PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR THE CHAHTA PEOPLE

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Phone Numbers:
580-924-8280 (for local and cell phones)
800-522-6170 (toll free)

Notes:
All of the services provided by the Choctaw Nation have been carefully designed to ensure that each member of the tribe can look forward to a bright, prosperous future. We are honored to present to you this extensive list of the programs and services available to the Chahta people.

The dedicated staff in each department work very hard to raise the standards of living for the members of the Choctaw Nation and actively promote our values of faith, family, and culture.

This booklet is your guide of the programs available to you, to help you continue to grow in the Chahta Spirit as well as maintain the appreciation for our culture and heritage for many years to come.
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Tribal Enrollment

Tribal Membership and CDIB

800-522-6170
cdib-membership@choctawnation.com

The Tribal Membership and Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) staff are here to assist in obtaining your CDIB/Membership card.

The CDIB is a federal government card certifying an individual’s blood degree and tribe. The tribe contracts this program from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the cards are approved and signed by a BIA representative. The tribal card can only be issued once a CDIB has been approved. It establishes an individual as a member of the Choctaw Nation. The CDIB/Membership card is a new card that combines the CDIB, Membership, and Photo ID (if photo is submitted) into one card. Children ages 13 and under will be issued a CDIB/Membership card without a photo. Once they have reached age 14, they will be eligible to receive the CDIB/Membership card with a Photo ID. Tribal Membership is required for voting in tribal elections and is also required for eligibility for many services.

In order to obtain a CDIB/Membership card, one must be able to connect as a direct descendant to someone who is enrolled on the final Choctaw Dawes Commission Rolls with a blood degree. There is no minimal blood quantum requirement to qualify once established.

Voter Registration

800-522-6170
VoterRegistration@choctawnation.com

The mission of the Voter Registration Department is to increase voter participation in tribal elections, promote election process transparency through voter education and community outreach, and maintain the accuracy of voter information. We strive to maintain compliance with the current Chief and Tribal Council Election Ordinance set forth by our Tribal Council.

You may register or update your information by submitting a completed Voter Registration Form to our department, with eligibility determined by the following:

• Anyone who is a registered Tribal Member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
• 18 years or older leading up to the next tribal election.

To ensure that you are properly registered to vote and that you receive any future correspondence from our department, please include both a physical address and mailing address on the form. A Voter Certificate will be issued after the first time registration and directly following each update made to your information. Our department will have staff available year-round to assist tribal members with questions regarding voter registration and the tribal elections of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.
Genealogy
800-522-6170
genealogy@choctawnation.com

The Genealogy program provides ancestry information from the Dawes Commission Roll to assist tribal members or potential tribal members in verifying lineage for CDIB applications and family histories. Assistance is also provided as to where other documentation, useful in genealogy research, may be found.

Member Benefits
800-522-6170

BISKINIK
The BISKINIK is the official publication of the Choctaw Nation and is free to tribal members. The BISKINIK is mailed to every state and to many foreign countries. Be sure to keep the Direct Member Communications department informed of any address change so that your paper delivery will not be interrupted. Archived copies are available at choctawnation.com.

Choctaw Artist Registry
www.choctawnation.com/history-culture/artist-registry

The Choctaw Artist Registry provides a means of recognizing Choctaw artists and of providing a way to contact these artists, many whose works are featured in Choctaw Nation facilities and on choctawstore.com.

Choctaw Vehicle Tags
Oklahoma vehicle tags are available for members of the Choctaw Nation. Choctaw Veteran tags are also available for members who have been in the military.

Christmas Ornaments/Calendars
Ornaments and calendars are mailed to tribal members.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses
Huntingandfishing@choctawnation.com

Choctaw Nation works with the State of Oklahoma to provide free hunting and fishing licenses to resident hunters and partial reimbursement for out of state residents wishing to hunt in Oklahoma.
The Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance Program is a subsidy program that assists eligible low-income, Native American families with their financial obligations for child care. The purpose of the program is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation service area.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Child must be under the age of 13.
• Child must be a member of a federally recognized Native American Tribe, or a child who resides with a Native American family. The Native American family must include one parent/guardian who is a member of a federally recognized tribe.
• Child must reside within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation 10.5-county service area.
• Both parents must be working, in training or attending an educational program.
• Must meet income guidelines based on family size and income.
Child Care
800-522-6170

**Locations**
- Bennington
- Coalgate
- Durant
- Idabel
- Stigler
- Talihina

The Choctaw Nation Child Care Program provides care for children from 6 weeks of age to 12 years. Child Care Centers are licensed through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS).

Children attending the centers are supported by a learning environment and varied experiences which will help them develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of social competence.

The program accepts payment from the OKDHS Subsidy Program, Choctaw Nation Child Care Assistance Subsidy Program and private pay.

Early Head Start/Head Start
800-522-6170

**Early Head Start Locations**
- Durant
- Bennington
- Coalgate
- Broken Bow

**Head Start Locations**
- Antlers
- Atoka
- Bennington
- Broken Bow
- Coalgate
- Durant
- Hugo
- Idabel
- McAlester
- Poteau
- Stigler
- Wilburton

Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start (HS) are directed primarily toward economically disadvantaged families. EHS focuses on children ages 6 weeks to 3 years old. HS focuses on children ages 3 to 5 years old. All nationalities are served, with preference given to Native American families.

Families who have children with diagnosed disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. These programs assist these families in assuring that all appropriate, prescribed developmental services are provided to meet the special needs of their children.

EHS operates year round, Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. HS program operates Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Extended hours are available for parents and guardians who are working or attending classes and have no other options for their child.

There is a tribally run preschool program in Bethel (Chahta Vlla Preschool) that serves children 3 to 5 years old. Its hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Extended hours are available for parents and guardians who are working or attending classes and have no other options for their child.
Member Services

Summer Youth Sports and Cultural Camps
800-522-6170

The Choctaw Nation Special Projects Department offers a wide variety of summer camps and events for Choctaw youth. Camps offered include Cultural Enrichment, Golf, Softball, Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Stickball. The Special Projects Department also hosts youth teams of all ages to compete in All-Native tournaments like the Madness in March, Warriors Showcase and the Jim Thorpe Native Games.

They also present many events at the Tvshka Homma Capitol Grounds and Village including Traditional Bow Shoot competitions, Christmas in the Park, and a Haunted House and movie during the Youth Outreach’s Harvest Carnival.

Family Services
800-522-6170

The Children and Family Services’ vision is to protect, nurture and strengthen Choctaw children and families for the preservation of future generations. The program works with children and families to provide services and opportunities that promote safety, self-sufficiency and well-being in order to sustain our tribe and culture. Those services include Family Violence Prevention, Family Preservation, Indian Child Welfare, Adoption, Foster Care, and Project SAFE. Offices are located in Atoka, Durant, Hugo, McAlester, Talihina, Idabel, Broken Bow, and Poteau.

Family Violence Prevention

The Choctaw Nation Family Violence Prevention program provides quality specialized services and resources that promote family strengths, stability and enhance the safety of victims of domestic violence, family violence or dating violence and their dependents. Family Violence advocates will provide advocacy services, awareness activities, outreach and prevention activities throughout the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation to work towards preventing violence, reducing the cycle of violence and beginning the healing process for the survivors of family violence, domestic violence or dating violence.

Family Preservation

The Choctaw Nation Family Preservation program provides services designed to prevent family disruption and out-of-home placement by meeting the needs of a family in times of crisis. The purpose of the program is to empower families to provide adequate safe care for at-risk children by identifying their strengths, assisting them with finding solutions, promoting family strengths, stability, parental functions and supporting self-reliance through short-term family supportive services, intensive family services or in-home services.
Indian Child Welfare

The Indian Child Welfare program works on behalf of Choctaw children and families in accordance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA). Our social workers collaborate with state workers and the courts to ensure safe, stable and nurturing homes for Choctaw children. The Indian Child Welfare program provides advocacy for residents within the Choctaw Nation’s 10.5-county service area, as well as for Choctaws throughout the United States.

Adoption and Foster Care

The Adoption and Foster Care program recruits Choctaw foster care resource homes to provide Choctaw children with safe, stable and nurturing homes that are culturally appropriate when they are removed from their homes. The program licenses Choctaw resource homes throughout the state of Oklahoma, concentrating on areas where the need for foster homes is the greatest. The Adoption and Foster Care department is also responsible for ensuring that adoptions of Choctaw children are made in compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) and provides resources to prospective Choctaw adoptive parents.

Social Services (see page 49)

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Vision

Living out the Chahta spirit of faith, family and culture.

Mission

To the Choctaw proud, ours is the sovereign nation offering opportunities for growth and prosperity.
EDUCATION

Adult Education
800-522-6170

This program is designed to improve educational and employment opportunities for Native Americans who have not completed high school and want to earn their High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma. HSE classes are conducted at Choctaw Nation Community Centers and other facilities within the Choctaw Nation to help students prepare for the HiSET or GED tests. Native American students residing within the Choctaw Nation boundaries who have a CDIB card, who are 16 years or older, and not enrolled in public school, may attend HSE classes. An online computer academy is also available to students who have computer and an internet access in any state. Native American students who reside outside Choctaw Nation boundaries who meet the program requirements are eligible for reimbursement of testing fees once they have passed their HSE test.

CAB: Choctaw Asset Building
800-522-6170
choctawcab.com

CAB is an income/asset-based, matched savings program available to Choctaw tribal members who live in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. Educational savings programs are offered across the United States.

This savings program can assist qualifying Choctaws in opening a matched savings account that can be used to attend college, start or expand a business, or buy their first home. This program offers: financial literacy, financial independence, and matching funds. Clients need to be 18 years of age to open an account.
Member Services

Career Development
800-522-6170
choctawcareers.com

Choctaw Nation Career Development enhances the lives of all tribal members through opportunities for education and jobs. The program is designed to facilitate education and training which leads to workforce recognized certifications or licensures and self-sustaining employment of Choctaws.

Available Services Include:

• Career Guidance: Offered to facilitate student development in the academic, career, and personal/social areas.
• Assessment Testing: Offered to measure skills employers believe are critical to job success.
• Academic Remediation: Offered to support and strengthen academic skills and offers a variety of learning assistance programs necessary for success in college-level or technical courses.
• Financial Assistance for quality training.
• Career Readiness Certification (CRC) is a portable credential indicating that an individual has certain fundamental skills needed in the workplace.
• Employment Services: Offers resume preparation, mock interviews and job search tips.

Interested participants must be of Choctaw descent, working towards a workforce recognized credential or certificate, and provide proof of tribal membership.

Chahta Foundation
800-522-6170
chahtafoundation.com

The goal of the Chahta Foundation is to empower the Choctaw people to be self-reliant and take active ownership in the advancement of Choctaw life and culture. Empowerment starts with education. The Chahta Foundation offers competitive scholarships to Choctaw Nation students seeking postsecondary education.

Scholarships range from high school seniors to doctorate level students. Applications open January 15 and close March 31.
Choctaw STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program

580-326-4910 ext. 6212
580-380-3273

Choctaw STEM is an income-based program designed to provide Choctaw tribal members with high-quality career and technical education, focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math programs that result in an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree. Participants must reside within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation, be interested in a STEM training program, and enrolled in an accredited program that has been approved by the grant.

College Clothing Allowance

800-522-6170
ccaapplication.choctawnation.com

The Choctaw Nation offers a one-time college clothing allowance to Choctaw tribal members throughout the United States who are currently attending an accredited college or university. Students must be a member of the Choctaw Nation; however, there are no blood quantum requirements.

