



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

February 10, 2026 | 1:30-3:00 PM | Legacy Plaza East

Agenda

- **Meeting Introduction**
 - Welcome & Call to Order
 - 2026-2027 Vice Chair Welcome
 - Roll Call
- **Discussion & Approval of:**
 - January 2025 Minutes
 - New Member Applications
 - Letter of Support

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Officer Election



**Welcome to Emily Hall,
2026-2027 Vice Chair!**



Roll Call

- Ginny Hensley, Tulsa Housing Authority
- **Emily Hall, Vice Chair**, City of Tulsa
- Mark Vancuren, Tulsa County
- **Noe Rodriguez, Chair**, Provider: Tulsa Day Center
- **Claudia Brierre, Treasurer**, INCOG
- Shay Stanfill, Cherokee Nation
- Sarah Grounds, Provider: City Lights
- Beth Edwards-Svetlic, Provider, Youth Services of Tulsa
- Shay Wilson, Participant Advisory Group
- Alexander Smith, Youth Action Board
- Lauren Sherry, Business: QuikTrip
- Michael DuPont, Funder: Schusterman Family Philanthropies
- Annie Mitchell, At-Large: Tulsa Area United Way
- Zack Stoycoff, At-Large: Health Minds Policy Initiative
- **Stephanie Horten, Secretary**, At-Large: JusticeLink
- Maj. Wes Phelps, At-Large: Tulsa Police Department

Meeting Minutes



Review **January** minutes



Discuss questions, comments, revisions



Vote to approve



Partner Agency Applications

Eastside Rise

Mission

The mission of Eastside Rise is to promote prosperous neighborhoods and economic opportunity in East Tulsa.

Reason for Joining AWH4T

We are invested in the stability of the neighborhoods surrounding the 21st and Garnett area, so we would like to join to become more invested in housing and anti-displacement work. We currently have a homeowner repair program, and we are in the process of launching a rental assistance program, supported by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Participating in AWH4T will help us to understand the housing and supportive services ecosystem more comprehensively, to identify opportunities to improve/increase our housing support, as well as share our perspectives from East Tulsa.

Partner Agency Applications

Community Higher Education Institute

Mission

To provide hands-on, career-focused education that prepares our students for meaningful, in-demand opportunities.

Reason for Joining AWH4T

Community HigherEd has many students who experience homelessness while enrolled in our programming. We would like to better serve them. We would also like to be a resource for those who are looking to learn a skillset to better their economic situation.

Letter of Support

Volunteers of America Oklahoma requests a Letter of Support for submission with their Department of Labor Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program renewal application.

Veterans Employment Services program provides:

- Veteran-to-Veteran Mentoring
- Outreach, Assessment and Intake
- Job Application & Resume Assistance
- Employer Referrals and Job Matching Vocational Training
- Job Retention Services
- Work Tools, Clothing, and Transportation Assistance

Lead Agency Updates

- **CoC Program Competition Update, Amy Olsen**
- **Data Update, Olivia Denton Koopman**
- **CEO Update, Mark Smith**



CoC Program Update

Presented by:

Len Dittmeier, ldittmeier@housingsolutionstulsa.org



CoC Program Competition

Where we stand now...

- **The preliminary injunction still stands.** The Court's final judgment is anticipated at the end of February, after which awards can be finalized.
- **The AWH4T FY25 Priority Listing was submitted to HUD,** per the Leadership Council's vote last month. Black Queer Tulsa also submitted their renewal application, which we anticipate will be renewed, per the NOFO and court order.
- **No recipient agencies have yet heard from HUD regarding their renewals.** If they do, we ask that they let us know as soon as possible.
- **We are planning for an early NOFO this year.** HUD's priorities are clear from the now rescinded NOFOs, so we're examining our processes and materials with those in mind.

