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Thank you employees for helping at the "Kids Christmas Movie"



L to R:

Twila Parker, Amy Hilderbrand, Courtney Green, Vivianna Wilhelm, Jennifer Hernandez, David Deer, Gov-Edwina Butler-Wolfe and Asaycia Clayton.

Executive Committee



Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Governor



Issac Gibson

Lt. Governor



John Johnson

Secretary



Leah Bates

Treasurer



Kenneth Blanchard

Representative

Monthly Executive Committee meetings can be watched online at astribe.com

Governor's Report

Hello my Absentee Shawnee people!

The cold and wet weather is making a slow entrance here in Shawnee. It's at this time of year when our Emergency Manager and Maintenance staff look at how prepared the tribe is and what steps might need to be taken to ensure the safety of tribal members, staff and visitors coming onto the tribal complex grounds. The tribe does follow E-AS-2013-103, a Severe Weather Policy, passed by resolution on December 30, 2013. This policy provides guidance to employees during extreme weather conditions. If a tribal closure is to occur it will be announced on one of the local television or radio channels that the Absentee Shawnee Tribe is open and/or closed based on weather severity. I, as the Governor, and/or my designee, will report to channels: Channel 4, 5, 9, Fox 25, Radio-KTOK 1000; KOKC 1520 AM. Through this policy we have established key personnel from certain departments who are required to report to work so that essential functions of the tribe are maintained. Our Executive Committee will check on the welfare of elders in their respective areas and Tribal police will also assist with these welfare checks. The key

department departmental staff, under this policy, is: Tribal police; Emergency Manager; Director of Maintenance or designee; Controller; Procurement Director; MIS Director; Team of tribal health staff as designated by the Executive Director of Health.

The Executive Committee approved the annual employee Thanksgiving dinner to be held this year on November 25th in the Thunderbird Entertainment Center (Casino) Event room in Little Axe, OK. This was partially sponsored by the AST Employee Committee who provided the meat. The side dishes, salads, breads and desserts were donated by our different program departments (employees). This year a commemorative Pendleton was given to Reta Harjo, a 25 year employee, and several raffles were held, by the AST Employee Committee, with proceeds to go back into the Employee Committee fund. Human Resources were present and asked that employees sign in. After the lunch employees could then leave for the day and the tribe gave them the remainder of the afternoon off. This gave employees an opportunity to prepare for their own Thanksgiving meals or to get an early start on their Christmas shopping. We are thankful for our committed employees and what

they do for the tribe and our people.

GENERAL COUNCIL, THE CONSTITUTION AND LEADERSHIP

As indicated in my December 2015 newsletter article you, my tribal members, had stated during the October General Council that some changes in our finance department were greatly needed. Thanks to the commitment of our Human Resources department we were able to take needed action to remove the Controller. The Assistant Controller, Genevieve Foster, a CPA since 2012, with a bachelor's degree from Palawan State University in Puerto Princesa City, Phillipines continues to serve as the tribes Assistant Controller. It is my hope that Mrs. Foster will assist the Treasurer to meet her sole constitutional duties of managing Finance:

1. All expenditures should be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Executive Committee before payment;
2. Keeping and maintaining an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and reporting the accurate amounts of each account to the Executive Committee at

each regular meeting.

Our budget process needs to be enhanced. It is unclear how programs can be held accountable and responsible for good budget practices if the Treasurer does not allow Finance to offer timely and clear guidance on how to complete their budget. A three year budget 'average' is limiting in what it offers. As I have stated previously this could be a starting point to show programs and Executive Committee how funds were used and then look at inflationary factors, program needs and other factors specific to that program and/or Office. These 'averaged' budgets were provided, by Finance, to programs and the Executive Committee in October of 2014 and this year they were belatedly sent out in November. The tribe's budget cycle is January to December with a few exceptions, health being one of those and that budget cycle is to run October 1 through September 30th. Below is a simple process I suggested in 2014 and offer now for consideration:

BUDGET PROCESS

Also, during the October General Council meeting, the Lt. Governor provided a report on the cattle, and the report does not give a clear financial summary of costs for this project. The Executive Committee and tribal members need a financial table set up so that a clear picture can be shown on what the initial costs/expenses were for this project which would include: Cost of cattle, equipment, land lease, land purchase, fencing, immunizations, vet bills, supply costs such as hay, feed, personnel used and other expenses. This information could then be placed on a simple table with year 1 through current year. One of the reports provided by Finance for the Lt. Governor showed that in the start year that former Representative

Jeff Gibson had purchased – jeans. In the Lt. Governor's December newsletter he indicated from his 'perspective, putting our internal issues in the general public makes the tribe look very incompetent'. I believe that when you are a leader that you are putting issues into the public eye when you do them. The embarrassment is not the tribes as he stated it was. It is to those who did not uphold their oath to their office, to those who do not uphold their duties and responsibilities to their Office and mismanage and/or abuse their role as elected leaders. I agree on one thing he said '...hurt the four thousand plus members of this tribe...' as elected leaders are to follow the letter of the law and when they don't, as several past and present elected leaders haven't, then the tribe and its members pay the price for that. If the Lt. Governor and his staff believe I 'seek and destroy' then that is their right to a foolish opinion. My vision is to build a bigger and brighter future for our tribe and I abide by established tribal law, uphold my oath to my Office, follow the tribe's constitution and work, to the best of my ability, each day to make progress.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Since my last report in the November newsletter I have attended the following meetings and/or events:

- November 16 – Director Meeting/TEC Board Meeting – Little Axe, OK
- November 17 – Native American Wellness Heart First Summit – OKC, OK
- November 18 – Regular Executive Committee Meeting – Shawnee, OK
- November 19 – OK Rural School Research Alliance – Norman, OK
- November 20 – CTSA Monthly Board Meeting – Shawnee, OK

- November 24 – Building Blocks Dinner – Shawnee, OK
- November 25 – Annual Employee Thanksgiving Dinner – Little Axe, OK
- December 1 - Oklahoma Council of Indian Education – Sulphur, OK
- December 3 – Hearth Act Meeting – Ada, OK
- December 4 – Discussion with Finance on Governor's budget – Shawnee, OK
- December 5 – White Turkey Band Meeting – OKC, OK
- December 9 – USDA State meeting – met with Carol V. Crouch, Ph.D. of NRCS and Gary O'Neill, USDA State Conservationist
- December 10 – Veteran's Meeting – Little Axe, OK
- December 15 – AST Health Board Meeting – Little Axe, OK
- December 16 – Regular Executive Committee – Little Axe, OK

Expressions

For those families who lost a loved one this month I offer my sincere condolences to you and your family on your loss.

I hope that you and your family members had a safe and Merry Christmas and wish you each good health and happiness in 2016.

In Conclusion

I have 17 months left in Office and I find each day both challenging and full of possibilities.

My door is always open (unless I am in a meeting or at a meeting) and I welcome your visits.

Help me to make a difference – stand beside me and Let us Build for the Future (BFF) - united and together!

Thank you for your support.

Kids Christmas Movie



VETERANS CHRISTMAS



ROY CHARLEY



FRANK TIGER



TRIBAL REP. KENNETH BLANCHARD,
GOVERNOR EDWINA BUTLER-WOLFE, AND
WALTER LARNEY





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PREPARE NOW FOR WINTER DRIVING

Nov. 24, 2015 – With possible ice and snow in Oklahoma’s forecast, now’s the time to make sure you and your vehicle are ready for the weather. AAA estimates thousands of vehicles in the state are in need of preventive maintenance.

“During AAA’s Car Care Check-ups, the most frequent problems we find are under-inflated tires, dirty oil and low fluid levels under the hood,” said Chuck Mai, spokesman for AAA Oklahoma. “Taking action now can save trouble on down the road.”

To help motorists get ready, get set and go during this year’s winter driving season, AAA Oklahoma offers the following tips:

Get Ready: Before you drive long distances, check the weather conditions along your route. As a safety precaution, remember to bring a cellular phone and a winter driving kit that includes the following items:

- a flashlight with fresh batteries,
- a small snow shovel and brush,
- traction mats,
- an ice scraper,
- booster cables,
- a warm blanket,
- flares or triangle warning devices,
- heavy gloves,
- snacks and water,
- simple tools
- window washing solvent,
- paper towels
- and a first aid kit.

Get Set: Inspect your vehicle thoroughly before leaving your driveway. Ensure that your tires are properly inflated, fluid levels (including anti-freeze) are full, front and rear lights are operating, and belts and hoses are in good condition.

Keep in mind that one of the most common causes of cold-weather breakdowns is a weak or dead battery. Good indicators that your battery is weak and may need replacement include a starter motor that cranks the engine slowly when the ignition key is turned, or headlights that dim noticeably when the engine speed drops to an idle. If in doubt, have a qualified auto technician check it.

Go: Now that your vehicle has the green light, here are some winter driving tips to get you to your destination safely.

- When driving during slippery and icy conditions, slow down and keep a safe distance from other vehicles, minimize brake use and bear in mind that traction is greatest just before the wheels spin. Gentle pressure on the accelerator pedal when starting is the best method for retaining traction and avoiding skids.
- The most effective way to stop on ice and snow is to apply your brakes gently well in advance of the point where you intend to stop. With antilock braking systems (ABS), you may feel a pulsation in the brake pedal when coming to a stop. This means the system is operating as designed to prevent wheel lock up. Continue to apply firm pressure to the brake pedal until your vehicle comes to a complete stop.
- Keep your seatbelts fastened and make certain all passengers are securely restrained.
- When driving in falling snow or fog, lower your speed, use your low-beam headlights or fog lights and keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.

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January

2016

Menu subject to change
2% milk served daily

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day AST Complex Closed	2
3	4 Beef Fingers Mashed Pot/Gravy Beets Bread/Grapes	5 Chili Dogs Onions, Chez Carrots Pineapples	6 BBQ Chicken Baked Beans Salad Bar* Bread	7 Baked Pot Chez, Onions Cauliflower Pudding	8 Grits Toast Sausage Patty	9
10	11 Smoke Sausage Mac n Chez Veggies Peaches	12 Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Apple	13 Manwich Pickles Tater Tots Cookie	14 Turkey Pot Pie Biscuit Cake	15 Cereal Muffin Fruit	16
17	18 AST Complex Closed Martin Luther King Jr Day	19 Chicken Salad Lett, Tom Chips Mixed Fruit	20 Spaghetti W meat sauce Tossed Salad Green beans Bread Stick	21 Burrito Refried Beans Salsa Apricots	22 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Gravy Biscuits	23
24	25 Chicken Patty Sandwich Lett, Tom Chips/Pears	26 Taco Casserole Tossed Salad Plums	27 Salmon Patty Coleslaw Bread Mand. Oranges	28 Beans Steakfries Onions Cornbread	29 Pancakes Bacon	30
31						

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 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER

LUNCH SERVED MONDAY-THURSDAY 11AM TO 1PM
 BREAKFAST SERVED FRIDAYS 9AM TO 11AM

*Happy
New Year*

Title VI Staff wishes everyone a Happy New Year!!!!

We hope and pray this year will be a good one for you. Forgive one another, spend time with family, take pictures, and be thankful for everything good or bad.

January 1, AST Complex will be closed and there will be no meal delivery or no meals served!!!

January 18, AST Complex closed to observe Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Any questions or concerns you can contact us at 405-275-4030 ext. 6227

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SCIENCE SUNDAYS

Join us as we build and learn about science with hands-on experiments and takeaways! Parents encouraged to participate!

