

PROJECT EMPOWER



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**EDUCATING, MOTIVATING, AND PROVIDING
OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP VICTIMS ENRICH
AND RECLAIM THEIR LIVES**



Project EMPOWER has a coordinated system of care that assists victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by helping them stabilize housing, childcare, and other day-to-day support so they can focus on reclaiming their lives. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma maintains EMPOWER to assist Native American victims in overcoming challenges and reclaiming their lives through a holistic, victim-centered program.

This program provides a broad range of services such as safety and life planning, transportation, legal advocacy, education guidance, childcare services, housing assistance, group counseling, life skill enhancement, transitional living expenses, parenting guidance, financial and employment counseling.

EMPOWER also serves family and household members of victims and those collaterally affected by the victimization through a multitude of services ranging from housing assistance to culturally attuned counseling. Advocates work with each victim to develop a specific safety and long-term life plan to help them achieve a stable, successful future. Advocates provide specific activities for victims to move them along their life plan, including: life skills training (how to manage a household on a budget), basic computer, internet training, and related guidance in obtaining a job, writing a resume, filling out applications, and more. Trainings on etiquette, professionalism, and how to communicate while at work are also available.

EMPOWER SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Transitional Housing and Support
- Safety and Life Planning
- Transportation
- Group Counseling
- Legal Advocacy
- Childcare Services
- Education Counseling
- Employment Guidance
- Financial Guidance and More!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- MUST BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICES WITHIN THE 10.5 COUNTIES OF THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA
- TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP OR CDIB CARD
Copy of Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or Tribal Membership in a Federally Recognized Tribe
- MUST BE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, DATING VIOLENCE, AND/OR STALKING
- MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER