



**A WAY HOME
for Tulsa**

COORDINATED BY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

April 8th, 2025 | 1:30-3:00 PM | Boston Ave. Church

Agenda

- **Meeting Introduction**
 - Welcome & Call to Order, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
 - Roll Call, Amy Olsen
- **Discussion/Approval of:**
 - March Minutes
 - Partner Agency Application

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Meeting Minutes



Review **March** meeting minutes



Discuss questions, comments, revisions



Vote to approve



Partner Agency Applications

Healthy Minds Policy Initiative

Mission

We help policymakers and community leaders advance data-driven strategies to overcome our state's substance use challenges and meet the mental health needs of all Oklahomans.

Reason for Joining AWH4T

We facilitate mental health crisis system coordination in Tulsa, and lead work to address gaps in the mental health continuum of care in Tulsa including intersects with homelessness.

Lead Agency Updates



- **Data & Analytics Report, Olivia Denton Koopman**
- **Legislative/Policy Report, Mark Smith**





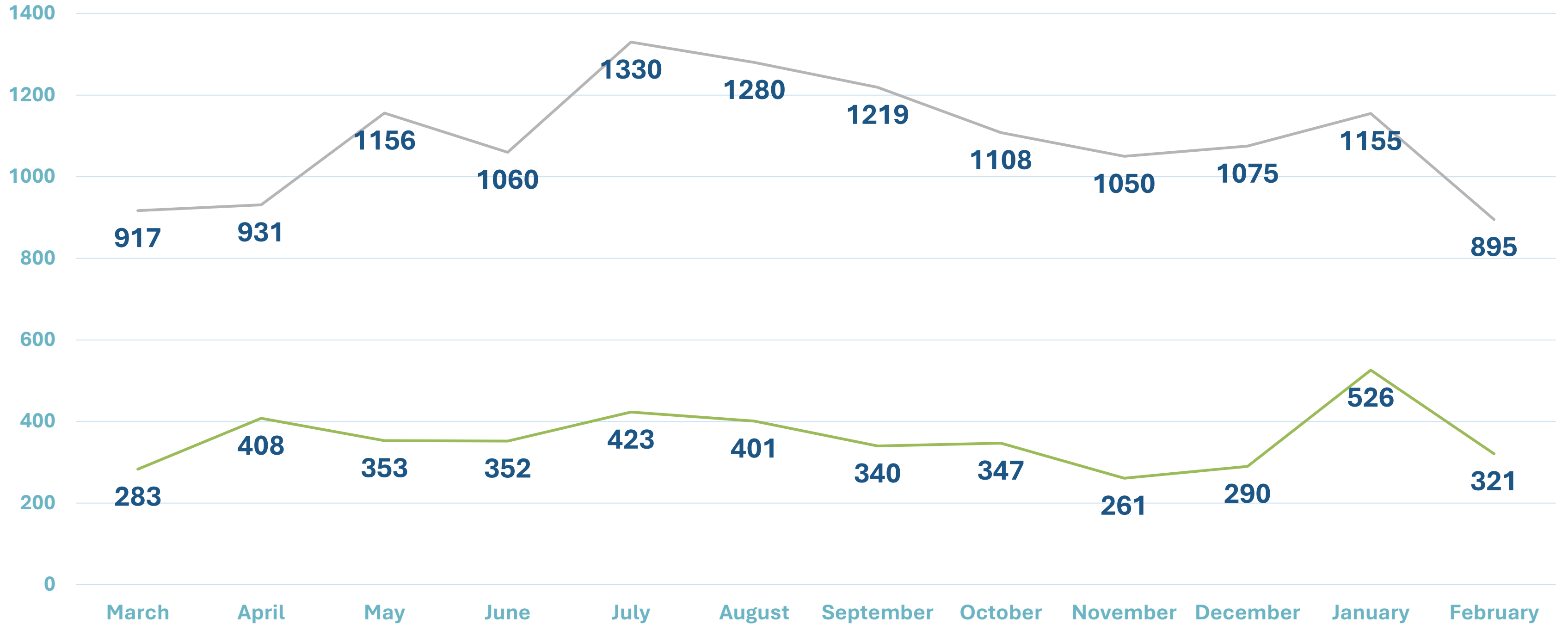
Data Dashboards & Reports

Presented by:

