

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

This contract, made by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Cleveland County, Oklahoma, (hereinafter referred to as "County") and Mary Abbott Children's House, a non-profit corporation existing under the laws of the State of Oklahoma (hereinafter referred to as "Abbott") constitutes the entire contract between the County and Abbott. This document supersedes all previous documents and agreements describing the relationship between the parties and the services provided.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Cleveland County in order to promote the general welfare and safety of children, desires to assist in providing assistance through coordinated interagency investigation, intervention, education and advocacy and support to children who by reason of abuse, mistreatment, and/or neglect need such services, and

WHEREAS, Abbott is an experienced non-profit corporation providing those services in Cleveland County; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland County Commissioners have determined it is in the best interests of the citizens of the County and their children for Abbott to provide the hereinafter described services;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I Term of Contract

This contract will be in effect from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

ARTICLE 11 Duties of Abbott

- A. Abbott agrees to provide the following services:
1. Mary Abbott House: to facilitate coordinated interagency investigation, intervention, education and advocacy for children regarding allegations of abuse, mistreatment, or neglect.
 2. Multi -disciplinary team support through various coordinated agencies who come together to investigate allegations of abuse, mistreatment, or neglect.

3. Crisis Intervention and Information Referral: information and referral to other community services organizations that may have services available to intervene in cases of child abuse, mistreatment, and/or neglect to minimize further trauma to children, to prevent further abuse, mistreatment, and/or neglect, develop standards for consistent investigations and avoidance of duplication of services and provide efficient use of public money.
 4. Volunteer program: to provide diverse opportunities for volunteers with various means and ways to provide assistance or support for abused, mistreated, and/or neglected children.
- B. Abbott agrees to put forth its best efforts to serve those children in need and to adhere to good business and professional practices in the performance of this agreement.
- C. Abbott agrees to provide these services as an independent contractor. Cleveland County plays no role in setting policy or procedures, or overseeing the activities of Abbott. Therefore, Abbott agrees to hold Cleveland County harmless from any and all liability incurred as a result of services provided or declined by Abbott.

ARTICLE III Reimbursement

- A. Cleveland County agrees to pay Abbott the sum of \$40,000.00, for the aforementioned services for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

ARTICLE IV Modification

All amendments to this agreement will be in writing and mutually agreeable to both Abbott and County.

ARTICLE V Cancellation

In the event that the appropriated funds are not available or Abbott fails to provide the contracted services, either party may cancel or terminate the agreement upon thirty days advance written notice to the other.

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF April, 2026

MARY ABBOTT CHILDREN'S HOUSE



Director

And

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CLEVELAND COUNTY

Jacob McHughes – Chairman

Rusty Grissom – Vice Chairman

Rod Cleveland – Member

ATTEST:

Pam Howlett – County Clerk

Deputy: _____

Approved as to form and legality:

Cleveland County Assistant District Attorney