



Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families & Tulsa Children's Cabinet

Quarterly Update to Tulsa City Council

October 8, 2025

Overview

- Review of alignment with Mayor/Council priorities
- MOCYF Progress to date
 - Children's Cabinet
 - Fiscal Map
 - Housing Stability Work
 - New National Partnerships and Resources
 - Action Alliances
- Next steps
- Questions

Mayor/Council Priorities (2025–26)

- In January, the Mayor and City Council identified four shared priorities:
 - Homelessness
 - Public Safety
 - Economic Development
 - Children, Youth & Families
- MOCYF and the Children's Cabinet are directly working on these priorities.

Alignment of people and resources for student outcomes

- EO established the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families (MOCYF) as well as a Tulsa Children's Cabinet
 - Goal: MOCYF is responsible for implementing a strategic plan to ensure that 15,000 Tulsa children and youth are on a path to economic mobility and thriving by 2030.
- Contract is in place with local nonprofit ImpactTulsa to operate MOCYF
 - The Office will serve as a collaborative hub for improving outcomes for Tulsa's children and families by aligning cross-sector efforts, leveraging data-driven solutions, and mobilizing community resources.
- The Mayor and City Council appropriated \$275K in general funds for MOCYF in FY 26.

MOCYF Vision

A Tulsa where every child and family – no matter their race, background, income, or ZIP code – thrives in safe, healthy neighborhoods, has access to high quality education experiences and career opportunities, and is supported by communities, systems, and institutions that are committed to their flourishing.



MOCYF Progress to date:

- ✓ A fully functioning **Children's Cabinet** with active participation of its members
- ✓ Launch of Tulsa's first **Fiscal Map** as a tool for this work
- ✓ Expansion of **eviction-prevention** work into new Tulsa school districts
- ✓ New **investment** in Tulsa from national partner
- ✓ Two new **national partners supporting** the creation of Action Alliances

Established the Tulsa Children's Cabinet

- Established key civic infrastructure to support improving child and family outcomes.
- 35 executive leaders from public entities, tribal nations, philanthropy, higher education, K-12 systems, and workforce entities and more that impact children and youth.
- 3 regular meetings held May 15, June 26, Aug 7
- 1 special meeting on Sep 29 focused on Tulsa Children's Fiscal Map



Children's Cabinet Members

- Cherokee Nation - Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr. (designees Kim Teehee and Gene Perry)
- City of Tulsa - Department of Parks and Recreation – Anna America
- City of Tulsa - Department of Resilience and Equity - Dion'trae Hayes
- City of Tulsa - Mayor's Office - Deputy Mayor Krystal Reyes
- City of Tulsa - Mayor's Office - Commissioner of Public Safety Laurel Roberts
- City of Tulsa - Mayor's Office of Children Youth and Families – Ashley Philippsen
- Coretz Family Foundation - Jackie DuPont
- Friendship Baptist Church - Pastor Jamaal Dyer
- George Kaiser Family Foundation - Annie Van Hanken
- Green Country Workforce – Michael Branan
- Human Rights Commission - Dr. Andrea Walker
- Jenks Public Schools - Dr. Stacey Butterfield
- Leadership Tulsa – Marcia Bruno Todd
- MetroLink Tulsa – Scott Marr
- Muskogee Nation - Chief David Hill (designee Carmin Tecumseh-Williams)
- Osage Nation - Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear (designee Teresa Bledsoe)
- Schusterman Family Foundation - Michael Dupont
- Student at Tulsa Public Schools - Lillian Geld
- Student at Union Public Schools - Susana Argueta-Acosta
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- Student at Union Public Schools- Leslie Cardiel
- Tulsa Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Dr. Martha Zapata
- Tulsa Area United Way – Alison Anthony
- Tulsa City Council - Councilor Karen Gilbert
- Tulsa City Council - Councilor Vanessa Hall-Harper
- Tulsa County Juvenile Bureau - Dr. Keith Hall
- Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) – Rose Washington-Jones (designee Dr. Joyce McClellan)
- Tulsa Health Department - Dr. Bruce Dart
- Tulsa Higher Education Consortium - Dr. Laura Latta
- Tulsa Honor Academy - Elsie Urueta
- Tulsa Housing Authority – Aaron Darden
- Tulsa Public Schools - Dr. Ebony Johnson
- Tulsa Regional Chamber - Bill Knight
- Union Public Schools - Dr. John Federline
- Zarrow Family Foundation - Nancy Curry