Qualifying applicants will receive a Visa gift card to purchase college clothing. The gift card can only be used at retailers that sell clothing; it will be declined at ATMs, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, etc.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Students may apply after the fall semester of their freshman year of college. High school students enrolled in college are not eligible.
• The application portal is open twice a year, after the completion of the fall semester from January 1st to April 1st and after the completion of the spring semester from June 1st to September 1st. Application can be made once 12 semester hours have been earned during a single semester.
• Funds are awarded by the most recent semester GPA rather than cumulative GPA. A student will earn a $300 Visa gift card for a semester GPA of 3.00 to 4.00 or a $250 Visa gift card for a GPA of 2.00 to 2.99.
• Students must attend a college or university working towards a minimum of an associate degree. The College Clothing Allowance Program cannot assist students enrolled in Vocational/Technical or Trade Schools, certifications, or correspondence courses.
• Students must have a current class schedule, enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours, working towards a degree.
College FYI: College Freshman Year Initiative
800-522-6170
collegefyi@choctawnation.com

The goal of College FYI is to create a community among Choctaw students, their college campus, and our staff wherein students are empowered to make informed decisions and develop academic and life skills to become confident, proactive, and accountable participants in their educational and professional lives. In order to achieve this goal, we’ve placed Choctaw Success Coaches on the campuses of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Carl Albert State College, and Eastern Oklahoma State College to assist Choctaw students through graduation or successful transfer to another institution. If you’re a Choctaw tribal member and attending or considering applying to one of these schools, please call our office today.

DARE Program
800-522-6170

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, (DARE) is a dedicated officer that provides education to schools and communities regarding the importance of staying off drugs. The program received a grant for a specially equipped vehicle that is a big hit with the students when the officer visits for in-class trainings.

The DARE officer participates in other special functions involving youth to promote awareness in the fight against substance abuse. The DARE program officer also visits community centers, Head Starts and elderly housing programs to offer assistance as a community service.

Educational Talent Search
800-522-6170

The Talent Search Program provides one-on-one educational services to participants who are in the 6th - 12th grade and are attending one of the target area schools. Students must have completed the 5th grade, be at least 11 years old, meet economic and other federal guidelines, be able to benefit from one or more program services, and have the potential and desire to pursue higher education. Additionally, the program provides guidance to high school dropouts (up to age 27) to assist them in re-entering the educational system to complete their secondary education or GED and enroll in a postsecondary degree program.

Services may include: Academic guidance/counseling, career exploration activities, information about educational summer academies and research activities, financial aid information and application assistance, career interest inventories and interpretations, Gates Millennium and other scholarship information and application
Member Services

assistance, FAFSA information and application assistance, Oklahoma Promise application information, Oklahoma college campus tours, ACT information, ACT Prep workshops, ACT registration assistance, and ACT fee waivers. Additionally, staff visits schools on a monthly basis.

Early Head Start/Head Start (see page 11)

Higher Education Program
800-522-6170

The Higher Education Program provides financial assistance to qualified tribal members of the Choctaw Nation actively pursuing a higher education degree at an accredited college or university. There are no blood quantum or location restrictions; however, students must hold a valid CDIB and Choctaw tribal membership.

Students must be working toward a minimum of an Associate degree, and may receive assistance with one Associate degree, one Bachelor’s degree, one Master’s degree and one Doctorate or Professional degree.

High school students who are concurrently enrolled and receiving college credit may apply for the concurrent scholarship offered by the Higher Education Program. Students may receive assistance for up to two classes a semester while they are currently enrolled in high school.

Higher Education Application cycles are as follows:

• Spring: January 2 – March 1
• Fall: July 15 – October 1

HSSS: High School Student Services
800-522-6170

The HSSS program provides Choctaw students in the 9th-12th grades with academic information to promote education and/or career path beyond high school.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Any Choctaw student, 9th-12th grade, attending an accredited high school.
• Students must be tribal members of the Choctaw Nation and verified by the High School Student Services staff.
• Each student must have an Authorization Form on file with the Choctaw Nation HSSS program (one-time application).
Jones Academy is a Native American residential learning center for elementary and secondary school age children (grades 1-12; housing for Kindergarten is not provided). The facility is located in southeast Oklahoma and houses approximately 190 co-grade students annually. Established in 1891 by the Choctaw Nation, the campus sits on 540 acres of rolling pasture five miles east of Hartshorne, Oklahoma, on Highway 270. Named after Wilson N. Jones, Principal Chief from 1890 to 1894, the school has served generations of Native American children while under the oversight of the Choctaw Nation or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In April 1985, the Choctaw Nation contracted the boarding school operation from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and in 1988, Jones Academy became a tribally controlled school. Older students attend Hartshorne Public Schools while classes for grades 1st-6th are held on campus. The campus also includes two dormitories, a cafeteria, gym, an after-school program building, a counseling center, library/learning center, administration building and museum.

Jones Academy students are fully supported in their academic endeavors as well as extracurricular activities. The facility offers a wide variety of services to the students. They are encouraged to participate in cultural and traditional programs. These activities include pow wows, visits to ancient burial mounds and tribal festivals and museums. Art classes, piano, guitar and dance are offered to the students after school. Recreational activities include intramural sports, camping, swimming, fishing, social dances, bowling, skating, movies, picnics, horseback riding, and more. Jones Academy offers a strong, well-rounded program of activities to meet the individual needs of youth.

JOM: Johnson-O’Malley Program
800-522-6170

The JOM Program provides funding for supplemental programs through contracts with the public schools within the Choctaw Nation 10.5-county service area to meet the specialized and unique educational needs of eligible students. Eligible students are Native Americans from age 3 through 12th grade, who are members or who have a biological parent that is a member of a federally recognized tribe, except those students who are enrolled in Bureau or sectarian-operated schools.
The School of Choctaw Language, Chahta Anumpa Aiikhvna, was established to promote and preserve the language, history and culture of the Chahta people. The program serves the Chahta people through its website, community and online classes, as well as distance learning classes to public schools and college classes. Classes are also taught to students in early childhood centers and elementary schools. Our website serves as a language database connection to provide information about our school and various opportunities available to learn Chahta language and culture.

STAR Program: Success Through Academic Recognition

The STAR program offers incentives to Choctaw students enrolled in 2nd-12th grades by encouraging them to perform at optimal levels and reinforces the idea of “hard work pays off.” Since 2007, STAR has grown from an educational program for Choctaw students in the 10.5-county service area to an international program servicing Choctaw youth worldwide. STAR currently serves more than 20,000 students in 48 states and four foreign countries and has provided incentives totaling over $1 million. Incentives are given twice a year, at the end of each semester, for the following academic achievements:

- All “A’s” Report Card: $25 gift card
- All “A’s” and/or “B’s” Report Card: $10 gift card
- Perfect Attendance: $25 gift card

The Fall awarding period opens on December 1st of each year and ends on March 1st. The Spring awarding period opens on May 1st of each year and ends on September 1st. All students must complete an individual application which can be submitted online by visiting the STAR website. Required forms can be printed online or mailed to you at your request. In order to qualify for semester awards, students must be enrolled in 2nd-12th grades and possess a tribal membership card.

SSAF: Student School and Activity Fund

The Choctaw Nation offers a $100 grant to Choctaw tribal students. The grant is provided one time each fiscal year and can be used for school clothing, school supplies, or activities. Students must meet certain criteria in order to receive funds:

- Students must possess a Choctaw Nation tribal membership card. (This is not the CDIB)
- Students must be at least 3 years old in head start/daycare setting through 12th grade.
• High school seniors cannot apply after their graduation date.
• If the student is 19 or older and still in high school please submit a paper form via mail, email, or fax and include school documentation verifying enrollment.
The SSAF Program funding year begins every July 1 and ends May 1 of the following year.

Applications can be submitted online at ssafapplication.choctawnation.com.

Technology Allowance Program
800-522-6170

The Choctaw Nation offers a one-time technology allowance to Choctaw tribal members throughout the United States who are currently attending an accredited college or university. Students must be a member of the Choctaw Nation; however, there are no blood quantum requirements. Funds are limited and only students who submit a complete application and meet eligibility requirements will be considered for the allowance.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Be an active member of the Higher Education Program by receiving funding for the previous fall term.
• Submit an online Spring Higher Education scholarship application (spring applications open on January 2nd each year).
• Currently hold a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.
• Have completed a minimum of 12 hours of degree seeking college coursework.
• Be enrolled in a minimum of 6 degree seeking credit hours.

Applications for the Technology Allowance Program open on the third Monday each January. For further requirements, please visit the Choctaw Nation website.

TAG: Tigers Achieving Greatness (Project Impact)
580-775-7547

Project Impact (TAG) is a comprehensive college and career readiness program offered through elective courses for 8th-12th grade students attending school in Talihina.

• Courses consist of ACT Prep, College and Career Readiness, and Introduction to Careers.
• Additionally, these elective courses offer field trips, special events, guest speakers, job shadowing, internships, summer camps and a Native Culture component each month.

Eligibility Requirements: Must be in 8th-12th grade attending Talihina Public Schools.
Vocational Development

866-933-2260 ext. 2613
580-920-2260 ext. 2613

The Vocational Development Program assists Native Americans with a ¼ degree or more of blood quantum living within the boundaries of the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation to obtain educational training assistance. The education courses must be program approved at an accredited two-year college. Training is also offered for any full-time program at all Kiamichi Technology Centers. The program does not pay for short-term classes. Participants must be enrolled as a full-time student.

Vocational Development Employment Assistance

866-933-2260
580-920-2260

The Vocational Development Employment Assistance Program offers financial assistance for job relocation.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Be at least ¼ Native American and have a CDIB showing Degree of Native American blood.
• Be moving for a new full-time, 40-hour-per-week job (a job transfer is not eligible for employment assistance).
• Moving from outside the Choctaw Nation into the Choctaw Nation or live within the Choctaw Nation (10.5-county area).

WIOA: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

800-522-6170

WIOA is to establish programs to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to provide job training to those economically disadvantaged individuals and other individuals facing serious barriers to employment, who are in special need of such training to obtain productive employment. Time on the program is limited in accordance with the guidelines.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Tribal membership and CDIB card
• Family income for last six months

Training programs within WIOA are as follows:

• CRT- Classroom Training
• OJT- On Job Training

Employee programs within WIOA are:

• WE- Work Experience
• SY-Summer Youth
YAB: Youth Advisory Board/Youth Empowerment

800-522-6170

The Choctaw Nation Youth Empowerment/Youth Advisory Board challenges and empowers youth to build a strong and healthy environment for their communities. YAB helps the youth become leaders through service. They learn to solve problems and discover the ability to set and achieve goals. This not only gives them a deeper understanding of their community, but the world around them. YAB understands that leadership comes in many forms and works with each participant to help them find where their strengths lie and help them build on it. We also help them see that with a little extra work, they can achieve great things. In this, we encourage them to challenge themselves to take responsibility for their future.

Eligibility Requirements:

• Be in the 8th-12th grades.
• Be a youth residing in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation with interests and commitment to those communities.
• Be a citizen of the United States or have a valid student/exchange Visa, (a CDIB is not required).
• Have a desire to make a difference in the community.
Family Caregivers Program
800-522-6170

Services are available to assist family members caring for the elderly or grandparents raising grandchildren. Five components for access of services: Information on existing services, Assistance with access of services, Individual Counseling or Support Group for caregivers, Respite Services for brief relief from responsibilities and Supplemental Support.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Seniors
580-916-9140 ext. 83812

The Choctaw Nation Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is provided by the Choctaw Nation Health Services in coordination with the USDA. The program offers $50 in checks to eligible low-income seniors (55 and up) that can be exchanged for fresh, nutritious, unprepared locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey. These checks can be used with authorized farmers in our 10.5-county service area.

Requirements for the program are:

- Meet income qualifications (provide current pay stub for last 30 days, current tax returns, or current eligibility letter to Indian commodities or SNAP).
- Native American at least 55 years of age (provide CDIB as ID).
- Non-Native American at least 60 years of age residing in a Native-American household (ID).
- Disabled persons under 60 but at least 55 years of age living in housing for the elderly with congregate nutritional services (proof of SSI Disability).
Outreach Services
580-326-8304

Outreach Services reaches out to Native American elderly residing in Southern LeFlore County to bridge the gap between Entitlement Programs and tribal programs for access of services.

Senior Nutrition
580-924-9704 ext. 30112
800-522-6170

Locations:
Antlers   Durant   Smithville
Atoka     Hugo     Stigler
Bethel/Battiest  Idabel    Talihina
Broken Bow  McAlester Wilburton
Coalgate  Poteau    Wright City
Crowder   Spiro

The Senior Nutrition Program provides meals, information and referral, transportation and arts and crafts to Native American Senior Citizens 55 years of age and older. The program provides one meal per week at a local CNO Community Center. The Talihina center currently provides meals five days a week.

