In 1978, Barbara became Clinical Director of Family & Children’s Services of Tulsa. Under her leadership, F&CS came together as a teaching and learning community organized around emerging theories and treatment models that were restoring ‘psychiatric’ problems to their natural social contexts for study and intervention. During that time, the agency aligned with the developing field of family, brief, and systemic therapies, and formed training relationships with the Philadelphia Child Guidance Center and the Mental Research Institute in Palo Alto, California.

In 2006, Barbara became Field Education Coordinator at the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work on the Tulsa campus. She launched a revision of the field education curriculum that was aligned with the 2008 CSWE shift to competency-based social work education. She believed in the Council’s direction, seeing it as a much needed practice initiative to clarify, protect and steward the signature holistic perspective of the profession. She saw the field education program as an extension of that perspective. “In the field education program at the Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, our communities, classroom faculty, faculty liaisons, field instructors and students create a learning community together. I believe it is the passing of this special intelligence and spirit into the lives of our students, who pass it into the lives of vulnerable people, as well as the lives of institutions and our society as a whole, that can generate and support the conditions that will allow the best in all of us to enter into the flow of our own history.”