Launched Tulsa Children's Fiscal Map

- The Tulsa Fiscal Map is a tool used by the Children's Cabinet to inform strategic investments with the goal of improving outcomes for children and families.
- The Fiscal Map shows funding across outcome areas aligned with Mayor/Council priorities such as housing, safety, education, employment, etc.
- Key findings from our first fiscal map:
 - Most public funds flow through school districts and federal programs
 - Nearly all county funding is spent on juvenile detention
 - Philanthropy fills the largest of investments across outcome areas., with city public dollars representing less than 2% of funding

Expansion of Housing Stability Work for Tulsa students

- In the last three years, over 3,000 TPS students have had at least one eviction filed against their families. Evictions have a direct impact on student attendance.
 - 70% of students who experience an eviction are chronically absent after one year (missing at least 10% of school days).
- Progress to date: Eviction Alert system is expanding to Union Public Schools this fall and Jenks Public Schools in spring 2026.
- Next steps: Build a student-centered response (i.e. protocol) that can connect families quickly to community recourses.
- National recognition: Tulsa is one of a few cities aligning housing with education outcomes. ImpactTulsa is leading a national community of practices for other cities.

Secured new national partnerships and investments

- **Bloomberg Philanthropies**
 - Supporting the creation of the Early Childhood Action Alliance (birth to 3)
- **Burns Institute**
 - Supporting the creation of the Youth Voice & Leadership Action Alliance
- **FUSE Corps**
 - Executive fellow will be tasked with building a youth workforce ecosystem
- **Ballmer Foundation:**
 - Tulsa invited to apply for funds to strengthen and expand housing stability work

Upcoming in Q4: Action Alliances

- Interest/informational meeting on **October 31, 2025**
- Invited those interested in working in four areas:
 - ❖ Early Childhood (Birth–3 and Ages 4–8)
 - ❖ Future Ready Youth (support career explorations)
 - ❖ Flourishing Families (w/ focus on family stabilization)
 - ❖ Youth Voice & Leadership (building on youth council)
- Will co-create these Alliances with families, youth, and community partners



Year 1 Workplan – progress to date

Q2: March - June 2025

- ✓ Design the structure of the MOCYF based off effective models across the country
- ✓ Launch Mayor's Office of Children, Youth & Families
- ✓ Host 2 Cabinet meetings

Q3: July - Sept. 2025

- ✓ Host 3rd Cabinet meeting
- ✓ Review the fiscal map of public and private investment with cabinet
- ❑ Coordinate with Cabinet members to co-develop the citywide Know Your Number Policy Agenda*
- ❑ Launch Action Alliances aligned to MOCYF priorities*
- ❑ Commence community meetings for community-centered governance*

Q4: Oct. - Dec. 2025

- ❑ Cabinet and Alliance informed FY26 pilots underway
- ❑ Action Alliances reporting out to Cabinet, Council, community members
- ❑ Tulsa Children's Cabinet and Action Alliances produce the co-developed City of Tulsa Know Your Number Policy Agenda

Spring 2026

- ❑ Engage in year 1 retrospective with Cabinet, Alliances, others
- ❑ Produce 2025 Report on progress to goal towards 2030 aim
- ❑ Kickoff Year 2 priorities in alignment with Mayor's Office, City Council

** Moved to Q4*

Next steps

- Invitations to Action Alliance interest meeting being sent this week
- Community Conversation on student outcomes October 21, 2025
- Next Children's Cabinet meeting is Dec 4, 2025
- Begin planning for citywide literacy initiative: Reading Around the 918
- Explore codifying the Children's Cabinet in ordinance

THANK YOU