Data Update

Presented by:

Olivia Denton Koopman, odentonkoopman@housingstulsa.org



AWH4T Homelessness Prevention

Total Number of People Served: 734 individuals within 328 households, including:

- 308 children
- 56 veterans
- 41 adults age 65+
- Individuals with Disabilities: 31%
- Survivors of Domestic Violence: 28%

Emergency Shelter Utilization

1,678

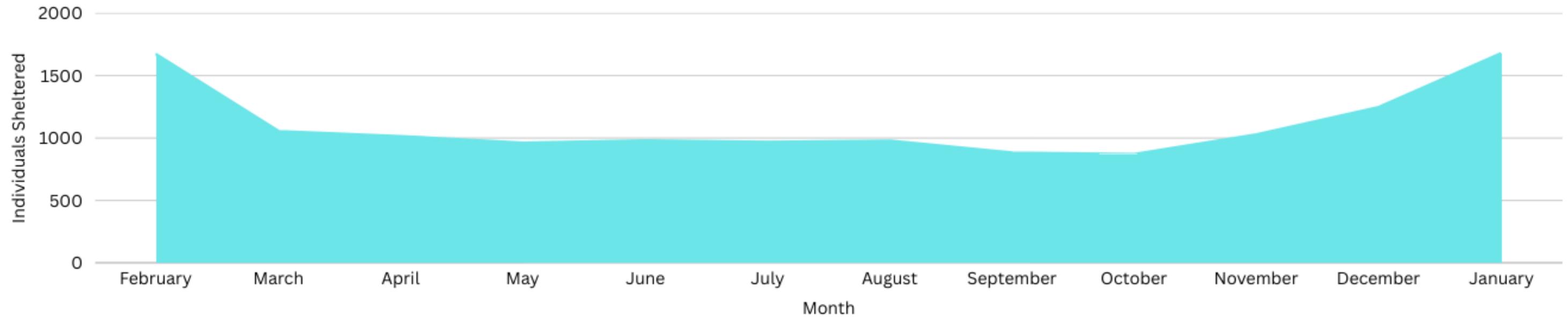
Individuals served in the last month

57 days

Average length of stay

134%

Shelter utilization rate last month



Emergency Shelter Utilization

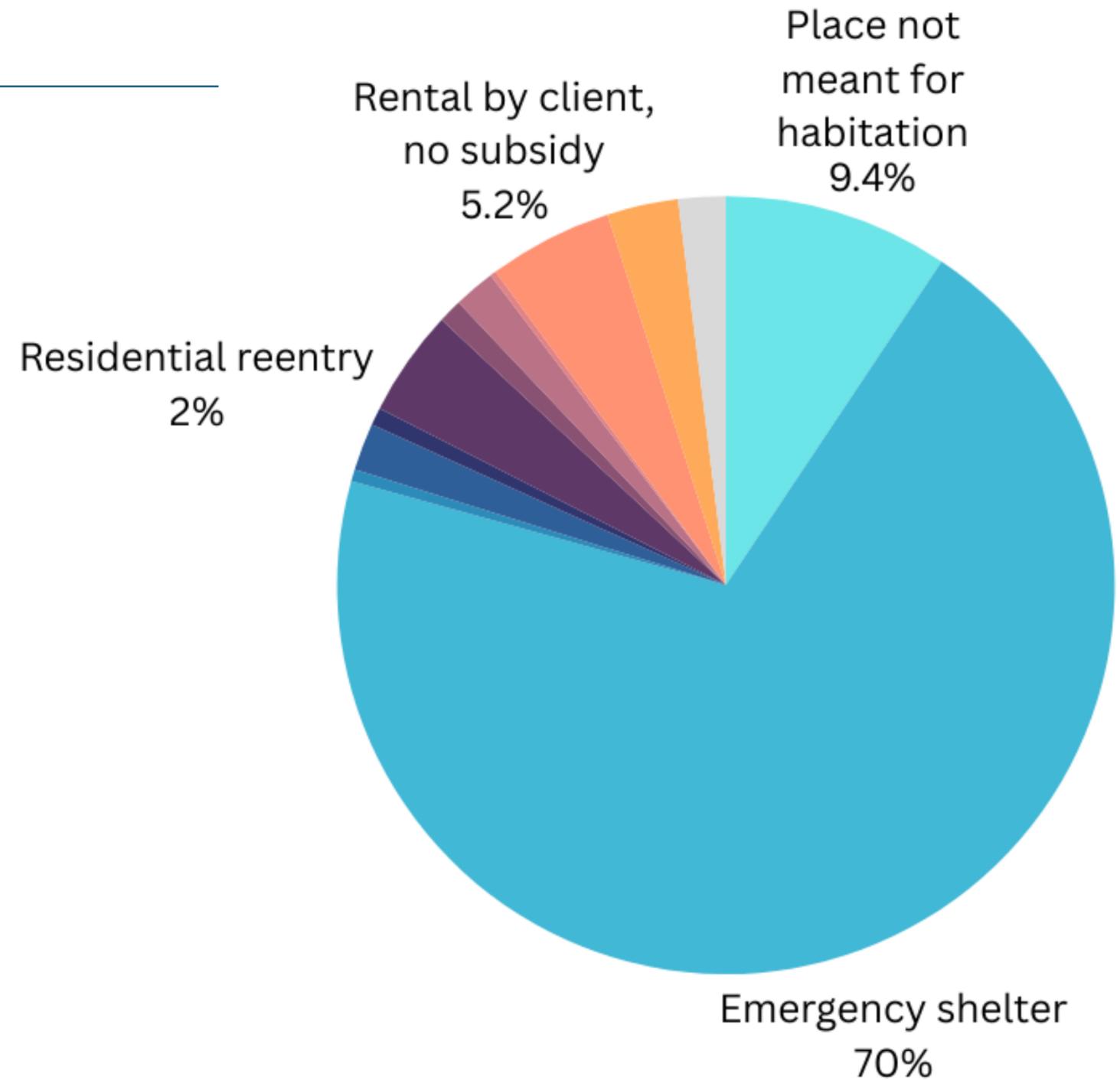
Winter Storm: January 23-29, 2026

Total number of individuals served at *Emergency Shelters	1,343
Sheltered at CREOKS Winter Shelter and Tulsa Dream Center West	554
Children Sheltered	104
Adults 65+ Sheltered	109
Veterans Sheltered	52
Pets Sheltered	60

Exit Destinations

Monthly Snapshot

A Way Home for Tulsa Homelessness Programs



Housing Placements

A Way Home for Tulsa

Goal: 1000 placements by end of year

106%

as of December 31, 2025



CEO Update

Presented by:

Mark Smith, msmith@housingsolutionstulsa.org



Winter Weather Response

Thank you to all the outreach teams, shelter staff, and leadership who made AWH4T's winter weather response possible!



Policy Spotlight – OK Legislative Session

Bills of Concern

- [HB 1764](#) - Prohibits unauthorized camps in county and municipal-owned lands as well as in state lands. Expands the 2024 anti-camping law to include county and city-owned lands in addition to state property.
- [HB 3131](#) - Establishes a statewide continuum of care system to monitor and audit homelessness services in operation throughout the state which receive state funding.
- [HB 3985](#) - Lets some property owners claim compensation from cities or counties when policies or nuisances damage their property.
- [SB 1205](#) - Creates the Safe Neighborhoods Act which establishes a framework for property owners to seek compensation from cities and counties for public nuisance or homelessness meeting particular standards on their property.
- [SB 484](#) - Prohibits a municipality with the population of 300,000 or less from approving any proposed homeless shelter within 3,000 ft of school property
- [SB 740](#) - Amends definitions in mental health statutes. Removes the requirement for such person to pose a substantial risk of severe impairment or injury without intervention and removes a homeless person from the list of exceptions.

Policy Spotlight – Federal Appropriations

Highlights from the THUD Appropriations Bill:

- HUD is required to renew all CoC grants expiring in the first quarter of 2026 for a full twelve months. For projects expiring later in the year, additional renewals will be issued automatically on April 1 and July 1 unless a new NOFO has been released.
- Directs HUD to fund at least 60% of each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand in the FY26 NOFO.
- HUD may award 1-year transition grants to recipients of funds for activities under subtitle C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.) to transition from one continuum of care program component to another.

