How Curious, Capitol Insider, and the KGOU AM and PM NewsBriefs.

Funding Sources—Fee for service, grants, contracts (state, national, foundation funding). Specify:

Based on the latest KGOU CPB audit for fiscal year 2023: 72% of KGOU's direct funding comes from individual donations (membership) and business sponsorships (underwriting); 7.8% from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting Community Service Grant; 10.5% from the University of Oklahoma Outreach/College of Continuing Education; and 2.8% from the University of Oklahoma (licensee).

Key partner(s) within and outside the university:

Gaylord College, OU Libraries, Oklahoma Watch, Quorum Call, Oklahoma Media Center, KWGS Radio, KOSU Radio, KCCU Radio, High Plains Public Radio, The Frontier, NonDoc, NPR.

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments:

2024 Media Literacy Community Events partnering with Oklahoma Watch

Capitol Insider weekly segments with Quorum Call

StateImpact Oklahoma reporting with public radio partners KOSU, KWGS, and KCCU

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department:

KGOU Practicum class through a partnership with the Gaylord College

American Archive of Public Broadcasting project with WGBH, Library of Congress, and OU Libraries (year-long project to archive KGOU historical content)

Department website: www.kgou.org

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Department Name: Educational Training, Evaluation, Assessment & Measurement (E-TEAM)
Department

Department Operations Director: Geneva Strech strech@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: E-TEAM is an applied research and program evaluation unit. We help organizations understand and use data to solve real-world problems and improve program capacity and quality. Our services help our partners ensure fiscal accountability and positive outcomes.

Service Area: State and national.

Funding Source: Federal grants, state contracts, foundation contracts, and fee-of-service

Key partner(s) within and outside the university

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth
Office of Juvenile Affairs
Evolution Foundation
Carl Albert State College
Dayspring Community Services, Preferred Family Healthcare
CREOKS Behavioral Health
OU Health Sciences Center
OU Outreach Southwest Prevention Center
Transition House
Oklahoma Department of Human Services
OU Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work
Iowa State University
FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)
Arkansas Public School Resource Center
Indian Country Child Trauma Center
OU Gallogly College of Engineering
OU Department of Sociology
HeartLine Oklahoma

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments

1. E-TEAM is the evaluator for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and designed and maintains a secure online evaluation portal (EON). E-TEAM has a national reputation for this work and has been identified as a model for other states to assess program outcomes and impacts.
2. E-TEAM partnered with the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth (OCCY) to build a cloud-based data system to collect, manage, and analyze death and near-death data on children in Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Child Death Review Board (CDRB). This work is ongoing and will continue for the foreseeable future.

3. E-TEAM serves as the evaluator for the National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), assessing training and technical assistance capacity building and outcomes.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department:

OU Dept of Sociology, OU School of Social Work, OU Health Sciences Center, OU Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, OU Gallogly College of Engineering

Department website: eteam.ou.edu

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Department Name: Center for Early Childhood Professional Development (CECPD)

Department Director: Susan J. Kimmel, Ph.D. skimmel@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: To provide expert professional development to all Early Care and Education teachers, practitioners, and licensed childcare providers that will enhance teacher effectiveness, improve child outcomes, and ensure high-quality childcare in Oklahoma.

Service Area: Oklahoma (all counties), The Early Literacy Quick Assessment Tool (ELQA): Currently in Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Virginia

Funding Sources: Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Childcare, Fee-for-service (ELQA) and Instructional Coaching Institute, grants, contracts (state, national, foundation funding).

