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# 2019 Cherokee Nation Elder Summit

*Overview of Departments & Services for Elders*



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## Cherokee Elder Care

Cherokee Elder Care (CEC) is the first Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Oklahoma, and one of the first rural PACE sites in the nation. At CEC, a team of qualified providers work together to care for each participant.

- Contact: 918-453-5554  
email: [debra-johnson@cherokee.org](mailto:debra-johnson@cherokee.org)

## Cherokee Nation Home Health Services Inc.

Cherokee Nation Home Health Services, Inc. is a tribally incorporated nonprofit home health care agency that is Medicare and Medicaid certified to provide state-licensed home health to all eligible clients.

### Home Health

Provides skilled care and other in-home health services for treatment of an illness or injury.

- Eligibility: All Medicare beneficiaries who meet certain conditions. Must live within their service region spanning all or part of the following counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah or Wagoner.
- Contact: 918-458-6102 or toll-free 1-888-281-6910  
email: [cherokeemationhomehealth@cnhhs.org](mailto:cherokeemationhomehealth@cnhhs.org)

### Home Health Outreach

Provides a broad range of home and community health services to persons of all ages.

- Eligibility: All persons who are currently on Medicaid and meet Department of Human Services (DHS) Medicaid guidelines could be eligible for these programs. Must live within their service region spanning all of the following counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah or Wagoner.
- Contact: 918-456-5051 or toll-free 1-800-307-4768  
email: [cherokeemationoutreach@cnhhs.org](mailto:cherokeemationoutreach@cnhhs.org)

### Hospice

Hospice care includes physical, emotional and spiritual support from a team of doctors, nurses, home health aides, social workers, counselors and trained volunteers for clients coping with a terminal illness and their families. Services include medical support, physician and counseling among others.

- Eligibility: Hospice care is covered under Medicare Part A. Must live within their service region spanning all or part of the following counties: Adair, Cherokee, Craig, Delaware, Mayes, Muskogee, Ottawa, Rogers, Sequoyah or Wagoner.
- Contact: 918-458-5080 or toll-free 1-877-792-7372  
email: [hospiceofthecherokee@cnhhs.org](mailto:hospiceofthecherokee@cnhhs.org)

# Community Services

## Community Youth and Adult Development

Youth and Adult Development offers instruction in playing traditional games and instruction in arts and crafts to Cherokee Nation citizens.

- Eligibility: Open to all Cherokee Nation citizens.
- Contact: 918-453-5347 or toll-free 1-800-256-0671

## Water/Wastewater Services

Promotes a healthy environment through cooperative development and continuing operation of safe water, wastewater, and solid waste systems and related support facilities. The Cherokee Nation assists qualified applicants with sanitation facilities for new or existing homes.

- Eligibility: CDIB, Cherokee Nation citizen, living within Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdictional area and have a disability or meet income guidelines.
- Contact: 918-453-5111 or toll-free 1-800-256-3387, email: SFCApplication@cherokee.org

# Commerce

## Mortgage Assistance Program

The Mortgage Assistance Program prepares Cherokee citizens for homeownership by removing barriers to homeownership and both building and improving credit. MAP provides qualified Cherokee citizens with up to \$20,000 to be used toward the down payment and closing costs of their first home.

- Eligibility: Must be a first time homebuyer, head of household must be a citizen of a federally recognized tribe, home must be located within Cherokee Nation's jurisdiction and household must meet income guidelines established by NAHASDA.
- Contact: 918-453-5536, email: sbac@cherokee.org

## iSave Program

The iSave Program is a matched savings program providing eligible participants with the opportunity to maximize their savings. For every \$1 saved in your personal savings account, Cherokee Nation will match those savings in order for the participant to use the savings and matching funds toward the rehabilitation of an existing home.

- Eligibility: Head of household must be a citizen of a federally recognized tribe, home must be located within Cherokee Nation's jurisdiction, household must meet income guidelines established by NAHASDA, participant must own the subject home.
- Contact: 918-453-5536.

