

Special Recognition Educator Martha Scales, MSW

Martha Scales graduated from Grove Public Schools with honors in 1961; she completed a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with honors in 1965 at Oklahoma Baptist University and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock in 1973. She demonstrated her commitment to the social work profession throughout her career, maintaining her Licensed Social Worker status from 1981-2011 with the Oklahoma State Board of Licensed Social Workers, as well as membership with the National Association of Social Workers.

Ms. Scales began her social work career as a mental health social worker with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. She was recruited by the Child Welfare Administrator in Tulsa to work for the Department of Human Services, Child Welfare, beginning a distinguished career spanning from 1971 to 2001. During her Child Welfare career she served in several key administrative roles.

After retirement from OKDHS, Child Welfare, in 2001, Ms. Scales became the Director of the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program (CWPEP) at the University of Oklahoma Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work until 2008 when she moved to part time. In this position she coordinated with all the state universities schools of social work to create a systematic effort to recruit and support social work students for the field of public child welfare services. She served the school until 2011.