

## About Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership



### Leaders Build Relationships

Members of each Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership Class work locally and across the state with others who are interested in improving the lives of Oklahoma's children and youth. Leaders have the opportunity to network with policymakers, community leaders, social service providers and concerned citizens.

### Leaders Help Solve Problems

One tenet of KIDS COUNT is that local people solve local problems. Each Leader receives technical assistance and leadership training to support them in their role as a resource person on children and youth issues. Individuals who are a part of KIDS COUNT guide their own communities toward creating a better life for children and youth.

### Leaders Work For Children And Youth

Children and youth are our voiceless, voteless citizens. KIDS COUNT Leaders elevate public awareness of pertinent issues on behalf of children and youth. Through media releases and events, community meetings, Child Watch Visits, Round Table discussions and other publicity activities, Leaders generate public interest and provide helpful information on issues important to children and youth.

### Leaders Make A Difference

They are Leaders who care about children and youth. They lead others to the cause. The work that they do lifts them up as role models to all members of the community. Through Oklahoma KIDS COUNT, they have the resources, connections and support to improve the lives of children and youth.

*Individuals from all racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, professional and political backgrounds, from high school age to senior citizens are encouraged to apply.*

*KIDS COUNT Leaders must be available to attend the KIDS COUNT Advocacy Camp which is held the first Friday and Saturday in August.*

*The year-round application process for Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership is easy! Applications must be postmarked on or before the third Monday in June. Please contact Ann Patterson Salazar at 405/236-5437 extension 106, or [apsalazar@oica.org](mailto:apsalazar@oica.org) if you have any questions, or go to [www.oica.org](http://www.oica.org) to download an application.*



Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leaders are trained in the areas of legislative and grass roots advocacy, communicating children's issues and community organizing. KIDS COUNT Leaders are available for group presentations and individual meetings.

KIDS COUNT Leaders are chosen annually through an application process. (A description of the Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership program and the application process can be found on page 6 in this book.)

## Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leadership

### Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Leaders

#### Northwestern Oklahoma

##### Clinton

Coleen Buckmaster  
Cammy McDaugale

##### Enid

Debi Shire

##### Okeene

Robin Wittwer-Swaim

##### Woodward

Kathy Moore

Allysceacioun Britt-Warrior

Terri Burlison

Sheila Griffin

Sarah Koss

Lacy Lodes

Maira Moreno-Hoetker

Leshia Pearson

Casey Reed

Julia Reed

##### El Reno

Beth Kouba

##### Guthrie

Heather Wright

##### Lexington

Linda York

##### Midwest City

Chelsea Waller

##### Moore

Sjonna Whitsitt

##### Mustang

Patricia Young

##### Newcastle

Patricia Atkinson

##### Norman

Katie Bradshaw-

Campbell

Mary Holter

Melissa McLawhorn

Kelley Nedbalek

Julianna Osuna

Sarah Ann Redwine

Laura Rhodes

Fran Rice

Denise Squier

##### Oklahoma City

Lindsay Ames

Jana Armstrong

Marty Bacher

Gloria Bates

Masie Bross

Peggy Byerly

Diane Cabellero

Belinda Caudle

Suzanne Cannon

Thelma Chambers Young

Doug Cherry

Karen Coakley

Marcia Coffman

Cara Collinson

Cloyd Cornish-Patton

Tonya Dennis

Denise Edmond

April Edwards

Vera Ford

Chris Foss

Stacey Frakes

Deann Gattis

Patty Grotta

Lou Huff

LaDonna Hunt

Annette Jacobi

Denise Johnson-Hole

Michelle Kees

Karen Landolfi

Barbara Liggins-Acosta

Heather Martin

Earlene Mason

Kelli McNeal

Priscilla Metoyer

Debbie Miller

Marchell Newton

Keith Pirtle

Scott Prough

Ed Pulido

Corina Ramirez

Belinda Rogers

Stella Ross

Sally Selvidge

Brent Simpson

Charla Tubb

Carole Turner

Marcy Wiggins

Ellen Wisdom

George Young

##### Shawnee

Susan Cochran-Morris

Jon Greenwood

Traci Guptill

Katie Morris-Henson

##### Tecumseh

Robyn Bourlan-Carey

##### Yukon

Jennifer King

##### Warr Acres

Patty Young

#### Northeasten Oklahoma

##### Bartlesville

Sammy Bouy

Kelly Eisenberger

Melissa Nuttall

Debbie Rischard

##### Claremore

Darla Akin

##### Mannford

Bethany Dornberger

##### Miami

Sue Ann Holder

##### Muskogee

Martha Alford

Laurie Fuller

Sarah Hopkins

Mark Wilkerson

##### Ochelata

Lisa Jo Griffith-Eldridge

##### Okmulgee

Dianna Humphrey

##### Pawnee

JoBeth Spears

##### Ponca City

Christy Gonterman

##### Porter

Shirley Glenn

##### Pryor

Gayla Anderson

##### Sapulpa

Becky Bland

Marjorie Lyons

Ruth Moore

##### Stillwater

Roeann Gibson

Barbara Gish

Peggy McCormick

Susan Weaver

##### Tablequah

Regina Christie-Bell

Howard Clark

Toby Robles

##### Tulsa

Janice Airhart

Patricia Atkinson

Molly Casteel

Kathy J. Coopender

Tonya Crewell

Brian Franklin

Samantha Franklin

Lesley Gudge

Kim Hall

Athene Kennemer, RN

Peggy Lisenbee

Lisa Jo Griffith-Eldridge

Arthetta Pouncil

Karen Rhoades

Lynn Roach

Stacey Rogers

Linda Watts

##### Vinita

Elizabeth Nottingham

##### Wellington

Watt Osage

#### Southeastern Oklahoma

##### Durant

Hal Johnson

##### Hartshorne

Shaen Sommer

##### McAlester

Earlene Mason

Cindy Simmons

##### Pauls Valley

Carol Williams

##### Poteau

Beth Stanford

##### Wewoka

Sharon Gile

##### Whitefield

Teresa Butler

## About OICA



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OKLAHOMA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL BECOME  
HEALTHY AND CAPABLE ADULTS THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF  
CARING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES.

The Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA) is a broad-based, multi-issue organization that promotes programs and policies designed to improve the health and well-being of Oklahoma's children and youth. OICA is a membership organization that has purposely remained flexible and grassroots oriented to better respond to the wide array of needs identified across our state. Its work provides a critical link between the provision of programs and services at the local level and the policy-making process at the state level.

### Advocacy

#### *Children's Information Network*

- Legislative Monitoring
- Training
- Publications

#### *Annual Fall Forum*

- Development of the Children's Agenda

#### *Oklahoma KIDS COUNT Partnership*

- Annual Factbook
- KIDS COUNT Leadership Class
- Child Watch Tours

#### *Annual Friends of Children Awards*

- Recognizing Outstanding Efforts

### Positive Youth Development

#### *Heart of OKC*

- Building-Assets Approach to Prevention
- Training and Resource Development
- National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project

#### *Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project*

- Postponing Sexual Involvement
- Baby-Think-It-Over Dolls
- Parent Education

### Child Health

#### *Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies*

- Public Awareness and Education
- Coalition Building
- Professional Training

#### *Covering Kids and Families Partnership*

- Health Care Access for Children
- Statewide Collaboration
- Local and Statewide Outreach

#### *Healthy Beginnings Campaign*

- Health Access for Pregnant Women
- Health Education

#### *Hispanic Lead Poisoning Prevention Project*

- Assessment
- Outreach

### Early Childhood Development

#### *Success by 6: A Central Oklahoma Partnership for Children*

- Local Community Mobilization
- Assessment and Planning
- Resource Coordination

#### *Statewide Success by 6*

- Statewide Community Mobilization



## A State Profile

I love the rain,  
it is so cool.  
My new raincoat  
is beautiful, My  
Grandma gave it  
to me. If it is  
raining when my  
Grandma comes  
over we dance  
in the rain. She  
gave me this  
rain coat so  
I can dance  
in the rain  
without getting  
my clothes wet.