January 3 - Electricity & Magnetism	July 3 - Rocketry
February 7 - Machines	August 7 - Science of Magic
March 6 - The Sound of Science	September 11 - Engineering
April 3 - Air Pressure	October 2 - Spooky Science
May 1 - Bubble Science	November 6 - Polymer Science
June 5 - Fossils	December 4 - Temperature

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METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

Family Craft Night

Get Your Craft On!

Create memories together with an evening of crafts designed for ages 5-12. All ages welcome.

Every 3rd Thursday @ 6:30p

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www.metrolibrary.org

METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS

Children Reading to Dogs

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30PM for Children Reading to Dogs! Children will develop their reading skills and make a lifelong friend by reading to trained therapy dogs. All dogs and owners have completed therapy dog certification.

EVERY 2nd & 4th THURSDAY 6:30PM

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DEL CITY LIBRARY PRESENTS:

SCRABBLE CLUB

Wordy people, unite! Challenge fellow wordsmiths to a lively game of Scrabble and keep your vocabulary honed.

Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Games supplies provided

For Adults

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- January 15: Snow Globes
- February 19: Sunshine/Science Crafts
- March 19: Dr. Seuss Crafts
- April 16: Rainy Day Crafts
- May 21: Percussion Instruments
- June 18: Summer Fun in the Car
- July 16: Crafts that Blast Off
- August 20: Back to School Crafts
- September 17: Pirate Crafts
- October 15: Spooky Crafts
- November 19: Squawking Turkey Crafts
- December 17: Winter Wonderland Crafts

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ALL ARTICLES FOR THE NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE ARE DUE BY THE 15th OF THE CURRENT MONTH

UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ONE PICTURE PER BIRTHDAY PERSON, NOT PER BIRTHDAY WISH.



I would like to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to everyone for the uplifting thoughts, prayers, donations & flowers.

I am lucky & so thankful to know such a great group of folks!

Geraldine Abrams



In Stock Items

Buffalo Stew Meat
1 pound packages
Vacuum sealed & Frozen
\$12 each

Ground Buffalo
1 pound packages
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December 8, 2015
Shawnee Walmart



AST Officers attending: Shawn E. Crowley, Jason Brinker, Ric Mantooth & Joe Abbiss



AST ELDERS COUNCIL

Pictured is the
AST Elders
Council with
Christmas
baskets for home
bound Elders



MINUTES

PRESENT: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shawn Crowley Twila Parker
Sujata Sturm Jeff Gibson
Alvina Barnes

VISITORS: Robert Sheppard Sherry Drywater
Amanda Proctor Betty Watson
Kathy Deere Raymond Campbell
William Norman

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Regular Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: None

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS:

SECRETARY

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION

OCTOBER 21, 2015 RECM

There being no questions, corrections or comments on October 21, 2015 Minutes, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to approve. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Minutes approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

GOVERNOR

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-62 TO TERMINATE BELINDA COLLINS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions, comment or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / YES
Lt. Governor Gibson / NO
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / NO
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 2 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

B. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-63 AUTHORIZES THE EXPENDITURE OF TRIBAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY FROM THE NETTIE MORELAND TRUST, AS DESCRIBED BELOW, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions, comments, or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

C. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-64 AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OKLAHOMA TRIBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY CENTER ("OKTEC") (AS ATTACHED) AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions, comments or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / ABSTAIN
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 1 abstentions.

D. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-65 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE REPATRIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OREGON ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE OREGON BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON BEHALF OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY (AS ATTACHED) AND AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

There being no question, comments or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Representative Blanchard made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Lt. Governor Gibson. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / ABSTAIN
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 1 abstentions.

SECRETARY

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-66 APPROVING AND ACCEPTING VINCENT CARLOS HERNANDEZ, ABELARDO M. GOMEZ JR., KARMAN ROSE DAYLEE TIGER, KOLEE RAYE SPOON, GRAYSON SHAWN PANTHER, ARYANA JANAYE TURNER, MINNIE BEAR DEAN AND LUKE JAKE WERTH AS ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

Secretary Johnson stated that all the individuals meet the constitutional requirements for enrollment. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Representative Blanchard made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

B. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-67 REJECTS THE APPLICATION OF JEREMY LEE WILLIAM RAYMOND IN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT BLOOD DEGREE.

There being no questions, comments or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Lt. Governor Gibson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. ADJOURNMENT - Executive Session

There being no further business on the Agenda for the Executive Session, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. Representative Blanchard made a motion to adjourn; the motion seconded by Lt. Governor Gibson. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The Executive Session adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Legislative Session to order at 10:19 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: None

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

IV. REGULAR BUSINESS:

TREASURER

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-07

There being no questions, comment or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe / N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson / YES
Secretary Johnson / YES
Treasurer Bates / YES
Representative Blanchard / YES

Resolution approved: 4 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. NEW BUSINESS- Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority

VI. GOVERNOR'S REPORT

VII. RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

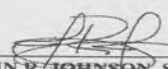
Kathy Deere
Betty Watson
Jeff Gibson

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Legislative Session

There being no further business on the Agenda for the Legislative Session of the November 18, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:54 a.m. Treasurer Bates made the motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Representative Blanchard. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CERTIFICATION

I, John R Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on December 16, 2015 at the REGULAR Executive Committee Meeting, there being a quorum present by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES; Secretary Johnson: YES; Treasurer Bates: YES; Representative Blanchard: YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe: N/A.


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 16th day of December 2015.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

ABSENT: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Sherman Tiger Twyla Blanchard
Genevieve Foster Sujata Sturm
Alvina Barnes

VISITORS: Raymond Campbell

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Special Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:05A.M.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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IV. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

GOVERNOR

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2014-68
AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE APPROVAL OF THE REDW, LLC
CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT (AS ATTACHED) TO PREPARE THE TRIBE'S
FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND FISCAL YEAR 2017 INDIRECT COST PROPOSALS.

There being no questions, concerns or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. ADJOURNMENT - Executive Session

There being no further business on the Agenda for the Executive Session of the December 7, 2015 Special Executive Committee Meeting, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn; Secretary Johnson made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. Following a unanimous voice vote the Executive Session was adjourned at 10:07a.m.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

3

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Legislative Session of the Special Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

IV. SPECIAL BUSINESS:

GOVERNOR

A. A RESOLUTION.....L-AS-2015-08
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE LIQUIDATION OF THE INVESTMENT WITH
THE FIRM OF LINSKO PRIVATE LEDGER, EFFECTIVE AFTER THE 18 MONTH HOLD
HAS CONCLUDED. THE INITIAL INVESTMENT IS IN THE SUM OF EIGHT MILLION
DOLLARS (\$8,000,000.00) OF HEALTH COMPACT FUNDS AND IS NAMED "EATON
VANCE GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS FUND" WHICH HAS A ONE MILLION
(\$1,000,000.00) MINIMUM INVESTMENT AND YIELDS AT 4.46% INTEREST WITH
INTEREST BEING PAID TO ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE GENERAL FUND.

There being no questions, comments or concerns; Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Treasurer Bates made a motion to approve with amendments to the therefore clause to specify that the healthcare funds be returned to the Tribal Health Corporation.; motion seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

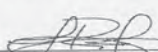
Resolution approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

V. ADJOURNMENT - Legislative Session

There being no further business on the Agenda for the Legislative Session of the December 7, 2015 Special Executive Committee Meeting, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn; Treasurer Bates made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Following a unanimous voice vote the Legislative Session was adjourned at 10:20a.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, John R. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on December 16, 2015 at the REGULAR Executive Committee Meeting, there being a quorum present by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES; Secretary Johnson: YES; Treasurer Bates: YES; Representative Blanchard: YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe: N/A.


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 16th day of December 2015.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

ABSENT: Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates

STAFF PRESENT: Leonard Longhorn
Sherman Tiger
Larry Buckley

VISITORS: Melpherd Switch
Twila Parker

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Regular Executive Committee Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

Absent at Roll Call: Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Lt. Governor Gibson made the Declaration of Quorum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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IV. REGULAR BUSINESS:

Governor Butler-Wolfe stated due to unforeseen circumstances she asked to amend the agenda to move item C in front of item A, under the Governors resolution. Lt. Governor Gibson made a motion to amend the agenda; seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	YES
Secretary Johnson	/	ABSENT
Treasurer Bates	/	ABSENT
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Amended agenda: 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

GOVERNOR

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-45
APPROVING THE TOBACCO COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND
AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO EXECUTE SAID TOBACCO
COMPACT ON BEHALF OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA (AS
ATTACHED).

There being no questions, concerns or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Representative Blanchard made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Lt. Governor Gibson. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	YES
Secretary Johnson	/	ABSENT
Treasurer Bates	/	ABSENT
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to recess the RECM until 10:00 am on September 17, 2015. Lt. Governor Gibson made a motion to recess the meeting; seconded by Representative Blanchard. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	YES
Secretary Johnson	/	ABSENT
Treasurer Bates	/	ABSENT
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Recess of meeting: 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Governor Butler-Wolfe reconvened the Regular Executive Committee Meeting on September 18, 2015 at 1:30pm. Treasurer Bates made a motion to come out of recess; seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Meeting to continue: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

II. ROLL CALL:

Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates

Absent at Roll Call: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
Representative Kenneth Blanchard

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

SECRETARY

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES MOTION

AUGUST 24, 2015 RECM

There being only one correction to page 9 of the August 24, 2015 Minutes, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to approve. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Minutes approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

MINUTES

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B. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-46
AUTHORIZING THE TRIBE TO ENTER INTO AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
AGREEMENT WITH PROSPECTIVE TUTORS FOR THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE
TRIBE'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM (AS ATTACHED) TO PROVIDE SERVICES
RELATED TO TUTORING AND DESIGNATING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO
SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBE, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

C. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-47
HEREBY ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE TO CONDUCT THE 76TH
SEMI-ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE
TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015, 10:00 A.M.,
AT THE THUNDERBIRD ENTERTAINMENT EVENT CENTER, NORMAN,
OKLAHOMA.

There being no question or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

SECRETARY

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-48
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ABSENTEE
SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AND THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES, REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES FOR
NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN, AND AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE
TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT, AS ATTACHED.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

B. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-49
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING KEZIAH CORIN BATSON-WALKER, SUMMER DAWN
TIGER, CARTER ELLIS WEBB, MICAH KEAGAN DEERE, MALACHI KAMRON
DEERE, CORBIN LEE RAKESTRAW AND JOEL THOMAS SCARBERRY AS
ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

Larry Buckley, Enrollment Director, stated all the applicants meet the constitutional requirements for enrollment. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Treasurer Bates made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

C. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-50
GRANTING VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ABSENTEE
SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO CLARANCE JAMES LASARGE.

Larry Buckley, Enrollment Director, stated the following applicant requested a voluntary relinquishment due to dual enrollment. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Treasurer Bates made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

TREASURER

A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-51
AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CORPORATE CREDIT CARD FOR JOHN
JOHNSON, SECRETARY OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
OKLAHOMA, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

There being no questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded.

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	ABSENT

Resolution approved: 2 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstentions.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

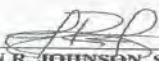
Twila Parker
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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the Agenda for the Executive Session, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Bates made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Following a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm

CERTIFICATION

I, John R Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on October 21, 2015 at the REGULAR Executive Committee Meeting, there being a quorum present by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES; Secretary Johnson: YES; Treasurer Bates: YES; Representative Blanchard: YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe: N/A.


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 22ND day of October 2015.

