



CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

Housing Authority





WHO IS THE CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA

- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (CNO) is a “non-reservation” based American Indian Tribe federally recognized by the United States Secretary of the Interior.
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is a sovereign Tribe. Tribal sovereignty in the United States is the inherent authority of indigenous tribes to govern themselves within in the borders of the United States.



THE PEOPLE

- Our Tribal Service Area is home to 52,351 Native Americans, accounting for as much as 50% of the population in some communities.
- These numbers only account for the Tribal Members who live in The Choctaw Nation Service area. The Choctaw Nation currently has about 200,000 members.
- Our extremely rural region struggles with extreme poverty, unemployment, and low educational attainment.

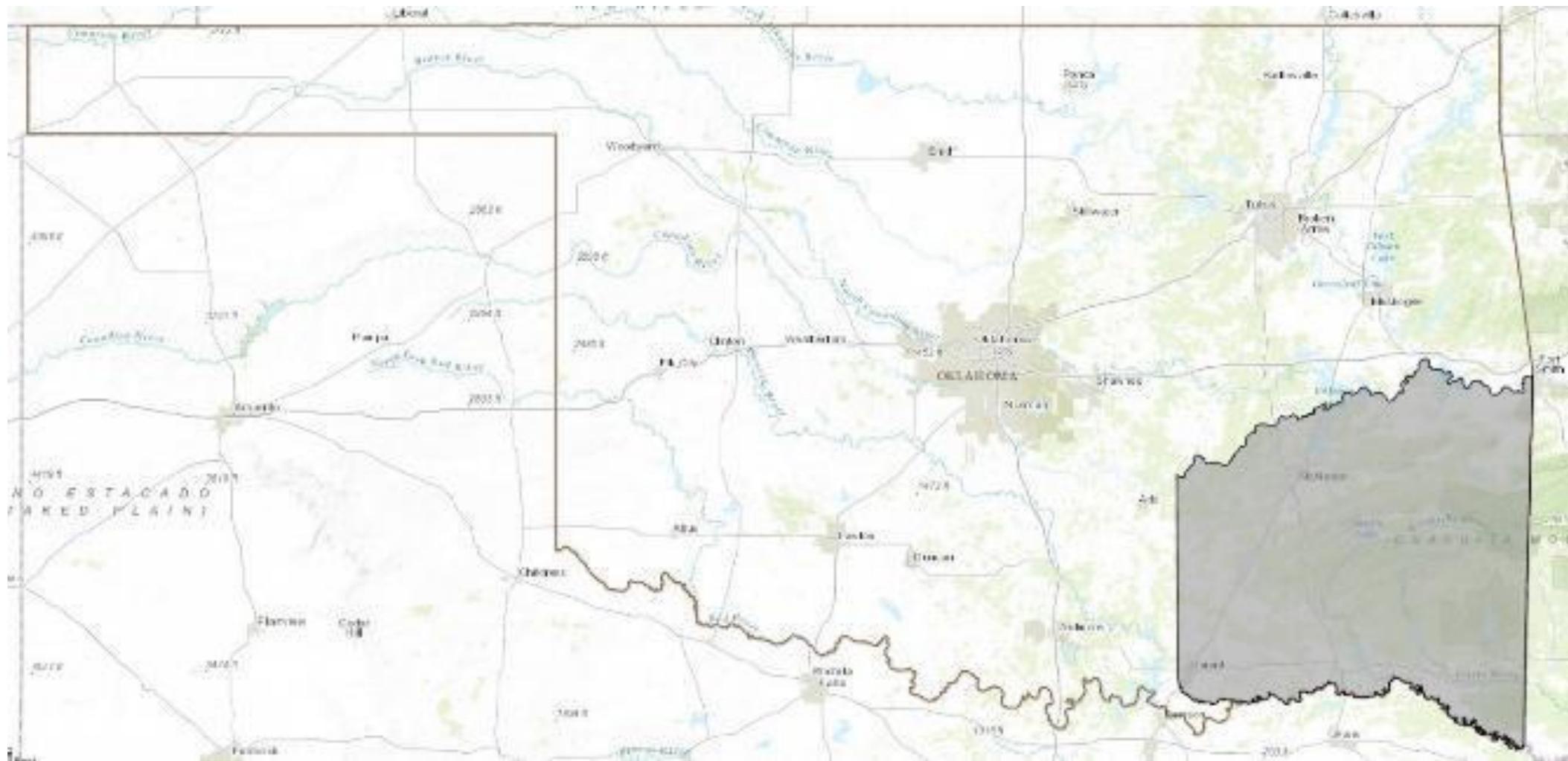


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SIZE AND AREA

- The CNO is defined as an extremely rural 10.5 county territory spanning over 11,000 square miles in southern Oklahoma, which encompasses about 15% of the states total area.
- CNO is the second largest tribal service area in the lower 48 states.
- This area of Oklahoma is more mountainous and forested than any other part of the state.



Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma District Map



	Population Density (People Per Sq. Mile)	Mean Household Income
United States	87.4	\$74,596
Oklahoma	54.7	\$62,871
Atoka	14.5	\$50,937
Bryan	46.9	\$52,551
Choctaw	19.7	\$43,979
Coal	11.5	\$51,914
Haskell	22.1	\$46,521
Hughes	17.4	\$50,428
Latimer	15.4	\$54,615
Le Flore	31.7	\$48,083
McCurtain	17.9	\$44,384
Pushmataha	8.3	\$45,332
Pittsburg	35.1	\$55,380



WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

Service Coordination is a professional practice in which the Service Coordinator is a facilitator, advisor, educator, advocate and community services referral agent for the HACNO. The most fundamental role of a Service Coordinator is to link the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income families to supportive services and other community resources that ultimately empower them to live independently and become self-sufficient.



WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

- **Recognize**...clients needs
- **Refer**...Service Coordinators research suitable programs by client need
- **Release**...giving the client the opportunity to connect with a suitable program



WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

- Wrap around services- a team of individuals who collaboratively develop an individualized plan of care, implements this care and evaluates success over time.
- Self sufficiency- accepting responsibility, making your own decisions, and learning more practical skills.



Success Story



Twenty year old tribal member and LPN student in Idabel, Ok. was referred to the Service Coordination Department because she needed assistance with housing and budgeting. She started budgeting with a Service Coordinator , found a rental home and her positive actions began reflecting in her school work. With moving her into her own place and budgeting to save money, she was able to relieve stress and find her independence.

She graduated from nursing school on June 7th as Valedictorian and recently passed her NCLEX exam to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.



WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER

- Documentation- File Retention
 - We use a counseling management system,
 - In which we can document all client/counselor notes
 - Efficient recordkeeping-documents, budgets, etc.
 - Schedule and Track appointments/workshops easily
 - Create history of client
 - Create accurate standard and customized reports



Housing

The Housing Authority of Choctaw Nation offers a variety of services to Tribal Members.



Housing

The HACNO also offers assistance with the following:

Home Owner Services

- Homeowners Finance Services
- Homeowners Lending Services
- Homeowners Rehabilitation Services
- LEAP Program (Lease to Purchase Homes)
- Storm Shelter Program
- Energy Efficiency Loans
- Rehabilitation Loans

Rental Services

- Affordable Rental Housing
- Independent Elder Housing
- Rental Assistance Program
- Supportive Elder Housing
- HES (Homeless Emergency Services)
- Tribal HUD VASH for Veterans



Housing Education

Service Coordination Department offers housing education and counseling services to our Tribal Members such as:

- Pre – Purchase Homebuyer Education
- Post Purchase Homeownership Education and Rental/Lease Workshops
- Counseling Services: Financial Management/Budget & Credit Counseling
- Mortgage Delinquency & Default Resolution
- Pre-Purchase Counseling for Potential Homeowners
- Rental Housing Counseling
- Services for Homeless Counseling.



2018-2019

253 Education Certificates

293 Counseling Clients

2034 New Tribal Households

3004 Service Coordination clients

1678 Applications completed



ENVISION CENTER

A resource center to help Native American individuals and families living in HUD-assisted housing climb the ladder of opportunity.



Envision Centers focus on four pillars for success:

- Economic Empowerment
- Educational Advancement
- Health and Wellness
- Character and Leadership

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EnVision Center Grand Opening





OUR CONCEPT

- Other EnVision Centers are located in metropolis areas where the idea is a brick and mortar “one stop shop” for services and programs. However, the HACNO concept is to create a “pop-up” or virtual EnVision Center due to the immense jurisdictional area.
- The EnVision Program will go to certain communities across our 10.5 counties and identify the highest need of services for that area and set up corresponding services such as: health clinics, job fairs, GED classes, career counseling, internship program, etc. Our services will touch on the 4 Pillars of opportunity.
- These services will be provided in community centers and other public areas across our region on pre determined dates and times.



Economic Empowerment

The process of obtaining basic opportunities, encouraging and developing the skills for self sufficiency.