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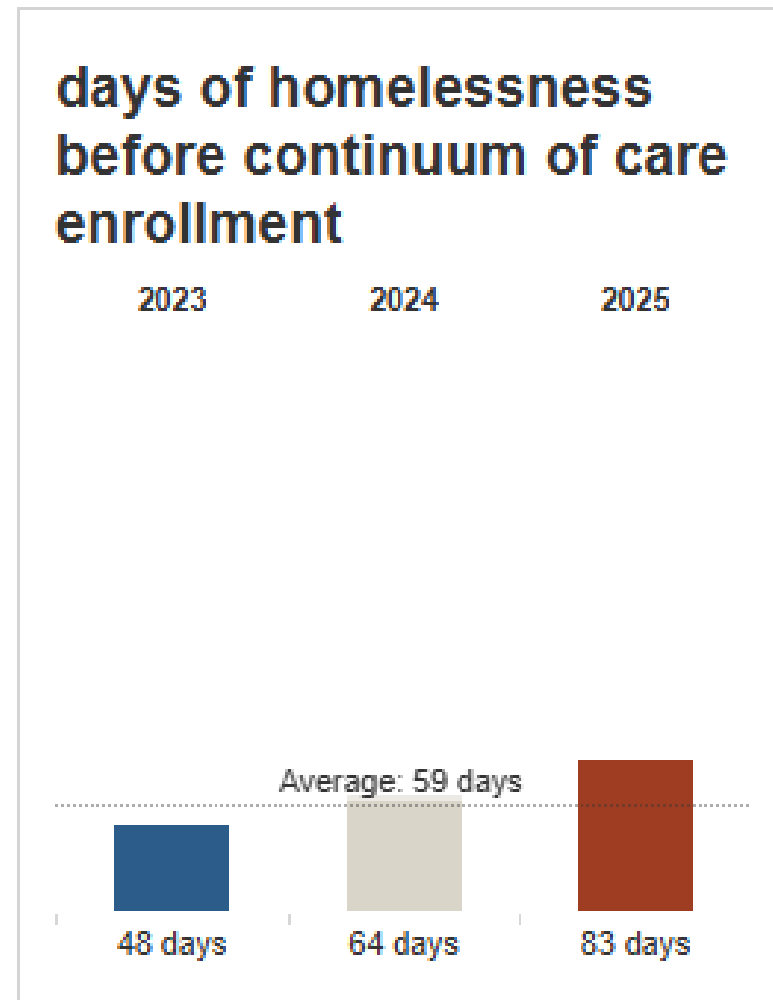