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PRESENT: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard
ABSENT: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.
STAFF PRESENT: Genevieve Foster Sherman Tiger
Glenna Jones Shawn Crowley
Marla Throckmorton Mark Rogers
VISITORS: Twila Parker Chad Meiler
Marvin McMillan

I. CALL TO ORDER:
Governor Butler-Wolfe called the Special Executive Committee Meeting to order at 2:06 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL:
Present at Roll Call: Governor Edwina Butler-Wolfe
Secretary John R. Johnson
Treasurer Leah Bates
Representative Kenneth Blanchard
Absent at Roll Call: Lt. Governor Isaac Gibson, Jr.

III. DECLARATION OF QUORUM:
Secretary Johnson made the Declaration of Quorum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

IV. SPECIAL BUSINESS:
GOVERNOR
A. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-52
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
APPLICATION TO HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) FOR THE INDIAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ICDBG) PROGRAM AND TO
COMMIT \$225,000 IN LEVERAGED RESOURCES FROM BIA (IRR) ROADS FUNDING
TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE GRANT.

Glenna Jones stated this grant is for the second phase of the youth camp grounds in Little Axe, OK. No further more discussion, questions or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Secretary Johnson made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Treasurer Bates. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Resolution Approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstention.

B. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-53
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2021, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR
BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SUBMISSION OF
SAID APPLICATION, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Glenna Jones stated that this grant is a competitive grant and it is a year by year basis. There being no further question or comments, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion for approval. Representative Blanchard made a motion to approve; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Resolution Approved: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstention.

C. A RESOLUTION.....E-AS-2015-54
AUTHORIZING THE REFINANCING OF THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION
SERIES "A" BONDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER JOINT
VENTURE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE (1) SECOND AMENDMENT TO
ADDENDUM TO THE CONSTRUCTION LOAN AGREEMENT, (2) THE SECOND
AMENDMENT TO ADDENDUM TO THE PROMISSORY NOTE, AND (3)
RATIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL GUARANTY SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND
APPROVAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING
GOVERNOR BUTLER-WOLFE TO SIGN SAID DOCUMENTS TO SAID TRANSACTION
FOR CLOSING.

Treasurer Bates made a motion to amend the resolution to add a second resolved clause stating the reserve amounts be returned to ASTHA. Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to approve the resolution with the amended corrections. Treasurer Bates made the motion for approval with amendments; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. The following vote was recorded:

Governor Butler-Wolfe	/	N/A
Lt. Governor Gibson	/	ABSENT
Secretary Johnson	/	YES
Treasurer Bates	/	YES
Representative Blanchard	/	YES

Resolution Approved with amended corrections: 3 in favor; 0 opposed; and 0 abstention.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the Agenda for the September 23, 2015 Special Executive Committee Meeting, Governor Butler-Wolfe entertained a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Bates made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Secretary Johnson. Following a unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, John R. Johnson, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above Minutes are a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, on October 21, 2015 at the SPECIAL Executive Committee Meeting, there being a quorum present by a vote of: 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Gibson: YES; Secretary Johnson: YES; Treasurer Bates: YES; Representative Blanchard: YES; Governor Butler-Wolfe: N/A.


JOHN R. JOHNSON, Secretary
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Signed this 22nd day of October 2015

EXECUTIVE
RESOLUTION NO. E-AS-2015-71

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2015

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2016.

WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is a federally recognized Indian tribe exercising all inherent sovereign rights from time immemorial; and
WHEREAS, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma has a Constitution approved by the Department of the Interior, last amended in May 2011; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma is empowered by the Constitution to speak and otherwise conduct business in the name of, and on behalf of, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; and
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to uphold its constitutional responsibility to the Tribe and its membership as the highest priority; and
WHEREAS, the authorities granted by this Resolution shall be continuing until and unless rescinded by separate action of this body; and
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Executive Committee to set policies for the day-to-day operations of the Tribal Government; and
WHEREAS, the Executive Committee formally approves the following list of holidays for calendar year 2016:




Davis, Rhonda Jean
 Day, Vivian Denise
 Day, Zander Nicholas
 Deer, Braelyn Ariyahna
 Deere, Christopher Lee
 Deere, Clinton Jess
 Delodge, Raymond Louis
 Dibler Jr, Daymon Daniel
 Draper, Shawnee Sharisse
 Eckles, Ethan Andrew
 Ellis, Brandi Nicole
 Ellis, Jackson Matthew
 Ellis, Lisa Marie
 Ellis, Ryan Mark
 Felton, Kandice Nicole Grace
 Fire, Orphie Jane
 Flowers, Jasmine Lynne
 Foreman Jr., James Louis
 Foreman, Anthony Clayton
 Foreman, Elijah Bryce
 Foreman, Hunter Lynn
 Freeman, Jerilyn Kay Barnett
 Fritsch, Jaxon James
 Fruit, Andrea Dee
 Geissler, Jarett Paul
 Gibson, Braxton Reid Caddo
 Gibson, Clarence
 Gibson, Gloria Lynne
 Gibson, Jeremy Lee
 Gibson, Jimmy Ray
 Gibson, Martha Lynette
 Gibson, Ronnie Caleb
 Gibson, Walter Ray
 Gilman, Howard Floyd
 Gonzalez, Xochitl Olivia
 Goodman, Thomas Donald
 Granstrom, Tyler Michael
 Hall, Bonnee Raelynn
 Hamman, Stacie Berlyn
 Hanson, Bentley Robert Jin
 Harjo, Nicholas Gerald
 Harjo, Tabias Darnell
 Harrington, Carolyn Jean
 Harris, Samuel Lee Allen Sabre
 Haumpy, Tacie A'lize
 Hawk, Quincy Ryan
 Heatley, Cashis King
 Heatley, Prada DeeAnn
 Hernandez, Janessa Leann
 Herrera, Angel Juventino
 Hilderbrand, Cameron James
 Hill, Keiton James
 Hill, Stephen Lee
 Hood, Dantel Ruya
 Hough, Alyssa Blake
 Howe, Angelina Marie
 Humphrey, Lou Ann
 Innis, Nicholas Alexander
 Irvin, Michael Reed
 Isaacs, Betty B
 James, Diane Rene
 Januszewski, Connie Bradley
 Jimbo, Kaden Allen
 Jiron, Mary Elizabeth
 Johnson Jr., Henry Caddo
 Johnson Jr., Josie Ed
 Johnson, Bradley Nathaniel Preston Scott
 Johnson, Bruce Dale
 Johnson, David Lee
 Johnson, Patrick Wayne
 Johnson, Pauletta Elephant
 Johnson, Tanessa Anah Marie
 Kaseca, Thomas James
 Keith, Shelli Leann
 Kelly, Addison Marie

Kelough, Manuel LeeWayne
 Kelsey, Kyler Seann
 Komahcheet, Nolan Frank
 Larson, Brooke Nichole
 Leath Jr., William Jake
 Lester, Bradley Shane
 Lewelling, Amber Dawn
 Little Axe Jr., Ricky Lee
 Little Axe, Courtney Nicole
 Little Axe, Darrell James
 Little Axe, Daveny Amour
 Little Axe, John Al
 Little Charley, Keith Eldon
 Little, Mia Rachelle
 Little, Shea Alexis
 Little, Sutton Keith
 Little, Troy Don
 LittleAxe-Nettles, Aniah Elizabeth
 Littlebear Jr., Michael
 Littlecreek, Catherine
 Littlecreek, Kami Dawn
 Livsey, Shannon Marie
 Longacre, Nancy L. Warrior
 Longhorn II, Leonard Wayne
 Longhorn Moore, Tylee Raquel
 Longhorn, Bruce Jerome Allen
 Longhorn, Crystal Alaina
 Longhorn, La Donna Gail
 Longhorn, Shawna Michele
 Longman, Caitlin Oteaka
 Lovins, Marilyn Sue
 Lowe, Charles Jake Kilraine
 Lowry, Linda Diane
 Mann Jr., Glenn Dale
 Mann Sr., Glenn Dale
 Mann, Marc Andrew
 Marquez II, Quentin Miles
 Marriott, Cadence Sunay
 Martin, Jared Webster
 Martinez, Laronda Ann
 Martinez, Naliyha Tewa
 Martinez, Sam Littlecreek
 Martinez, Winter Dawn
 Masquat, Kinsley Rae
 Mathany, Connie Ruth
 Maxwell, Diondre DaShawn
 Maxwell, Jimmy Ray
 Maxwell, Nellie Tiger
 Mazzucco, Tiana Bright Path
 McBroom, Tallon Cole
 McCreary, Gabriel David
 McCreary, Lisa Jane
 McGirt, Travis Wade
 McPherson - Khalil, Jessica Lynn
 McPherson, Alan Lynn
 McPherson, Mason Thomas
 McPherson-Brittain, Jason Tyler
 Meek Jr, Jimmy David
 Melton, Serena Jo
 Melzer, Logan Michael Boyer
 Mendoza, Samuel Lee
 Merrell, Maddox Andre
 Milburn, Michelle Sahara
 Miller, Laney Lee
 Miller, Tre Dean
 Mitchell, Gage Jaydn
 Mitchell, Nycole Morningstar
 Montgomery, Nathan Andre Patrick
 Morgan, Autumn Dawn
 Morris Jr., John Gilbert
 Morris, Betty Sue Williams
 Morris, David Leon
 Morris, Jordan Marie
 Morris, Lucas Hayden
 Mull, Neela Mahadevi


Munroe, Ellen Marie
 Nail, Brandy Diane
 Nance, Desmond Ravon
 Nance, Eva Renae
 Neash, Lonnie Allen
 Ned, Tina Renee
 Nelson, Payton Ashlee
 Nicholson Jr., Larry Zenith
 Nicholson, Victoria Rose
 Norton, Jai'Nasha Camille
 O'Brian, Connie Frances
 Odell, April Babette
 Panther Jr., William
 Panther, Cheyanne
 Parsons-Squire, Autumn Lynn
 Patty, Elsie Wynona
 Pearce, Kelle Dawn
 Pearl Atwood, Donna Sue
 Pelts, Brandy Nicole
 Perryman, Mary Ella
 Pewenofkit, Alta Rochelle
 Poncho, Octavia Marie
 Puckitt, Zesa Lou-Ann
 Queen, Marlene Lucille
 Rakestraw, Mariah Diane
 Ramirez II, Antonio
 Ramirez, Joe Anthony
 Ramos, Georgina Lynn
 Reed, Teresa June
 Reeves, Sharon Annette
 Riden, C'anne Danielle
 Ridenour, Logan Taylor
 Riedel, Brian Alan
 Roach, Dawson Wayne
 Roberts, Ramona Lee
 Robertson, Wanda Lejean
 Robison, Tyrel Lane
 Rochon, Stephen Arthur
 Rogers, Tammy Sue
 Rolette, Ty Clay
 Ruimveld, Chad Christopher
 Rye, Gail Marie Alford
 Sam-Ruimveld, Bailey Shae Issi Balalli
 Sanders, Dylan Wayne
 Seber, Jamie Nicole
 Seber, Lauren Elizabeth
 Serena, Anthony George
 Shaffer, Christie Elaine
 Shawnee, Keaten Wayne
 Shelton, Xavier Race
 Sherrill, Quentin Patrick
 Shields, Aaliyah Brooke
 Shields, Laila Annaliese
 Shular, Sandra Jeanne Hood
 Sloat, Cilicia Ann
 Sloat, Warren Howard
 Smith, Al Murray
 Smith, Mariah Love
 Smith, Ryan James
 Snake, Anita Mae Burton
 Snake, Barry Gabriel
 Sorrells, Sandra Lee
 Spoon, Barbara Jo
 Spoon, Carl David
 Spoon, Christopher Jaye
 Spoon, Deric Brandon
 Spoon, Tina Louise
 Spybuck, Winter Dawn
 Squire, Jimmy Dowell
 Starr, Adrien Miguel
 Starr, Martin
 Starr, Rance George
 Steinruck, Eugene Donnell
 Stewart, Glenn Alan
 Stewart, James Clyde