Key partner(s) within and outside the university: Department of Human Services (Childcare), multiple OU Outreach, OU College of Education, OU Tulsa Early Childhood Education Institute (ECEI), State Department of Education, State Health Department, Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness, State Regents Scholars for Excellence, OU Health and Sciences (with Dr. Susan Sisson), Oklahoma Resources and Referral, State Tribal Childcare Council

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments:

Fiscal Year 2023

1. Oklahoma Registry and Wage and Stipends:

- a. Oklahoma Registry data revealed that **27,278 participants** applied for an Oklahoma Director Credential or Professional Development Ladder, an increase from the previous year.
- b. The Oklahoma Childcare Wage Supplement Program processed and **awarded \$3,911,150 to qualified participants.**
- c. CECPD **awarded 3,471 Certificates of Achievement and \$2,074,800 in Stipend distributions.**

2. Professional Development Approval System:

- a. In FY 2023, **150,717 verified participants completed 874,440 professional development hours** offered by Oklahoma Registry-approved organizations, approved educators, and CECPD.
- b. **8,520 participants** took advantage of the **free training** provided by CECPD

3. Work Force Grant:

- a. In total, 20,077 childcare staff received the Workforce Support Grant for a total distribution of \$20,077,000.

4. Early Learning Quick Assessments:

- a. ELQA has served 185 districts/schools and over 3,000 teachers in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. ELQA is presently in 76 schools and 840 classrooms across the United States.
- b. ELQA has been deployed in educational settings that include public, private, parochial, and charter schools, Early Head Start, Head Start, childcare centers, and independent research studies.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department:

1. Early Childhood Education Institute, OU Tulsa – Doctor Diane Horm
 - a. Designing and implementing research for ELQA
 - b. Presentations
 - c. Publications
2. E-TEAM – Dr. Belinda Biscoe
 - a. Initial partners with E-TEAM for evaluation and assessment
3. OU College of Education – Dr. Priscilla Griffith: several federal grants, research, and publications

Department website: CECPD.org

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Department Name: Southwest Prevention Center – State and National Initiatives

Department Director: Marie Cox mariecox@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: Southwest Prevention Center—State and National Initiatives synthesizes emerging research about what works to prevent substance misuse, suicide, and related problems and translates that knowledge into the field so that professionals and organizations can implement effective prevention strategies that lead to healthier and safer communities.

Service Area: HHS Regions 6 & 7 (NM, TX, LA, AR, OK KS, NE, MO, IA plus all federally recognized tribes) and Nationwide (states, tribes, jurisdictions, territories, communities, health, and behavioral health systems)

Funding Sources: Primarily HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Key partner(s) within and outside the university: OU Partners: School of Social Work, Data Institute on Societal Challenges, Dept. of Sociology, OUHSC Center on Child Abuse and Neglect

Outside Partners: State Behavioral Health Commissioners, State Suicide Prevention and Substance Misuse Prevention Directors, SAMHSA Regional Administrators and HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Region 6, Center for Students in Addiction Recovery (CSAR) at Texas Tech University, National African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, National Hispanic Latino Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Opioid Response Network (ORN), American Psychiatric Association Serious Mental Health Advisor (SMI) project.

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments:

- **Developed 1st in the nation online youth suicide safety planning course accredited by NASW, CMEs pending - <https://healthknowledge.org/course/index.php?categoryid=114>**
- **Conducted the most comprehensive to-date Clinician Needs Assessment for suicide prevention clinical competencies.**
- **Completed 1st year of facilitating a nationwide prevention fellowship program, which gathered Masters students and recent graduates to build a compendium of effective/evidence-based prevention programs in Black/ African American Communities**

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department: Funded and co-produced “Simulation in Suicide-Specific Clinical Training: Guidelines for Programs” with Clinical Assistant Professor Jon Kratz and SSW graduate students in the School of Social work based highlighting SSW expertise and research - publication scheduled for March 2023

- OU Department of Sociology, Department of Psychology, School of Social Work, OUHSC Pediatrics - Big Idea Challenge “Well-Being Across the Lifespan: Early Childhood Experiences and Life-course Opportunities in Oklahoma” (OU VPR, funded) – member of project team (in-kind donation of time). E-TEAM is also a partner.

