The Wyandotte Nation remains strong and we are dedicated to meeting our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Wyandotte people. A diverse economic portfolio generates funds to support a variety of quality programs and services in the areas of education, healthcare, youth, aging, housing and more, which directly benefit Wyandottes. We are committed to providing programs and services to benefit and improve the lives of Wyandotte citizens worldwide. From meeting basic needs to supporting the pursuit of lifelong goals, the Wyandotte Nation offers excellence in a wide range of services in education, employment and career opportunities, healthcare, housing and arts, cultural preservation, and more.

-- Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: 8 Turtle Drive, Wyandotte, OK 74370

Phone: (918) 678-2297 or (800) 256-2539  Fax: (918) 676-7022

Email: info@wyandotte-nation.org
OUR MISSION

The mission of the government of the Wyandotte Nation is to improve the quality of life for all tribal citizens. The Nation accomplishes this through providing quality governmental programs and services managed by sound decision-making and competent administration.

Considering future generations and the protection of our tribal sovereignty, the Wyandotte Nation will utilize effective stewardship of our human, financial and natural resources. Concentration will be focused on development of strong leadership skills through education, accountability, experience and positive reinforcement.
FAMILY SERVICES

PROGRAMS

The Family Services Department strives to further the mission of the Tribe by providing programs and services to increase the ability of Wyandotte Nation citizens to lead safer, healthier and more productive lives.

The majority of the programs facilitated by the Department are available Nationwide to assist all citizens, regardless of where they reside. Program information and applications can be found on the Tribe’s website, picked up from the office, or sent via email.

Unless otherwise noted on the application, program dates are Oct 1 to Sept 30. Please allow up to 30 days for payments to process for all programs.

> Family Services email: wnfs@wyandotte-nation.org

> Family Services Director: Dana Butterfield, (918) 678-6319, dbutterfield@wyandotte-nation.org

> Family Services: (918) 678-6329

> Indian Child Welfare: (918) 678-6355 or (918) 678-6485

> Tags: (918) 678-6353

> Enrollment: (918) 678-6321
SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH BENEFIT

THE BENNY CARD

Each adult tribal citizen is eligible for a $1,500 benefit for medical/health related expenses beginning January 2024. The maximum family benefit (adult tribal citizen with enrolled children, spouses are not covered) is $2,500.

The Benny Card can only be used at entities who have an approved IRS inventory control system in place. The program year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. You will not be able to use your debit card after this date for any expenses for the previous year. If you have expenses for that year which come in after the first of the year, you will need to pay them and file for reimbursement by Feb. 28. Family Services staff can assist with basic questions, but may refer to Trustmark, (877) 267-3359.

WINTER CLOTHING

NOV. 1, 2023 - FEB. 28, 2024
A $200 clothing allowance is provided to all enrolled tribal citizens who are 18 (must be enrolled in high school) and under. No income guidelines apply for this nationwide program. Tribal citizens can either apply for winter clothing reimbursement or for a Walmart gift card. Original applications and receipts are required for this program and must be received or postmarked by Feb. 28.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

JULY 1 - SEPT. 30, 2024
The School Supply program is available nationwide to all enrolled citizens pre-K through grade 12. Tribal citizens may apply for either a $200 Walmart gift card or to be reimbursed up to $200 per school aged child. Eligible items include school supplies and clothing. Additional guidelines are included with the application. Original applications and receipts are required for this program and must be received by Sept. 30 and the receipts must be dated during the program time-frame.

NO EXCEPTIONS.
JUNIOR / SENIOR ASSISTANCE

A $300 High School Junior/ Senior Expense Assistance Program is provided to tribal citizens nationwide to help offset the added expenses. The student must state the purpose of the assistance such as yearbook, cap and gown, announcements, letter jacket, pictures, class ring, Junior/Senior trip, college testing, prom, required class specific supplies or other related expense.