Stone, Brian David
 Stricklin, Victor Medrano
 Stryker, Rodney Shane
 Sullivan, Glenda Ann Little Axe
 Surface, Ashley Katherine
 Sutton, Santos Daniel
 Switch, Casey Camden
 Switch, Hannah Nichelle
 Tarbox, Christy Lee
 Taylor, Nathan Wayne
 Thomas, Joel Elijah
 Thorpe II, Ronnie Allen
 Thorpe Jr., James Francis
 Thorpe, Shylah Jean
 Tiger, Christopher Blaine
 Tiger, Summer Dawn
 Tiger, Wanda Little Axe
 Tilley, Makiah Lynn
 Tolbert, Ashlyn Reilly
 Tonyan, Teagan Gwen
 Torres, Fernando Jose
 Torres, Rosa Marie
 Treat, Joshua Steven
 Turner, Timothy Jake
 Tynes, Tonia Melanie
 Uchida, Nolan Garrett
 Valdivia, Thomas Lesley
 Vanliew, Kesa La'nae
 Villalobos, Valentina Noel
 Wahpekeche, Eric Lynd
 Wahpepah, Hazel Paige
 Walker, Roger Steven
 Warrior, Tobin Shane
 Warrior, Zybelle Rose
 Washington, Rebecca Marie
 Watson, Daniel Owen
 Watson, Julie Marie
 Watson, Matthew Payden
 Watson, Patrick Scott
 Webb, Kelly Britt
 White Thunder, Sheldon Thomas
 White, Jesse Lee
 White, Seth Wesley
 Whited, Angela Kay
 Williams, Joseph Billy
 Williams, Joseph Bryan
 Williams, Joshua David
 Willoughby, Marcie Deann
 Wilson, Aarion James Deer
 Wilson, Alix Re'Ann
 Wilson, Alta Louise
 Wilson, Calvin Lee
 Wilson, Christopher Dale
 Wilson, Dean Owen
 Wilson, Edward Wayne
 Wilson, Faith Anne Marie
 Wilson, James Francis
 Wilson, Michael Eugene
 Wilson, Stephen Edward
 Wilson, Wesley Dean
 Wise, Landon Kyle
 Wolf Sr., Aaron Paul
 Wolf, Angel Erica
 Wolfe Jr., Houston Hugh
 Womack, Kaleigh Patricia
 Woods, Jiya Marie
 Wright, Phillip Lawrence
 Wunderlin, Donna Jo
 Wyatt, James Allen
 Yandell, Leon Allen
 Yeahpau, Michael Tyrus

Mom-B,



You picked me, but in return I gave all my unconditional LOVE!!
I Love You Now, Tomorrow and Forever!
Happy Birthday OLD LADY!
Love,
Bellesie Wellsie



Queen B,
Hope you have an awesome kind of birthday!! Because you are for sure, the most awesomest kind of sister!!
You're also the creep of the two of us!
Love,
Baby sister Sheree




Wishing my baby girl
Courtney Little Axe
HAPPY 21TH BIRTHDAY!!!
We love you and are very proud of you.
Love,
Your dad and the Little Axe family



We hope you have a very
Happy Birthday
Auntie!!
Love,
Justin, Jil,
Joplin, Rat
& Izzy




BERNICE BLANCHARD



Happy Birthday


Love: Ken, Leland, Sis, Rikki, MoeMoe, Sheldon, Shelby, Shelsie, Jr, Leadra, Mack, Bryson, DaeDae, and Jenson



Barbara Jo,
To my beautiful, ornery daughter, I wish you the Happiest Birthday ever!!
You make my heart happy just by being you!!
I love you always, Mom

HAPPY 25th BIRTHDAY

SHELDON THOMAS WHITE THUNDER



Love: DaeDae, Mom, Dad Shelsie, Shelby, Justin, and Bryson.

AST HEALTH SYSTEM - DECEMBER 2015

2015 was a year to remember! We achieved much, and yet we have much more to do. We've seen steady increases in our customer/patient satisfaction rates, access to care and services, as well as a steady decline in patient complaints and concerns. Although no organization is perfect, the distinction of excellence lies within the culture of an organization and its ability to continuously improve processes and respond to their internal and external customers' needs and concerns. The health system's culture is on the right track, and I'm proud of the motivation, morale, and dedication our staff has to this health enterprise!

This past year we added several new providers, increased access to services more than any other time in AST Health System's history in Dental, Primary Care, and Behavioral Health. Also, our Diabetic Health and Wellness as well as Physical Therapy and Contract Health (now renamed Purchase Referred Care by Congress) drastically increased their services, outreach, and patient access at both clinic locations. As the mantra states in health care, when you take care of the patient the revenue follows! Our third party revenue is also at historic highs, allowing us a near-term ability to accelerate our payment schedule to retire the Joint Venture debt for the Little Axe Clinic in years rather than decades at the present rate, which is projected to continue to grow! Making this important goal even more attainable is the refinancing of the interest rate for the health system's Joint Venture at historically low interest rates, also allowing more accelerated payments on the debt.

The Zombie 5K Run held for the second year along with the annual health fair had record crowds and attendance by vendors at these events, which were a huge, growing success, mainly due to the dedication of our outstanding employees and tribal members! New equipment, state of the art technology, and improvement in patient through-put processes combined to increase efficiency, lower wait times, and increased access to services. The expansion of pharmacy hours along with the PlusCare Clinic initiative has provided our tribal members services – as identified through the annual community needs assessment (C.N.A.) conducted in 2014.

Accreditation of our health system is pending, with the final stage being set in mid-April with the on-site survey by the AAAHC Team. This mark of distinction for our health system will certify our system as being in a unique, set apart category of excellence recognized by the healthcare industry as being a provider of quality healthcare verified through very in-depth assessments and skillfully applied industry standards of practice and evidence-based medicine. It is also extremely important to recognize the accomplishments of the health boards, LSWN and ASTHA, both being chaired by experienced, dedicated, AST Tribal members with significant healthcare industry and hospital experience. The Executive Committee has been instrumental in working together every time they've been needed by health to

support all the successes we've achieved, and we all sincerely thank them for their kind, caring, and dedicated support in improving health care services and access to all of our patients and tribal members we service!

Please take notice...recently, reported to us, one of our patients, who is a tribal member, was contacted by someone claiming to be with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and asking for personal information including their Medicare number. The call back number provided did not work, and the member felt uncomfortable with the request, as they had just signed up with the benefits mobile unit at the Little Axe Clinic. Please feel free to coordinate with our health system's Patient Benefit Advocates (PBAs) if you think you are being targeted or solicited for information that does not seem right to you and allow us to help you verify or assist in vetting whether it is a legitimate request or not. Upon further review, this member did not have any items needing any attention, and it is suspected that it may have been an attempt to gain personal information. Always ask questions and call back to verify if you do not believe the request for information is appropriate or necessary based upon what you know about your status and coverage(s). This tribal member was alert, and cautious, and succeeded in protecting their valuable information.

We are thankful and very proud of our outstanding star performers this month and thank them all for their contributions to our patients, their fellow employees, and the tribe! Employee of the month for health was Mr. Robert White Jr., facility support staff; the team of the month was the Mrs. Emily Key, Mrs. Sara Judkins, and NP Jamie Gonzalez for their partnership with the Casino in improving healthy menu choices. The special leadership recognition award was presented to both Jimmy Robertson and Manual Johnson, for assisting transportation with multiple patient transports on very short notice, assisting tribal patients with getting to their medical appointments unabated while short staffed in transportation. We have a wonderful team health, and they all make a difference for our health system and for the health and wellness of all of our patients!

Additional health related information:

- AST/Service Health System Native American Veterans: If you are currently receiving services with the area VA Medical Center, please contact us today to set up an appointment to have your services established with the AST Health System.

- If you need CPR training, please contact the AST Health System's Public Health Office at (405) 447-0300 for scheduling and training opportunities.

- Contract Health Services (CHS) interactive phone menu helps patients access the most appropriate service provider by calling (405) 701-7951. This feature will speed up access to the patients seeking services and follow-up

to their care. We also have Contract Health representatives available at our Shawnee location. Tribal members are able to call Ms. Flo Mann, LPN or Ms. Laurie Webber, LPN at (405) 878-5850.

- The AST Health System continues to improve its Customer Service. The Customer Service Line is (405) 701-7623. Please direct all complaints or compliments to this line for appropriate attention and/or response. Please be assured that this is the best way to have each situation addressed, with consistent updates from our Health Staff. After the investigations of all issues are complete, our Health Director or a Clinic Administrator will personally contact you with updates, decisions, or question pertaining to your case.

- The AST Anti-Bullying Prevention "HOTLINE" is (405) 701-7987 during work hours 8-5, M-F, and for added confidentiality or after hours you may contact Mrs. Dara Thorpe at either (405) 701-7992 or via cell (405) 481-0815 to start intervention assistance for tribal youth. If it is an emergency or someone is at risk of harming themselves or others, please contact 911.

- The Affordable Care Act Decision Tool continues to be a valuable tool with helping you decide what you need to do for compliance with the act. Please see the ACA tab at the ASTHA Health Program's Website: <http://www.asthealth.org/aca> (Please visit our site today to find out what you need to do to protect yourself and your family)!

- Emergency After hour Pharmacy Access: If you experience an emergent issue after hours and receive a prescription that needs to be filled that same evening, AST Health has provided access for Tribal members only at three (3) approved Wal-green locations in Shawnee and Norman. You will need to submit your prescription and it is mandatory to identify yourself with your AST CDIB card and other appropriate ID. Then they shall fill your prescription. You will have a 5-day limited fill on your prescription. Upon the first work/business day, you can have the remaining balance of your prescription(s) transferred to your AST pharmacy in either Shawnee or Little Axe, and they will fill your remaining balance. The three (3) AST Health approved Walgreen service locations are: 1427 North Harrison Street or at 600 Shawnee Mall Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma or 615 West Main Street, Norman, Oklahoma. The Little Axe Health Center Drive-Thru Pharmacy is also available for emergency fills, for tribal members only, from: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday & Sunday and holidays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- Social Media: You can follow the AST Health System on Facebook and receive the most current messages and announcements regarding your tribal health care.

Tribal Members please submit your resume and a letter of interest to be considered being placed on Health Board.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR HEALTH BOARD MEMBERS:

- There must be 2 tribal members with health care experience.
- All other directors must have sufficient professional experience in various fields (business, accounting, public service, law administration to contribute productively to the Board.
- Appointees shall have a background check and may not be a staff member or employee of the health care system.