Department websites:

<https://outreach.ou.edu/Community-Services/Health-and-Human-Services/Southwest-Prevention-Center>

<https://sprc.org/>

<https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/content/south-southwest-pttc>

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Department Name: Southwest Prevention Center-Regional Prevention Programs

Department Director: Charlene M. Shreder-Director Regional Programs cshtreder@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: Southwest Prevention Center strives to be a dynamic resource dedicated to building safe and healthy communities through shared knowledge, skills, and capacity development. SWPC follows a public health approach to prevention using the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Strategic Prevention Framework as a comprehensive guide to prevention.

Service Area: Regional services include multiple counties within the state of Oklahoma. Counties include Cleveland, McClain, Parent Child Assistance Program-Counties-Canadian, Cleveland, Grady, Kingfisher, Logan, Lincoln, McClain, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Wagoner, Washington, and Garfield.

Funding Sources

SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success	Federal
SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs	Federal
SAMHSA STOP ACT Grant	Federal
Centers for Disease Control & Office of National Drug Control Policy Drug Free Communities Support Program	Federal
ODMHSAS Community Based Prevention Services-Opioids	State
ODMHSAS Community Based Prevention Services-Marijuana	State
Department of Sociology-OK Parent Child Assistance Program	Multiple sources

Key partner(s) within and outside the university: Key partners within the University include: Department of Sociology faculty E. Maher & A. Harnden, School of Social Work faculty C. Miller, C. Jankowski, A. Britt, J. Dell, Goddard Health Center; M. Poole, Student Conduct: K. LeBeouf, Students in Recovery, OUR Mental Health, OU HEPS, and OU Daily. Outside the University: ODMHSAS, Cleveland County Health Improvement Plan: Substance Abuse Workgroup, Community Alliance of Resources for Everyone Coalition, Blanchard Community Coalition, ODMHSAS, Oklahoma Prevention Policy Alliance, Oklahoma Drug and Alcohol Professional Counselors Association, Virtue Center, Norman Public Schools, Moore Public Schools, Noble Public Schools, Purcell Public Schools, Blanchard Public Schools, all local law enforcement agencies in Cleveland and McClain Counties.

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments:

Drug-Free Communities Support Program -Community Alliance of Resources for Everyone recently awarded Major General Arthur T Dean Chairman's Award for exemplary work during the National Coalition Academy, taking theory into practice in communities.

Partnership with the School of Social Work provides practicum experiences in prevention for bachelor's level students.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department:

Purchased a permanent medication disposal drop box from Goddard Pharmacy.

Targeted media campaign “Red Cup Q&A” with OU Daily, separating alcohol facts from myths using social media, print ads, and podcasts.

Prevention practicum for 5 School of Social Work students with scholarships of \$5000 each year for each student participating.

Department website: <https://outreach.ou.edu/Community-Services/Health-and-Human-Services/Southwest-Prevention-Center>

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Department Name: American Indian Institute (Aii)

Department Director: Nina Barbee, Ph.D. nbarbee@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: The American Indian Institute's vision is to be the premiere international leader positively impacting the education, health, and cultural well-being of Indigenous peoples, uniquely positioned as a connection hub to collaborate with individuals, groups, and communities seeking powerful solutions to contemporary issues.

Service Area: (Aii) as part of University Outreach/CCE, has numerous collaborations and partnerships locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Funding Sources: Aii is strategically working toward the institute's rebirth through a Theory of Change process, including conducting needs assessments. Funding sources include fee-for-service activity and contract work.

Key partner(s) outside the university: Aii has community partners locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. The institute works with tribal leaders and members, public officials, policymakers, educators, and professionals who share a passion for Indigenous ways of knowing and being while providing resources needed for these communities and beyond to thrive. Collaborations and partnerships include but are not limited to the Oklahoma Complete Health, Inc. ("OCH") a domestic Oklahoma corporation established for the purpose of serving as a Medicaid Managed Care Organization ("MCO"). The Tribal Kinship Navigator partnership is supported by OU Outreach through the American Indian Institute. Aii provides conferences, training, strategic planning services, and expert technical assistance to American Indian, Alaska Native, and Canadian First Nation tribes and bands.