Missing from the THUD Appropriations Bill:

- Guidance on maintaining funding priority for Permanent Housing programs (i.e. PSH & RRH)
- Restrictions on limiting PH programs as a total percentage of a community's award



City of Tulsa Update

Presented by:

Emily Hall, Senior Advisor for Homelessness, Mayor's Office



Safe Move Tulsa

Housing Placements

Encampment to Housing Goal: 300 placements

23%

as of February 2026

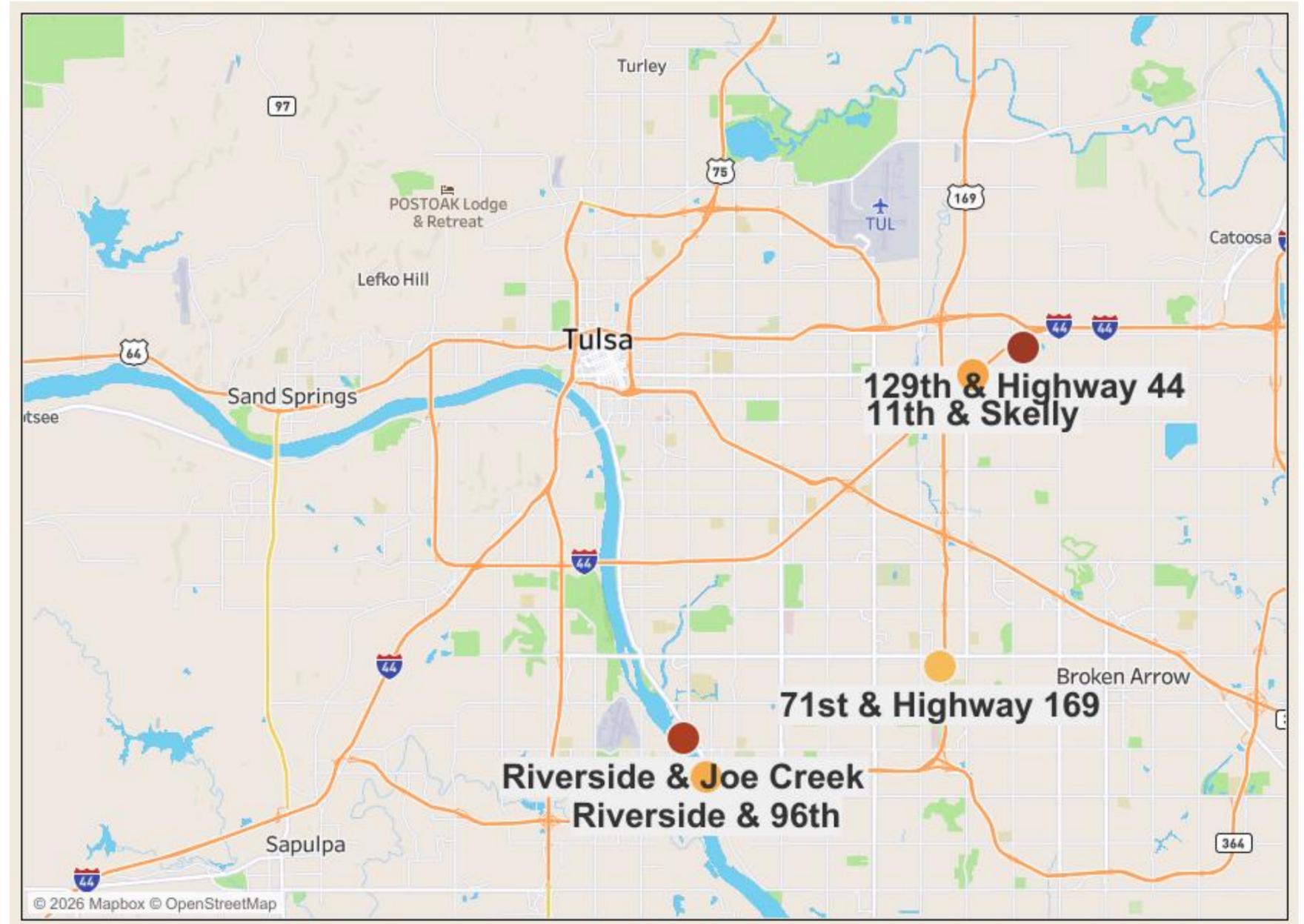
Encampments Closed: **5**



Safe Move Tulsa

5 encampments closed as of February 5, 2025:

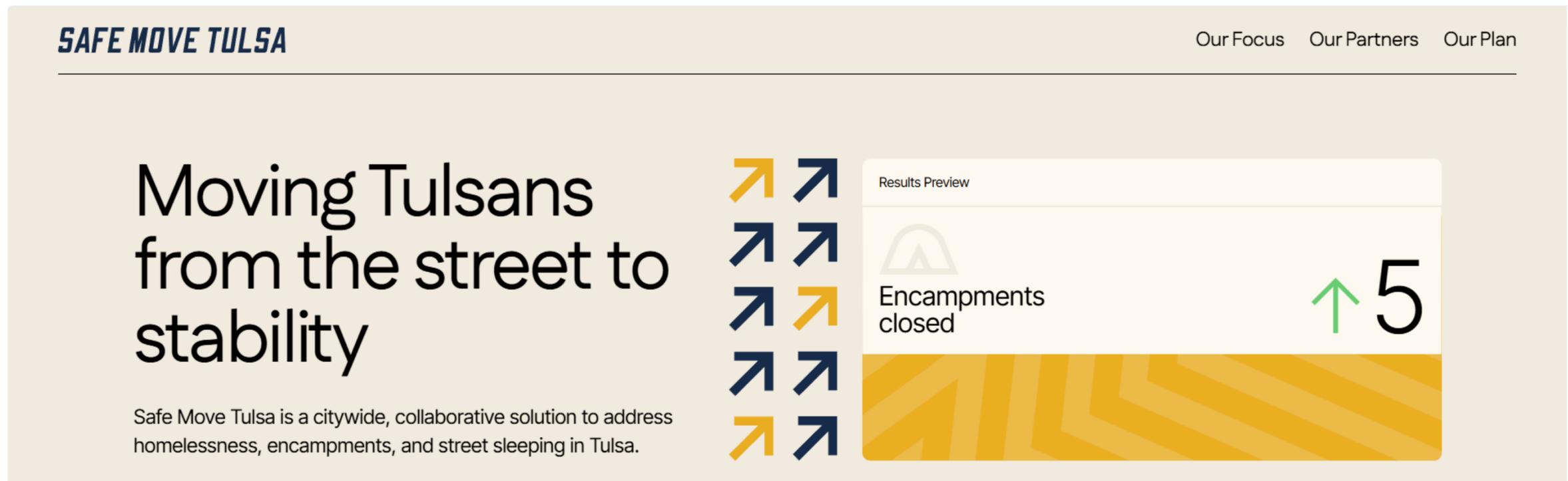
- 129th & Hwy I-44
- 71st & Hwy 169
- Eagle Preserve
- 96th & Riverside
- 11th & Skelly Drive



Safe Move Tulsa

Website Launched!

A public-facing portal for keeping up with Safe Move Tulsa progress.



Check it out!



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Community Higher Education Institute

Presented by:

Dr. Kimberly Sebastian, President of Community HigherEd





TRANSFORMING LIVES | EMPOWERING FUTURES



Mission:

To provide hands-on, career-focused education that prepares our students for meaningful, in-demand opportunities.

Vision:

Transform lives and enrich communities by empowering our students through high-quality, career-focused education.

Collaborative

We achieve more **together**—*sharing ideas, supporting one another, and partnering* with our community to help **students thrive**.

Adaptable

We stay **flexible** and *ready for change*, finding **creative solutions** to meet the ever-evolving needs of our students and industries.

Resilient

We **rise to challenges** with determination, turning *obstacles into opportunities* for **growth and success**.

Empowered

We give *students and staff* the tools, confidence, and encouragement to unlock their **full potential**.