Evictions & First Time Homelessness

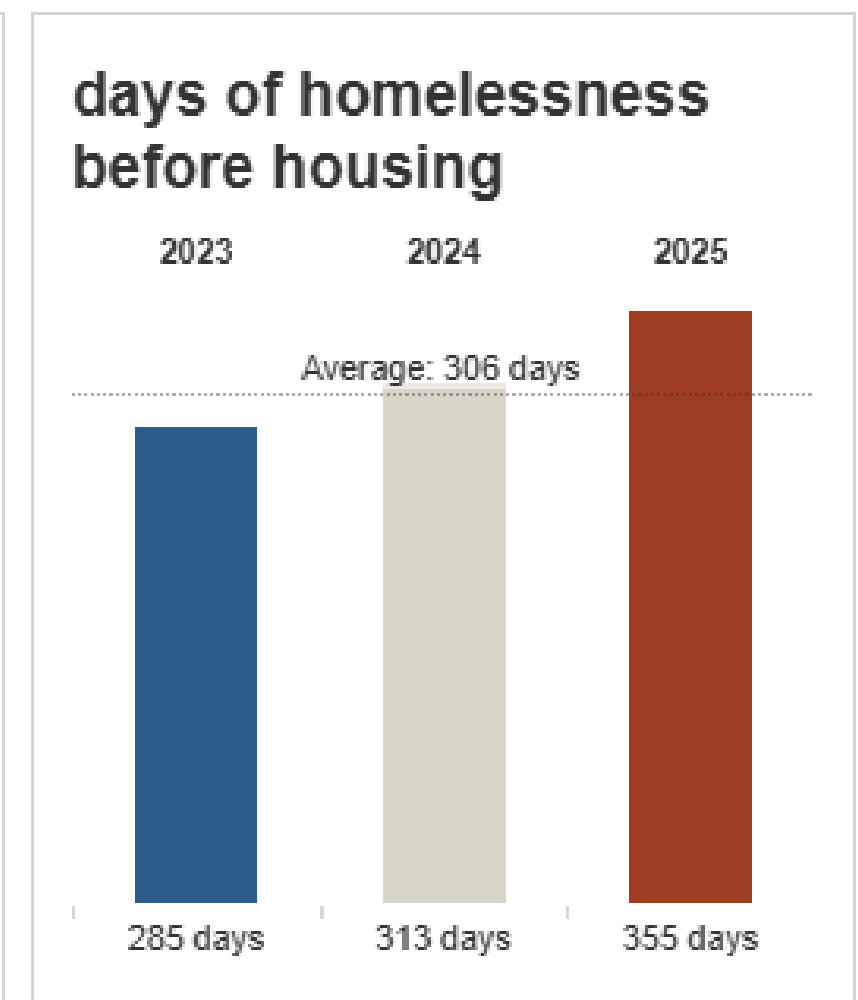
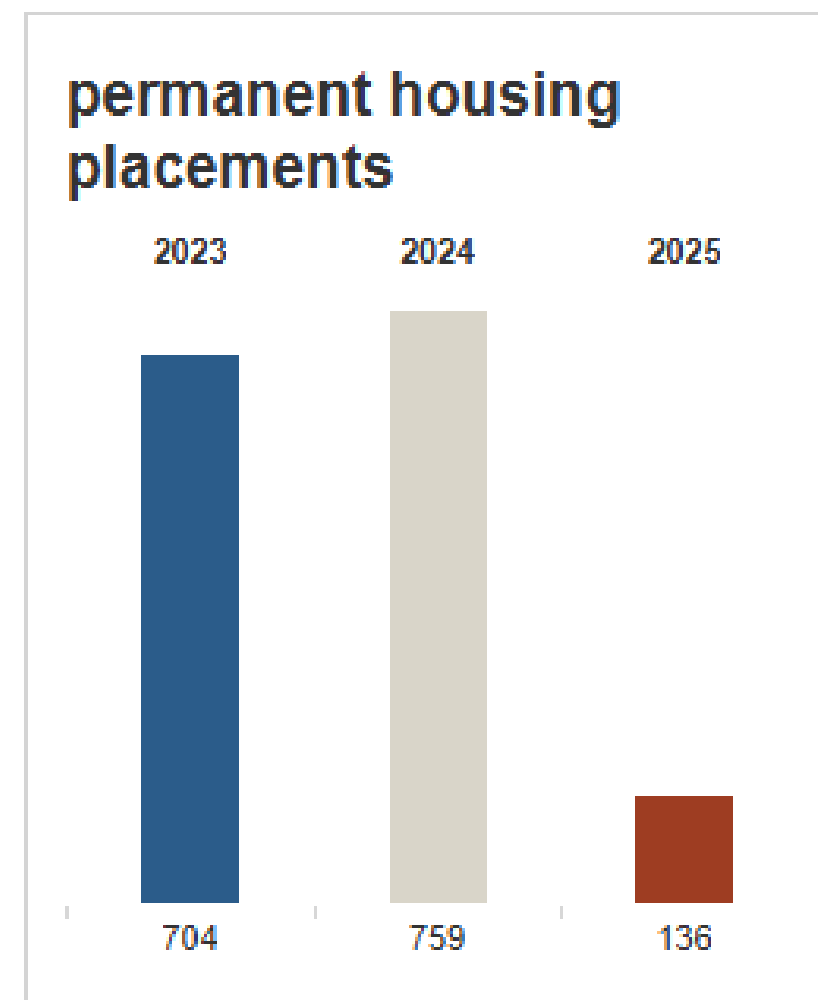


