

Centennial Anniversary Social Work Practice Award Kim Woods

Kim Woods graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Social Work with her Bachelor's degree in 2006. Kim began her career in homeless services as a practicum student at City Rescue Mission and then stayed on after graduation as a case manager. From there, she went on to become Homeless Services Director at Catholic Charities before joining the Homeless Alliance. Having worked with people experiencing homelessness in Oklahoma City for over eleven years, Kim now serves as the Deputy Director of the Homeless Alliance, where she offers operational oversight and leadership in advancing an interorganizational and integrative approach to helping people leave homelessness. The Homeless Alliance is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the system of care for the homeless in Oklahoma City through collaboration with government, faith-based and nonprofit service providers, city government, and local businesses. The ultimate goal of the Homeless Alliance is to rally our community to end long-term homelessness in Oklahoma City.

Kim's background includes experience as a case manager, emergency shelter dorm manager, outreach worker, day shelter director, housing program manager, and practicum instructor, as well as work in program development, implementation, and administration. She works daily to advance the system of care for the homeless in Oklahoma City and end homelessness emphasizing collaborative solutions cutting across government, faith-based organizations, nonprofit social service providers, local businesses, and higher education. Kim is also an alumnus of Leadership Oklahoma City and the Leadership Academy on Ending Homelessness, and has served as Vice President of the Coalition to End Poverty and the Homeless Youth Alliance. She believes that homelessness can be ended and is honored and humbled to be the recipient of the Centennial Anniversary Social Work Practice Award.