CHILDREN’S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

No income guidelines apply for this nationwide program available to Wyandotte Nation tribal citizens. $200 per school age child (pre-K through grade 12). Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to: class pictures, school lunches, instrument rental/purchase, lab fees, testing fees, sports activities and related equipment, etc.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEATS

The program will provide one (1) seat per enrolled child. Children must either be enrolled or have a completed enrollment application on file. The only exceptions will be for expectant mothers who can have their physician complete the section on the application beginning in their 7th month and babies less than 6 months old. Parents/legal guardians can choose to either purchase the seats and be reimbursed up to $200 or have the Family Services staff purchase the seat to be shipped. This program is available nationwide.
More Programs for Tribal Citizens

Eligibility: Any tribal citizen who has an outstanding balance of more than 60 days due to any Wyandotte Nation entity will not be eligible for any tribally-funded services from the Family Services Department. Those who have outstanding balances will receive a letter from the Family Services Director with details of their account(s) and will be given information about repayment options.

Elder Assistance
No income guidelines apply for this nationwide program. Elders age 55 and over are eligible to receive $300 each year for personal expenses. Payment can be made to a vendor or reimbursed to the tribal citizen. Examples of eligible expenses: vehicle repairs, appliance purchases, insurance, utilities, groceries, fuel and home repairs. Expenses not eligible for reimbursement: alcohol, tobacco, lottery, and items/services purchased through the Supplemental Health Program (Benny Card).

Senior Energy Assistance
This program is available nationwide for all enrolled Wyandotte citizens age 55+. The program has a maximum benefit of $300, which will be paid directly to your utility service provider. The application must be accompanied by a complete utility bill that contains the name of the company, account number and dates of service. Please continue to pay your bill as it may take up to 30 days for our payment to process on your account.

Liheap
The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is contingent upon Federal funding and income guidelines apply. The program is available for enrolled Wyandotte Nation citizens who reside within the State of Oklahoma. There are 3 programs available: Winter, Summer and Crisis. The Winter Program is available between Dec. 1 – Feb. 28 each year. The Summer Program is available between July 1 – Sept. 30. The Crisis program is available year round (for this program, eligible participants must have a shut off notice and can be used one time during the fiscal year, Oct. 1 – Sept. 30). Please note that LIHEAP can also be received through the State, but can not be received via the State and Tribe during the same fiscal year.

Senior Energy Assistance
This program is available nationwide for all enrolled Wyandotte citizens age 55+. The program has a maximum benefit of $300, which will be paid directly to your utility service provider. The application must be accompanied by a complete utility bill that contains the name of the company, account number and dates of service. Please continue to pay your bill as it may take up to 30 days for our payment to process on your account.

Burial Assistance
This nationwide benefit of $3,000 is available for all Wyandotte nation citizens. The benefit is only payable upon death and must be paid directly to the service provider, unless a paid in full receipt is provided along with the application. Completed applications should include a copy of the death certificate and an itemized statement from the service provider.
FAMILY SERVICES

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

This program is funded through federal grants from the Administration for Children and Families and the Office of Self Governance. It is designed to help keep children in their homes with the family or ensure that if there is a need for removal that federal guidelines are adhered to and the best interest of the child is first and foremost.

If your family is in a situation where the state is involved, please contact either of the ICW Social Workers. The Tribe is continually seeking foster families. If you are interested in sharing your home with a child in need, please contact our ICW Social Workers.

1978 INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act was designed to protect the Indian Family from unwarranted interference by the Anglo culture. When a child is involuntarily removed from his/her home, it is the intent of the “Act” to place a child with an immediate family member, an extended family member or a member of the child’s tribe/or other Indian Families. If your family is involved in a State Court proceeding, the Tribe may be able to assist your family during this difficult process.

Indian Child Welfare: (918) 678-6355 or (918) 678-6485, wnfs@wyandotte-nation.org
PRIVATE PASSENGER, MOTORCYCLE, HANDICAPPED AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAGS ARE ALL AVAILABLE.

(Oklahoma Indian Territory only) The tribal citizen’s name MUST be on the Title at the time of assignment if there is a lien on the vehicle. The Tax Commission staff can not add or remove names to the title without the permission of the lending agency. Please notify us if you have an address change. The (fillable) change of address form is located below and in the forms section.

