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Vanessa Price was employed as a police officer with The City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of Inspector and was assigned to Operations Administration as the Interim Executive Director for Weed and Seed Programs. Mrs. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012.

Her prior assignment from May of 1998 to September 2009 was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of The Oklahoma County Drug Court Program, including policy manual development, budgeting, and staff training. Training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the signs of mental illness, identification of a subject under the influence of drugs, effectively communicating with consumers, strengths-based interviewing, team building, drug testing, program planning and development, grant writing, community supervision, cultural proficiency for consumers served, ethics & confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders, community resource identification and development.

In May 2014, Mrs. Price was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In January 2015 she was reappointed to a four-year term and elected to serve as Chair of organization.

Mrs. Price joined the staff of NADCP in August of 2016 to serve as the Director of the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI). NDCI is the training and research division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). The organization provides training, research, and technical assistance to the criminal justice field with an emphasis on treatment courts and issues that advance the criminal justice response to substance use disorder, mental health and related issues. Mrs. Price has an Associate Degree from Oklahoma State University in Applied Police Science; a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, in Criminal Justice.