Paths to Housing

New Experiences of Homelessness



Housing Placements through January 2025



Housing Need

People assessed for housing assistance pending referral	3,012
Individuals pending short term assistance	1,744
Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness	1,268
Individuals in families	203
Youth & Young Adults aged 16 - 24	339
US Military Veterans	141

Walk-In Emergency Shelter Utilization

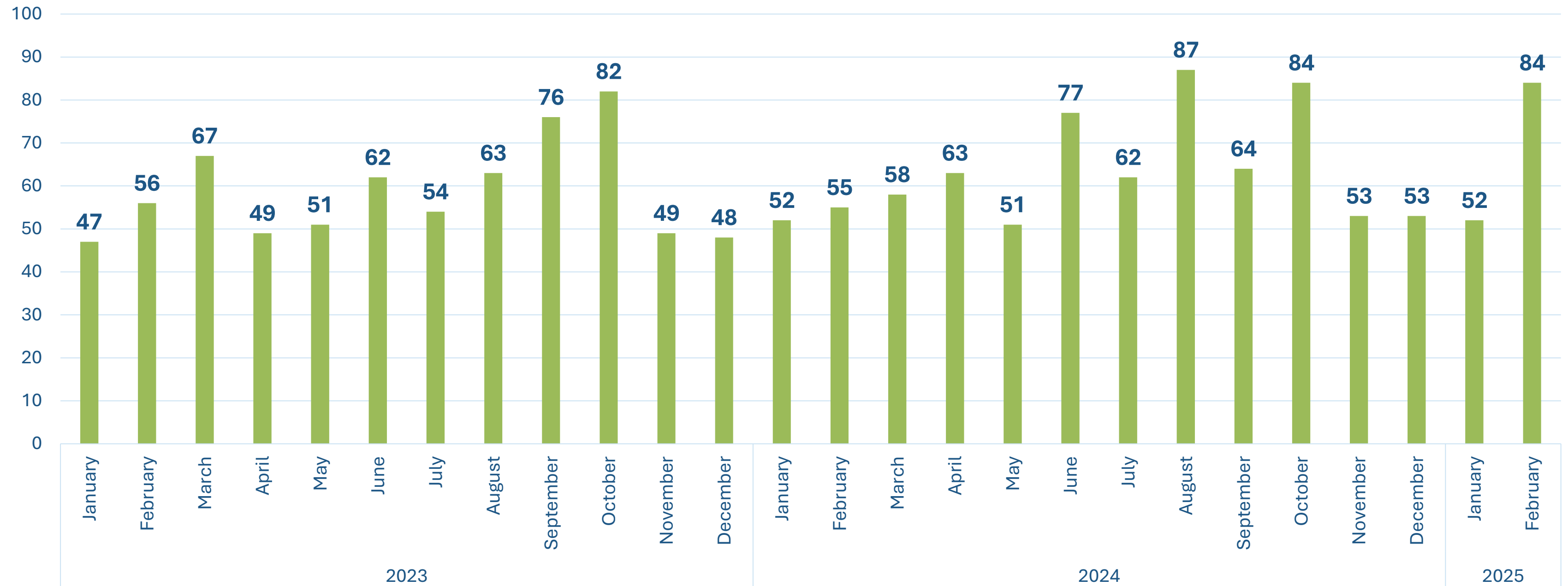
Shelter	Details	Individuals Served	General Capacity	Utilization
Salvation Army Center of Hope	Serves Families	292	251	116%
John 3:16 Shelter	Men Only	266	185	144%
Tulsa Day Center Shelter	Adults Only	130	85	153%
Youth Services of Tulsa	12-17 Only	10	20	50%
TOTALS		698	541	129%