THUNDERBIRD ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, INC. (TEC BOARD)

Interested Tribal Members to be consider for board position. Please send letter of interest and a resume.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be eligible to obtain a gaming license from the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Gaming Commission and possess experience in gaming operations, business, finance, or law and of the following:
 - ☒ Degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Marketing, Law or an equivalent field (Bachelor's degree or higher);
 - ☒ Minimum three (3) years' experience in business management;
 - ☒ Minimum two (2) years' experience in casino operations; or
 - ☒ Knowledge of federal Indian law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, and related statutes and regulations

Please send letters and resume to Secretary John Johnson Office:

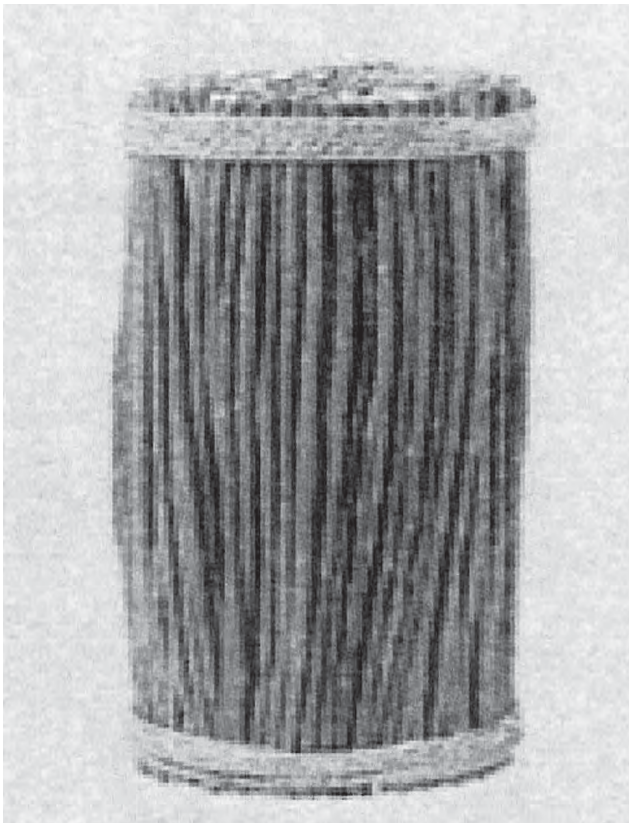
2025 South Gordon Cooper Drive

Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Email: johnraymond.johnson@astribe.com

Mission Statement

To promote the wellbeing of the “whole person” within the context of their culture.



**A Single twig breaks but a
Bundle of twigs is strong**

Services

Supporting changes in the journey of life's transitions. The following services are offered:

- Resource/referral information
- Crisis intervention
- Child, adult, family and couple/marital counseling
- Therapy and Support groups (TBA)
- Drug and alcohol assessments
- Anger management
- Depression screenings
- Sweat lodge

AST PHARMACY

When requesting refills, please provide 24 hour notice until pick-up. The most efficient method is to have your refill numbers ready when you call the Pharmacy, and use our automated system.

Deliveries of controlled medications are not allowed.

If you would like to receive a text message to your cell phone when your medications are ready for pick-up, please alert the pharmacy staff and provide us with your current cell phone number.

Please inform us of changes in address, phone number, insurance and other contact information (changes at registration do not flow to pharmacy).

If you have any questions at any time, feel free to call either Pharmacy or stop by and speak with one of our Pharmacy staff. We are happy to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs!

Hours of Operation:

Little Axe: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

(7:30am-5:30pm Drive-Thru)

Phone-(405)292-9530

Shawnee: Monday-Friday 7am-5pm

Phone-(405)878-5859

We are open through the lunch hour!!

****BOTH PHARMACY DEPARTMENTS ARE CLOSED WITH THE CLINICS THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OF EVERY MONTH TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES. ****

Thank You,
AST Pharmacy Staff

AFTER HOUR PHARMACY NOTIFICATION

The Walgreens located at 100 12th Avenue NE in Norman, OK is **no longer contracted** with the AST Health System to pay for after hour emergency prescriptions due to losing its 24-hour service status.

Tribal members may now take prescriptions to:

Walgreens
615 W. Main St
Norman, OK
(405) 573-5019

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Behavioral Health Services



Office Hours

Monday-thru-Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Little Axe Clinic
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman, OK 73025
Ph. 405-701-7987

Shawnee Clinic
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Ph. 405-878-4716

Services are offered through:

Little Axe Clinic & Shawnee Clinic for all Federally Recognized Tribes.

AST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

For counseling information, contact:

Shawnee BH: Roberta Cooper (405) 878-4716
Little Axe BH: Rolanda Smith (405) 701-7987



Women's Health

Services provided at Shawnee Clinic 405.878.4702 Schedule an appointment

Little Axe Health Center

Women's Health Services
Located in the Primary Health Care

Providing & Promoting Preventative Health for All Women

Services include:

- Adult immunizations
- Breast & Pelvic Exams
- Mammogram Referral
- Bone Density Studies

Information about:

- Health Promotion
- Quitting Smoking
- Misuse of Alcohol and Drugs
- Nutrition
- Physical Fitness and Exercise
- Controlling Stress and Violence
- Prevention of Pregnancy
- AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Women's Health Services
Little Axe Health Center
15951 Little Axe Drive • Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0300 • Fax 405.701.7605
www.asthealth.org



FYI: Contract Health Service News

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health

*The AST Contract Health Services Team are here to assist you
... follow the CHS Guidelines!*

Get a copy of the CHS Guidelines and update your information

Emergency and Urgent Care Services

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who needs emergent or urgent care:

1. Call the On-Call nurse at (405) 447-0300 option 9 for "triage".
2. Notify CHS on the next business day or within 72 hours after the ER visit. Notification does not assure authorization of payment. However if you do not notify CHS within 72 hours, your bills will not be paid.
3. For AST members with no insurance evidence must exist that the visit was medically necessary. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.
4. For AST members *with* insurance, evidence must exist that a third party resource has made determination such services were "emergency care" or "urgent care" (such evidence may include payment from private insurance).
5. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

Contract Health Services for AST members *with* Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who has insurance such as Medicare or Private Insurance:

1. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months.
2. Notify CHS at least 48 hours prior to appointment date for a (COB) Coordination of Benefits to be sent to provider
3. Inform Provider/HealthFacility that AST CHS is secondary payer/payer of last resort.
4. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

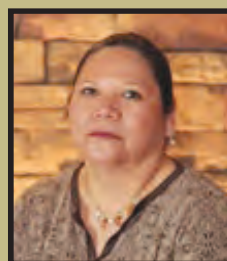


Contract Health Services for AST members *without* Insurance

CHS for a currently enrolled AST member who resides in the defined catchment area who does not have insurance:

1. You must apply for all resources available to you such as: Medicaid, Medicare, Worker's Compensation, Vocational Rehabilitation, Auto Insurance and other personal injury or liability coverage. PRC staff and/or Benefit Coordinators can assist with the application process for alternate resources. Failure to exhaust available or potentially available alternate resources may result in denial of payment.
2. Complete CHS Patient Update form and update all information every 6 months
3. You must utilize the services provided within the AST health clinics prior to being referred out.
4. Referrals for outside services must be sent to CHS. Services must be medically approved by an AST Health provider.
5. An appointment will be scheduled and a COB will be sent to the outside provider.
6. In the event that you receive a bill from a provider, please provide a copy to CHS. *You may leave bills at the Little Axe Health Center or Shawnee Clinic.*

Contract Health Services is conveniently located at Shawnee Clinic-Building 16 and Little Axe Health Center



Flo Mann



Laurie Webber

**Shawnee Clinic
(405) 878-4702**

**Little Axe Health Center
(405) 447-0300**



Debi Sloat



Glendine Blanchard



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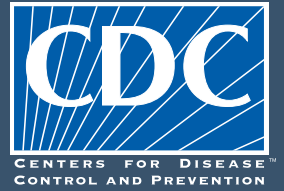


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DIABETES IN THE UNITED STATES



DIABETES

29.1
MILLION

29.1 million people have diabetes



That's about 1 out of every 11 people

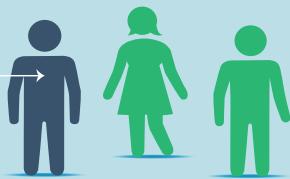


1 OUT OF **4**

do not know they have diabetes

PREDIABETES

86
MILLION



86 million people — more than 1 out of 3 adults — have prediabetes



9 OUT OF **10** do not know they have prediabetes



Without weight loss and moderate physical activity

15-30% of people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years

5
YEARS

COST



\$245
BILLION

Total medical costs and lost work and wages for people with diagnosed diabetes

Risk of death for adults with diabetes is



50%
HIGHER



than for adults without diabetes

Medical costs for people with diabetes are **twice as high**

\$\$



\$

as for people without diabetes

People who have diabetes are at higher risk of serious health complications:



BLINDNESS



KIDNEY FAILURE



HEART DISEASE



STROKE



LOSS OF TOES, FEET, OR LEGS



Register Now!!!
www.asthealth.org/patient-portal

New Patient Portal
Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System

Little Axe Health Center
Shawnee Clinic



- Improved access to your health information
- Communicate directly with your clinic
- Request an appointment
- ...and more!

Visit your app store and install the Follow My Health app



for real-time access to your health information

For more information on how you can register for the new AST **“Follow My Health”** Patient Portal, contact Patient Registration at Little Axe Health Center - 405.447.0300 or Shawnee Clinic - 405.878.4702

DID YOU KNOW??



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The Absentee Shawnee Diabetes and Wellness Department would like to share the new statistics on diabetes from the CDC. If you think you may have diabetes or may be at risk for diabetes, please contact us at 405-701-7977.



“Over 57% Pott. Co. residents reported not storing their Meds in a locked, secure cabinet or box”

Do's and Don'ts of safe storage and disposal

DO Properly discard medications that are no longer Needed or that have expired.

DO Keep track of how many pills you have during the course of treatment.

DO Lock up medications that are at risk for being abused- ask your pharmacist or other healthcare professional if the prescription medication prescribed to you or a Household member has abuse potential.

DON'T Throw medication in the trash or flush down toilet.

DON'T Leave medications that are at risk for being abused in plain sight or in places that aren't secure.

DON'T Repackage medication in unmarked containers.

Need a place to dispose your unwanted/unused medications?

You can drop off your unwanted/unused prescriptions anytime at these locations:

Tecumseh Police Department
 109 West Washington
 Tecumseh, Ok 74873

Shawnee Police Department
 16 West 9th Street
 Shawnee, Ok 74804

Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Department
 325 North Broadway Ave
 Shawnee, Ok 74801

Cleveland County Sheriff's Office
 128 South Peters
 Norman, OK 73069

Oklahoma University Police Department
 2775 Monitor Ave
 Norman, OK 73072

Norman Police Department
 201 B West Gray
 Norman, OK 73069

Moore Police Department
 117 East Main Street
 Moore, OK 73160



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Oklahoma SPF-TIG Project is funded by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

Masters' Touch Benefit Concert and Donations by Members of CIBC Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church Little Axe, OK

The Christian Native American musical trio, "Master's Touch", and other Christian singers, musicians and groups did a benefit concert for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Indian Child Welfare Department on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church. Donations of wrapped/unwrapped toys and monetary donations were taken for the children. This was the 2nd Annual benefit concert and had an attendance of 50+. Afterwards, food and fellowship were provided for all attendees. Cornerstone Indian Baptist Church appreciates the musicians, groups, singers, and community that attended the 2nd annual benefit concert for the AST ICW Department. May everyone have a blessed and joyous Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - DECEMBER 2015 REPORT

Tribal Representative Ken Blanchard has indicated that tribal members have inquired about our Tribal Emergency Response Team. Governor Butler-Wolfe requested putting this information in the newspaper to better inform tribal members who aren't familiar with response team concept. This is a short overview of the team's role and training.

Process:

When an emergency occurs at the tribe or its tribal communities, the tribal police receives the information and coordinates with the emergency manager. The emergency manager and response team's commander work together to assemble the team to respond. The team members are called in by their commander to report to the command post and given instructions. The team will perform damage and injury assessment. This information will be reported to first responders when they arrive on the scene.

