

# OKLAHOMA SYSTEMS OF CARE

## We Believe in 5 Core Values:

## What that means for your family:

- Family Driven** → Your family has a primary decision-making role in the care of your own children as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in your community, state, tribe, territory, and nation.
- Youth Guided** → Youth are engaged as equal partners in creating systems change in policies and procedures at the individual, community, state and national levels.
- Community Based** → We will try as hard as possible to help your family access resources located in your community since that's where your connections are.
- Culturally & Linguistically Welcoming** → Services and supports will be tailored to the unique culture of your child and family. Family culture refers to family race and ethnicity as well as family habits, preferences, beliefs, language, rituals, and dress, based on "one family at a time". The culturally competent wraparound staff finds out the unique family cultural aspects of your family, and ensures that this principle is embedded in the wraparound plan.
- Trauma Informed Care** → A trauma informed child and family service system is one in which all parties involved recognize and respond to the impact of traumatic stress on those who have contact with the system including children, caregivers, and service providers. Programs and agencies within such a system infuse and sustain trauma awareness, knowledge, and skills into their organizational cultures, practices, and policies. They act in collaboration with those who are involved with the child, using the best available science, to facilitate and support the recovery and resilience of the child and family.

### What is trauma?

Experiences are considered traumatic when they threaten the life or well-being of the child or of someone critically important to the child (such as a parent, grandparent, or sibling). These include events such as witnessing or being the victim of violence, serious injury, or physical or sexual abuse. Unexpected separations from the family (such as entering foster care) can also be traumatic for children.