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The Oklahoma Family Support Network is an evolving statewide Network coordinated by the Family Support and Prevention Service division of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. The Network is made up of five Family Resource Centers located throughout the state, as well as partner agencies that serve children and families in a number of capacities. Together, the Network and its members seek to strengthen families and promote their well-being, self-sufficiency, and positive parenting through partnership and support.

At a Glance

- Network Structure: Public Funder-Coordinated
- Types of Members:
 - o Community-Based FRCs: 5

Network Functions

- Connecting Members
- Training/Technical Assistance
- Systems Change/Policy or Advocacy
- Shared Data Management System

Member Service Areas

YEAR FOUNDED

2018

NETWORK MEMBERS

5

- Parenting Support
- Access to Resources
- Child Development Activities
- Health/Wellness Activities
- Intentional Multiple Family Member Engagement Activities



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Highlights

- A significant achievement is the establishment of funding for Family Resource Centers (FRCs).
 The FRCs are the first of their kind in the state to be funded through the Oklahoma State
 Department of Health. Each of the FRCs will be family and community-centered, with goals established to focus on family and community resilience and families' ability to navigate systems.
- The Network has become an active leader in partnering with other state agencies in the planning of hope-centered resource centers and through participating in many state advisory meetings and planning groups. This work has helped to re-imagine what services for children and families in Oklahoma could look like. What started with bringing public and private allies together then led to bringing in parents and caregivers to elevate the voices of the families and communities into planning, and ultimately, decision-making.
- Through its work with parent advisory-focused development, the Network has become core to supporting the state to join forces with families and communities to address issues together, being guided by their lived experiences and voices.



