

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

Executive Order No. 2025- 01

**ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CHILDREN,
YOUTH, AND FAMILIES AND THE TULSA CHILDREN'S
CABINET**

WHEREAS, every child in Tulsa deserves access to high-quality education and support systems that foster lifelong success from cradle through career in a world economy and global society;

WHEREAS, Tulsa families can be supported on a pathway to economic mobility through intentional investments in housing stability, quality childcare, and education, ensuring that every child begins their academic journey with a strong foundation across cradle to career milestones which span from kindergarten readiness to high school graduation to college and career success;

WHEREAS, we can address intergenerational income and wealth disparities where the likelihood of low-income students earning a higher income than their parents is an attainable reality by creating conditions where children of all backgrounds have access to opportunities that allow them to exceed the economic outcomes of previous generations;

WHEREAS, children who thrive academically and socially are three times more likely to succeed in their future endeavors, contributing to Tulsa's economic growth and resilience;

WHEREAS, Tulsa has an opportunity to disrupt cycles of instability, as approximately 3,000 students annually face eviction filings—most acutely impacting our youngest learners and students of color, by aligning resources to support housing and attendance;

WHEREAS, Tulsa has a network of organizations that use data-driven approaches to identify areas of growth, track progress, and scale interventions that make the greatest impact on children's academic, mental health, and social outcomes; some of these areas of growth include increasing PreK enrollment from 68% to 75% and doubling the percentage of early grade readers on track to proficiency (up from 27% currently);

WHEREAS, Tulsa's commitment to its youth is bolstered by strong networks of schools, community organizations, faith-based institutions, and early childhood education programs, all of which are integral to fostering whole-child development;

WHEREAS, Tulsa's success in fostering children's healthy development and family well-being will depend on consistent, efficient and effective coordination of effort between and among the government agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and many others, whose services, programs and delivery systems must collectively address the needs of the whole child and their family; and

WHEREAS, the foundation for transformational change already exists in Tulsa, with robust partnerships, proven programs, and a shared vision among stakeholders to advance equity and economic mobility for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

SECTION 1. THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES.

- A. ESTABLISHMENT.** There is hereby established the Mayor’s Office of Children, Youth, and Families (MOCYF) within the Office of the Mayor.
- B. PURPOSE AND DUTIES.** The MOCYF will be responsible for implementing a strategic plan, programs, policies, and other initiatives to ensure that 15,000 Tulsa children and youth are on a path to economic mobility and thriving by 2030.
- C. PARTNERSHIP.** The City of Tulsa will enter into an agreement with a well-established non-profit entity with a mission aligned to the goals of the MOCYF and with a successful record of developing and tracking metrics for achieving goals related to the purpose and duties of the MOCYF.
 - i. The agreement will provide that the non-profit partner will identify a senior leader who will be designated as the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children, Youth, and Families, and who will report on behalf of the non-profit partner to the Mayor’s Office.

SECTION 2. TULSA’S CHILDREN’S CABINET.

- A. ESTABLISHMENT.** There is hereby established a Tulsa Children’s Cabinet (the “Cabinet”) within the Office of the Mayor.
 - i. The Deputy Mayor and the Director of the Mayor’s Office of Children, Youth, and Families shall serve as co-chairs of the Cabinet.
- B. PURPOSE.** The Cabinet shall foster and coordinate efforts to enhance the level of cooperation and collaboration across the city departments, nonprofit agencies, and educational institutions that serve Tulsa’s children, youth, and families.
- C. DUTIES.** The Cabinet shall have the following responsibilities:
 - i. To act in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and the MOCYF to advance the goals of improving the health, well-being and thriving of Tulsa’s children, youth, and families in order to achieve the goal of 15,000 additional youth on a path to economic mobility.
 - ii. To establish baseline goals and benchmarks for assessing the extent to which City agencies successfully strengthen their cooperation and collaboration in providing services to children, youth, and families.
 - iii. To address such other topics and initiatives relating to children and youth readiness as prescribed by the Mayor or the Mayor’s designee.

SECTION 3. CITY RESOURCES. The facilities of the municipal government shall be made available to the MOCYF and Cabinet; and City officers, personnel, and agencies shall cooperate with the MOCYF and Cabinet in accomplishing the purposes and duties set forth herein.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2025.



ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

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Mayor

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Date

APPROVED:

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City Attorney