# Education Services

Cherokee Nation Education Services provides information and support to Cherokee Nation youth and their families with several programs ranging from Head Start to

College Resources. This department is also charged with various Cherokee Culture and Language Programs, from translation to community and online language classes. Culture presentations and classes are scheduled throughout the year.

- Eligibility: Contact Education Services for details.
- Contact: 918-207-4991 or [lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org](mailto:lisa-trice-turtle@cherokee.org)

## Health Services

Cherokee Nation Health Services is an integrated health system of eight ambulatory health centers, various programs and a hospital providing strategically planned care and services.

### **Eligibility Policy** (at least one of the following):

- Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) or Cherokee Nation tribal citizenship card;
- A non-Native American female currently pregnant with a Native American male's (who has either a CDIB or a Cherokee Nation Tribal citizenship card) child for the duration of the pregnancy (including initial pregnancy test) through postpartum (usually 6 weeks).
- A non-Native American residing in a Native American household when services are necessary to control a public health hazard; or
- A non-Native American child under the age of 19 years who is the adopted child, step-child, foster child or legal ward of state of an eligible Native American.

### **Behavioral Health**

Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health offers a variety of programs including mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and community-based programs promoting mental health for adults, children, and families. Behavioral Health also offers programs designed to help prevent substance abuse and suicide.

- Contact: Tahlequah Adult Clinic: 918-207-4977, email: [mark-taylor@cherokee.org](mailto:mark-taylor@cherokee.org)  
HERO Children and Family Clinic: 918-772-4004

### **Cancer Programs**

Cherokee Nation Cancer Programs include Cherokee Nation Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (CNBCCP), Comprehensive Cancer Registry and Cherokee Nation Comprehensive Cancer Control Program. The CNBCCP offers clinical breast exams, screening mammography, diagnostic mammography, biopsies, breast ultrasound, diagnostic follow-up, pap smear test, colposcopy, LEEP (a diagnostic procedure), community outreach and case management.

- Eligibility: Services available to Native American women ages 40-64 who are uninsured and are at or below 250 percent federal poverty level.
- Contact: [cancer@cherokee.org](mailto:cancer@cherokee.org)

## **EMS**

Cherokee Nation Emergency Medical Services (CNEMS) is a state-licensed paramedic level ambulance service owned and operated by Cherokee Nation that serves Cherokee, southern Delaware, northern Sequoyah and western Adair counties. CNEMS is the only licensed Native American ambulance service in the state staffed by critical care paramedics. CNEMS also offers CPR and first aid courses monthly for the public. CNEMS is CAAS accredited and consists of four major components: ambulance services, communications, non-emergency transport and training.

- Contact: 918-453-5200 or toll-free 1-888-238-7551

## **Health Centers:**

### **Cherokee Nation W.W. Hastings Hospital**

100 S. Bliss Ave., Tahlequah, OK 74464

Main: 918-458-3100

- Services offered: Audiology, Behavioral Health, Dentistry, Emergency Services, Eye Care Services, General Surgery, Intensive Care Unit (6 beds), Internal Medicine, Laboratory, Obstetrics /Gynecology, Orthopedics, Pharmacy, Pediatrics, Physical Therapy, Podiatry and Urgent Care.

### **A-Mo Health Center**

900 N Owen Walters Blvd.

Salina, OK 74365

Main: 918-434-8500

Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

### **Coowescoowee Health Center**

395200 West 2900 Rd.

Ochelata, OK 74051

Main: 918-535-6000

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pharmacy, Public Health, Nursing, Radiology, WIC.