Training:

Response team training emphasizes safely "doing the most good for the most people as quickly as possible" when responding to a disaster. The team's training curriculum for the basic course covers Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety, Disaster Medical Operations introduction, and Light Search and Rescue Operations.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Emergency Response Team has been trained to perform the following actions under the supervision and direction of the team commander during an emergency/disaster:

- Σ The team will perform initial assessment of the scene and determine the appropriate course of action for team members and report to law enforcement, fire, or EMT's upon arrival;
- Σ Safety assessment of the scene is made to ensure the safety of the team;
- Σ First aid will be rendered until EMT's arrive on scene and assist in triage area;
- Σ Fires suppression of small fires until the fire department arrives on scene;
- Σ Searching for and providing rescue of victims as is prudent under the conditions;
- Σ Once first responders have arrived the team will remain to assist as directed by the team commander and emergency manager.

If you have any questions about the team or disaster response, contact the Emergency Manager, Linda Day at (405) 740-1562 or email at lday@astribe.com

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	911	Police, Fire, Ambulance
HEARTLINE EMERGENCY	211	State of Oklahoma
TRIBAL POLICE	405-275-3200	Absentee Shawnee
TRIBAL EMERGENCY MANAGER	405-740-1562 (cell)	Absentee Shawnee
SHERIFF	405-273-1727	Pottawatomie County
CITY POLICE	405-273-2121	Shawnee
CITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	405-273-5272	Shawnee
COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	405-273-2157	Pottawatomie County
SHERIFF	405-701-8888	Cleveland County
CITY POLICE	405-321-1600	Norman
HEALTH DEPT.	405-794-1591	Cleveland County
OG&E	405-272-9595 1-800-522-6870	Report Power Outage
CANADIAN VALLEY	405-382-3680	Power Outage
DEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY	1-800-522-0206	State of Oklahoma
HIGHWAY PATROL	405-425-4385	Road Conditions

CTSA Early Childhood Center

is seeking to hire a part-time
NUTRITION TECHNICIAN
for our Shawnee Location

The Nutrition Tech will provide support to the Lead Nutrition Tech, including dish washing, cleaning, serving and basic meal preparation.

Must be at least 18 years of age

Must have a high school diploma or equivalent

Must pass background investigation for licensed child care programs

Previous experience is preferred

Food handlers certification is a plus

All applications accepted with preference given to *qualified*
Native Americans and current/former HS/EHS parents

Apply today:

Applications accepted until position is filled

Employment Applications can be downloaded at:

www.ctsaheadstart.org (click on *Forms*)

or picked up at:

1535 North McKinley Avenue, Shawnee OK 74801

CTSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer

CTSA Early Childhood Center

is seeking to hire a full-time
Early Head Start Teacher
for our Shawnee Location

An Early Head Start teacher provides educational experiences to infants/toddlers in a classroom setting, using developmentally appropriate practices.

Early Head Start Teacher Minimum Requirements:

- Infant/Toddler CDA Credential or Certificate of Mastery in CD
- Previous work experience with young children
- Pass background investigation for licensed child care programs

All applications accepted with preference given to *qualified*
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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Child abuse prevention has historically been and remains one of the most basic aspects of American Indian culture. The practices of prevention, though not labeled as such, are embedded in centuries-old spiritual beliefs, child-rearing methods, extended family roles, and systems of clans, bands, or societies. This natural system of child protection and child abuse prevention has been threatened over time by forced assimilation, relocation, externally imposed social services, alcoholism, and poverty, but the traditions and values have survived. The old teachings, values, and family systems are still at the core of that child maltreatment prevention in Indian country, but more formal community responses are also in place.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe has an Indian Child Welfare Department to ensure our tribal children's rights are protected if they have a child abuse/neglect case being heard in the State Court System. ICW staff also work our own tribal cases on Trust land, or in our Tribal Court System. Our children are our Tribe's future. Someday the journey that many of you have started will be completed by them. If you know of a child that is being physically, or sexually abused please contact the ICW Department at (405) 275-4030. If you do not want to give your name, you don't have to do so. Sadly, there are things that not all of us are guaranteed in life when we are children. A healthy childhood free of dysfunction insures a foundation for education and success. Let us all do our part to insure our children have this foundation.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS OPEN TO ANY ABSENTEE SHAWNEE MEMBER WHO IS IN NEED OF OUR SERVICES. THE AST INDIAN CHILD WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S GOAL IS KEEP TRIBAL CHILDREN WITH THEIR TRIBAL FAMILY WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF ICW HAS TO REMOVE A CHILD FROM THEIR HOME TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY, WE LOOK FOR TRIBAL FOSTER CARE HOMES. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HOME TO NEGLECTED OR ABUSED AST CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE TRIBAL MEMBER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE FOSTER HOME PLEASE CONTACT:

JULIE WILSON/FOSTER CARE 405-878-4702



Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.

- Chief Seattle

DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

Military service members can get their disability claims processed quickly by Social Security.

Benefits available through **Social Security** are different than those from the **Department of Veterans Affairs** and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after **October 1, 2001**, regardless of where the disability occurs.



www.socialsecurity.gov

or call toll-free, **1-800-772-1213**

(for the deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY
number, **1-800-325-0778**)



ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH SYSTEM

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

ASTHS' ANNOUNCES INSURANCE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Norman, Oklahoma – The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System (ASTHS) is excited to announce a new pilot insurance program for eligible Absentee Shawnee Tribal members. The ASTHS will purchase health insurance for an eligible AST member, who is eligible for tax subsidies, from the Marketplace health exchange or for Medicare eligible AST member for a Part C or D supplemental plan.

The commencement, of this program, will begin with a small pool of participants for the 2016 calendar year. Those who were considered were chosen based on available information and criteria such as:

- Must be an enrolled AST member; and
- Must live within the AST catchment area; and
- Utilization of current ASTHS services; and
- Their anticipated utilization of ASTHS services; as well as
- Anticipated contract health usage.

The goal of this project is to provide better access to timely care for AST tribal members. In turn, this will assist ASTHSA to defer some of the high cost of healthcare to a designated insurance plan carefully selected for the participant. Each participant will work with an ASTHS navigator to help guide them through this process, learn their benefits and terms of participation.

If you would like to know more about this program, please contact Ms. Connie Bottaro, Patient Benefits Advocate, or Ms. Sharon Ponkilla, LPN, at 405.447.0300 at the Little Axe Health Center.

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SHAWNEE CLINIC
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5850

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
15951 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0300

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

DENTAL EMERGENCY CLINIC START DATE ANNOUNCED

Norman, Oklahoma – The Dental Department at the Little Axe Health Center would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and announce our new Emergency Dental Clinic day. The clinic will be Monday mornings from 8:00 AM -11:30 AM starting January 25, 2016. There will be consideration to expand these hours in the future to include Wednesday and Friday time slots.

Check in will be from 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM and patients will be evaluated on a first come first serve basis for the need of emergency treatment. Only a certain number of patients will be able to be seen that day. The number of patients seen will be determined by clinic availability and based on the type of emergency and treatment needed. Some patients may not be able to receive treatment that day depending on the needs of others and type of emergency.

The last patient will be seen at 11:30 AM. Patients who have suffered trauma or have a present infection will be considered before others. Patients of record will also be considered before new patients.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call (405)447-0300.

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SHAWNEE CLINIC
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Shawnee, OK 74801
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LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

AST DENTAL ANNOUNCES NEW DENTIST

Norman, Oklahoma - The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System is pleased to announce the addition of Michele Walker, DDS, to our dental team. She was born in Indiana but relocated to Oklahoma at an early age. She is currently living in Moore, OK. She attended the University of Oklahoma, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Zoology. She then went on to pursue her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree, also from the University of Oklahoma, where she graduated with distinction. She has since furthered her education by completing the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program, which focused on comprehensive care for patients at a complex level. Her goal is provide personalized care and work with you to improve your health, function, and appearance.



She and her husband Mitch have been married since 2006, and in her free time she enjoys spending time with family & friends, bowling, snowboarding, traveling, watching OU football and Thunder basketball.

"We are very pleased to introduce Dr. Walker to our patients and to their families and here at the health system, we always strive to provide the utmost quality, tribal initiated dental care," said Mr. Mark Rogers, AST Health Executive Director.

The AST dental department provides care for American Indian/Alaska Native patients from 2 years of age to adult. They offer 16 dental chairs including a wheelchair access chair in a private room setting for the comfort of the patient. Services are available by appointment Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Little Axe Health Center.

For more information or to make an appointment, please call (405)447-0300.

Prevention. Progress. Pride.

SHAWNEE CLINIC
2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801
405.878.5850

LITTLE AXE HEALTH CENTER
15951 Little Axe Dr.
Norman, OK 73026
405.447.0300

WWW.ASTHEALTH.ORG

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Vocational Rehabilitation Transitional Services

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

▶ History:

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program has provided vocational services to American Indians with disabilities for twenty years and counting, with Transition Services at six years. Our mission is to develop specialized services to American Indian students with disabilities currently making the transition from high school to work or achieving a post-secondary education.

▶ Services we can provide:

We assist with testing fees (ACT, SAT), provide work clothing for new jobs, tuition assistance, assistive devices such as hearing aids, walkers, wheelchairs, eye glasses, along with physical and mental evaluations.

▶ Qualifications:

You must be a member of a federally recognized tribe, a junior or senior in high school and must reside in on of the Iowa Tribe VR services area counties. You must also provide documentation from your doctor or physician noting your disability.



COUNTIES served by ITOVR

KAY

NOBLE

PAWNEE

PAYNE

POTTAWATOMIE

LINCOLN

LOGAN



Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation

P.O. Box 728
Perkins, OK 74059

Phone: 405-547-2402 ext 168
Toll free: 1-888-336-4692
Fax: 405-547-1090

E-mail: Christa Tsotaddle, Transitional Counselor
ctsotaddle@iowanation.org



"See the Person, Not the Disability"

ELDERS COUNCIL

If you have a family member that is 55 or older and resides in a nursing home, assisted living or is homebound contact Meredith Wahpekeche at (405) 760-2601 or Betty Watson at (405) 637-5806

The Elders Council has a limited number of Christmas Baskets that will be distributed. They will need your name, address and phone number for delivery.

ATTENTION 55 YEARS OR OLDER

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELDERS' COUNCIL

If you are 55 years and older, we invite you to come and join us. We would like you, AST elders who have recently or who will be turning 55 years, to come check us out at either the AST Resource Center in Little Axe or the Title VI Building in Shawnee. We love to visit, eat and fellowship with each other so we invite you to come.

The AST Elders Council meet the third Saturday of each month, 10 AM to Noon with a potluck lunch. The meeting sites alternate each month between the Resource Center in Little Axe and the Title VI Building in Shawnee. PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFO:

Mary Birdtail: 476-5603, Wynona Coon: 481-3506, or Kathy Deere: 816-7874.

Below is our Purpose Guideline:

PURPOSE: It shall be the responsibility of the Elders Council to define and make known to the Executive Committee, any economic and social needs of the Elders, to promote the delivery of supportive services, including health, nutritional services, personal care, chore services, and transportation. To provide guidance for the membership, Absentee Shawnee Tribe government on matters of history, tradition, and culture. We encourage elder participation and endeavor to strengthen connections among the tribal community nationwide. To promote and provide cultural enrichment programs to children and youth. To generate unity among tribal members and to support other programs that benefit the Absentee Shawnee Tribe (amended 03-12-2011).

