

*The Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work
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Presents

**Improving Outcomes for Homeless Children, Youth, and
Families: “Can We Do More?”**

9 a.m. -noon

Friday, Feb. 2, 2018

No Charge for Students

Professionals \$30.00

Facilitator:

Anthony Kibble, M.S.W.

**Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Social Work
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This workshop will focus on understanding the definition(s) of children, youth, and families that are at-risk of becoming or experiencing homelessness. Oklahoma continues to experience poverty at a rate greater than the national average. According to recent report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Oklahoma had a **28 percent** increase in the number of homeless families, as counted on one single night in January. This workshop will provide a comprehensive review of current trends and data, and explore strategies that may change the trajectory and outlook for children, youth, and families at risk or experiencing homelessness.

Master Presenters



Angela Pharris a faculty member with the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, completed her bachelor's degree in social work at Middle Tennessee State University (1998), her Masters in Social Work at Spalding University (2002), and her doctoral degree in public administration from Tennessee State University.

Pharris's professional practice includes work in child welfare training and mental health. Over the course of her career, she has been part of implementation of several programs, including a large training program for the state child welfare system in Tennessee, a homeless outreach program, and assisted in the early development of a Mental Health Court in Nashville and Rutherford County, Tennessee.

Her research is focused on policy implementation, specifically state strategies for policy implementation in child welfare. Her dissertation focused on the actions of states to implement programs for youth aging out of foster care, and the impact of political culture on administrative choices. Pharris also is interested in child welfare workforce and workforce development, and believes the best strategy for a strong child welfare system is a supported workforce. Pharris has additional research interests in treatment and recovery courts, older youth in foster care and pedagogy of social work education and field education.



Anthony Kibble currently serves as the undergraduate program coordinator for the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work. He previously served as the state coordinator for the education of homeless children and youth at the Oklahoma state Department of Education. While serving as the state McKinney-Vento homeless education coordinator, supported the development of the Homeless Education Advisory Team and development of the OSDE state plan as it relates to homeless children and youth and at-risk, neglected, and delinquent youth, and completed a blog for Schoolhouse Connection, titled "*We Are Advocating, Yet You Remain Invisible*." Kibble has served on the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness for the past two years, supporting policy changes and grant initiatives, aimed at strengthening the child-serving system. He has led many legislative initiatives, including completing, the SB511 summary and recommendations report, and subsequent legislation to establish an "Oklahoma Definition" of homelessness.

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