Recognizing that American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) children and youth are 2 to 3 times as likely to be removed from their homes as white children, while 15-20% of AI/AN children enter foster care due to parental alcohol abuse, the parties intend to partner on a Tribal Kinship Navigator Program. The Tribal Kinship Navigator Program will provide direct support to tribal kinship caregivers with the goal of keeping tribal children with their families and connected to their culture.

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments: Aii has collaborations and partnerships within the university, i.e., the Department of Anthropology and Native American Studies. These partnerships strengthen the research and work we do to a broader audience with impactful outcomes. For example, OU's Native Studies department, Dr. Farina King, in partnership with Aii, and national universities and departments recently received funding for research about Oklahoma boarding schools to add value to the National Archives for American Indians.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department

Dr. Bonnie Pitblado, department of Anthropology – Theory of Change work.

Dr. Farina King, Native American Studies – grant work.

Department website: aai.ou.edu or

<https://outreach.ou.edu/Community-Services/Health-and-Human-Services/American-Indian-Institute>

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Department Name: Continuing Education

Department Director: Nina Barbee, Ph.D. nbarbee@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: The University of Oklahoma Outreach/College of Continuing Education (CCE) is a lifelong learning organization dedicated to helping individuals, businesses, groups, and communities transform themselves through knowledge.

Service Area: The University of Oklahoma Outreach has numerous collaborations and partnerships locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

Funding Sources: Continuing Education programs have diverse revenue streams at the local, regional, national, and international levels. Specifically, CCE is funded through contracts and fee-for-service activities, including non-credit- certificate programs, conferences, contracts, professional development webinars, workshops, and technical assistance and training for communities of lifelong learners worldwide.

Other Information: Outreach houses the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame (IACEHOF). Founded in 1996, the HOF recognizes scholars, practitioners, and policymakers in the field of Adult and Continuing Education for outstanding contributions to the field. Each year, the HOF inducts a new class of HOF members. Distinguished members are among the top administrators, educators, and leaders worldwide.

Key partner(s) outside the university: CCE has numerous collaborations, coalitions, and partnerships with a diverse array of services provided. These include programming focused on current and future career and workforce needs. These noncredit offerings, certificate programs, and community engagement. Key partners include Fullstack Academy, which offers certified technical skills in areas such as data analytics, program management, web development, and other high-demand skill sets for learners to reskill or upskill their talent stacks. CCE offers programming with partners MindEdge, Inc. and ZSchool to offer a plethora of certificate noncredit programs (bundles) in high demand per market research and environmental scanning. These course bundles offer CEUs and are certified by the University of Oklahoma Outreach/CCE. Learners can choose from a dense catalog of offerings delivered online.

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments: Outreach/CCE has several ongoing partnerships within The University of Oklahoma. CCE works closely with faculty members and leaders across the campus, including the Anthropology, Chemistry, Math, Native American Studies, and The School of Social Work departments.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department

Dr. Bonnie Pitblado, department of Anthropology – Theory of Change work.

Dr. Farina King, Native American Studies – grant work.

Department website: <https://outreach.ou.edu/>

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Department Name: Medieval Fair Department

Department Coordinator: Ann Marie Eckart ameckart@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: To ignite the spark of curiosity that leads to lifelong learning through educational entertainment. Primary events are the Medieval Fair of Norman, the Medieval Fair Ball, the Medieval Fair Cast Training Program, and the Medieval Fair Free Lecture Series.

Service Area: Primarily the Southwest Region of the United States

Funding Sources: Fee for service (vendors pay to participate in the Medieval Fair of Norman)
Grants (Norman Arts Council Hotel Tax Grant)

Key partner(s) within and outside the university:

___ Norman Arts Council Roundtable

___ OU Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

___ Society for Creative Anachronism

___ Arthurian Order of Avalon

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments:

___ The Medieval Fair of Norman

___ The Medieval Fair Free Lecture Series

___ The Medieval Fair Ball

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department:

The Medieval Fair Department collaborates with the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies to produce the Medieval Fair Free Lecture Series of five to seven lectures during the academic year. These are presented at public libraries, which provide access for everyone in the community.

