



# **TULSA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES – TULSA COUNTY TRANSITIONAL LIVING CENTER (TLC) & TULSA COUNTY PHARMACY**

## **HELPING TULSANS IN NEED**

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

Engaging individuals, families, and communities to protect and improve health and wellbeing.

### ***TYPES OF HOUSING WE OFFER***

We are a Transitional Living Center/Shelter model where we help individuals and families transition from experiencing homelessness to be ready for housing in 90 days. We specialize in families because we are the only shelter in the area that has family rooms for privacy and safety for their children.

### ***OUR PARTNERS***

- **Tulsa Public Schools** comes to the TLC during the week to help our children with homework and continuing education throughout the summer.
- **Tulsa Housing Authority** is a huge partner in housing our clients as soon as possible.
- **OHCE (Oklahoma Home & Community Education)** supports us with life skill education classes and in-kind donations.
- **A Way Home 4 Tulsa** is our CoC for HUD funding, tracking, and support in all things involving homelessness.
- **JusticeLink** has partnered with us to help lower recidivism in those that are justice involved. We are working with JusticeLink and Tulsa County Sheriff's office to, as people are released from jail, continue their medications through our low to no cost Tulsa County Pharmacy (such as heart meds, anti-depressants/anti-psychotics, and insulin).

## ***BARRIERS THAT PREVENT OUR ORGANIZATION'S ABILITY TO BETTER ASSIST PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS***

The housing crisis is the single most barrier we have. We help clients get back on their feet, obtain employment, counseling, vital documents, etc. Then they are approved with a voucher in hand, but they are waiting for housing because there is none or there is a long waitlist. We have been successful in being persistent and exploring other avenues for housing, as well.

We are an aging shelter. Two rooms are shut down due to peering issues and at this time, no funds are available for the repairs.



## **WHAT CAN THE CITY DO TO SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION IN ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS?**

### ***POLICY CHANGES IN LOCAL ORDINANCES AND/OR STATE LAWS***

We would hope that there is no law to make homelessness illegal. It is counterproductive to the work we do to obtain vital documents and overcome barriers.

### ***FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMS, SERVICES, STAFF, ETC.***

A future City/County partnership would be a great move. As the City is looking for having a low barrier shelter, Tulsa County Social Services would like to explore the partnership of operating the shelter and annual funding to some degree would be a benefit in that partnership.

### ***CONVENING AMONG COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND THE BROADER PUBLIC***

We would like to get the word out on what services we offer at the County and would welcome any chance to be included in discussions about homelessness.