

# Pipeline



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



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### Our Team



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As we approach the end of the year, I've found myself thinking about the countless moments across Oklahoma where hope showed up, sometimes quietly, sometimes boldly, but always because someone like you believed in the mission of Circle of Care.

This year has not been simple. The landscape of human services has shifted more than any of us anticipated. Contract changes, funding pauses, and rising costs created uncertainty not just for our organization, but for the families we serve. Yet through every challenge, our purpose stayed clear: to provide Christian help, healing, and hope to children and families in crisis.

I continue to be moved deeply by the way our community responds when things get difficult. You have prayed for us, encouraged us, invested in us, and made sure that no child and no family had to walk through crisis alone. You've allowed us to keep saying "yes" when it mattered most.

Because of you, children found safety and belonging. Parents found someone willing to walk beside them, not judge them. Young adults aging out of care found stability and support. Adoptive and foster families found strength. Moms rebuilding after trauma found dignity. Dads found community and wisdom. And staff across Oklahoma stepped into hard situations with courage, knowing they had a community standing behind them.

You didn't just fund programs. You fueled transformation. You made room for stories to be rewritten, for families to heal, and for generational cycles to be changed. That is the power of your faithfulness.

As I look toward 2026, my heart is filled with a steady, confident hope. Not because the challenges will disappear, but because the same God who has guided us for 108 years continues to open doors and surround this mission with people who care deeply about the work we do.

In the coming year, we will continue strengthening our programs, expanding connections with churches and communities, and investing in the next generation of children and families who will need us. We will dream boldly, act faithfully, and steward every resource with care. And we will do it knowing we are not alone—knowing you are part of every story, every milestone, every restored family.

Thank you for your generosity, your belief in this mission, and your willingness to stand in the gap for children and families in crisis. Your partnership is not something we take lightly.

It is a gift that makes a profound difference.

As we close out this year and step into the next, I am grateful for you and filled with hope for all that is ahead.

**Keith Howard**

President & CEO



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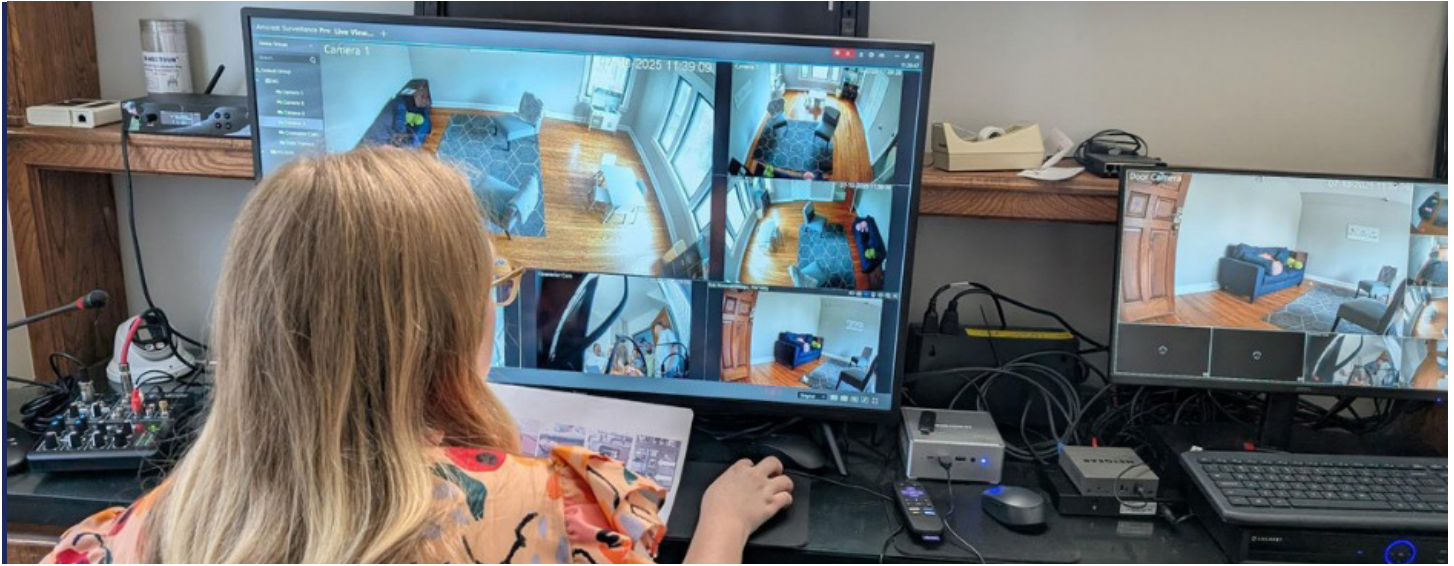
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## INFANT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



Elizabeth already knew the value of therapy. Her meetings with a Circle of Care therapist were a vital part of her journey to regain custody of her daughter from DHS care. But when she welcomed 4-year-old Britney back into her home, she quickly realized she needed additional help.