We have a general fund budget that is allocated to the Elders Council for monthly expenses and we do monthly fund raising activities to sponsor activities that the Elders participate in throughout the year. We have sponsored and participated in these activities throughout the years:

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|--|------------------------------|
| Veterans' November Pow Wow | Tecumseh Frontier Days |
| Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners | Shawnee Christmas Parade |
| Indian Child Welfare Christmas Gifts | OKC Red Earth Parade |
| First Inaugural Ball for Newly Elected Officials | Thunderbird July 4th Pow Wow |
| 6 Nations of Canada, "Tecumseh" play | Crow Fair Pow Wow |

We recently sent a support letter for the Tribal Incentive grant and we are in the process of an ANA grant for the Shawnee language. These are just a few of the activities, the list is long and diverse.

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Absentee Shawnee Elders' Council

2016 AST Elders' Council Meeting Dates and Places

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016	TITLE VI BUILDING, SHAWNEE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2016	AST RESOURCE CENTER, LITTLE AXE
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2016	TITLE VI BUILDING, SHAWNEE
SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016	AST RESOURCE CENTER, LITTLE AXE
SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016	TITLE VI BUILDING, SHAWNEE
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016	AST RESOURCE CENTER, LITTLE AXE
SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016	TITLE VI BUILDING, SHAWNEE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016	AST RESOURCE CENTER, LITTLE AXE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016	TITLE VI BUILDING, SHAWNEE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016	AST RESOURCE CENTER, LITTLE AXE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016	TITLE VI BUILDING, SHAWNEE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2016	AST RESOURCE CENTER, LITTLE AXE
NOTE: THESE DATES & PLACES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	



THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & ENGINEERING (OEH&E)

The principal role of OEH&E is to raise the health status of our tribal members to the highest possible level by providing services in the area of water and wastewater. To qualify for a water well and/or septic system, the applicant must be an enrolled Absentee Shawnee Tribal member and reside within one of these six counties; Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Oklahoma, Payne, Lincoln, or Logan, provide land ownership by verification such as a Warranty Deed or Notarized Lease Agreement through the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Realty Department. Proof of income is not required.

The services we provide are: new water wells, renovation of a water wells, new city or rural water connections, replacement of city or rural water service lines, new wastewater septic systems, renovation of septic systems, new city sewer lines/renovation of city sewer lines and water treatment systems as needed. We are not funded to perform annual pumping of septic tanks. That service is considered part of home maintenance.

If you are having water or wastewater issues or building a new home and need services please come by our office and fill out an OEH&E application for assistance.

If your home is under the management of any housing authority and has not been paid off, you do not qualify for assistance. Applications for this program are available online at www.astrobe.com and at the OEH&E building.



Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

•Tribal Housing Improvements Application

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

•Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website:
www.astrobe.com.

Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, OK 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 214-4235

Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority



Programs Available

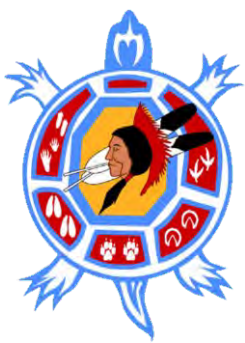
- Low Rent Housing
- Lease to Own Housing
- Down Payment & Closing Assistance
- Storm Shelter Assistance
- College Housing Assistance
- Emergency Home Repair
- Over Income AST Member Down Payment Assistance

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SERVICES

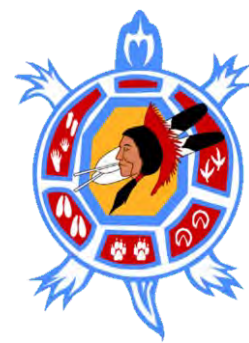
PLEASE CALL (405) 273-1050 OR COME BY OUR OFFICE

LOCATED AT 107 NORTH KIMBERLY IN SHAWNEE,OK.

WEBSITE: WWW.ASHOUSINGAUTHORITY.COM



January



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES	CLASSES
<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Zumba Fitness</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Circuit Training</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Cardio Kickboxing</u> 6:15 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Chrissy Wiens Little Axe Resource Center
<u>Low Impact Chair Exercise</u> 12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center				<u>Zumba! Part 2</u> 12:00 p.m.-12:45 p.m. Chrissy Wiens LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY
				<u>HIIT (Interval Training)</u> 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. Buster Bread LITTLE AXE HEALTH FACILITY
	<u>Strength Training Circuit</u> 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center	<u>Aerobic Training Circuit</u> 5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Buster Bread Little Axe Resource Center		

Fitness sessions will be available every Friday at the Little Axe Health Center

"Zumba! Part 2" - Fitness, fun, and dance. Learn advanced Zumba dance moves to get your heart rate pumping!



"Circuit Training" - A time efficient training system aimed at developing strength through pre-determined training stations.

"Chair Exercise" - Low impact strength training utilizing a chair.

"Cardio Kickboxing" - Aerobic training using kickboxing techniques to engage and strengthen the cardiovascular system.



"High-Intensity Interval Training" - An time efficient interval training system aimed at developing cardiovascular and muscular strength.

Absentee Shawnee Fitness

Diabetes and Wellness

Honoring Our Past With Promise for Our Future

LIFE is Beautiful
Living Meth Free



National Suicide Prevention 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)



Absentee Shawnee
Health Systems
Shawnee & Little Axe

we Listen Ne-Hi-Ki-Wa-Sa-Pa

The AST Health System values
ALL feedback.
We will listen....



*Patient Advocate Jim
Robertson 405-447-0300

*Customer Service Line
405-701-7623

*Patient Questionnaire located in each of
our clinics or on our website
www.ASTHEALTH.ORG

Little Axe Health Center

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Health System
15951 Little Axe Drive
Norman OK, 70326
405-447-0300

Shawnee Clinic

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2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee OK, 74801
405-878-5850

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEPARTMENT

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy

The AST Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Programs are on-call 24 hours per day to provide emotional support, advocacy and crisis counseling to survivors at hospitals, police stations and throughout the legal system. The programs also serve as a resource center to the community by offering educational information and referrals.

Transitional Housing

The AST DV Transitional Housing Program serves victims of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault. Participants have up to six months to obtain education and job skills needed to begin a new life.

Court Advocacy

Assists survivors with domestic violence court related costs (when funding is available) and appearances as well as filing for emergency protective orders (EPO) or restraining orders.

Shelter Placement Assistance

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program works with other shelters within Oklahoma in order to help victims obtain safe housing. Emergency transportation for the victim and children may also be available.

Housing and Utility Assistance

Assists victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence in emergency situations. This assistance may allow for a victim to either receive housing or utility assistance.

Referral Assistance

Assists with providing community resources to those who are in need of additional services outside the scope of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program.

Community Outreach

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence Program offers educational trainings, informational displays, and community events in order to provide more awareness to both Tribal and Non-Tribal communities.

For any questions regarding any of the above services please contact the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's Domestic Violence staff at (405) 273-2888.

What Does Oklahoma's Child Restraint Law Mean for You?



Effective November 1, 2015

A child under eight (8) must be properly secured in a child passenger restraint system. The law previously applied only to children under age six (6).

- **0-2 years:** Must be in a **rear-facing** car seat until at least two (2) years of age, or until the child reaches the weight or height limit of the car seat.
- **2-4 years:** Must be in a car seat until at least four (4) years of age.
- **4-8 years:** Must be in a car seat or child booster seat until at least eight (8) years of age unless the child is taller than 4'9".
- **8 years or taller than 4'9":** Must be in a seat belt.



For more information and recommended best practices in child passenger safety, visit ohso.ok.gov





MyDNA was created to empower Native teens and other young people who may encounter pressure of drugs and alcohol or for those who are struggling with addiction right now. Our goal was to target the young adult, teenage and youth population, through the use of social media, websites and alternative activities. We will be promoting healthy lifestyle through various events; these are to be campaigns which will motivate our young people into choosing good, beneficial habits instead of bad ones! We will be running monthly contests to highlight those youth who jump on board with the MyDNA campaign and will promote their healthy living example by showcasing what their alternative activity is. "It is not my heritage or my history. To submit my life and my strength to a substance that has no intention other than to cause me harm is not my natural instinct. Nor is it in my DNA. I was born, by nature, into strength, tenacity, and an innate ability to overcome, no matter how dire the circumstance. These are the characteristics that are in my blood and that wrote my history, I will take ownership in that history and will commit to writing the next chapter with integrity and a promise to uphold the very values that made it possible for my generation to exist today."

Check out our website at www.mydna.rocks for more information or contact Kasey Dean at 405-701-7993.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribe would like to thank the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board for their funding of the SPF-TIG Project.

Piano & Guitar Lessons

\$10 Per Hour

Call Phil Bradley at 405-585-8801

Election Commission

The Filing Period for Elective Office in 2016.

A tribal member may file for office, January 1 to January 10 (excluding Weekends and Holidays.) Hours to file are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Potential candidates please consult the Election Ordinance for the procedures and qualifications when running for elective office.

The following positions will be open for the Elections to be held in 2016.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<u>Position</u>	<u>Filing Fees</u>	<u>Term</u>
Lt. Governor	\$590.00	Two (2) Years
Tribal Treasurer	\$590.00	Two (2) Years
Tribal Representative	\$590.00	Two (2) Years

ELECTION COMMISSION

<u>Position</u>	<u>Filing Fees</u>	<u>Term</u>
Election Commissioner	\$215.00	Three (3) Years
Election Secretary	\$215.00	Three (3) Years
Commission Member #1	\$125.00	Two (2) Years

Fee amount: Basic Fee (Executive Committee \$500.00 and Election Commission \$125.00) plus cost of \$40.00 for Alcohol test, \$25.00 for Drug test and \$25.00 for Driver's License Verification (MVR.)

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A) An enrolled member of the tribe.
- B) An eligible voter for purposes of voting in tribal elections.
- C) Must be twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the election for which he/she desires to be a candidate.
- D) Physically reside within the following counties: Cleveland, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma, McClain, Garvin, Pontotoc, Seminole, Lincoln, or Okfuskee.
- E) In cases where a prospective candidate has been convicted of a felony, such person shall not be eligible for consideration as a candidate until at least five (5) years have passed following completion of the penalty for such conviction(s).
- F) Not more than one (1) member of an immediate family shall be elected to the same tribal elective body except when running as a candidate for the same elective position.

Consult the Election Ordinance for Specific/Additional Qualifications.

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible
(Print Name)
Voter of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 19, 2016. I cannot physically be present to cast my Vote at the **March 19, 2016 Primary Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(first) (middle) (maiden) (last)
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUESTS** must be returned to the Election Commission by the deadline of
February 28, 2016

Mail to:
Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

Fax to:
Fax # (405) 273-1337 (Do not fax to any other fax #)
Phone: (405) 275-4030 ext. 6271
Toll free number 1-800-256-3341 ext. 6271

Deliver in Person to:
Election Commission Office located in the Tribal Court Building

All eligible voters are entitled to vote either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.
This form may be duplicated for your convenience.

