

**TO APPROVE THE FY2025 BUDGETS FOR THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM AND THE FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

**IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION**

**RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** the proposed budget for the Choctaw Nation Indian Child Welfare Program as funded by Title IV-B Subpart I with the required tribal match for FY 2025, and to approve the proposed budget for the Choctaw Nation Family Preservation Program as funded by Title IV-B Subpart II with the required match for FY 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Title IV-B, Subpart I of the Social Security Act (the "Act") is to promote Tribal and State flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by: (1) protecting and promoting the welfare of all children; (2) preventing the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children; (3) supporting at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; (4) promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and (5) providing training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce;

**WHEREAS**, Subpart I of the Act allows for payment directly to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma with an approved plan for child welfare services to achieve the goals listed above;

**WHEREAS**, the grant award under Title IV-B Subpart I for the Indian Child Welfare Program is \$587,829.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$195,943.00;

**WHEREAS**, Subpart II of the Act provides for programs to enable States and Tribes to develop and establish, or expand, and to operate coordinated programs of community-based family support services, family preservation services, family reunification services, and adoption promotion and support services to accomplish the following objectives: (1) To prevent child maltreatment among families at risk through the provision of supportive family services; (2) To assure children's safety within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been maltreated, when the family's problems can be addressed effectively; (3) To address the problems of families whose children have been placed in foster care so that reunification may occur in a safe and stable manner in accordance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997; and (4) To support adoptive families by providing support services as necessary so that they can make a lifetime commitment to their children;

**WHEREAS**, the grant award under Title IV-B Subpart II for the Family Preservation Program is \$819,464.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$273,155.00; and

**WHEREAS**, these budgets are for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, made in accordance with the amount of the HHS adjusted grant for the previous year (FY2024).

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Bill be cited as approval for the acceptance and budget for funds allocated pursuant to Title IV-B, Subpart I of the Social Security Act in the amount of \$587,829.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$195,943.00 for a total budget of \$783,772.00. (See Exhibit A).

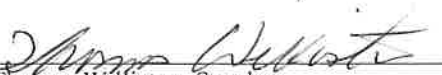
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this bill be cited as approval for the acceptance and budget for funds allocated pursuant to Title IV-B, Subpart II of the Social Security Act in the amount of \$819,464.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$273,155.00 for a total budget of \$1,092,619.00. (See Exhibit B).

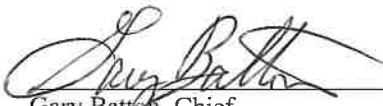
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**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that eleven (11) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on October 12, 2024. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 03 -25 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of eleven ( 11 ) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.

  
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Ronald Perry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 10-17-24

**TO APPROVE THE FY2025 BUDGETS FOR THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM AND THE FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

**Purpose/Need of Council Bill:** To approve the budgets for the Choctaw Nation Children & Family Services Indian Child Welfare Program and the Family Preservation Program, both of which are partially funded by the United States Department of Health & Human Services through Title IV-B of the Social Security Act. This bill is needed to ensure the continued operation of the Indian Child Welfare and Family Preservation Programs. This bill will meet the Nation's strategic goal of supporting service delivery to improve quality of life by enabling the Nation to continue to provide services to Native families.

**Title of Council Bill:** TO APPROVE THE FY2025 BUDGETS FOR THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM AND THE FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM

**Agency:** United States Department of Health & Human Services

**Budget:** Title IV-B Subpart I Total Budget: \$783,772.00; Title IV-B Subpart II Total Budget: \$1,092,619.00 (See Attached Exhibits A and B for complete budgets)

**Match Required:** Title IV-B Subpart I Match: \$195,943.00; Title IV-B Subpart II Match: \$273,155.00

**Request by/Project Director:** Cherity Wallace, Director of Family Preservation; Amanda Robinson, Director Indian Child Welfare; Teresa Jackson, SEO

**Suggested Legislative Committee Review:** Finance Committee and Health Services Committee

**CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA**  
 Children & Family Services  
 ICW IV-B Subpart 1  
 FY 2024-2025 Budget  
 Start Date: 10/1/2024 End Date: 9/30/2025

**Indian Child Welfare**

<b>6020 – Salaries</b>	<b>\$506,000</b>
Supervisor	100%
Supervisor	100%
Social Worker	100%
Social Worker	100%
Social Worker	100%
Social Worker	100%
Social Worker	100%
Social Worker	100%
<b>6070 -Fringe (@36%)</b>	<b>\$187,152</b>
Incentive, Retirement	
FICA, Unemployment,	
Health, Medicare & etc...	
<b>6100-100 Travel Mileage</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
<b>6100-115 Travel Lodging</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>6100-120 Travel Per Diem</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>6100-135 Travel Airfare</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6100-136 Travel Taxi/Toll Tag</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>6100-138 Travel Rental Car</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>6100-140 Travel-other</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>6220-107 Supplies Educational</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>6220-130 Supplies Office</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>6220-140 Supplies Postage</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>6220-150 Supplies Promotional</b>	<b>\$3,337</b>
<b>6300.125 Contractual-under 5k</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6710-125 CTS-Participant</b>	<b>\$4,643</b>
<b>6710-130 CTS-Rent</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>
<b>6720-140 CSN- Participant</b>	<b>\$27,940</b>
<b>6720.230 CSN-Client Food</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>7200-120 Training-Employee</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>7200-135 Training-Taxable</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

<b>7620.120</b> Fees-Non-Specific	<b>\$500</b>
<b>8100.100</b> Dues-Membership Fees	<b>\$500</b>
<b>8100.105</b> Subscriptions	<b>\$500</b>

Indian Child Welfare	\$587,829
Match	<u>\$195,943</u>
<b><u>TOTAL BUDGET</u></b>	<b>\$783,772</b>

CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA  
 Children & Family Services  
 Family Preservation Program IV-B Subpart 2  
 FY 2023-2024 Budget  
 Start Date: 10/1/2024 End Date: 9/30/2025

**Family Preservation**

<b>6020 – Salaries</b>		<b>\$730,943</b>
Director	100%	
Supervisor	100%	
Supervisor	100%	
Supervisor	100%	
Social Worker	100%	
Social Worker	100%	
Social Worker	100%	
Social Worker	100%	
Social Worker	100%	
Social Worker	100%	

<b>6070 -Fringe (@36%)</b>		<b>\$270,146</b>
Incentive, Retirement		
FICA, Unemployment,		
Health, Medicare & etc...		

<b>6100-100 Mileage</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6100-115 Lodging</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6100-120 Per Diem</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6100-135 Airfare</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>6100-140 Travel-other</b>	<b>\$500</b>

<b>6220-107 Supplies Educational</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6220-150 Supplies Promotional</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>

<b>6710-125 CTS-Participant</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>6710-130 CTS-Rent</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>6720-140 CSN- Participant</b>	<b>\$30,030</b>

<b>7200-120 Training-Employee</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>7200-135 Training-Taxable</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>

Family Preservation	\$819,464
Match	<u>\$273,155</u>
<b><u>TOTAL BUDGET</u></b>	<b>\$1,092,619</b>