Department website: <https://medievalfair.org/>

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Department Name: CCE Training and Research Center

Department Director: Jeffrey Boles chronos@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: To provide logistical and operational support through recharge center rates for contract activity for other OUTREACH operations. This includes specialized and generalized IT Support, facilities, equipment, furniture, and financial management. Our unit is fully cost-reimbursable.

Service Area: Supporting statewide contracts.

Funding Sources: We use a recharge center rate structure working with departments that have grants and contracts.

Key partner(s) within and outside the university: Center for Public Management, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, OUIT, Office of Management, and Enterprise Services

Three signature programs or recent accomplishments

Enabled through equipment and logistical support, 80 staff across the state were hired through specialized offsite training and an onramp process.

1. Implemented a new service tracking system, partnering with OUIT to leverage the TDX (TeamDynamix) environment.
2. We support over 1000 users across OU and the Department of Human Services and over 1400 computer systems.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department

We are very intertwined in support with the Center for Public Management and the National Resource Center for Youth Services, both OUTREACH departments. We work closely with OUIT on IT issues and our customers' needs.

Department website: <https://outreach.ou.edu/Community-Services/Health-and-Human-Services/Center-for-Public-Management>

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Department Name: The National Center for Disability Education and Training

Department Director: Annie Baghdayan, PhD, BCBA-D, LBA abaghda1@ou.edu

]Department Mission/Purpose: Through innovative training, direct services, and cutting-edge research, NCDET advances independent living, employment, and career opportunities for people with disabilities while improving their lives and the communities in which they live.

Service Area: We serve the entire state of Oklahoma, and due to partnership and collaboration, we have additional regional service areas. We work closely with the Central Oklahoma Workforce Innovation Board.

Funding Sources: Fee for Service, Federal Grant, and State Contracts

Key partner(s) within and outside the university:

Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

Social Security Administration

Oklahoma Department of Health Services (Developmental Disabilities Council of Oklahoma)

Signature programs or recent accomplishments:

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) is a coordinated set of work-based learning activities offered during or after school or experiences outside the traditional school setting for a student with a disability who is eligible or potentially eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR).

Project SEARCH is a non-paid internship program for high school seniors and students with disabilities that provides training and education that leads to competitive employment. **Inclusive Employment Initiative:** The project's objectives and purpose are to provide policymakers and employers with evidence-based options for inclusive employment and workforce development.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or departments.

NCDET partners with the School of Social Work to provide Social Work Graduate practicum students with a field experience opportunity. NCDET offers 1 or 2 paid practicum positions for social work graduate students.

Department website <https://outreach.ou.edu/Training-and-Development/ncdet>

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Department Name: National Resource Center for Youth Services

Department Director: Kristi Charles klcharles@ou.edu

Department Mission/Purpose: To enhance the quality of life of our nation's youth and families by improving the effectiveness of human services. Purpose: To provide continuing education and training, capacity-building technical assistance, and resources for professionals and organizations working with children, youth, and families.

Service Area: The National Resource Center for Youth Services provides training and technical assistance to customers across Oklahoma, nationally and internationally.

Funding Sources: The National Resource Center for Youth Services is funded through a combination of state and national contracts, fee-for-service activities, and contracts with organizations across the country.

Key partner(s) within and outside the university: NRCYS key partnerships include the federally funded ICF Capacity Building Center for States and the Center for the Study of Social Policy, a national organization focused on supporting children and families to have what they need to thrive. NRCYS also partners with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Child Welfare and Developmental Disabilities Services Division to support the provision of quality services to children, youth, and families. NRCYS also partners with the OU School of Social Work related to child welfare training and the Science of Hope.