Annual activities include the Annual Senior Citizen Day and Honoring of Outstanding Senior Choctaw Male and Female. Program activities include transportation services to tribally sponsored events for eligible participants.
Victims Assistance Elder/Vulnerable Adult Services
877-285-6893

The Choctaw Nation Elder/Vulnerable Adult Advocacy Program provides services to elder victims of crime. The services provided include: Elder abuse case management, advocacy, joint intervention services with Oklahoma Adult Protective Services, accompaniment to hospitals for medical examinations, emergency food, clothing, transportation, emergency services that will restore the victim’s sense of dignity and self-esteem. Advocacy services include accompanying individuals to the criminal justice office and court, providing transportation to court, coordination of child care/dependent care to enable a victim to attend court, restitution advocacy (victim compensation), and assisting with victim impact statements.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Victim of Elder Abuse
  - Physical Abuse
  - Emotional Abuse or Isolation
  - Sexual Abuse
  - Elder Neglect
  - Financial Exploitation
  - Other Crimes
- 55 years of age and older
- Crime victims that reside within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

Other programs beneficial for Elders

See Health
- Senior Nutrition
- Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Seniors
- Diabetes Wellness
- Eyeglasses, Dentures and Hearing Aid Program (EDH)
- Community Health Nursing
- Healthy Aging

See Social Services
- Himittoa Apesvchi
- Food Distribution

See Housing
- Independent Elder Living Community
- Choctaw Nation Storm Shelter Program
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Services
844-709-6301 - hotline
oem@choctawnation.com

The Choctaw Nation Office of Emergency Management’s (CNOEM) mission is to support our tribal members and first responders to ensure that as a Tribal Nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

The CNOEM provides preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery supplies including smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire extinguishers through the Home Fire Campaign. CNOEM also partners with the American Red Cross to provide weather radios and recovery resource books to our tribal members. Additionally, CNOEM provides the following emergency services: fire evacuation planning, emergency sheltering, debris removal coordination, response supplies (when available), and coordination with the state and FEMA. During large disasters or planned events, the CNOEM activates the Choctaw Nation Emergency Operation Center to provide incident management, resource management, incident action planning, and situational awareness.

FINANCE

CAB: Choctaw Asset Building (see page 14)

Credit and Loan Program
800-522-6170

There are two separate loan programs available through the Choctaw Nation for eligible applicants. One is the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Credit Association which offers the following types of loans:

- Small Business
- Home Purchase
- Home Improvement
- Agriculture

To be eligible to apply for a loan you must live within the 10.5-county area of the Choctaw Nation and have a CDIB Card from a federally recognized tribe.

The second program is the Choctaw Revolving Loan Fund which offers Micro Loans up to $2,500 and must be repaid within a 24-month period. These loans are for emergency home improvements and small businesses.

To be eligible to apply you must live within the 10.5-county area of the Choctaw Nation and have a CDIB Card for Choctaw Members only.
HEALTH

Hospital and Clinics

Choctaw Nation Health Care Center, Talihina 918-567-7000
Atoka Health Clinic 580-889-1981
Broken Bow Health Clinic 580-584-2740
Durant Regional Medical Clinic 580-920-2100
Hugo Health Clinic 580-326-7561
Idabel Health Clinic 580-286-2600
McAlester Health Clinic 918-423-8440
Poteau Health Clinic 918-649-1100
Stigler Health Clinic 918-967-9200
800-349-7026
www.cnhsa.com

Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority operates a hospital and clinic in Talihina as well as outpatient clinics in Atoka, Broken Bow, Durant, Hugo, Idabel, McAlester, Poteau and Stigler. CDIB cardholders are eligible for health services at Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities throughout the United States.

The Choctaw Nation Health Care Center located in Talihina was newly constructed and opened in 1999. The facility is a 44-bed hospital and includes an outpatient clinic with 70 exam rooms and 13 treatment rooms. A Family Medicine Residency program successfully began at the facility in 2012.

The Durant Regional Medical Clinic opened in 2017. The facility serves as an outpatient clinic and is home to the first Outpatient Surgery Center in the Choctaw Nation.

Health care services offered include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, women’s health, surgery, physical therapy, behavioral health, dental and optometry, just to name a few. Specialty services are available to patients who qualify based on specific eligibility guidelines. Services vary by location.
If you live outside of Oklahoma, you may wish to contact your local Chamber of Commerce or the nearest federally recognized tribe to locate the nearest IHS hospital or clinic in your area. You may also find information on the IHS website at www.ihs.gov.

**Behavioral Health Program**

**800-349-7026**

The Choctaw Nation Department of Behavioral Health provides a variety of services for adults, adolescents and children. Services include individual counseling, family counseling, case management services, substance abuse counseling, child/partner abuse counseling, psychiatric medication (evaluation/management), crisis intervention and suicide prevention. These services are available at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center and clinics by appointment.

- Must have a CDIB card of federally recognized tribe.
- Must live within the 10.5 counties in the Choctaw Nation boundaries.

**Chi Hullo Li - Women and Children Residential Program**

**918-567-2905**

**918-567-3255**

**888-449-2905**

Chi Hullo Li, a Choctaw phrase meaning “I Care for You,” is a long-term comprehensive, culturally sensitive residential treatment program for all Native American women 18 years or older. Chi Hullo Li specializes in women who are pregnant or postpartum (infant 0-12 months) and women with children. Two children, age 0-11, may reside with the mother while she is in treatment (three if one is an infant).

The Chi Hullo Li Residential Treatment Center is dedicated to empowering Native American women and their families. Promoting the healing of women and their children, Chi Hullo Li provides a diverse experience that encompasses cultural and spiritual identity, physical and emotional health, education and effective parenting.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Must be a female 18 years of age or older
- Must have a CDIB
- Suffer from chemical dependency and/or substance abuse
Choctaw Referred Care
800-349-7026

Formerly known as Contract Health Services, Choctaw Referred Care (CRC) is a special service that the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority provides to patients. Choctaw Nation Health Services provides a vast array of services, but there are still some that are not available at our facilities. Some care may require that you be treated at a non-Indian hospital, clinic and/or physician’s office. This care, when authorized, is paid through the CRC program.

All referrals are processed through the CRC services program to determine eligibility. Medical priorities are also established in accordance with federal regulations and community medical standards. Due to limited funding, there are times when CRC cannot pay for all services, although every effort is made to do so. In general, CRC services try to pay for the most life-threatening cases.

CRC Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have a CDIB (Certificate Degree of Indian Blood) and be a member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Must be a permanent resident within the Choctaw Nation Health Service area (Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg or Pushmataha counties).
- You must use all other resources to pay for your referred care such as Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Workers’ Compensation, Title XIX or SoonerCare, automobile insurance, homeowners insurance, and/or group health insurance. CRC is the payer of last resort.
- All persons asking CRC to pay medical expenses are screened for Medicaid (also known as Title XIX or SoonerCare). If we determine you are likely eligible, then we require you apply for Medicaid. This can be done by visiting with a Choctaw Nation Health Services Benefits Coordinator or online at www.mysoonercare.org.
- CRC requires proof that you have lived in the Choctaw Nation CRC area for 180 days prior to your application for CRC funds.
- Must have an approved referral through CRC. Either a Choctaw Nation physician or another Indian Health Services physician must initiate the referral.
- When emergency care is required at another facility and you are not able to get to an IHS/ Tribal facility, the patient or someone acting on his/her behalf must pre-certify with the Choctaw Nation CRC within 72 hours after the beginning of treatment. Authorization for payment will be determined by medical priorities and the availability of funds. Calling in does not guarantee services will be paid by CRC. Minor injuries or illnesses treated in a non-Indian hospital emergency room seldom meet our guidelines for medical priority.
Community Health Nursing

Community Health Nursing provides the following services:

- Home visits for infants born at the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center.
- Immunizations for children and adults.
- Health Fairs throughout Choctaw Nation.
- Community and school trainings on topics such as healthy lifestyles and disease prevention.
- Examinations for head lice at small rural schools.
- Blood-borne pathogen in-service training as required by state law for small rural schools upon request.
- Fluoride varnish treatments at Choctaw Nation Head Start and Child Care Centers. The Caring Van is utilized throughout the 10.5 counties to provide these services.

Diabetes Wellness Center

An award-winning, state-of-the-art Diabetes Wellness Center (DWC) is located next to the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina. An endocrinologist and mid-level providers are dedicated in providing excellent care in the treatment of diabetes and related illnesses. The facility has an accredited education program through the American Association of Diabetes Educators with seven diabetes educators and a registered dietitian. On-site pharmacy education, fitness coaches, and case management completes the care provided to patients.

Certified diabetes educators and RN diabetes educators are available in the outlying clinics for Diabetes Self-Management Training education. They work with DWC providers to provide case management services for patients needing additional assistance with glucose control.

The community-based diabetes educators hold diabetes community events to promote healthy lifestyles through healthy eating and exercise. A new service available is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Diabetes Lifestyle Change class to prevent Type 2 diabetes. The diabetes educators provide these services throughout the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

EDH: Eyeglasses, Dentures and Hearing Aid Program

The EDH program provides eligible Choctaws with Eyeglasses, Dentures/Partials and Hearing Aids. Choctaw Nation Membership required.
Farmers Market Nutrition for WIC
580-916-9140 ext. 83812

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program for WIC (FMNP) is a USDA-funded program to provide local, fresh fruits and vegetables to WIC participants. If a WIC participant is in a current certification period, they are adjunctively eligible for the FMNP WIC Program.

The FMNP WIC Program has authorized farmers throughout the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation growing produce for the participants.

Farmers Market Nutrition Program for Seniors (see page 24)

Healthy Aging
800-349-7026

The Healthy Aging Program serves elders in need of outpatient services to deliver preventive health care, diagnostic and treatment options not considered emergencies. It is a multi-disciplined program providing wellness, social services, behavioral health, and case management. The program assists elders in achieving a higher quality of life and maintaining optimal wellness. The Healthy Aging staff serves elders age 55 and older with a valid CDIB card. Case Management Services are also available to non-elder high-risk patients.

Healthy Lifestyles and Preventive Health
800-349-7026

The Healthy Lifestyles and Preventive Health program focuses on physical activity, nutrition and health promotion intervention. It is designed to increase awareness about the incidence and prevalence of risk factors in diabetes and cardiovascular diseases in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation. The program promotes and hosts employee and community events and advocates for policy changes that focus on physical activity, nutrition, tobacco prevention and overall healthy lifestyle. The goal is to reduce or eliminate health disparities among Native Americans and communities for obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other diseases.

Annual events sponsored by Healthy Lifestyles and Preventive Health include 1 mile walks/runs, 5Ks, 10Ks, 15Ks and half marathons. The program also collaborates with outside entities to assist in providing events and outreach in physical activity and nutrition. Additionally, the team hosts basketball and softball tournaments for employees and their families, a youth fitness camp in the summer, and supports employees and their families for participation in running and cycling events outside of the 10.5 counties. The team provides several fitness challenges during
the year and works with local schools, after-school programs and youth centers, providing education in nutrition and promoting activity. The Preventive Health team participates in local health fairs and the annual Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival-Healthy Living Expo by providing education and screenings. The team also provides education on various diseases, assists with tobacco education, and conducts cessation classes.

**Hospitality House**

918-567-2300

The Hospitality House offers a unique service by providing a “home-away-from-home” for family members and loved ones of patients from outside the Talihina area as well as for patients who live out of the area that have an appointment the next day.

Conveniently located near the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina, the Hospitality House provides a beautiful and affordable place to stay. A surveillance system adds to the security and safety of our guests. The Hospitality House can accommodate approximately 32 people in its eight rooms. It offers a shared kitchen and dining area along with a living/sitting area with a TV. Each bedroom is equipped with two queen size beds, a private bathroom, shower and vanity.

