

**TO APPROVE THE FY2026 BUDGETS FOR THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM AND THE FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

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

**JAMES DRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL BILL**

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**A COUNCIL BILL**

**TO APPROVE** the proposed budget for the Choctaw Nation Indian Child Welfare Program as funded by Title IV-B Subpart 1 with the required tribal match for FY 2026

**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 2026.

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Title IV-B, Subpart 1 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 1 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 \$801,858.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$267,286.00;

**WHEREAS**, Subpart 2 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

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to their children; **WHEREAS** the grant award under Title IV-B Subpart II for the Family Preservation Program is \$1,004,940.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$334,980.00; and

**WHEREAS**, these budgets are for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, have been made in accordance with the amount of the HHS adjusted grant for the previous year (FY2025).


**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 1 of the Social Security Act in the amount of \$801,858.00 with an in-kind match of \$267,286 for a total budget of \$1,069,144.00. See Exhibit A.

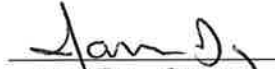
**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED** by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this bill be cited as approval for the acceptance and budget for funds allocated pursuant to Title IV-B, subpart 2 of the Social Security Act in the amount of \$1,004,940.00 with an in-kind tribal match of \$334,980.00 for a total budget of \$1,339,920.00. 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 twelve ( 12 ) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on April 11, 2026. I further certify that the foregoing Council Bill CB- 43 -26 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve ( 12 ) members, zero ( 0 ) negative votes, and zero ( 0 ) abstaining.*

  
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Thomas Williston, Speaker  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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James Dry, Secretary  
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council

  
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Gary Patton, Chief  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 4.11.2026