



History of Crossroads Youth & Family Services, Inc.

Crossroads Youth and Family Services, Inc. has been dedicated to supporting the healthy lifestyles and emotional well-being of children, youth, and families since its inception in 1969. Our journey began with the opening of the first Emergency Youth Shelter in Oklahoma, initially named the "Cleveland County Juvenile Shelter."

As our services expanded, so did our commitment to the community. In 1972, we broadened our offerings to include probation and parole services, as well as school-based counseling, leading to a name change to the "Cleveland County Youth Bureau." Subsequent changes to the Oklahoma Juvenile Code in 1975 prompted the creation of three additional entities: Court Related and Community Services (CR&CS), Moore Youth & Family Services, Inc., and Juvenile Services, Inc. (now known as the Center for Children and Families (CCFI)). The Cleveland County Youth Bureau evolved into the "Cleveland County Youth & Family Center," operating under county government with oversight from an Advisory Board comprised of dedicated community volunteers appointed by the County Commissioners.

In 2002, recognizing the need for a more streamlined and focused approach, the Advisory Board made the pivotal decision to transition into a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, officially establishing Crossroads Youth and Family Services, Inc. The Advisory Board transformed into a Board of Directors, assuming full fiduciary responsibility for the organization.

Today, Crossroads Youth and Family Services, Inc. continues to be a beacon of hope and support for communities across five counties, offering Head Start/Early Head Start early childhood education programs and a range of Youth Services. Our services include the Crossroads Emergency Resource Center (CERC), center-based counseling for at-risk youth and families, school-based counseling in partnership with local schools, First Time Offender Programs, psycho-educational programs, a divorcing parents' seminar, and Successful Futures, a program in collaboration with the Oklahoma Association of Youth Services. We also provide mental health screenings for children enrolled in Head Start/Early Head Start programs.

Our commitment to transparency is reflected in our governance structure, which includes a volunteer Board of Directors and a Policy Council comprised of Head Start/Early Head Start parents and community members. We undergo an annual independent financial audit and frequent monitoring events by external entities, ensuring accountability and adherence to the highest standards. Crossroads Youth and Family Services, Inc. is proud to be accredited by CARF International for our Youth Services programming and recognized as a provider in good standing by the federal government's Office of Head Start for our Head Start/Early Head Start programming.