Signature programs or recent accomplishments: NRCYS partners with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services to deliver training to foster, kinship, and adoptive. NRCYS offers Certificates of Achievement for professionals working with youth and families: Managing Aggressive Behavior Trainer Certification, Residential Child and Youth Care Professional Trainer Certification, and Residential Children and Youth Care Professional Certificate.

Partnerships with an OU-Norman faculty member or department: For six years, NRCYS has partnered with Dr. Chan Hellman and Dr. Angela Pharris of the OU School Of Social Work and Hope Research Center on a Hope-Centered Framework for Transitional Age Youth in Foster Care Project for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

Department website: www.nrcys.ou.edu

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- ❖ **Department Name:** Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies (SWCHRS)
- ❖ **Department Director:** Anthony P. Natale, PhD, MSW anatale@ou.edu

- ❖ **Department Mission/Purpose:** SWCHRS organizes learning communities to study issues of human conflict and learn effective strategies for resolution. SWCHRS promotes equity, social justice, and understanding among diverse populations through education, research, and collaboration.

- ❖ **Service Area:** SWCHRS actively organizes learning communities across various levels, spanning local, regional, national, and international contexts.

- ❖ **Funding Sources:** SWCHRS receives funding from fee-for-service programs and contracts.

- ❖ **Key Partners:**
 - **Peace Corps:** Collaborating with SWCHRS to raise awareness about volunteer opportunities worldwide, emphasizing social justice and community development.
 - **Fulbright Scholars:** Partnering with SWCHRS to promote international educational exchange, encouraging teaching, research, and graduate studies abroad.
 - **NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association):** Working closely with SWCHRS to enhance social justice in college sports and education, advocating for fair play, student-athlete well-being, and educational opportunities.
 - **Diverse Issues in Higher Education:** Addressing social justice and diversity in academia at SWCHRS conferences, ensuring critical topics are discussed.
 - **Chronicle of Higher Education:** Providing trusted news and insights about colleges and universities, contributing to informed discussions.
 - **National Science Foundation (NSF):** Present to and engage with NCORE attendees, emphasize diversity in STEM fields, and encourage participation in NSF-funded programs.

- ❖ **Signature Programs/Accomplishments:**
 - **NCORE (National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education):**
 - NCORE serves as the leading national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in higher education. It brings educators, practitioners, and scholars together to discuss critical topics, share promising practices, and present scholarly findings. NCORE 2024 is May 28- June 1 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
 - **NCORE Connections:**
 - NCORE Connections is an on-demand webinar series that complements the annual conference. It features sessions led by scholars, practitioners, and change-makers, covering a wide range of topics related to race and ethnicity in higher education. NCORE Connections 2024 is November 4,5,6, virtually and on-demand.
 - **NCORE Webinars:**
 - The NCORE Webinar Series provides virtual learning opportunities to improve racial and ethnic relations on college campuses. Webinars cover various aspects of inclusion in higher education. The NCORE webinar schedule is found here: [NCORE Webinars](https://ncore.ou.edu/Upcoming-Events/Webinars) or <https://ncore.ou.edu/Upcoming-Events/Webinars>

❖ **Partnerships with OU-Norman Faculty/Department:**

SWCHRS offers valuable professional development pathways for *every academic unit and faculty member at the University of Oklahoma*, each with distinctive features. These pathways include an annual in-person conference hosted by NCORE, virtual conferences through NCORE Connections, and expert-led webinars through the NCORE Webinar Series. These opportunities focus on critical issues related to race, ethnicity, and other human differences in American higher education. Additionally, NCORE and its journal, JCSCORE (Journal Committed to Social Change on Race and Ethnicity), provide ideal venues for disseminating academic research in these content areas. Faculty members benefit from networking, staying informed about best practices, and engaging with thought leaders. JCSCORE is published through the University of Oklahoma Libraries.

❖ **Department Website:** [SWCHRS](#) or <https://outreach.ou.edu/Educational-Services/Social-Justice/Southwest-Center-for-Human-Relations-Studies>