

CCFI Welcomes New Clinical Director

We are happy to announce that Deanna Wilkinson has joined CCFI as Clinical Director. Deanna is a licensed clinical social worker who began her career at CCFI 25 years ago as an undergraduate social work student. After graduating from the University of Oklahoma with her master's degree in Social Work, she joined the agency full-time, serving in many capacities. After nearly a decade, Deanna left CCFI to pursue other ventures, including running a home daycare, opening a behavioral health company and becoming a Counselor with Norman Public Schools.



"While the decision to leave Norman Public Schools was extremely difficult for me, coming back to CCFI in the role of Clinical Director is a dream come true," Deanna states. "I feel like everything I've done in my career has led me back here. It feels like I've come home."

In her role as Clinical Director, Deanna is responsible for overseeing the wide range of clinical services at CCFI, conducting trainings for staff and community partners, and supporting the agency in the provision of trauma-informed services.

To learn more about Deanna, click [HERE](#).

Service Spotlight: Trauma-Informed Care

At CCFI, we use a trauma-informed approach across all programs, understanding that children, youth and families who have experienced a high number of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) are more likely to participate in risky behaviors. They are also more likely to suffer negative consequences of physical and mental health issues later in life if they are not given the opportunity to work through their trauma and develop healthy coping skills.

What is trauma-informed care?

According to The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), a program, organization, or system that is trauma-informed:

- *Realizes* the widespread impact of trauma and understands potential paths for recovery
- *Recognizes* the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system
- *Responds* by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices
- Seeks to actively resist *re-traumatization*

How we practice this philosophy

Trauma impacts brain development, learning, relationship patterns and behaviors. Through this realization, our staff and volunteers work together to make sure our policies and practices support healing without re-traumatizing clients. It starts with looking at all of our stakeholders through a trauma-informed lens, which gives each staff member and volunteer a solid knowledge base. It translates into the way we greet people, our paperwork processes, our interactions within our programs and throughout our community, and the specific therapies or techniques we choose to use to promote healing.



Ultimately, when we have a trauma-informed agency, we set everyone up for success and are better able to help children who come from hard places. We are more likely to prevent risky behaviors with youth who experienced trauma. We have a greater likelihood of changing patterns with adults who had their own adverse experiences as children, thereby interrupting intergenerational patterns of abuse, neglect and dysfunction. **A trauma-informed approach gives us the tools we need to instill hope after the darkest of times.** No matter what the specific experience, healing is always possible.

To learn more about our programs and services, click [HERE](#).

2017 Annual Report Now Available

CCFI's Annual Report, which summarizes the 2017 calendar year, is now available for viewing! This report reflects our agency's work over the past year, highlighting program milestones, fundraising efforts, community engagement and financials, as well as lists our annual supporters and Champions.



To view the 2017 Annual Report, please visit our website [HERE](#).

If you wish to receive a hard copy, please contact Jodana Borden at jborden@ccfinorman.org or 405-364-1420.

Volunteer Needs and Work Study Opportunities

We are seeking qualified individuals to join the CCFI family! Our current work study opportunities and volunteer opportunities are listed below.

Our current agency-wide volunteer opportunities include:

- Front Office / Baby Pantry
- Play Therapy Group Assistants

Our current Boys & Girls Club of Norman volunteer opportunities include:

- Kids Cafe
- K - 5th Grade Power Hour
- 6th Grade and up Power Hour
- K - 1st Grade Program Volunteer
- General Program Volunteer
- Teen Program Volunteer

If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, click [HERE](#).

Our current agency-wide work study opportunities include:


- Client Service Representative
- Mission Advancement Assistant

Our current Boys & Girls Club of Norman work study opportunities include:

- Youth Development Professional
- Front Desk
- Kids Cafe

If you are interested in learning more about our work study positions, click [HERE](#).

Help Us Make Our Wishes Come True!

CCFI's program-specific wish lists include items that directly benefit the children and families we serve. These donations are greatly appreciated, as they help offset program costs. To make your donation go even further, consider making purchases through  **You shop. Amazon gives.**
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To see how you or your organization can help, please view our wish lists below!

- [Baby Pantry](#)
- [Boys & Girls Club of Norman \(BGCN\)](#)
- [BGCN Elementary Store](#)
- [BGCN Teen Store](#)
- [Bringing Up Babies](#)
- [Counseling](#)

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