### **Redbird Smith Health Center**

301 S. JT Stites Blvd.

Sallisaw, OK 74955

Main: 918-775-9159

Toll-free: 1-888-797-9159



- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Physical Fitness Gym and Therapy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

### **Sam Hider Health Center**

859 E. Melton Dr.

Jay, OK 74364

Main: 918-253-1700

Toll-free: 1-877-293-4271

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

### **Three Rivers Health Center**

1001 S. 41st St. East

Muskogee, OK 74403

Main: 918-781-6500

Toll Free: 1-877-781-6511

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

### **Vinita Health Center**

27371 S. 4410 Rd., Vinita, OK 74301

Main: 918-323-0191

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Dental, Family Medicine, Full Pharmacy with a Drive-Through, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Optometry, Physical Therapy, Public Health Nursing, Radiology, Wellness Center and WIC.

### **Will Rogers Health Center**

1020 Lenape Dr.

Nowata, OK 74048

Main: 918-273-7500

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

## **Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center**

Hwy 51 East, Stilwell, OK 74960

Main: 918-696-8800

Toll Free: 1-877-747-8800

- Services offered: Behavioral Health, Contract Care, Dental, Eye Care Services, Family Medicine, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention, Laboratory, Nutrition Services, Pediatrics, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Podiatry, Public Health Nursing, Radiology and WIC.

## **Housing Assistance**

### **Community Shield Insurance**

The risk pool policies provide basic coverage for the replacement value of a dwelling and personal property. Amerind offers affordable insurance policies to Native Americans with preference given to Cherokee Nation citizens.

Eligibility: 1. Must have income that is 80% or below National Median Income, 2. Homeowner or spouse must be a member of a federally recognized tribe with preference given to Cherokee Nation tribal citizens, 3. Dwelling must be within the Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries, Must be under 2300 square feet, Must be located on restricted or trust land or must be currently or have previously been assisted with NAHASDA funds to qualify for the Community Shield program offered by Amerind, which has final approval for the homes seeking coverage. Other eligibility requirements may apply.

- Contact: 918-456-5482 or toll-free 1-800-837-2869

### **Rental Assistance Program**

Funded by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, this program is designed to assist Native Americans with decent, safe, and sanitary housing within Cherokee Nation jurisdictional boundaries.

Eligibility: 1. Applicant must be a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe or be the parent or guardian of a child or children who are members of a Federally Recognized Tribe. Priority will be given to Cherokee Nation tribal citizens who are elderly, disabled or handicapped, Full time students and working families. 2. Household income cannot exceed 80% of the current Median Family Income guidelines. 3. Family must have income and be able to show that the income is sufficient to maintain housing.

- Contact: 918-456-5482

### **Low-Income Rental Housing**

This program provides low-income rental apartments across many areas of the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction. Preference is given to Cherokee Nation citizens who are elderly, disabled or handicap and working families.

- Eligibility: Participants must be a citizen of a federally-recognized tribe and have a tribal citizenship card. Potential participants must meet several requirements, including



- income guidelines at or below 80 percent of the national median income and U.S. citizenship. Other eligibility requirements may apply.
- Contact: 918-456-5482

### **New Home Construction**

New Home Construction program is an approach to developing and providing housing opportunities for Cherokee families by having a set payment option allowing the family to rent to own. Houses are based on a floor plan of a modest size.

- Eligibility: Head of household and/or spouse must be a Cherokee tribal citizen. Must not currently own a home or currently-owned home must be in a substandard condition. Inspection required. Other eligibility requirements may apply.
- Contact: 918-456-5482

### **Housing Rehabilitation Program**

Provides rehabilitation services for privately owned homes for low income Native American tribal members who reside within the Cherokee Nation jurisdiction with preference given to Cherokee Nation Tribal citizens who are elderly, handicapped or disabled.

- Eligibility: Household income must be at or below 50% of the National Median Income guidelines. Applicant must be the owner/occupant of the home or a direct descendant of the owner of record. Applicant must maintain adequate homeowners insurance coverage. Other eligibility requirements may apply.
- Contact: 918-456-5482

## **Human Services**

Cherokee Nation Human Services offers many programs designed to provide support for youth, adults and families throughout the Cherokee Nation.