- Employer linkages
- Job placement
- Workforce Development
- Apprenticeships
- Resume Builders
- Career Counseling



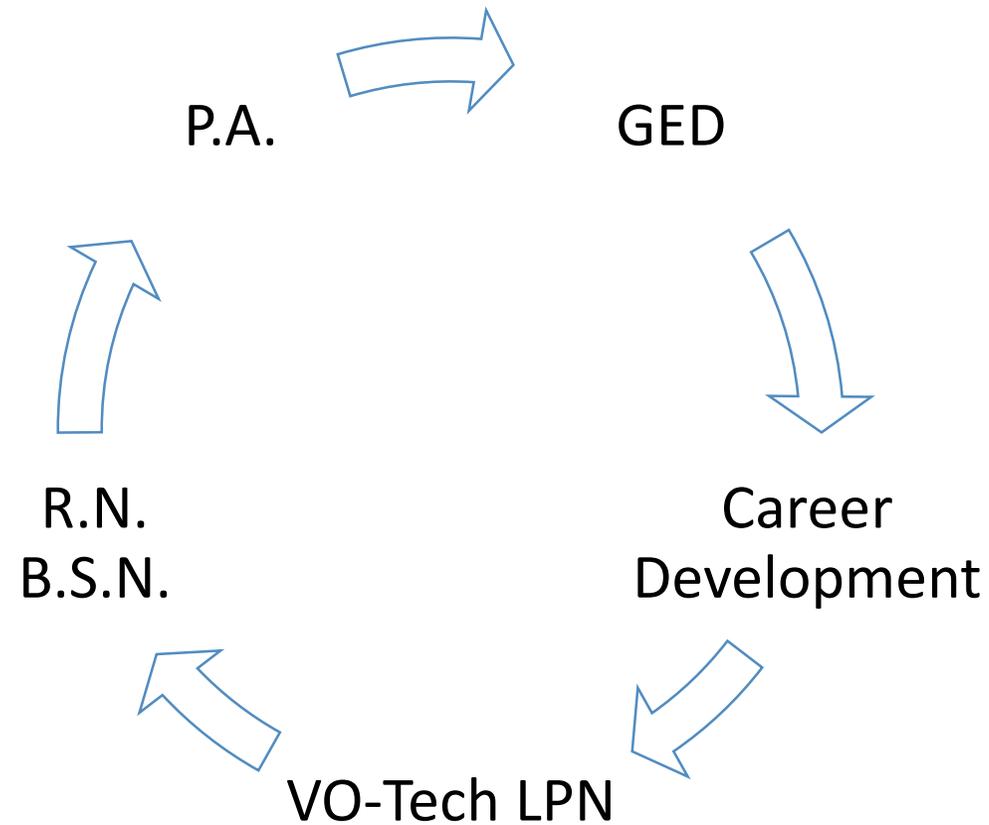
Educational Advancement

Promoting, improvement, advancement, and self growth through education

- GED training courses
- Technology Skills
- Higher Education
- Vocational Training
- Financial Literacy
- Internships
- Scholarships
- Choctaw Language



Educational Advancement Example





Health and Wellness

Health is a state of being, wellness is the state of a healthy lifestyle.

- Healthcare
- Addiction Recovery
- Clinical Services
- Diabetes Wellness
- Nutrition
- Exercise



Character and Leadership

To encourage participants in volunteering and mentoring opportunities.

- Volunteering
- Mentorship
- Internship



Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma also offers services and programs from other various departments within the Choctaw Nation which include:

- Education
- Children & Family Services
- Health Care



Education Services:

- Adult Education
- Career Development
- Choctaw STEM
- College Clothing Allowance
- Early Head Start/Head Start
- Higher Education Program
- Johnson-O'Malley Program (School Supplies)
- School of Choctaw Language
- STAR Program
- Technology Allowance Program
- Vocational Development/Employment Assistance
- WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act)
- YAB (Youth Advisory Board)
- And other services may apply

EnVision Center Staff sponsoring Connect Home Event with Choctaw Elders





Children & Family Services:

- Child Care Assistance
- Child Care
- Head Start
- Summer Youth Sports & Cultural Camps
- LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)
- Family Violence Prevention
- Family Preservation
- Indian Child Welfare
- Adoption & Foster Care
- And other services may apply



Health Care Services:

- Hospitals & Clinics
- Behavioral Health Programs
- Choctaw Referred Care
- Diabetes Wellness Center
- Healthy Aging
- WIC
- Suicide Prevention
- Healthy Lifestyles & Preventive Health
- Recovery Center
- Women & Children Residential Program
- Wellness Centers
- And other services may apply



Senior Fitness Class held on 4/18/19 at our Poteau I.E. community room.

Participants at this workshop learned some low impact exercises they could do in the comfort of their own home with basic household chairs.





Participants in this workshop also learned how to play chair volleyball, a fun form of exercise!





Success Story

A client reached out to the EnVision Facebook page wishing to find employment somewhere within the Choctaw Nation. She stated she had been a stay at home mom for over 10 years and was ready to help contribute financially to her family. The EnVision Center staff assisted her with job listings for her specified area and instructed her on how to create a profile and upload her resume. She received 3 job interviews in a couple of weeks. Around the same time The EnVision Center had organized an Interview Prep/Resume Building workshop in partner with Choctaw Career Development and invited her to attend. She attended the workshop and was able to learn about interview techniques and ways she could boost her resume. She contacted the EnVision Center a few weeks to inform the staff that she had received 2 job offers with the Choctaw Nation and had accepted one of the positions.



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