

Okmulgee-Okfuskee County Youth Services, AKA Anne Moroney Youth Services, has a Graduated Sanctions Program that allows youth to be accountable for their actions. The Graduated Sanctions Program collaborates with the Okmulgee County Municipal Courts, the Okmulgee County Public Schools, and the Office of Juvenile Affairs to serve at risk youth before they penetrate further into the juvenile justice system.

The Okmulgee County Municipal Courts utilize the Graduated Sanctions Program to refer youth that may have committed a violation or offense that has a fine. The Okmulgee County Schools utilizes the Graduated Sanctions Program to refer students with behavior and adjustment problems. Parent referrals are also encouraged for any behavior problems that may occur in or outside the home. All youth that are referred participate in an intake and risk assessment process before appearing in front of the Graduated Sanctions Council. The Graduated Sanctions Council consists of local community leaders from the Okmulgee Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, the Okmulgee Fire Dept., the Creek Nation Behavioral Health Services and the Okmulgee County Alternative Academy. Each council member brings a positive message for the at-risk youth and they encourage self-esteem and responsibility for each participant. The Graduated Sanctions Council meets with each youth and their guardian to determine possible sanctions. Possible sanctions include: anger management, counseling, the One Eighty Program, random drug testing, school progress reports, random essays, structured apology letters, community service, home bound curfews, and Friday Night Detention (located in Muskogee, Ok).

If you feel the Graduated Sanctions Program could benefit someone you know, or if you would like further information about becoming a Graduated Sanctions council member, please contact Erick Starr at Anne Moroney Youth Services at (918) 756-7700.