

POSITIVE TOMORROWS NEW SCHOOL FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



The new Positive Tomorrows campus is at the intersection of education and stability for Oklahoma City's homeless youth and their families. As Oklahoma's only tuition-free elementary school and social service agency partnering with families experiencing homelessness, this organization is unlike

any other in the region. The design challenges presented by this school for homeless children are met with careful considerations and intentional design solutions that support a "High Structure – High Love" curriculum.

Rather than a traditional institutional setting, the design creates a sense of home—a campus where learning opportunities can happen anywhere. The space fosters stability, considers special circulation needs, and promotes easy-to-follow routines and procedures for the students. An open-space concept creates a safe atmosphere where students are easily monitored and specialized learning spaces cultivate enriching learning opportunities. Areas such as a Food Lab, Maker Space, Literacy Lab, and an art and music classroom are dedicated to experimentation, problem-solving, and cultural curriculum.

The school ensures that students have

the opportunity to explore extracurricular activities that promote lifelong learning and curiosity. 🧑🎓

“The school’s name says almost everything you need to know about its mission, and it is uniquely manifested in the architecture. From the organizational approach to the use of color and materiality to the signage and branding, it provides a clear sense of inclusion and belonging to a population that needs uplifting. The overall design is impactful and engaging.”

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