- Contact: 918-453-5422 or 1-800-256-0671  
email: [human-services@cherokee.org](mailto:human-services@cherokee.org)

### **Burial Assistance**

Designed to relieve or in some cases eliminate the financial hardship associated with traditional funeral costs.

- Eligibility: Income eligibility and residence requirements vary by program. Total household income is considered. All resources including income, life insurance and burial policies among others are considered when determining eligibility.

### **Caregiver Program**

Provides respite care to family caregivers.

(Note: \$400 voucher given to pay for respite services for the caregiver.)

- Eligibility: An application must be filled out before services can be approved. Services are available to caregivers living within the 14 counties, and providing caregiver services to an individual 50 years and over with at least two assisted daily living needs.

### **Cherokee Parents**

Cherokee Parents is a grant-funded parenting support program carried out in the convenience of the client's home. The Safe Care Curriculum is designed to empower parents and is focused learning on parent interaction, home safety and family health.

- Eligibility: Children from birth to 5 years old who live within Cherokee, Adair and Mayes Counties. No income requirements. For more information call 918-453-5078.

### **Cherokee First**

Community Leadership Program provides a \$200 stipend for 20 hours of volunteering for any non-profit organization or elders within Cherokee communities.

(Note: Cannot perform volunteer hours for a relative.)

- Eligibility: Those 62 year and older who live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction may apply for assistance.

### **Child Care and Development Center**

Provides quality child development and child care services for Cherokee children living within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction.

- Eligibility: Child care provided for children up to 12 years of age within the Cherokee Nation 14 counties and all of Tulsa County. Income must be at or below 85 percent of the state median income for your family size to receive subsidy benefits for child care. Grandparents caring for their grandchildren may be eligible to receive a subsidy.
- Contact: Tahlequah Child Development Center 918-453-5070 Stilwell Child Development Center 918-696-3222
- Child Care Resource Center 1-888-458-6230

### **Youth Services**

Provides support for adolescents and families with services and resources that includes programs such as John A. Ketcher Youth Center, First-Time Offenders Program, Community Outreach and Prevention Education

- Eligibility: Contact 918-207-4949 for details.

### **Elders in Need**

Chief Baker's initiative, which provides a \$200 payment made to a utility vendor of the elder's choice.

- Eligibility: Must be 60 years of age or older. Must be eligible for LIHEAP and live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction.

## **Family Assistance**

Programs that can provide a short-term or one-time financial assistance for eligible Indian families to address essential living needs (food, clothing and shelter)

- Eligibility: Must live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction. Income eligibility varies by source of funding. All household income is considered. Age eligibility may apply.

## **Food Distribution**

Federal nutrition program that supplements family food supplies.

- Eligibility: Must be 18 years of age or older and live within the Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction. Federal poverty guidelines apply. Total household income minus 20%. A \$300 shelter deduction may apply with a utility or rent receipt.

## **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

The LIHEAP program is an energy Assistance Program designed to assist low income Indian households with home heating, cooling, and crisis intervention assistance.

- Eligibility: Be 60 years or older. Head of household must be an elder. Federal poverty guidelines apply. Must live within Cherokee Nation 14-county jurisdiction.

## **Veterans Center**

Connects veterans to services within Cherokee Nation and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- Eligibility: All veterans living within Cherokee Nation jurisdiction are welcome.
- Contact: 918-772-4166

## **Real Estate Services**

Real Estate Services is responsible for administering the laws, regulations, policies and procedures protecting and managing restricted and trust lands of individual Indians within the 14-county jurisdictional area of Cherokee Nation as well as tribal-owned real property. Real Estate Services provides advice and technical assistance to Cherokee Nation departments, Native American landowners and the public in general for the benefit of these properties, all under a self-governance compact with the Secretary of Interior. Real Estate Services can also assist tribal citizens with writing their Last Will and Testament.

- Contact: Ginger Reeves, Director at 918-453-5350.



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