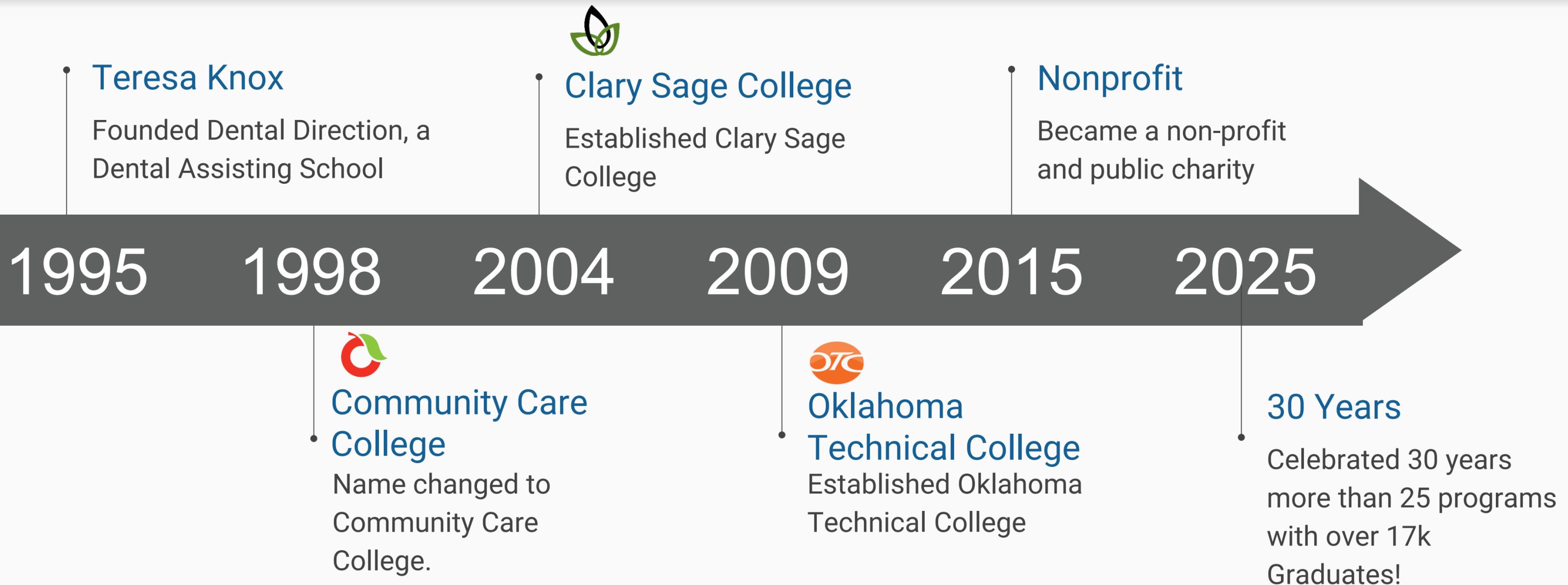
Student-focused

Everything we do centers on **student success**, creating a supportive environment for learning, growth, and **career readiness**.



