

ONAP BEST PRACTICE

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Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Center

The purpose of the Sick Child Care facility, located in Ada, Oklahoma, is to protect the health, safety and wellbeing of mildly ill children so their parents can still go to work knowing their child is in good care. The classrooms are categorized by illness, helping to contain the spread of illness by air. The facility is licensed for approximately 35 children and a licensed practical nurse is on staff at all times. The Sick Child Care is currently one of the semi-finals for the Honoring Indian Nations Award. The Honoring Nations is a national awards program that shines a light on success in tribal governance. The 2016 awardees will receive a monetary grant to share their stories of success: \$2,000 for honors and \$5,000 for high honors. Awardees will also be featured in case profiles and nation-building curriculum, on the Google Cultural Institute and Google Earth platforms, and through world-class exhibits that will be showcased at the Smithsonian Institution.



Honoring Nations serves as the vehicle for shifting the focus from what does not work to what does, fostering pride and confidence in the ability of American Indian governments to make positive contributions to the wellbeing of their respective communities and citizens. At the heart of Honoring Nations is the principle that tribes themselves hold the key to positive social, political, cultural, and economic prosperity—and that self-governance plays a crucial role in building and sustaining strong, healthy Indian nations. Honored programs give decision-makers fresh ideas about how to create sustainable economies, improve service delivery, protect and manage vital resources, administer justice, and educate tribal citizens.