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Disapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Tax Collections

FY-2015
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 11/30/15)

Run Date:
1216/15

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF TAXES COLLECTED
Sales (6%)	\$1,309.86	\$98.49	\$32,618.91	\$119.48	\$12,469.19	\$6,240.39	\$5,322.62	\$5,825.51	\$1,059.20	\$5,255.54	\$5,816.45	\$0.00	\$76,135.64	2.87%
Gaming % of free cash	\$164,284.00	\$150,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$265,798.00	\$200,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,230,082.00	84.02%
Employee (1%)	\$41.05	\$0.00	\$11,691.21	\$0.00	\$11,597.06	\$36,303.24	\$3,817.41	\$19,742.45	\$12,900.47	\$10,019.03	\$13,882.91	\$0.00	\$119,994.83	4.52%
Severance (8%)	\$7,199.15	\$756.29	\$5,251.65	\$4,449.01	\$5,411.85	\$5,533.28	\$4,318.57	\$3,852.18	\$544.92	\$6,370.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$43,687.70	1.65%
Motor Vehicle	\$11,660.98	\$16,042.65	\$16,645.60	\$16,196.66	\$10,223.79	\$15,487.60	\$16,468.69	\$15,061.03	\$13,262.66	\$14,808.94	\$10,107.63	\$0.00	\$155,966.23	5.88%
Tobacco Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,344.76	\$20,355.21	\$0.00	\$26,699.97	1.01%
TOTAL TAXES	\$184,495.04	\$166,897.43	\$316,207.37	\$286,563.15	\$239,701.89	\$313,564.51	\$229,927.29	\$194,481.17	\$227,767.25	\$242,799.07	\$250,162.20	\$0.00	\$2,652,566.37	
Miscellaneous	\$305.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$182.50	\$92.50	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$250.00	\$165.00	\$65.00	\$115.00	\$0.00	\$1,710.00	0.06%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$184,800.04	\$167,022.43	\$316,327.37	\$286,745.65	\$239,794.39	\$313,709.51	\$230,072.29	\$194,731.17	\$227,932.25	\$242,864.07	\$250,277.20	\$0.00	\$2,654,276.37	100%



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Building Blocks C.D.C.
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok. 74801
P: (405)878-0633 F: (405)878-0156



Building Blocks News...

We hope everyone had a merry Christmas!! All of our teachers and children were very busy in December with holiday art projects, learning Christmas songs, and preparing for our Christmas program. We would like to thank all of those who attended and showed support to the children and the staff. Everyone worked very hard to make it a special occasion. Our teachers also put together classroom Christmas parties. Thank you to all of the families that contributed snacks to the parties and to those who were able to join us. A special *'Thank you'* to Evan Austin for being Santa at our Christmas program and our class parties!! He even distributed gifts to each of the children. They loved it!!

Building Blocks currently has 42 children enrolled. With the completion of the holiday season, we are in the process of enrolling children from our waiting list. If you are interested in placing your child on our waiting list, please contact the center at (405) 878-0633. We can email or fax you a waiting list application. We are open to the public, but preference is given to Native American children.



Thank you, Heather Presley Director



Dates to remember:

Friday, Jan 1st Closed for New Year's Day

Monday, Jan 18th Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Little Axe

After School Program 2015-2016

Come join us at the AST Resource Center!!!



- Free Tutoring in all subjects!
- Games and activities!
- Delinquency Prevention!
- Healthy Lifestyles!



Open to **All Middle School and High School Students**

Open to **Absentee Shawnee Tribal Students K-5 with a C.D.I.B.**



Everything is offered with no charge....Little Axe bus will transport students to the AST Resource Center on Peebly Road and parents are responsible for picking students up by 6:00pm.

Duration: Starts August 31st and will run through the school year.
Monday-Thursday, 2:45pm-6:00pm



For more information and sign up please contact
Blake Goodman at (405) 364-7569



Absentee Shawnee Language Classes

FREE SHAWNEE LANGUAGE CLASS FOR NATIVE YOUTH

- Limited to the first 20 youth participants
- Must be 10—18yrs. Must have a CDIB card.
- Transportation may be provided after school from Little Axe Schools
- Classes will start in December dates (TBD) and run through the spring; classes will be held one day a week after school hours.
- Classes will be taught by AST Tribal Elders.

We find it to be very important to bring culture into prevention. This class is sponsored by the MYDNA SPF-TIG program & Diabetes and Wellness.

For more information or to get a registration form please contact Kasey Dean at 405-701-7993 or by email at kdean@astribe.com or Howard Brown at 405-701-7115.



Oklahoma SPF-TIG project is funded by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)



Absentee Shawnee Tribe Of Oklahoma
After School Program - Shawnee
2025 S. Gordon Cooper
Shawnee, OK 74801
P: (405) 878-0633 F: (405) 878-0156



The AST After School Program (ASP) - Shawnee has opened as of August 13, 2015. We will be accepting children who are in Kindergarten up to 12 years of age. We will be able to pick up from Shawnee or Tecumseh schools only. The cost is \$25 per child per week. This fee will be able to help with transportation costs, snacks and supplies the children may need.

We will only be open when the schools are open. At this time we will not provide services for school breaks including fall, winter, spring and summer breaks. The ASP-Shawnee will have tutors on hand to provide assistance with homework. We do have spots available; if you are interested please feel free to contact Briana Ponkilla at Briana.ponkilla@astribe.com or (405) 878-0633.



Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

These are brief descriptions of current programs. Program guidelines are available in hard copy at the Education Department office or for download at www.astribe.com.

- Academic (K-12) Program:** assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses. Program has a maximum funding limit for the academic year.
- Zahn Program:** established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates. Program has a maximum amount of funding for graduation expenses.
- Job Training Adult Education Program:** funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions. Program has a maximum funding limit for the calendar year or per program.
- Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program:** funds for undergraduate degrees, one associate or bachelor degree, at any accredited college or university. Funding levels are determined based upon grade point average and full-time or part-time status.
- Graduate Scholarship Program:** funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund one graduate admissions test. This program has funding levels based upon full-time and part-time status.
- Big Jim Youth Award Program:** annual incentive for High School Seniors for Academic Achievement and Athlete of the Year. Deadline for application submission is March 31st of each year.

All funding is based upon the availability of funds at the time of application.

All applications and guidelines are available at www.astribe.com. Click on Services and select Education.

For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275- 4030, Ext. 6242 or 1-800-256-3341 or email to tresham@astribe.com.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL
POLICE DEPARTMENT



SORNA

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION ACT
EMAIL: SORNA@ASTRIBE.COM
TIPLINE 405-273-1249

A Little Note from The Tag Office

Did You Know....

Any name changes that may occur
(i.e. marriage, divorce, etc.) need to be updated
through enrollment, **BEFORE** any new
registrations or renewals can be processed.

Personal Banking:

AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's consumer demand including our AllNations Bank Free Checking Account; Savings Account; Certificate of Deposit Accounts; Individual Retirement Accounts; Money Market; Now Accounts & Consumer Loans including Auto, Boat and more. AllNations Offers Free ATM/Debit Card with each personal account that can be used at our Shawnee OK Drive Up ATM. In addition, we offer a wide selection of Safe Deposit Boxes for rent at competitive prices.

Contact Us for Details As Follows:

**Calumet Office - Gene Davis or Dixie Smith 405-893-2240;
114 E Main, Calumet, OK**

**Shawnee Office - Gene Davis or Amber Alexander 405-273-0202;
2023 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK**

Business Banking:

In addition to our Commercial Checking account, AllNations Bank offers a wide range of products and services to meet today's business needs including all types of Commercial and Small Business Loans; Merchant Services; Night Depository Drop & More.

Contact Us for Details As Follows:

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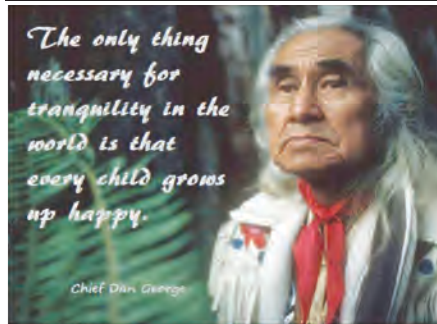
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FOSTER CARE



Native American youth are facing a crisis. These children are being removed from their homes and placed into the child welfare system at rates much higher than any other population. Native American children are often placed in homes outside of their families, tribes, and Native American culture and all this contributes to significant social problems. The story of Native American people is a complicated one marked by significant trauma and atrocities. Often times this trauma consisted of the removal of abuse which happened to these young and vulnerable children in many of these schools resulted in overwhelming intergenerational trauma and unresolved grief. This trauma which interrupted the ability to parent has led directly to the most current social problems that plague Native American communities today including alcohol/drug abuse, domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and parenting deficiencies. All of these problems have contributed to the break-down of the family unit, leading to the removal of large numbers of Native American youth from their families. The journey of healing and breaking the cycles which have been put in place by the historical trauma experienced by generations of Native Americans requires that the cultural identity for so long denied to these children be returned. Native American youth have two distinct influences, that of their family of origin and that of their caregivers. Absentee Shawnee Tribal Foster Care is in need of homes for children that are in our child welfare system. Your participation in being a foster parent helps to ensure that these children have positive connections to their culture which in helps nurture a positive sense of identification as a Native American. By being willing to do this, you can be a valuable part of the healing journey that will help strengthen this next generation of Absentee Shawnee children; in turn, helping those children become the parents that their children will need them to be. Our children are our future, what will we have our future be? Will you, as Absentee Shawnee member, do your part if you are able?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT, PLEASE CONTACT JULIANN WILSON ICW/CPS/FOSTER CARE AT 275-4030, EXT. 133.

Racial disproportionality is defined as the over-or under-representation of certain groups (e.g. racial/ethnic, gender, age) relative to the group's proportion in the general population. Reports conducted in 2008 showed that, compared to other groups, Native American children were:

- 3 times more likely to be referred to CPS
- 1.6 times more likely to be removed from their biological homes
- Twice as likely to remain in foster care for over two years
- Less likely to be adopted and more likely to be in guardianships
- Less likely to be reunited with their biological parents

The sad reality is that there are not enough culturally appropriate homes for these children, resulting in the placement of Native American children in homes that do not share their cultural heritage or traditions. We want to place "our tribal" children in our own homes, to do this we need tribal members to open their homes and their hearts. Are you willing to open your heart? Are you willing to open your home?

If so, please contact Julie Wilson ICW/FC/CPS 878-4702 (ext. 133).

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FOSTER A CHILD

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CHILD WELFARE
405-878-4702 (ext. 133)

"I don't want a family. I need one."
- Current Waiting Child

<<<NOTICE>>>

Currently there are three (3) openings on the Foster Care Board. If you are interested in serving on the board, send your letter of interest to Secretary Dawsey at the Tribal Complex, 2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 73801.

WHAT IS A FOSTER CARE WORKER?

Foster care caseworker training involves completing a bachelor's degree program in social work through a college or university. Students take courses in psychology, abnormal psychology, sociology, economics, ethics, child welfare policies and complete a supervised internship.

The child's Foster Care Worker needs to be a partner with the foster parents to ensure that each child receives the full spectrum of services provided and/or arranged by the Department.

Some aspects of this relationship include the following:

- Sharing information on an ongoing basis regarding the child's individual needs, family situation and adjustment to the foster home
- Encouraging the foster parents to participate in the total service planning process
- Providing the foster parents the opportunity to discuss the child's progress and any unmet needs which they assess
- Providing the foster parent with information, support, guidance and referrals to other professionals on the child's behalf
- Helping the foster family, when necessary, to identify and obtain services for the foster child; e.g., medical, educational
- Ensuring that the foster family, on the child's behalf, has access to all financial resources available to the child while in foster care.

A Foster Care Worker works in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and other county services. Indian Child Welfare's goal is to ensure the safety of our tribal children when they placed in foster care. The homes that our tribal children are placed in must complete Child Welfare Background Check, OSBI Background Check, Income Verification, Home Study, and a Physical. Our AST foster homes are licensed by our Foster Care Committee.

Foster Care Payments are as follows:

- 0-5 age \$14.73 day \$441.97 month
- 6-12 age \$17.12 day \$513.57 month
- 12 and over \$19.30 day \$579.13 month

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT, ALL THE ABOVE MUST BE MET AND TURNED IN TO THE STATE. ONCE PROCESSED STATE PAYMENT WILL BE ISSUED.

This is just a little information on what type of work a foster care worker performs on a daily basis. If you are interested in becoming a foster home, please call 405-878-4030 ext. 133.