FOR NEW TAGS YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

> Original State Title
> Insurance Verification
> Wyandotte tribal membership card

FOR RENEWALS YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING:

> Insurance Verification

NOTE: Renewals and new tags received without verification will be returned.

Handicap Tags: Individuals who are interested in receiving a handicap license plate should either come by the office or call to obtain a form. The form will need to be completed by your primary care physician.

> Tag Administrator: (918) 678-6353
wnfs@wyandotte-nation.org
FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

ADVOCACY

The Wyandotte Nation FVPP is federally funded through the Office of Violence Against Women, Office of Victims of Crime and Family Violence Prevention & Services Act. The goals of the program include spreading awareness of abuse and providing support to victims. Our Advocates strive to provide each survivor with the essentials for a safe and thriving future.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Services for survivors include advocacy, emotional support, emergency relocation, legal expenses, assistance with orders of protection, housing assistance, transportation, counseling, supervised visitation, referrals to other resources and more. Assistance is available to native and non-native victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) and other crimes. Visit our Facebook page to keep up with the latest awareness campaigns, events and cultural activities to education the community: www.facebook.com/Wyandottenationfvpp

20/MIN

PHYSICAL ABUSE
On average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States.

84%

NATIVE WOMEN
Over 84% of Native women experience violence in their lifetime.

90%

IMPACT ON CHILDREN
1 in 15 children are exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to this violence.

Statistics Source: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL | TODDLER PROGRAM

The Preschool Program has received national recognition as one of the best preschool programs in the country. The children (3+ years old) are given an early start in education efforts by learning academic, social, and recreational skills. Since the inception of this program, the children who graduate from the preschool have excelled in their public school education. The Infant / Toddler Programs serve children from ages 0 to 3 years old, and operate year round.

EXTENDED, AFTER SCHOOL & SUMMER PROGRAMS

These programs generate revenue to help maintain the early childhood program of the Wyandotte Nation. Our early childhood services are now available year around.

REQUEST AN APPLICATION

Contact (918) 678-3267 for an application to our early childhood programs. See Contact Information on Page 14 for all Education Department contact information.

LIBRARY

Wyandotte Nation Historical Library offers a wide range of book and dvd selections, a computer lab, free wifi, printing and faxing, Little Free Libraries throughout the local community, and an online library database.

To become a patron, please visit our library or visit the Wyandotte Nation website’s Library section under Education to apply online.

Library hours are Monday through Thursday 8am to 4:30pm and Friday 8am to 3:30pm.
Masters Scholarships are available to enrolled Wyandotte Tribal citizens who have completed a bachelors degree and are pursuing a more advanced degree. This program has a four semester life span.

Undergraduate

Awarded to enrolled Wyandotte Tribal citizens who are attending or will be attending an accredited college or university. The full time student scholarships are renewable for a total of eight semesters; providing the student continues to meet the guidelines set up by the Education Committee.

Concurrent

Concurrent Scholarships are available to Wyandotte tribal citizens who are enrolled in high school and are taking college courses. Funding assists students with dual enrollment as they begin course work on the college level prior to HS graduation. Many states waive the cost of tuition and we assist with the fees.

Vocational Training

Adult Vocational Training assists income qualified students in attending technical schools where the participants will be job ready in two years.

Graduate Stoles & More Information: To obtain an Undergraduate, Masters or Concurrent Scholarship application or to request a Wyandotte Nation graduate stole, call (918) 678-6331.
EDUCATION | 477 PROGRAM

Our goal is to create safe and stable families, raise educational achievement, develop and enhance employment opportunities, integrate employment and training services, and increase self-sufficiency.

Wyandotte Nation provides services for job training and work experience as well as educational assistance. We provide financial assistance for classroom training, vocational training, and other job readiness services. We also provide funding assistance to our Native American community in order to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of childcare services. Each family is able to select an approved childcare provider that fits their needs, which allows families to maintain or achieve self-sufficiency through work or education. The childcare subsidy is for eligible families that meet income guidelines based on their family size. Parents are responsible for a copay to the day care and the Tribe covers the remaining childcare costs.