Our History

Over 30 Years of Transforming Lives and Empowering Futures





COMMUNITY CARE COLLEGE

AOS Accounting

Bookkeeping

AOS Business and
Industry Management

Early Childhood
Education

AOS Health Care
Administration

Dental Assistant

Medical Assistant

AOS Medical Billing and
Coding

Paralegal Studies

AOS Surgical Technology

Veterinary Assistant

AOS - Associates of Occupational Science Degree



Barber

Interior Design

Cosmetology

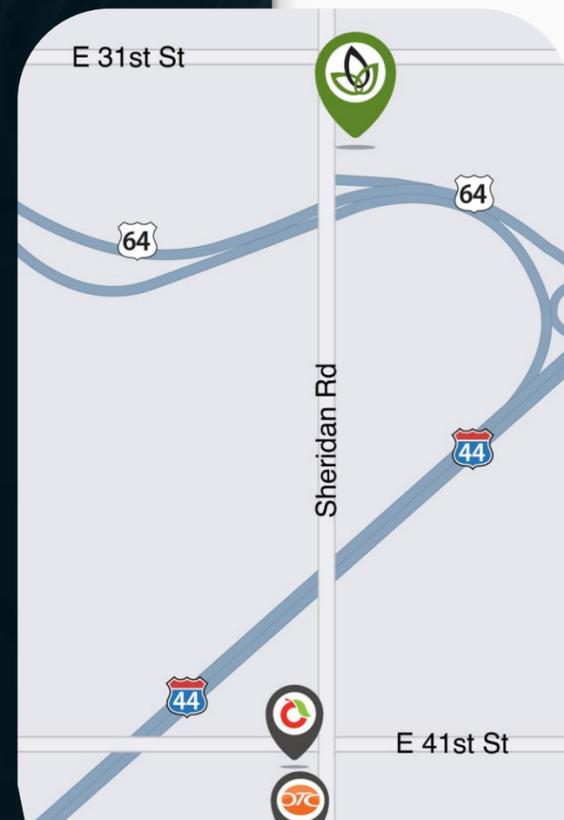
Massage Therapy

Esthetician

Master Instructor

Fashion Design

Nail Technician





**OKLAHOMA
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE**

Automotive Technology

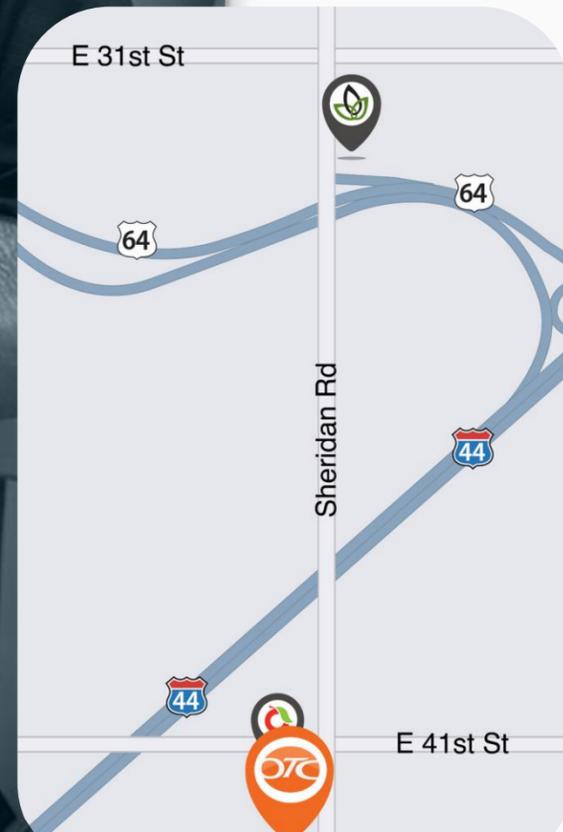
Diesel Technology

Electrical Technology

HVAC/R

Plumbing

Welding



Demographics

**Students Self-Report Demographics 7/1/2020-5/31/2025*



22%

of students report being on SNAP benefits

38%

of students report living at or below the poverty line

68%

of students 27 years old or older

29

the average age of a student

17,000 + Graduates

55%

of students is their first time attending college

1st

Most students are first generation college students

65%

of students work and attend school

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In 2025, we internally funded \$865,452 in scholarships

Overcoming Hidden Barriers

*Services that support students beyond
the classroom*

- **Food Pantries**
- **Bus Passes**
- **Career Counseling**
- **On-Campus Mental Health Services**

Testimonials

Here's what our students are saying...

Thanks to Community Care College I am now a professional in medical billing & medical coding. Community Care College taught me how to be a professional after 25 years of not being in the working community through their professionalism & standard of being a Community Care College student & now a graduate.

Angela Hice
Medical Billing and Coding

Great experience!
Learned lots of helpful skills to use in the industry. Made great friends along the way.

Morgan Crossland
Nail Technician

I have learned so much in my time at OTC. The teachers are welcoming and supportive. I could not have done it without my instructors encouragement.

EmmaSu Crafford
Automotive Technology



The Future

Meeting Wrap-Up

- Training Opportunities
- Public Comments
- Adjourn



Training Opportunities

Introduction to the CoC & CES

Introductory training to the Continuum of Care and Coordinated Entry System offered to new and long-term partners alike.

- February 17, 10am-11:30pm
- March 3, 9-10:30 am

HMIS Basics & Skill-Building

Introduction to HMIS:

- February 19, 2-3:30 pm
- March 5, 2-3:30 pm

HMIS Data Entry Skill-Building:

- February 24, 9-10am
- March 10, 9-10am

To register for a training or schedule a 1:1/Small Group training, reach out to Olivia Denton Koopman (odentonkoopman@housingstulsa.org) or Emily Hambrick (ehambrick@housingstulsa.org).

Training Opportunities

Family & Natural Supports

- **When:** March 30th & 31st from 14th from 9am-4pm
- **Where:** Youth Services of Tulsa | 311 S. Madison Ave.
- **Presenter:** Heidi Walter, A Way Home Canada
- Quick pre-training call February 24th @ 9am

Although FNS has historically focused on youth and young adults, Heidi and her team have recently re-worked their curriculum to expand the scope, ensuring that attendees can support individuals of all ages to address family conflict and strengthen relationships.



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Public Comment



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Adjourn

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, February 10th at 1:30pm
- Legacy Plaza East (5330 E. 31st Street)

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