

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1421

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to mental health; requiring  
8 nonphysical intervention training for certain  
9 facilities and programs; describing training;  
requiring and prohibiting certain acts by staff or  
volunteer; providing for codification; and providing  
an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-336 of Title 43A, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. All clinical staff, direct care staff, and volunteers  
16 providing direct care to minor children in any facility or program  
17 that is certified by the Department of Mental Health and Substance  
18 Abuse Services under Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes and receives  
19 funding through a contract with the Department shall receive  
20 nonphysical intervention training as described in subsection B of  
21 this section, subject to such exceptions as may be provided by rules  
22 of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

1       B. The nonphysical intervention training shall teach techniques  
2 and philosophies addressing appropriate nonviolent interventions for  
3 potentially physical interpersonal conflicts, staff attitudes that  
4 promote dignity and enhanced self-esteem, keys to effective  
5 communication skills, verbal and nonverbal interaction, and  
6 nonviolent intervention.

7       C. The staff member or volunteer:

8           1. Shall complete the nonphysical intervention training within  
9 thirty (30) days of being hired, with updates each calendar year  
10 thereafter; and

11           2. Shall not participate in an intervention of a minor child  
12 without first completing the training.

13       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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