Housing Vacancies

Project Type	Vacancies Pending Referrals	Active Referrals	Individuals Present	Capacity	Utilization
Safe Haven	0	0	8	8	100%
Transitional Housing	32	10	86	115	83%
Permanent Supportive Housing	13	13	607	633	98%

Housing Placements

AWH4T CoC Projects, 2023-Present



Policy Report

- **State bills/policies**
- **Federal bills/policies**

Contacting Your Lawmakers

- Find your district/representatives here: [OK Voter Portal](#)
- Contact information:
 - [State Senators](#) / [State Reps](#)
 - US Senators: [Mullin](#) + [Lankford](#)
 - [US Representatives](#)
- Keep it brief, relevant, and note how it will affect *you* and *the people you serve*
- Calling is always better, but email is fine too! (Check out 5 Calls)



Update from the City of Tulsa

Presented by:

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Project Spotlight

ConnectFirst

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BIRTH THROUGH EIGHT
STRATEGY FOR TULSA

thriving kids, vibrant community



Our Vision

BEST envisions a day where all of Tulsa's children living in poverty have access to the opportunities and resources they need and deserve.



Our Mission

BEST works shoulder-to-shoulder with parents, caregivers, and community leaders to enable access to programs and services that nurture strong brain development and adult-child experiences, putting children on a path toward lifelong success.



Our Commitment

BEST is committed to supporting vulnerable Tulsans who experience challenges through continuous learning, shared leadership, intentional resource allocation and maintaining community to increase successful life outcomes for young children and families.



AMPLIFY
YOUTH HEALTH
COLLECTIVE



BIRTH THROUGH EIGHT STRATEGY FOR TULSA'S FOUR MAIN GOALS ARE TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN:

1

Born
healthy

2

On a positive
developmental
trajectory by age 3

3

Ready for
kindergarten

4

Achieving success
by third grade

ENABLING CONDITIONS: BEST Partners supporting enabling conditions provide services and programs that allow children across the continuum to thrive. Examples: Workforce training and development, Economic mobility supports, Immigration navigation supports, etc.



ConnectFirst

Resources for healthy, happy & smart children



What is ConnectFirst?

- ConnectFirst serves as the navigation function for BEST
- Designed to create a more seamless and streamlined set of supports to meet an individual family's needs
- Maternal Child Health focus
- Services provided
 - Support/Referrals
 - Parenting Resources



THD Family Advocates

- Provide ongoing personalized support during pregnancy and throughout a child's early years
- Help with any immediate needs by connecting pregnant individuals and mothers to services and resources



Referral to THD Family Advocates

Eligibility:

- Pregnant or parenting a child(ren) birth through school entry
- Enrolled in Medicaid or Medicaid-eligible
- Reside in Tulsa County

How to make a referral:

- **Unite Us**
 - Tulsa Health Department Family Advocates (ConnectFirst)
- **ConnectFirst website** (www.connectfirsttulsa.org)
 - Complete the contact form

THD Family Liaisons

- Embedded in community organizations with variety of services available
- In person supports to assist with immediate needs



North Tulsa TPS Parent Resource Center
525 E 46th St N
Tulsa, OK 74126



South Tulsa Community House
5780 S Peoria Ave
Tulsa, OK 74105

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Public Comment Process, Beth Edwards-Svetlic
 - Public Comments
 - Adjourn
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Public Comment



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New Process

- Commenters may submit comments via this form
- Comments should be submitted by 5pm the Monday before LC meeting
- All comments must pertain to the agenda or provide information on a community resource relevant to AWH4T providers
- Effective next month

Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, May 13th, 1:30pm
- Boston Avenue United Methodist

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