ELIGIBILITY:
Member of a federally recognized tribe, reside within service area, meet income guidelines.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:
Application, tribal card or federally recognized tribe, proof of residence, selective service card, & self-sufficiency plan.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:
Determined by referred caseworker for service provided. May include any/all of the following: Driver’s license, social security cards for all household members, financial needs analysis, personal statement, FAFSA, birth certificate & immunizations for children in care, verification of income, class schedule, transcript.
ELDER SERVICES

Title VI Part A & C are grants from DHS Administration on Aging. The purpose of the Part A program is to provide nutrition and socialization, promoting the mental and physical well-being of the Elderly.

The program serves meals five days per week from 11:30am to 1pm Monday through Friday, as well as meal delivery for homebound elders. Participants aged 55 or older with a CDIB card are eligible to eat free. Their spouse is also eligible to eat free regardless of age. Guests are welcome; the cost is $7 for adults and $5 for children 12 & under (beginning January 2024).

For more information about any of our programs, please call Elder Services Director Brenda House at (918) 678-6327 or the Elder Services Department at (918) 678-6328. You can view our monthly menu on the Wyandotte Nation website under Elder Services or by calling (918) 678-3626.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- Host educational visits from home health, hospice, and Alzheimer’s agencies.
- Provide space for health screening services.
- Coordinate with other tribal entities, home health and hospice agencies, and local Area Agency on Aging to host: Health Fairs, Senior Proms, Picnics, Senior Days, Car Bingos, Holiday Dinners and Parties, Trips to Branson, Mo., Horse Races, and more.
- Title VI Part C is a respite program developed for families caring for an older adult and grandparents raising grandchildren. The program provides temporary relief for the caregiver to take a much-needed break. Our Caregiver Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. (Subject to change).
Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center is a community fitness center and health care clinic dedicated to the well-being and physical fitness of our neighbors in the greater Wyandotte, Okla., area. Providing you with all your health and healthcare needs, we are actively committed to building a healthier, stronger community.

The mission of the government of the Wyandotte Nation is to improve the quality of life for all Tribal Citizens. This goal is continuously the focus of services provided by Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center and is reflected upon as decisions, policies and procedures are created and updated. In carrying out this mission, Bearskin Healthcare staff will abide by all applicable policies / procedures and rules / regulations of all federal, tribal, state, or other regulatory authorities.

• Free to citizens with Tribal membership
• Includes tanning and hydro massage bed

PHARMACY
• Must be seen by a provider at Bearskin Healthcare
• Fills prescriptions written by Bearskin Healthcare providers
• Prescriptions from outside providers are only filled if approved by and re-written by a Bearskin Healthcare provider under his/her authority
• Mail order is now available: 30 day supply; No controlled RX will be mailed.

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP

BEARSKIN HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS CENTER

HEALTH & FITNESS

BEARSKIN HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS CENTER

PHARMACY

FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP
AUDIOLOGY

- Must be seen by provider at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.
  
  - Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare
  
  - Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider
  
  - $1,000 per ear towards hearing aids and $75 per hearing exam
  
  - Hearing aids will only be replaced every five years. The only exception is significant additional hearing loss.
  
  - If lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed before reaching the five-year mark, it will be the owner’s responsibility to replace these appliances.
  
  - AS FUNDING ALLOWS

OPTOMETRY

- Must be seen by provider at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.
  
  - Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare
  
  - Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider
  
  - $225 for single vision—includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts
  
  - $275 for multi-focal vision—includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts
  
  - AS FUNDING ALLOWS
HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS SERVICES

PHYSICAL THERAPY
- Must have a written order or RX from a Bearskin Healthcare Provider or a provider in which Bearskin referred patient to

CHILDREN’S DENTAL
- Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.
- Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare
- Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider
- Services excluded are orthodontics and whitening
- AS FUNDING ALLOWS