**Criteria:**

- All guest admissions are by referral only. Referrals are completed by Choctaw Nation Health Services.
- The Hospitality House will only house family members with next day appointments and family members of patients in the hospital that live more than 50 miles outside of the Talihina area.
- In order to provide for all those in need, Hospitality House guests will be limited to one room per family.
- There must be an admitted patient in the hospital for whom the guest is either a caregiver, family member or loved one.
- All next day appointments will be verified before issuing the guest a referral for a room.
- The Hospitality House is unable to serve individuals who are ill or in need of continuing care (i.e., apparatus requiring electrical support, or suspected of alcohol/drug intoxication and treatment).
- All guests are asked to check in and out at the front desk.
- Guests are asked to leave a minimum of $5 per person-per night, if possible to maintain the Hospitality House.
Lois White Burton Pharmacy Refill Center
866-367-4084
918-649-1100 ext. 61136

Pharmacy items from Choctaw Nation Health Services that are eligible for refills can be filled and mailed from the Refill Center in Poteau. Patients requesting refills are given the option to pick up their prescription(s) at a Choctaw Nation Health Clinic of their choice or receive their refills at home via USPS mail. Refill orders may be placed in various ways:

- By calling 918-649-1100 ext. 1136 or (866) 367-4084 using the Audio Care System or the messaging center.
- By mailing in the reorder form received with your prescription.

Please have the following information available when placing a refill order: patient name, date of birth, chart number and prescription number(s).

Once the orders are received, a pharmacist verifies the order before entering it into the system. The software analyzes all the items ordered and makes a decision to process the order in the most efficient manner by allocating the order to the appropriate area.

MSPI: Methamphetamine/Suicide Prevention Initiative
918-302-0052

MSPI offers prevention material for suicide and methamphetamine use as well as Suicide Prevention Trainings called QPR that can be presented to communities, schools, health facilities, etc. This service is available throughout the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

OEH: Office of Environmental Health and Engineering
Hugo 580-326-9673
Talihina 918-567-5313

The OEH program is a division of the Choctaw Nation Health Services Authority and is funded through grants by the Indian Health Service. This program provides qualified Native American families with sanitation facilities for their home. Some of the facilities provided by the OEH program include water wells or community water connections, septic tanks, drain fields, lagoons, alternative septic systems or connection to a community sewer system.
Eligibility Requirements:

• Your home must be located within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation and it must be your primary residence.
• Homes to be served must have a thermostatically controlled heating system.
• If the home to be served is a mobile home, it must be skirted, have tie-downs secured, the wheels and axles removed and the ball part of the hitch must be cut off. The trailer must be greater than 40 feet in length and cannot have been marketed or sold as a travel trailer.
• A permanent resident of the home must possess a CDIB card. A copy of this card is required with the application.
• The application must have proof of home ownership. A copy of the deed, title, mortgage or finance papers must be included with the application.
• The applicant must have proof of land ownership. A copy of the deed or a minimum of a five-year lease that has been notarized and filed at the courthouse from another Native American and the CDIB must be included.
• This program cannot serve Mutual Help (Indian Homes) if you are currently making payments on the home to the Housing Authority.

All requests for services must include a completed application and the copies detailed above. These services are dependent on the availability of funds. Engineering or other technical assistance is also available if time is available for such activities.

Patient Relations

Durant 580-924-9704
McAlester 918-426-4125
Tahlequah 918-567-7000 or 800-349-7026

Patient Relations provides patients with an objective environment where they can express concerns or requests for assistance. The department is staffed with caring individuals who strive to strengthen, personalize and enhance the relationship among the patients and Choctaw Nation Health Services staff. The staff also assists in locating alternative resources to help patients with needs such as prescription expenses, acquiring needed durable medical equipment (canes, commode boosters, crutches, commode chairs, wheelchairs, bath/shower chairs and walkers), negotiating total costs of medical bills, etc. Choctaw Nation membership is required for durable medical equipment.
Member Services

Recovery Center
918-567-2389

The Choctaw Nation Recovery Center is a residential treatment facility, located near the Choctaw Nation Health Care Center in Talihina. The licensed and certified staff of the Choctaw Nation Recovery Center are dedicated in providing quality inpatient alcohol and drug addiction treatment services to Native American males over the age of 18.

The Choctaw Nation Recovery Center offers an intensive, 28-day residential program. Individuals receive individual counseling, group therapy, and family counseling along with 12-step education and instruction, relapse prevention, coping skills, ropes course, among many other treatment components.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Must be a male 18 years of age or older.
- Must have a CDIB.
- Evident physical and mental dysfunction related to alcohol, drug or other substance abuse.
- Completed phone screening and admissions application.
- Court-related cases and referrals will be considered on case-by-case basis.

Tribal Transit

Hugo 580-326-9753
McCurtain County 580-286-7014
Bryan County 580-745-9260
877-892-1181
Text Message 580-775-4293
tribaltransit@choctawnation.com

Choctaw Nation Tribal Transit is designed to help those without adequate transportation to non-emergency medical appointments. Tribal Transit provides tribal members with reliable transportation to surrounding health care facilities.

Please provide the following when contacting Tribal Transit to request transportation: patient birthday, current Medicaid ID number, time and date of medical appointment name, address and phone number of the health care facility you will be visiting, and any special need requests such as a wheelchair lift.

Please note: drivers will give assistance into and out of your destination; however, they cannot assume the role of a caretaker. If you need more assistance, please bring an attendant with you. Drivers are not considered attendants.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Tribal Transit is open to people who live in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation, for non-emergency medical appointments.
- Must be 18 years of age unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
• Parents transporting children under 5 years of age must provide a child safety seat or booster seat.
• All rides require notice be given a minimum of five business days before the scheduled appointment. Rides must be scheduled through the dispatcher’s office. Saturday and Sunday are not considered a business day. Please note: Tribal Transit is unavailable every third Friday due to mandatory training.
• Transportation is considered on a first-come, first-served basis, with elders, dialysis and chemo patients having priority.
• Clients residing in a nursing home, women’s shelter, juvenile shelter, etc., require an attendant (may be a parent, guardian, counselor or nurse).
• Passengers under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will not be transported.
• Profanity or harassment toward drivers and/or passengers will NOT be tolerated.

Wellness Centers

Antlers 580-298-4723
Atoka 580-889-1981 ext. 32037
Broken Bow 580-584-2740 ext. 33031
Coalgate 580-927-9172
Crowder 918-334-5666
Durant 580-931-8643
Hugo 580-326-9422
Idabel 580-286-7381
McAlester 918-429-7520
Poteau 918-649-1100 ext. 61225
Smithville 580-244-3289
Stigler 918-967-9417
Wilburton 918-465-5620

Choctaw Nation Wellness Centers strive to enhance the lives of Choctaw Tribal members and associates by providing opportunities to develop healthy, successful and productive lifestyles. These modern facilities offer top-of-the-line fitness equipment, a wide variety of fitness classes, and conduct comprehensive fitness assessments. Hours of operation, fitness equipment and classes vary by location.

Windhorse Family Counseling

McAlester 918-302-0052
Idabel 580-286-7025

The Choctaw Nation Windhorse Family Counseling offices fall under the Choctaw Nation Behavioral Health Department. These offices are located in McAlester and Idabel and offer patients with a CDIB card a vast array of counseling services. Patients can receive individual, group, family, marriage and substance abuse counseling. These offices are staffed by Master level therapists trained to properly assess each patient’s needs and develop a comprehensive treatment plan to meet those needs.
**Member Services**

**WIC: Women, Infants, and Children Program**

*580-920-2100 ext. 83582*

**Locations:**

- Antlers
- Atoka
- Bethel/Battiest
- Boswell
- Broken Bow
- Coalgate
- Durant
- Hugo
- Idabel
- McAlester
- Poteau
- Smithville
- Spiro
- Stigler
- Talihina
- Wilburton

The Choctaw Nation WIC Program is a federally funded, special, supplemental nutrition program designed to provide a combination of nutrition education, supplemental foods, breast-feeding promotion, support, and referrals for health care to low-income pregnant, postpartum and breast-feeding women, infants and children. WIC has been proven effective in preventing and improving nutrition related health problems within its population. To qualify for this program, you must meet the following criteria:

- Meet the income eligibility guidelines or participate in SoonerCare/SNAP/TANF/ FDPIR.
- Be a pregnant, postpartum (up to 6 months), breastfeeding woman; infant (birth to 12 months); or a child (1 – 5 years).
- Be at nutritional risk.

The foods provided by the WIC program are high in iron, protein, calcium, vitamin A and vitamin C. The program serves participants in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

Breast-feeding counseling and support is provided through the Breast-feeding Peer Counseling Program. The mission of the Breast-feeding Peer Counseling Program is to improve breast-feeding initiation and duration rates; improve long-term health benefits to women, infants and children; and to reduce the incidence of obesity in childhood and later life. The program provides specialized breast-feeding education, encouragement, and support to pregnant and breast-feeding women. Breast-feeding Peer Counselors do on-site counseling and education, home visits, telephone/texting consultations and contacts, and hospital visits. Breast-feeding classes are offered through this program at any location in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

WIC is an equal opportunity provider. You do not have to be Native American to participate.
Several housing services are available through the Housing Authority in Hugo, assisting tribal members in their efforts to adequately meet their housing needs. Several options are available.

**Home Owner Services**

**CHAP: Choctaw Homebuyer Advantage Program**

CHAP offers loans to eligible members of the Choctaw Nation with no income limits. The member qualifies for a mortgage according to credit and debt ratios. The amount of assistance for the CHAP down payment and closing costs are determined by underwriting guidelines of the participating lending partners and other purchase variables that include loan-to-value ratio and sale price.

**Homeowners Finance Services**

The Choctaw Homeowners Finance Services offer qualified members of federally recognized tribes the opportunity to purchase, construct, rehabilitate, or refinance a home through its home loan products. In addition to our numerous direct loan products, conventional, FHA, VA, and Native American, 184 loans are available through our participating lending partners at a fixed market interest rate.

**Homeowners Lending Services**

The Choctaw Homeowners Lending Services offer direct loans to eligible borrowers that reside in the Choctaw Nation 10.5-county service area. Borrowers must be members of federally recognized tribes with a household income that does not exceed 80% of the National Median Income level. Preference is given to members...
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of the Choctaw Nation. Types of loans offered include new construction, purchase of existing home, rehabilitation, home improvement, energy efficiency/weatherization, and refinancing of an existing home loans.

**Homeowners Rehabilitation Services**

The Choctaw Homeowners Rehabilitation Services assists with emergency repairs and rehabilitation to homes that are owned, for a minimum of one year, by tribal member families residing in the Choctaw Nation 10.5-county service area. The overall goal for these services is to assist as many tribal member families as available annual funding permits, with their efforts to protect their home’s long-term viability and create a decent, safe, and sanitary living environment.

Applications for assistance can be obtained by contacting the Housing Authority, online, or picked up at any of the Choctaw Nation Field Offices. To be eligible for substantial rehabilitation assistance, applicants must be a member of a federally recognized tribe with a household income that does not exceed 80% of the National Median Income level. Priority is given to eligible families that are lowest income, elderly, have verifiable disabilities, and members of the Choctaw Nation. Eligible families scoring the highest priority points are assisted as annual funding is available.

**Homeowners Rehabilitation Voucher**

The Rehabilitation Voucher Program assists eligible families within the 10.5-county servicing area with a voucher for the most needed home repairs as long as funding permits. Preference is given to Choctaw tribal members. Annual household income cannot exceed 80% of the national median income level. This program will allow more flexibility and options for Choctaw Homeowners. Applications for assistance can be obtained by contacting the Housing Authority, online, or picked up at any of the Choctaw Nation Field Offices.

**LEAP Program: Lease to Purchase**

580-326-7521 ext. 6302

The LEAP Program is a new homeownership program opportunity for Choctaw tribal members who meet program income guidelines. The goal of this program is to assist families with credit issues to become mortgage-ready and lender-qualified over time with credit counseling services.

- New construction, energy-efficient, 3 and 4 bedroom homes.
- 15-year lease with intent to obtain mortgage during the 16th year for remaining balance of the home.
- Education and homebuyer counseling services available throughout the duration of the lease.
- Payments lower than area market rents.
Storm Shelter Program

800-235-3087  
580-326-7521

The Choctaw Nation Storm Shelter Grant Program is administered through the Choctaw Nation Housing Authority and provides storm shelters to eligible Choctaw tribal members who live in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas which are states with a high risk of tornadoes. Applications will be processed on a first-come first-serve basis. The Choctaw Nation Storm Shelter Grant Program is dependent upon availability of funds. Storm shelters shall be provided as grants for eligible applicants who meet the qualifications: 45 years old or older to receive the full grant amount of $2,500, ages 18-44 that meet all other guidelines will receive \( \frac{1}{2} \) of the grant amount of $1,250 or you must have a documented ambulatory disability to receive a grant for the above ground shelter.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Storm shelters are awarded one time only.
- You may have a storm shelter installed at a new or existing home.
- The storm shelter must be installed at primary residence and must be installed on property owned by the applicant.
- If you own two or more homes, you are only eligible for a storm shelter for your primary residence.
- Only one person may register per physical home address.
- If you live in a mobile home, you must own both the mobile home itself and the land it is located on to be eligible for the program.
- Only single-family residential homeowners are eligible for their primary residence. If you live in a rented house you are not eligible for this program.
- Apartment complexes, duplexes, and other multi-family residences are not eligible for this program, as they are considered businesses.
- Community or neighborhood storm shelters are not eligible for this rebate.

Streamline Energy Efficient Loans

The Streamline Energy Efficient Loans allow for Choctaw tribal members/current borrowers of the Choctaw Home Finance Corporation (CHFC) to obtain an affordable loan on their property to be used to make energy-efficient improvements to their home. Maximum loan amount up to $10,000 with an interest rate of 0% for a maximum term of 5 years. Property must be located in the service area of the Choctaw Nation and have a current active loan with Choctaw Home Finance.

Streamline Rehabilitation Loans

The Streamline Rehabilitation Loans for Choctaw tribal members allow for simple repairs that can be easily estimated and completed. Maximum amount to be considered for a streamline loan is $10,000. Loans greater than $5,000 will require an appraisal with a Combined Loan to Value Ratio (CLTV) not to exceed 115%. Loan amounts less than $5,000 will not require an appraisal. All loans will require an initial site inspection. The interest rate will be a fixed rate at 3% with a loan term not to exceed 10 years. Property must be located in the service area of Choctaw Nation.
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Rental Services

Affordable Rental Housing
Affordable Rental Housing is housing that is affordable to lower income households earning no more than 80% of the Area Median Income.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Applicant must have a CDIB Card.
• Applicant household must meet income guidelines.
• Household members age 18 and over must pass local and OSBI criminal background checks.
• Applicant must provide two previous landlord references including telephone numbers and addresses.
• Applicant must have an income.

HOPE Development Corporation
The HOPE Development Corporation is an eight-unit apartment complex in Idabel for rent on the open market.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Must have the financial ability to pay market rent.
• Household members must pass OSBI and local criminal background checks.
• Applicant must have two previous landlord references.

Independent Elder Housing
Independent Elder Housing is affordable housing available to elders that are able to live independently. The units are designed for one person or one person and their spouse. Tenant rent in the Independent Elder Program is based on 15% of the gross adjusted income for the household. Each unit is equipped with Energy Star appliances: refrigerator, stove, central heat & air, and washer and dryer.

Eligibility Requirements:
• Applicant must have a CDIB Card.
• Applicant household must meet income guidelines.
• Applicants must be elderly or near elderly (elderly age 62 and older, near elderly age 55-62).
• Household members must pass nationwide background check.
• Tenant must be able to pay 15% of their gross adjusted income towards rent.

Rental Assistance Program
The Rental Assistance Program gives very low income applicants the opportunity to live in affordable, safe, decent, and sanitary housing.

Choctaw tribal members have priority over other persons with CDIBs. In order to receive this preference the applicant must submit a copy of his/her tribal membership Card with the application.
Eligibility Requirements:

- Must reside within the Choctaw Nation Boundaries (within one of the 10.5 counties).
- Must submit a completed application, including Tribal Membership Card, Social Security Card, Citizenship Form, and Income Verification for all household members and a Notarized Background Form for any member 18 years of age or older.

Priority is given to low-income elder households. Applicants are determined eligible or ineligible based on household size and annual gross income. A waiting list is maintained according to date of complete application. The unit must be within the Fair Market Rent for the service area and pass the Housing Quality Standards Inspections.

Supportive Elder Housing

The 202 Supportive Elder Housing is composed of one bedroom elder units equipped with Energy Star appliances: refrigerator, stove, and central heat & air. Each property offers a community center for tenants to enjoy, which includes a laundry washer and dryer for tenant use only, as well as a safe room in the event of inclement weather.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 62 years of age or older.
- Must be able to pass background check.
- Must meet income guidelines.
- No CDIB required.
Support Services

The Support Services Team can assist each family through every step of the process to purchase, repair, rehabilitate, or improve an existing home or construction of a new home and site development. These steps include but are limited to qualifying for financing through one of the numerous options that is best for you, creating your acquisition, improvement, or new construction development budget within your pre-qualified finance amount, evaluating suitable sites for construction, pre-purchase structural and mechanical inspections of existing homes, making selections of your home floor plan, amenities, material, and fixture options, selecting qualified construction and development contractors, oversight inspections to ensure quality, timely completion, and budget goals are met, disbursement of payments, and review of home maintenance procedures and warranties. The Homeowners Support Services available to choose from are designed to assist you through the process to purchase, repair, rehabilitate, or improve an existing home or build a new home that fits your family and budget.

Homeowner Energy Management Services

The Homeowner Energy Management Services will assist and educate tribal members and internal departments within the Choctaw Nation Service Area (10.5 counties) in areas where energy is lost throughout the entire building envelope. This program is designed to test and recommend areas needing energy-efficiency upgrades. This program does not provide funds nor perform any repairs to the structure. See Homeowners Rehabilitation Services. The program works in conjunction with private homeowners, Homeowners Services, Rental Property Management and the Choctaw Home Finance Corporations to educate and recommend solutions for repairing areas leading to energy inefficiencies in the home/units. The eligibility requirement is met when the referrals are initiated by the internal departments of the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation. However when a private homeowner requests energy management these items are required in order to participate:

- Member of a federally recognized tribe, with priority given to Choctaw Nation tribal members.
- CDIB and tribal membership verification.
- Completed application.
- Proof of homeownership in the form of a Warranty Deed.
- Proof of primary residence by providing a utility bill.
- Income verification.

Service Coordination Program

Service Coordination is a professional practice in which the Service Coordinator is a facilitator, advisor, educator, advocate and community services referral agent for the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. The most fundamental role of a Service Coordinator is to link individuals to a wide range of community services that ultimately empower them to live independently and become self-sufficient. Choctaw families preferred.
Member Services

- Education Services:
  - Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education Workshop
  - Pre-Purchase Homebuyer Education/Webinar
  - Post Purchase Workshop

- Counseling Services:
  - Financial Management/Budget Counseling
  - Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling
  - Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops
  - Pre-purchase Counseling
  - Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops
  - Rental Housing Counseling
  - Services for Homeless Counseling

Connect Home

Connect Home Program assists in providing Internet access, devices, and digital literacy training to help bridge the digital divide that exists among the low-income community. The service area includes low-income rental properties owned or managed by the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation. These properties include Affordable Rental Housing, Independent Elder Units and Choctaw 202 Properties. The eligibility requirement is met when living in low-income housing owned or managed by the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation in the service area (10.5 counties). This program may assist with the following: Digital needs, works with Internet providers to bring Internet into the home, connectivity challenges, digital literacy, and equipment.
Government Relations Department

800-522-6170

The Government Relations Department tracks and monitors legislation and rule-making at every level and branch of government. This department interacts with legislators and state and federal agencies and helps tell the story of Choctaw Nation to elected and appointed officials. This department alerts tribal leaders to issues impacting their programs and the Choctaw people. The ultimate goal of this department is to uphold and protect tribal sovereignty and build upon the Choctaw Nation’s nation-to-nation relationship with the federal government. This department also coordinates efforts of the White House Promise Zone Initiative with partners at the local, state, and national levels.

OILS: Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

4200 Perimeter Center Drive, Suite 222, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
405-943-6457
800-658-1497 (in-state only)

OILS is a non-profit legal aid office that provides services to low-income Indians living in Oklahoma. The attorneys and staff at OILS represent Native American people in civil cases that are connected to their native status. This means that OILS’s clients are members of federally recognized tribes who are facing problems that are related to that status. The main OILS office is centrally located in Oklahoma City, with a satellite office in Ada. From these locations, OILS attorneys provide services to all counties in the state.

Public Safety Department

800-522-6170

The Choctaw Nation Public Safety Department consists of five departments: Tribal Police, Tribal Security, Casino EMS, Dispatch, Training, and Emergency Management.

The Choctaw Nation Tribal Police covers 10.5 counties in southeastern Oklahoma. Patrol officers provide law enforcement services on tribally owned, restricted, or allocated lands within the tribal jurisdictional boundaries. There are also officers stationed at the Choctaw Nation Hospital at Talihina to provide safety and security to the patients and staff.

The Tribal Security department has armed security officers in gaming facilities and clinics to provide safety and security for the customers as well as for the facility staff. Casino EMS employees provide medical assistance to the customers and employees at the Durant, Pocola, and Grant Casinos.
REAL ESTATE

Land Title and Records
800-522-6170

This program receives, examines and records all documents affecting title to trust/restricted lands of the Five Civilized Tribes within the Choctaw Nation jurisdiction; provides certified copies of title documents, responds to inquiries from state, local and federal officials, tribal representatives, members and the general public on title-related matters involving lands within the Choctaw Nation jurisdiction, prepares and maintains legal descriptions for property status mapping purposes of Choctaw trust/restricted areas; makes field visits to county and state agencies and other offices to examine and copy records. This program also is responsible for preparing packages to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for conveying fee lands to the United States in Trust lands. Staff develops, reviews, and scans all documents necessary to place trust and restricted lands in the Trust Asset and Accounting Management System (TAAMS), the BIA tracking system for all accounting and land management for trust/restricted lands.

Real Estate Appraisals
800-522-6170

The Appraisal Program serves all of the 10.5 counties within the Choctaw Nation, and provides appraisals for the following departments and entities:

• Choctaw Nation Real Property Management Program rights-of-way, easements, condemnations, surface damages, and any other Trust or Restricted property transaction only.
• Choctaw Nation Agriculture Program Annual Rental Appraisals (individual Indian, Tribal owned, or Trust land).
• Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Credit Association – Mortgage loan appraisals.
• Office of Solicitor, Regional Office, Southwest Region – Warranty Deed and Partition Suit appraisals on restricted lands.
• Choctaw Nation Division of Commerce and Chief’s Office - proposed purchase appraisals for future development and feasibility studies.

Real Property Management Program
800-522-6170

The Real Property Management Program is responsible for the utilization, development and protection of trust and restricted lands for individuals as well as the tribe. The program participates in all types of land transactions, including sales, partitions, purchases or other acquisitions, patents in fee, rights-of-way, removal of restrictions, revocable permits, farming and grazing leases, business leases, recreational leases, home site leases, improvement leases, trespass leases and seismograph permits.
The program is responsible for providing verification of income for DHS, SSI and Medicare/Medicaid inquiries. Real Property furnishes probate information such as birth and death certificates, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, name changes, adoptions, etc., to the administrative law judge or attorney decision maker with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This program provides information to the regional solicitor and private attorneys for Quiet Title and Partition Suit as well as the data pertaining to presumptive heirs and estate inventories for probates. This program assists oil and gas companies in locating the correct heirs for tracts in which they are interested in securing leases. The program will assist individuals in the preparation of wills and deeds and also research the allotment records for information in proving lineage to the original allottees when requested.

For faster services, please request a form or provide the following:

- Name on CDIB card
- Roll number of ancestor
- Current address
- County or location of land involved.
SOCIAL SERVICES

ABC: (Attendance, Believing in Choctaw Youth)

The ABC Project intends to address chronic absenteeism in the beginning stages by combating the issues that create truancy. ABC Project will be able to access the Mizuni grade and attendance information and be able to prevent chronic absenteeism and to help students get on the right track. The ABC Project will focus on nine schools: Antlers, Atoka, Broken Bow, Idabel, Fort Towson, Moyers, Rattan, Valliant, and Wright City. ABC Project’s ability to provide these services will encourage attendance and reverse the long-term negative effects related to chronic absenteeism.

Better Beginnings: Chahta Inchukka and Chahta Vlla Apela

580-326-8304
877-285-6893

The Chahta Inchukka program provides services to families or caregivers of children who are pregnant and/or parenting a Native American child under the age of 1 and considered to be currently living in an “at-risk” situation. This program can assist primary caregivers including mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc., who reside within 10.5-county service area of the Choctaw Nation. The project provides comprehensive and integrated services through home visitation to improve the school readiness of children, health outcomes for mother and infant, increase healthy parenting skills, increase healthy parent/child interaction skills and provide opportunities for assessing the individual needs of each participant and linking them to resources available.

To be eligible, clients must:
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- Be currently pregnant and/or primary caregiver of a Native American child under the age of 1 year.
- Resident of the Choctaw Nation 10.5-county service area.
- Be determined to be in an “at-risk” situation due to low income or poverty, parent under the age of 21, substance abuse, low education attainment, families with disabilities, tobacco users, DHS/ICW involvement or previous involvement, and/or military families.

Better Beginnings : SMART Program

SMART is a teen pregnancy prevention program funded by the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH). SMART Educators teach an evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention curriculum to Middle School, High School, and Alternative students in schools located in Choctaw, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha counties which have some of the highest teen pregnancy rates.

Burial Assistance

800-522-6170

The Tribal Burial Program may provide assistance to families of deceased Choctaw tribal members who hold a Choctaw CDIB and Membership card and live within the United States. This program is intended to alleviate the financial hardship and burden associated with funeral or cremation costs for families with little or no resources. Office must be contacted at time of death and the application must be received within 30 days of passing. All applicants must meet the program guidelines in order to be eligible for burial services. Any payments are made directly to the funeral home, no reimbursements, and as a last resource after all the other resources have been paid.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Office must be notified at time of death
- Valid CDIB card for deceased
- Choctaw Membership for deceased
- Valid Social Security Card for deceased
- Final funeral home statement with unpaid balance
- Certified Death Certificate

BIA Burial Assistance

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Burial Assistance funding is available when applicable. This program is intended for families who are indigent and have no resources available to them. Funeral homes are obligated to accept these funds as payment in full for services rendered. Services may be limited and cannot be altered in any way. The BIA program follows strict guidelines listed below:

- Must reside within Choctaw Nation service area.
- Must be a member of any federally recognized tribe, verified by a tribal membership card and valid CDIB card.
• Indigent, with no other resources available and cannot be used in conjunction with other tribal burial program dollars. The deceased may not have resources (life insurance, veteran’s benefits, cash, saving accounts, etc.).
• Residential verification that the deceased has lived within Choctaw Nation service area for six months prior to date of death (must supply a utility bill or mail with physical location with listed address as proof of residency).
• Proof of income for the deceased. Verification documents include, but are not limited to: pay stubs, bank statements, copies of benefit checks, saving accounts, or award letters.
• Certified copy of death certificate.

**CHAT**

The CHAT program is about preventing youth delinquency through mitigating mental health, co-occurring, and substance abuse conditions prevalent among Choctaw youth and by redirecting clients to invest in their future - offering hope and an alternative to substance abuse, untreated mental health issues, and illegal activity as a way of preventing delinquency. This will be accomplished by focusing on academics, mentoring, vocational/career and long term goal-setting.

**Children and Family Services (see page 10)**

**CBSW: Community Based Social Work Program/General Assistance**

580-326-8304  
877-285-6893

The Community Based Social Work Program is a program which serves Choctaw individuals and families. Being a community-based program, services are taken directly to the community and assistance is given there where families are more comfortable. The mission of the program is to help Choctaw families find permanent solutions to long-term problems by initiating change, setting goals, making a plan and following through. The program’s primary goal is to assist Choctaw families in locating resources to help meet immediate needs.

The General Assistance Program processes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) assistance grant payments as a secondary resource to the needy of a federally recognized tribe. Clients must reside within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation and meet other eligibility requirements as to income resources and other criteria required by the federal regulations.
CHPP: Chata Himmitoa Pilla Pehlichi (Choctaw Future Leaders)

Choctaw Future Leaders is striving to improve outcomes for Native American youth ages 14-24 in three public schools (Battiest, Rattan, and Wright City) by increasing student engagement in school and learning to encourage cultural and self-identity exploration, boosting self-confidence and leadership abilities, improving jobs and post-secondary school readiness offering support to Native American youth offering after-school tutoring program, counseling, and mentors per a leadership training internship camp each summer.

CHR: Community Health Representative
800-522-6170

Since 1969 the Choctaw Nation has provided the CHR Program for those Native Americans residing within the tribal service area of the Choctaw Nation boundaries. This program is designed to assist Choctaws and other Native Americans maintain the health of themselves and their families. Services are provided to those individuals who have a CDIB. There are no income guidelines for eligibility. The CHR Program can do many things to assist clients such as taking vitals, glucose monitoring for diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol diet education, patient education, maternal and child health, patient assessments, medical referral follow-up care, as well as the provision of many other health care services.

Employment Assistance
800-522-6170

The Employment Assistance Program provides assistance to relocate to start a new, permanent-type job. Clients must apply as soon as being hired. Participants must be ¼ or more Native American.

Emergency Services
800-522-6170

Emergency assistance is available for unique emergency situations, thanks to funding allocations of tribal dollars approved by the Council and Chief. Families in crisis situations are often assisted through this program.
**Food Distribution**

800-522-6170

**Locations:**
- Antlers
- Broken Bow
- Durant
- McAlester
- Poteau

The Choctaw Nation Food Distribution Program has markets in several Choctaw Nation communities. The program serves clients throughout the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation. Each participant in the program receives approximately 80 food items totaling about 85 pounds per household member.

Eligibility Requirements:
- One member of the household (any age) is required to have a CDIB or tribal membership card.
- Social Security numbers and cards are required for each member of the household.
- Verification of income is required; such as copies of payroll checks. If you are unemployed, Himittoa Apesvchi is a home-based program designed to assist members of a federally recognized tribe who reside in the 10.5-county service area in signing up for SoonerCare (Medicaid). It will work closely with the healthcare system to ensure that all members have an opportunity to receive SoonerCare (Medicaid) and continue to receive it as long as they are eligible.

**General Assistance Program**

800-522-6170

The General Assistance Program processes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) assistance grant payments as a secondary resource to those who are in need and part of a federally recognized tribe. Clients must reside within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation and meet other eligibility requirements as to income resources and other criteria required by the federal regulations. The main goal is to provide food, shelter, utilities, and clothing.

The program’s goal is to help Choctaw and other Native American families and individuals find permanent solutions to long-term problems by initiating change through goal setting and plan development.

The benefits are based on household composition and resources that are available. Individual Self Sufficient Plan (ISP) is a goal-setting process. We use it as a referral to Choctaw Nation programs and non-profit organizations.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Enrolled member of a federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribe. Direct descendants or other state-recognized American Indian/Alaska Native individuals are not eligible to receive General Assistance services.
- Does not have sufficient resources to meet the essential need items of food, clothing, shelter, and utilities.
- Must reside in a service area or designated service area authorized by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.
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- Must apply concurrently for financial assistance from other state, tribal, county, local, or other federal agency programs for which he/she is eligible.
- Does not receive any comparable public assistance.
- Develop and sign an employment strategy in the (ISP) with the assistance of the social service worker to meet the goal of employment through specific action steps including job readiness and job search activities.

**GAP: Guiding Adolescent Parents Program**

580-326-8304 ext 6057

The GAP Program is striving to ensure adolescent parents have the available resources and individual support needed to become successful and sustainable families by improving outcomes in areas of family health, education or employment, and safety.

Participants of the program will receive twice-a-month home visits following the Parents-as-Teacher evidenced-based curriculum, family and child assessments to track and monitor development, and supportive services for family needs through a variety of available resources.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Reside in the 10.5-county service area of the Choctaw Nation.
- Be 24 years of age or younger.
- Be expecting or parenting a Choctaw child under the age of 1.
- Be enrolled and attending educational institution or be employed/actively seeking employment.

**Injury Prevention Program**

580-326-8304
877-285-6893

The Injury Prevention Program was established September 1, 2005. The goal is to focus special attention on activities to prevent or reduce the occurrence of injuries for Native Americans residing in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation. Injuries are the leading cause of death for Native Americans between the ages of 1 and 44 and the third leading cause of death overall. Injuries with the highest incidence among Native Americans are motor vehicle accidents. We offer awareness through education, community outreach, research, and staff training. Verification from the Employment Office will be needed.

- Verification of residence is required; a utility bill with your name and address on it (Driver’s license will not suffice).
- Cannot be participating in the SNAP program.
- Must reside within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.
Job for the Day

Durant 800-522-6170
Broken Bow 580-584-2045
Stigler 918-967-9376
McAlester 918-429-7719
Hugo 800-522-6170 ext. 4067 (Tuesday and Thursday only)

Job for the Day is a six-week temporary work program with participants earning $10 an hour, up to 40 hours per week. Placement opportunities are with Choctaw Nation businesses or programs only. Program coordinators assist tribal members in finding employment opportunities in their surrounding area.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Choctaw Tribal Member with CDIB card.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Provide your own transportation both to and from the worksite.
- Be able to perform the required functions of the job assigned.
- Be unemployed or underemployed.
- All Choctaw Nation employment opportunities, including Job for the Day, require both a drug screen and background check to be completed to determine eligibility.

LIHEAP: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

800-522-6170

LIHEAP assists low-income Native American households within the 10.5-county area of the Choctaw Nation with payment of home heating or cooling bills.

Outreach activities are conducted throughout the 10.5-county area of the Choctaw Nation to ensure that all eligible households, especially those with elderly and/or handicapped individuals, receive help with the completion of the application process. Further information for LIHEAP will be provided upon request.
**NSI: Next Step Initiative (Personal Finance Assistance)**

800-522-6170

The NSI seeks to help working households and elders find success in learning the skills appropriate for financial stability.

We offer help to tribal members who do not qualify for other income-based programs. Primarily, we are here to assist those who are truly looking to expand their knowledge of managing personal finances.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- At least one Choctaw tribal member in household.
- Reside within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation.
- Income-based.
- After Initial Certification, Success Through Empowering People (STEP) Guide training required.

**Project EMPOWER**

580-326-8304
877-285-6893

Educating, motivating, and providing opportunities for victims working to reclaim their lives, Project EMPOWER’s goal is to provide a broad range of services that include transitional housing and support, safety and life planning, transportation, and healing circle gatherings.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- In need of transitional housing as a result of fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- Member of a federally recognized tribe, and must be able to receive services in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.
**Project HOUSE**  
**580-326-8304**  
**877-285-6893**

The goal of Project HOUSE is to serve individuals who are in need of transitional housing assistance. The program establishes a holistic, victim-centered environment that provides a broad range of services, such as case management, safety planning, that will meet the individual immediate needs.

Eligibility requirements:

- Victim of Intimate Partner violence (domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking).
- Homeless as a result of the victimization.
- Must be a member of a federally recognized tribe or have children/dependents who are a member of a federally recognized tribe in the household.
- Must reside in the 10.5 counties of Choctaw Nation.

**Reintegration**  
**800-522-6170**

We assist tribal members who have been convicted of felony crimes. Our mission is to remove barriers for those who are transitioning back into their communities. We provide both Prevention and Reintegration Services.

Services Offered:

- Treatment Planning
- Case Management
- Referral Assistance
- Mental Health Consultation and Referral
- Occupational Consultation and Referral
- Emergency Clothing and Food
- Assistance with Transitional Housing

Please call for a prescreening to determine eligibility of services. Must reside within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.
**Member Services**

**Tribal Victim Assistance Program (OVC Grant)**

877-285-6893

This program provides comprehensive services to victims of crime. The services provided include: emergency food, clothing, shelter, safety planning, goal planning, counseling, court system advocacy, and other victim advocacy services.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Crime Victims, which include (but are not limited to) victims of the following crimes:
  - Child Trauma
  - Elder Abuse
  - Homicide
  - Gang Violence
  - DWI Victims of Crime
  - Other Crimes
- Crime Victims that hold a CDIB from a federally recognized Tribe.
- Crime Victims that reside within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Program**

580-326-8304 ext. 6007

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program offers services that will assist Native Indians with disabilities obtain their goal of gainful employment. This program is designed to provide services consistent with individual consumer’s strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that they may prepare for and engage in gainful employment.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Must have a mental or physical disability which results in a substantial impediment to employment.
- Requires CNVR services to prepare for, secure, retain or regain gainful employment.
- Can benefit in terms of an employment outcome from the provision of CNVR services.
- Be a member of the Choctaw Nation or another federally recognized tribe.
- Must reside within the Choctaw Nation VR service area which includes the following counties: Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, McCurtain, Latimer, LeFlore, Pittsburg, Pushmataha and Southern Hughes.
WIOA (see page 22)

Youth Outreach
877-285-6893 or 580-326-8304

The Choctaw Nation Youth Outreach Program was established in 2005. Its goal is to assist young Choctaw students in finding solutions for hardships that may occur throughout adolescent and teen years. The program also assists in setting goals, plan development, and preparation for the future by striving to provide services to Choctaw youth who may need support or guidance in their lives to become successful.

Youth Outreach’s range of services includes:
- Mentoring
- Short- and long-term goal setting
- Locating resources
- Home and school visits to clients
- After-school activities
- College preparation
- Provide support for Choctaw youth

Eligibility Requirements:
- Choctaw youth who are experiencing hardship circumstances.
- Tribal membership card with the Choctaw Nation.
- In grades Pre-K to 12th.
- Must be able to receive services in the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation.
Choctaw Capitol Museum
918-569-4465

The Choctaw Capitol Museum is located in northern Pushmataha County on tribal property between Clayton and Talihina. The building was the site of Choctaw Nation legislative action from 1884-1905. It is still considered the Choctaw Capitol Building, yet the Council now votes on tribal legislation in chambers adjacent to the museum. It currently houses exhibits pertaining to the history of the Choctaw people, a gift shop, and the Tribal Court. The Museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. Open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is open Saturdays after Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admittance is free. Please call to set up tours.

Choctaw Tribal Royalty Program
800-522-6170

The Choctaw Tribal Royalty is a court of princess ambassadors that extends tribal friendship and goodwill, as well as educates and perpetuates our Choctaw culture and traditions. Each princess brings honor, hope, and pride to the Choctaw Nation and its citizens through their appearances, service, leadership, and dedication. Choctaw royalty serve as role models for younger generations and uphold the Choctaw constitution, creed, and tribal values. They seek to provide positive impacts for all Choctaw people and the community at large through their unique talents and generous spirits. Princesses are chosen yearly on both district and tribal levels through a multi-level pageant system.
**Christmas in the Park**  
*800-522-6170*

Seasonal holiday light display that is free and open to the public on Tvshka Homma Tribal Grounds. The yearly event opens the first weekend in December and stays lit until the end of the month. Select dates offer free hot chocolate and ornaments for guests.

**Cultural Services**  
*800-522-6170*

The Cultural Services Department has a mission to preserve the Choctaw cultural values by providing a foundation of knowledge utilizing the traditional elders, providing resource materials, participating in cultural activities and by protecting the historical sites and cultural artifacts sacred to the Choctaw people of our past and for the future. This department is responsible for promoting Choctaw cultural heritage to tribal members and the community through a variety of means.

Services offered include classes for the community and tribal employees, (beading, basketry, dress making, corn husk doll making and more), educational presentations, storytelling, cultural exhibits and demonstrations, as well as educational and resource materials related to culture. The Cultural Services teaching team travels across the country to bring cultural activities to Choctaw community meetings in many major cities.

**Historic Preservation**  
*800-522-6170*

Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department’s mission is to assist the Choctaw Nation community in protecting and preserving Choctaw sacred sites and historic sites, and to assist the community in its efforts to revitalize Choctaw traditional culture. The Department has established specific programs in order to achieve the goals of the mission. These programs include: Consultation/Section 106, Tribal Archaeology, Cultural GIS, NAGPRA, Cemetery Restoration, and Community Outreach & Research.
**Labor Day Festival**  
**800-522-6170**

The Choctaw Nation Labor Day Festival is held annually at Tvshka Homma, the Capitol Grounds in Pushmataha County. The five-day event begins on Thursday of Labor Day weekend each year and concludes on Monday afternoon following ceremonies that include the Chief’s State of the Nation Address and inauguration of any officials elected that year. The event is open to the public all weekend and is free of charge. For more information, please call the Cultural Services office of the Choctaw Nation. Attractions at the festival include an Inter-Tribal Pow Wow, Choctaw cultural exhibitions, stickball games, sports tournaments, arts and crafts, concerts, free carnival rides, buffalo tours, Princess Pageant, Choctaw Social Dances, village activities, storytelling, food vendors and a juried art show.

**Tvshka Homma Stickball Team**  
**800-522-6170**

The official stickball team of the Choctaw Nation participates in many tournaments, exhibition games and demonstrations throughout the year. For more information on Team Tvshka Homma, or the many community teams across the Choctaw Nation, please contact the Cultural Services Department.

A Youth League is available for ages 8-17. The league is made up of six teams in locations across the Choctaw Nation: Koi-Iskitini (Wildcats) in Talihina, Hiloha Ossi (Little Thunder) in Broken Bow, Nashoba Homma (Red Wolves) in the Hugo/Antlers area, Osi Heli (Flying Eagles) in Durant, Yvnnvsh Homma (Red Buffalo) in Poteau, and Tanvp Issuba (War Horse) in McAlester.

**Trail of Tears Walk**  
**800-522-6170**

A commemorative Trail of Tears Walk is sponsored each year by the tribe. The walk is an opportunity to honor the Choctaw ancestors who came across the Trail of Tears and to those generations that followed in the wilderness territory now known as Oklahoma. Many families and individuals overcame tragedies and hardships in the years following their arrival in Oklahoma. The current status and prosperity of the Choctaw Nation is testimony to the reason we celebrate the tremendous courage of those ancestors from the past 200 years.

The walk is led by the Choctaw Color Guard, Chief, Assistant Chief and Council. It concludes with a free lunch.
Summer Youth Sports and Cultural Camps (see page 12)

Wheelock Academy  
580-746-2139

Wheelock Academy Historic Site includes the grounds and the surviving buildings of a boarding school for Choctaw youth that was in operation from 1832-1955. It is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a National Historic Landmark, and has been on America’s Most Endangered Places list. Events are held throughout the year on the campus including an annual reunion of alumni, youth camps, and school field trips. A Museum is located on the grounds in the refurbished LeFlore Hall. In its exhibits about the school and the lives of its students, it includes many historic photographs, personal items, and unique artifacts. Tours of the museum and grounds are available upon request. Each year, Wheelock Academy Historic Sites hosts a reunion for surviving alumni.

Please call for more information, to set up a tour, or to add your name to the list of Wheelock alumni.

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Learn Choctaw

Oklahoma  
Red People

Chahta Okla  
Choctaw People

Tvshka Homma  
Red Warrior

Halito!  
Hello!

Chim achukma?  
How are you?

Vm achukma! Chishnato?  
I’m fine! And you?

Vm achukma! Yakoke!  
I’m good! Thank you!

Chahta chia ho?  
Are you Choctaw?

A, Chahta sia.  
Yes, I’m Choctaw.

Chi hohchifo yvt nanta?  
What is your name?

Sv hohchifo yvt____.  
My name is_____.

Katimma ish vttá?  
Where do you live?

_____ vttá li.  
I live in________.

Chi pisa la chike!  
I’ll see you later!
Veterans

**Choctaw Color Guard**

800-522-6170

The Choctaw Nation Color Guard is comprised of Choctaw veterans who have volunteered their services to represent the tribe. Please contact us if you are a veteran and would like to apply to serve as a volunteer in the Choctaw Color Guard.

**Veterans Advocacy**

800-522-6170

The Veterans Advocacy Department assists Native American Veterans with most VA applications and refers those who will benefit from other programs from other agencies. The advocate is also a contact person within the Choctaw Nation for veterans and for the Choctaw Veterans Cemetery.

This department is responsible for sending Choctaw Care Packages to active war zones as well as a drop-off point for cell phones for soldiers. These packages are mailed on a regular basis to soldiers serving our country. To provide names and addresses of soldiers for Care Packages or for more information on the Veterans Advocacy program call 800-522-6170.

**Veterans Cemetery**

800-522-6170

The Veterans Cemetery at the Capitol Grounds in Tvshka Homma is a final resting place for any Choctaw veteran with an honorable discharge. Their spouse may also be interred alongside them.

**Veterans Ceremony**

800-522-6170

Veterans are honored each year with a ceremony, luncheon and gift. The event is held each year on Veterans Day, unless November 11 falls on a Sunday. Then the event is held on the preceding Saturday.
Agriculture Outreach  
800-522-6170

Choctaw Nation Agriculture Outreach’s mission is to provide technical assistance and education to tribal members, agriculture producers, communities, and youth within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation and surrounding areas through workshops, demonstrations, agricultural education, and technical assistance.

Choctaw Nation Agriculture Outreach:

• Advances agriculture through education and partnership.
• Increases opportunities for agriculture enterprises.
• Acts as the liaison between tribal members and federal, state and local programs.
• Educates with science-based programs and evidence-based practices.
• Fosters youth, family, and community agricultural development.

FTMC: Five Tribes Mineral Consulting  
918-230-4462  
www.fctmc.org

FTMC, Inc. provides a unified entity for oil and gas leasing and management of the subsurface interest for Choctaw Nation and its citizens in an undivided fractionated mineral interest in approximately 7,600 acres of unallotted and purchase properties that are scattered across 24 counties. This service also includes the Nation’s interest in 4,500 mineral acres of undivided interest in the Arkansas Riverbed Wet bed area. FTMC handles any required coordination between the Nation and the various federal agencies (BLM, OST, ONRR, OIG and the BIA) that relate to oil and gas and sand and gravel leasing. They provide a detailed monthly report of all royalties received from producing oil and gas wells on the Nation’s trust mineral estate and provide an end of the year calendar report that will reflect all royalties received. They also provide a monthly detailed database report for the Nation’s subsurface mineral ownership.
The entire Nation’s mineral interest has been uploaded into Oil Well Records “I Scout Program.” This program will generate a report reflecting all the spacing, intent to drill, plugging, location exception, completions, change of operators, increase density, the exception to allowable, pooling, etc., for a nine section area around the section that contained the Nation’s mineral interest.

FTMC provides help to individual Choctaw citizens with mineral interests related questions within the Choctaw jurisdictional area; ascertain if there is production, and determine whether the individual owners are being compensated, and assists Choctaw citizens with any other oil and gas-related questions.

**Forestry and Firefighters**

918-567-2321

The Forestry Program is dedicated to the forest resources of the Choctaw people, management of tribal and individual allotted lands wherever services are needed. The Forestry Program will be happy to assist Choctaw people with any problems or questions they might have concerning their forest resources.

The Choctaw Firefighters Program currently has wild-land firefighters. These firefighters assemble as 20-man crews and are dispatched by the U.S. Forest Service to major forest fires throughout the United States.

**Land Management**

580-326-3201

The Land Management Program provides technical assistance and creates partnerships with USDA programs to develop conservation practices that protect and enhance our Natural Resources on Tribal (Trust and Fee) and Individual Restricted lands and provides workshops for land owners that identify financial assistance, cost-share programs, and education.

**Recycling Center**

Durant 580-920-0488
Poteau 918-649-0343

The Choctaw Nation operates two recycling centers with the ability to process all types of paper, cardboard, tin/steel cans, aluminum cans, and plastics (1, 2 and 5). They are open to all residents and businesses in the communities from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Transportation Improvement
800-522-6170

The Tribal Transportation program focuses on providing a safe and secure transportation system within the 10.5-county service area. The program is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is regulated by the 25 CFR 170 and the Choctaw Nation.

The program partners with the Department of Transportation for the State of Oklahoma, the County Commissioners of the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation, and the cities to maximize funding.

The program maintains an inventory of all roads within the 10.5 counties to provide funding for the construction or maintenance of the roads, and bridges within the Choctaw Nation and constructs or repairs parking lots, walking tracks, roads and bridges and acquires a memorandum of understanding with the owner that will maintain the facility.

Water Resource Management
800-522-6170

This department oversees and conducts the Tribal Regional Water Plan. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have legal, moral, and fiduciary responsibilities to ensure for current and future generations the long-term sustainability of their homeland’s water resources – a resource that is fundamental to the sustained health and growth of all our communities.

In rising to meet that challenge, the Nations are working to build on existing and positive partnerships with federal, state, and local governments and stakeholders and assure that regional water planning and management efforts are pursued in a technically sound manner that best serves the common interests of our shared communities.

This department is also carrying out the management provisions of the water settlement between the Nations and the State of Oklahoma, including monitoring responsibilities and developing new data for better water management strategies.

The Nations believe that achievement of these goals will require the development of a sound Tribal Regional Water Plan that examines the needs and available resources of the Nations’ shared homeland.
The Choctaw Nation is proud to include three Chili’s locations in its portfolio of businesses.

**Choctaw Automotive Services**

*3210 Enterprise Drive*  
*Durant, Oklahoma 74701*  
*580-924-9671*

Choctaw Automotive Services was created to service Choctaw Nation Fleet Vehicles. Today, they also service vehicles for the general public.

Services for all makes and models of vehicles are available and include: 34-point inspection, vehicle diagnosis, oil change (fluids, filters, wipers), new tires, fixing flat tires, tire rotation and balancing, shocks and struts, breaks and rotors, tune-ups, A/C service and repair, work on and repair diesel engines, general vehicle repairs, and exterior/interior cleaning service.
Choctaw Casinos

Broken Bow 580-584-5450
Durant 580-920-0160
Idabel 800-634-2582
Pocola 918-436-7761
McAlester 877-904-8444
Stringtown 580-346-7862
Stigler 918-967-8364

Choctaw Casino & Resort - Durant
4216 S. Hwy 69/75
choctawcasinos.com
888-652-4628

The Choctaw Casino and Resort - Durant is the only AAA Four Diamond resort and entertainment destination in Southeastern Oklahoma and is a regional tourist destination. It features more than 600 rooms, a 13-story spa tower, full-service spa, a multi-room conference center featuring the 14,000-square-foot Magnolia Grand Ballroom, the 3,000-seat Grand Theater, sports bars, The Oasis—an expansive luxury retreat featuring four tropical-themed pools, and an entertainment district complete with an arcade, 20-lane bowling center, four-screen cinema, and a food court.

Choctaw Casino & Resort - Grant
1516 U.S. 271
choctawcasinos.com
580-326-8397

Choctaw Casino & Resort - Grant offers gaming, dining, live entertainment and more – all in one convenient Southeastern Oklahoma location. The resort boasts new features and amenities as a result of an expansion project completed in 2017. Enjoy the newly expanded resort with 156 well-appointed rooms and suites, a pool with private cabanas, a new poker room and diverse dining options including Chili’s Bar & Grill. Also be sure to check out the headliner entertainment at the Grant Event Center.

Choctaw Casino & Resort - Pocola
3400 Choctaw Road
choctawcasinos.com
800-590-5825

Choctaw Casino & Resort in Pocola, OK is a one-stop entertainment destination that offers distinguished amenities, premier dining and gaming throughout in the Fort Smith metro area. The property features a spacious casino floor, oversized rooms, a lounge, more than 7,000-square-foot of meeting space and a variety of on-site restaurants.
As the #1 KOA RV park in the United States, the Choctaw KOA RV Park offers a clean, comfortable leisure experience for guests on the go. Each location has a covered table and grill with nearby gathering space, pool, showers, playground, dog park, laundry and kitchen to ensure guests feel right at home.

The Choctaw KOA RV Park is “Big-Rig” friendly, with an 80-foot-long pull-through, 50-amp service, full hook-up sites available. Hourly shuttle bus service to the casino and hourly security patrols provide peace of mind. The Choctaw RV KOA Park welcomes large groups and offers special packages.

Over 20 years of experience of providing professional services through Government contracting, as well as commercial customers. Contracts and employees are located all over the United States, as well as overseas.
Choctaw Country Markets

121 S Highway 271 (US-271 at Highway 2), Clayton, OK 74536
918-569-7577 main number
918-569-7580 deli orders

Coalgate - COMING SOON!

The Choctaw Country Market is a full-service grocery store with a 10-pump auto and truck fueling station that opened in August 2016. It features affordable prices, a variety of fresh produce, made-to-order meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a deli with prepackaged meals-to-go, an on-site butcher with meats cut fresh daily including chops, steaks and ground meats, and a “Beer Cave” stocked with ice-cold beer. Open 6:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily.

Choctaw Defense

Hugo 580-326-8365 or 800-528-9504
McAlester 918-426-2871

Established in 2013, Choctaw Defense is a full-service contracting firm with a mission of providing comprehensive military base operation support for the Federal government.

Choctaw Print Services

2712 Enterprise Blvd.
Durant, OK 74701
580-924-1120

Since 1979, Choctaw Print Services (formerly Texoma Print) has earned a reputation for providing clients with peace of mind through its attention to detail, meeting deadlines and printing high-quality materials for tribal organizations, large corporations, and growing businesses. Commercial publications, brochures, business forms, stationery, direct mail and point-of-purchase (POP) materials, promotional products and apparel are available.

Choctaw Shopping Center, Idabel

580-208-2586
800-522-6170

The tribally owned Choctaw Nation Shopping Center was purchased in 1990. It is located at 1421 SE Washington in Idabel and consists of retail spaces. There are retail shops, hair and nail salons, counseling centers, restaurants and a casino.
**Economic Development**

**CSBDS: Choctaw Small Business Development Services**

[choctawsmallbusiness.com](http://choctawsmallbusiness.com)  
800-522-6170

CSBDS assists Choctaw tribal member entrepreneurs that want to start or expand their business within the 10.5 counties of the Choctaw Nation. Choctaw tribal members that utilize the services will receive specialized assistance through one-on-one business counseling, training workshops, an extensive network of business assistance programs and access to other educational networking opportunities. CSBDS is a single-source entry point for member advisory in the business enhancement process that increases the chance of success through personalized assistance. Assistance will include but not be limited to Business Planning, Business Counseling, Business Training, Marketing, Business Registration, Minority Certification, Bid Assistance and Access to Financing.

CSBDS works directly with the Choctaw Development Fund in accessing the $5,000 forgivable loan program, as well as the Choctaw Asset Building Program, Choctaw Preferred Supplier Program and to other Choctaw Nation Programs and Businesses that could help promote the growth of small businesses with the Choctaw Nation.

**Choctaw Travel Plazas/Choctaw Smoke Shops/ Casino Too**

- **Antlers** 580-298-4735
- **Atoka** 580-364-0313
- **Broken Bow** 580-584-5528
- **Durant East** 580-920-2186
- **Durant West** 580-924-7210
- **Garvin** 580-746-2212
- **Grant** 580-326-7595
- **Heavener** 918-653-3106
- **Choctaw Smoke Shop** 580-916-3814
- **Hugo** 580-317-9102
- **Idabel** 580-286-2596
- ** McAlester** 918-426-6390
- **Pocola** 918-436-2425
- **Poteau** 918-647-3392
- **Stigler** 918-967-9288
- **Stringtown** 580-346-7478
- **Wilburton** 918-465-0469

Seventeen Choctaw Travel Plazas throughout the 10.5 counties provide friendly service and clean, safe store experience for people on the go! In addition to meeting all your fueling needs, Choctaw Travel Plazas offer great options like hot prepared foods, a coffee bar, exciting gaming at our famous Casino Too casinos, an extensive selection of products at smoke shops, beer caves and even cultural centers. It’s no wonder we are known as a convenience destination with more. Whether you’re a local or traveling through, we look forward to welcoming you at any of our stores and attending to your needs.
Just two miles north of the Texas-Oklahoma border, the Choctaw Welcome Center in Colbert is the perfect spot for travelers to stop in and enjoy a cup of coffee, grab some snacks for the road, and plan their adventure through Choctaw Country.

Within the Welcome Center, travelers can also shop for traditional Choctaw crafts, music, and jewelry, as well as Choctaw branded merchandise. Browse a wide variety of items handcrafted by Choctaw artisans and Oklahoma-made items. If you can’t visit in person, shop online at www.choctawstore.com.

Bring the whole family and explore Choctaw Culture through the traditional outdoor hut and brush arbor. Take a break from the car with your family pet in our on-site dog park. Be sure to grab a picture in our giant chair!

Choctaw Nation owns and leases out commercial rental properties to businesses throughout seven counties within the Choctaw Nation. Properties are located in Antlers, Atoka, Battiest, Calera, Coalgate, Durant, Hugo, Idabel, Stigler and Wilburton.

The Choctaw Department of Agriculture includes Choctaw Farms, Choctaw Ranches, Choctaw Wildlife Enterprises and Choctaw Agricultural Outreach.

Twelve ranches and farms encompassing 65,000 acres with Angus cattle and approximately 160,000 pounds of pecans harvested each year. The department is in the process of expanding the cow herd, reclaiming and improving acres of unused Choctaw Nation ranch land, and developing a program to take care of wild mustangs. In addition to the popular Youth Wildlife Hunts, workshops, demonstrations, and technical assistance are provided to tribal members throughout the year.

The Choctaw Department of Agriculture:

- Advances agriculture through education and partnership.
- Increases opportunities for agriculture enterprises.
- Acts as the liaison between tribal members and federal, state and local programs.
- Educates science-based programs and evidence-based practices.
- Fosters youth, family, and community agricultural development.
The Choctaw Nation owns and operates more than 1,500 acres of pecan orchards throughout southeastern Oklahoma. At Choctaw Farms, the Nation manages 7,000 pecan trees, including:

- Choctaw and Wichita Pecans, prized by bakers for their high oil content.
- Pawnee Pecans, known for their rich, buttery taste.
- Kiowa Pecans, known for their naturally sweet flavor.

The annual crop is sold on the open market and featured in recipes at Choctaw Casinos and Resorts. The 2017 crop was expected to yield 260,000 pounds of delicious, nutritous nuts.

The Choctaw Hunting Lodge offers commercial 3-5 day hunting packages for guests looking for the ultimate whitetail hunting experience. The exclusive hunting grounds are situated on 46,000 privately owned acres in remote southeastern Oklahoma - one of the largest contiguous hunting properties in the central United States.

The Choctaw Hunting Lodge is also proud to host the annual Choctaw Youth Hunt. Entries may be submitted June – August. In September, two entries will be randomly drawn from each district to participate in the deer management harvest.

Commercial ranching operations began in 2014 after a team of ranchers and business people developed a strategic agricultural business plan to make unused lands productive. Today Choctaw Ranches are producing some of the highest-quality cattle in the world.

The 30 employees of Choctaw Ranches manage 2,100 head of cattle at six ranches encompassing 65,000 acres. The herd is expected to grow to 2,600 and stabilize at 3,000 head.
Listed below are services to benefit Choctaws outside the 10.5-county boundary. Page numbers are listed for each service.

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The Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation formalized as an idea in the 1857 Tribal Constitution signed at Skullyville, Oklahoma.

The concept was first described graphically in an 1860 act by the Choctaw General Council as:

“..a great seal with the words, ‘A Great Seal of the Choctaw Nation’ around the edge, and a design of an unstrung bow, with three arrows, and a pipe-hatchet blended together engraved in the center, which shall be the proper seal of this nation, until altered by the general council.”

Although not outlined in the Act, the pipe is traditionally understood as a connection with God, through the rising tobacco smoke carrying prayers up to Him. The pipe also represented alliances with other communities. The unstrung bow is understood as not only a symbol of the Choctaw people’s love of peace, but a willingness to go to war if attacked. The three arrows represented Choctaw Chiefs Pushmataha, Mushulatubbe, and Apukshunabbe and the three districts of the Choctaw Nation.

Through time, there have been many different versions of this Great Seal, culminating in a painting done by an Oklahoma City architect, Guy C. Reid in 1940, and subsequently published by Muriel Wright. These later versions of the Seal have added the familiar rope borders, the colors, and the ridged, circular design, bordered by eight small circles located between the words on both sides of the Seal. The original meanings of these elements, if any, have not been recorded, and today, some Tribal members ascribe different meanings to them.
Phone Numbers:

580-924-8280 (for local and cell phones)
800-522-6170 (toll free)

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Field Offices/Community Centers

Antlers ................................................................. 580-298-5501
Atoka ............................................................... 580-889-6147
Bethel ................................................................. 580-241-5637
Broken Bow ...................................................... 580-584-6372
Coalgate ............................................................. 580-927-3641
Crowder ............................................................. 918-334-5344
Durant ................................................................. 580-924-7810
Hugo ................................................................. 580-326-7551
Idabel ................................................................. 580-286-6116
McAlester .......................................................... 918-423-1016
Poteau ............................................................... 918-647-9324
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