Britney would have sudden, severe tantrums and would refuse to eat the meals she cooked. Elizabeth was thrilled to bring Britney home, but struggled to understand why her daughter was acting this way. Feeling helpless, she reached out to her therapist.

Earlier this year, Circle of Care launched Infant Mental Health services. This 100% family therapy is designed for children under the age of 6 and is rooted in connection and attachment. Elizabeth didn't know that this type of therapy even existed, but she knew that she

needed some parenting support to help Britney adjust.

Their sessions were not an immediate roaring success. In fact, Britney became physically aggressive with her therapist in the first session. But the pair didn't give up and kept working.

“When young children display big behaviors, that often means they are trying to communicate something to us that they don't have words for just yet,” says Jami Pereira, Circle of Care's Clinical Director. “Our focus with Infant Mental Health services is to help those children build secure attachment with their caregiver so the caregiver is better equipped to meet that child's needs through co-regulation, connection, and trust.”

Children begin forming strong attachments with their primary

caregivers between 7 and 9 months of age. Unfortunately, many children enter foster care during that period and fail to develop those vital connections.

Parents see this lack of attachment manifest in many ways that can be difficult to understand. Emotional or behavioral signs, such as aggression, tantrums, or separation anxiety are common. Physical or developmental signs, such as issues sleeping or eating can develop as well. “All behavior has meaning,” Jami says. Infant Mental Health services can help parents find that meaning.

The therapy helps the caregiver and child go backward to build the attachments that did not develop when the child was younger. The assessment is extensive and effective. It involves a 6-session assessment to observe the parent and child through cameras so that



the therapist can determine where the child is with attachment. The parent wears an earpiece so that they can receive instructions from the therapists while they interact with their child. This interaction could include blowing bubbles, playing with toys, or simply sitting in a rocking chair together. After these sessions the therapist has enough knowledge to develop an individual treatment plan and the work of building attachment begins.

Finding infant mental health services in Oklahoma can be challenging due to the investment in both equipment and training required for providers to be able to offer. Circle of Care was able to launch these services in 2025 due to a \$50k grant, and we are proud to be able to offer these vital services to Circle of Care clients and the communities we serve.

“By offering these early intervention services, we are setting our communities up for healthier and happier families,” Jami says. “When children are able to develop or strengthen secure attachments with caregivers at an early age, they are less likely to experience more mental health problems as they grow into adolescents and throughout adulthood. I believe this is the first step towards true, generational changes in mental health.”

Almost a year since they began, Elizabeth and Britney have seen the difference Infant Mental Health can make. “I cannot believe the progress this family has made,” their therapist, Sarah, exclaims. Britney loves to give Sarah hugs and is excited for her visits.

To learn more about all of our counseling services, visit [circleofcare.org/programs/counseling-services/](https://circleofcare.org/programs/counseling-services/).



## OUR STATE SHOWS UP



During the third week of every month this fall, something special happened. Community members, pastors, supporters, and partner organizations gathered with Circle of Care staff to share lunch and explore ways to support vulnerable children and families. These Lunch & Learn events, held in both Oklahoma City and Tulsa, have become a powerful way to connect on the shared mission of bringing help, healing, and hope to communities across Oklahoma.

Shannon Davis, Circle of Care’s Vice President of Development, shares the impetus for these gatherings. “Because we are so proud of the work going on every day with Circle of Care clients, staff, and volunteers, we wanted a way to share the details of it with more people around the state.”

Attendees have the opportunity to hear from the Development Team, tour facilities, and learn more about

the various programs Circle of Care offers throughout the state. The goal is simple: to help Oklahomans better understand both the needs of families in crisis in our state and discover how they can be part of meaningful solutions.

The impact is already visible. “We are overwhelmed by the way people have shown up and what they’ve done as a result,” Shannon says. “One attendee was so moved that she prepared a PowerPoint about Circle of Care and shared it with her church! Another helped connect us to a rural church that is now hosting space for our counselors to meet with clients closer to home.”

Lollie Moore, owner of The Unicorn Agency, attended the November event in Tulsa. “Hearing about the variety of programs Circle of Care has to offer was so special. I really enjoyed the tour and learning about the way they collaborate

with other organizations.”

Emma Davis, Family Advocate at the CARE Center, says, “I’ve known about Circle of Care’s mission for a while, but I was unaware of how vast their services really were. This was a great opportunity to dive deeper into a wonderful organization.”

Lunch & Learns are more than informational events -- they are connection points where awareness becomes action, whether volunteering, giving, prayer, or advocacy within our communities. “We are excited to see what happens through these events in 2026,” Shannon says. “It is simply amazing what can happen when Oklahomans show up to meet a need!”

To book your seat at a future Lunch & Learn, visit [circleofcare.org/our-state-shows-up/](https://circleofcare.org/our-state-shows-up/).

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