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### **Tulsa's Child Abuse Network Announces New Chief Executive Officer**

Tulsa, OK – (November 1) – The Board of Directors of the Child Abuse Network (CAN) today announced Anna America as chief executive officer (CEO). Ms. America, who currently serves as a councilor and chairman of the Tulsa City Council, will assume her new role on November 13, 2017.

"After a thorough and comprehensive search process, the board is pleased to have found the best individual to assume leadership of this organization," said Kala Sharp, CAN Board President. "Anna's depth of relationships in the nonprofit and civic sectors as well as her experience leading a Tulsa-based nonprofit will translate well to this new role and provide a solid foundation on which to propel CAN and our shared strategic vision."

Ms. America holds a bachelor's degree in communication from the University of Tulsa and is a graduate of both Leadership Oklahoma Class XXIX and Leadership Tulsa Class 46. She previously served as executive director of Up With Trees, director of Tulsa's Communities in Schools and played an integral role in Mayor Kathy Taylor's election campaigns, among other key roles in the community.

"It's an honor to be joining an outstanding team doing such important work," said Ms. America. "It's hard to imagine something that has more direct, daily impact on changing the lives -- in some cases, literally saving the lives -- of Tulsa's most vulnerable children."

The board also promoted Rose Turner, CAN interim executive director and previous managing director, to chief operations officer (COO) with primary responsibility and oversight of operations and program delivery at the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). Ms. Turner has served in varying leadership roles at CAN for the past 12 years, and she is recognized as a leading child abuse specialist in Oklahoma. Ms. Turner is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in social work. She is a graduate of Leadership Tulsa Class 35.

#### **About the Child Abuse Network**

The Child Abuse Network provides collaborative intervention services to child abuse victims, so that they are encouraged to embrace a future driven by hope. CAN serves as a partner in the multidisciplinary team that serves children of reported child abuse. The result is a collaborative and non-duplicated multidisciplinary team approach to investigate abuse and protect children in crisis. Visit [www.childabusenetwork.org](http://www.childabusenetwork.org) to learn more about CAN's unique, comprehensive approach to child abuse intervention.