ADULT EMERGENCY DENTAL
- Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years to be eligible.
- Must be authorized prior to visit by Healthcare
- Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider
- Up to $1,000 per year
- Services provided: Limited x-ray, Limited exam, Extractions, Re-cementing of crowns, Partial and/or dentures, Wisdom teeth removal.
- AS FUNDING ALLOWS

DIABETIC DENTAL & OPTOMETRY
- Must be an active participant in the Bearskin Diabetic Clinic
- 2 dental cleanings per year by a Bearskin contracted provider (Dental)
- 1 Funded Exam by a Bearskin contracted provider (Optometry)

DIABETIC OPTOMETRY
- Must be seen and referred by a Bearskin Healthcare provider
- Reside within one of the 12 counties - Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Wagoner, Delaware, Rogers, Okmulgee, Nowata, Tulsa, Creek, Okfuskee, Washington
- Must be authorized prior to visit with exception of emergency
HOUSING SERVICES

HOME | RENTALS

The Housing Department offers homeownership and rentals within our service area, and also down payment assistance. Our homeowner and rental units at Heritage Acres feature a Community Center, Splashpad and Park. The IHS-121 Program is a program to help tribal citizens with water or sewage problems.

If you have need of any of the above mentioned services or question whether you live within this service area, please contact us.

You can download the applications for any of our programs at the Wyandotte Nation website on our 'Housing' page.

> **Housing Director:** Kathy DeWeese, kdeweese@wyandotte-nation.org

> **Phone:** (918) 678-6336 or (918) 678-6339  |  **Fax:** (918) 678-4320  
> **Address:** 14325 Porcupine Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

IHS-121 PROGRAM

The IHS-121 Program is a program awarded by Indian Health Service allowing us to assist tribal citizens in hooking to rural water, install rural water meters, drill wells, hook to city sewer lines or install a complete septic and drain field. The program is for tribal citizens who live within the borders of the Claremore Indian Hospital Service area.

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

Assistance is available for first-time homebuyers. Homes must be within a 50-mile radius of the Wyandotte Nation. Funds are limited, and will be issued to the completed applications received first. This is a federal income guideline program.
PLANNING

& NATURAL RESOURCES

> **Director:** Christen Lee, (918) 678-6341, clee@wyandotte-nation.org

> **Environmental Program Manager:**
  (918) 678-6335

> **Recycling Center Coordinator:** (918) 678-6352

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ENVIRONMENT

Environmental Department activities include recycling, educational events, water sampling, tire collection events, and more. We also host an annual Environmental Festival and Tire Collection event. Both Surface water and drinking water are sampled for quality in our tribal jurisdiction. Under the NPS program, area septic systems are inspected and we completed one septic improvement. The Department manages three EPA programs which are now rolled into a Performance Partnership Grant or PPG. We also manage the Lost Creek Recycling Center.

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PLANNING

We specialize in Planning and employ a grant-writing team for various projects including Property Management, Fee to Trust Development, Long Range Planning, Utilities Management, and Construction Planning.

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LOST CREEK RECYCLING CENTER

We have a collection route that services the Wyandotte Nation departments and businesses, the Heritage Acres Housing complex, and also businesses in the Town of Wyandotte, and the Wyandotte schools.

**Items we recycle:** #1 Plastics (clear plastics such as pop bottles, juice bottles, etc.), #2 Plastics (milk jugs), Newspaper, Office Paper, Magazines, Aluminum and Tin Cans, Cardboard, and Shredded Office Paper.

**Items we do not recycle:** Glass, styrofoam, medical waste (syringes/needles), plastic grocery sacks, clothing, and large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, etc.).

4 Lost Creek Drive, Wyandotte, OK 74370

**Hours of Operation:** 8am - 4:30pm (Monday - Friday). There are also bins on the outside of the Center that may be used for after hour and weekend drop offs.
The Wyandotte Nation operates its own tribal Police Department (WNPD). The police department is unique in that it provides a non-tribal community with their sole source of police services. Officers are both tribal and municipal police officers, and employees of both the Wyandotte Nation and for the Town of Wyandotte.

WNPD oversees the security and well-being of all Wyandotte tribal properties and the residents therein. We host Community Partnership Meetings and maintain a Sex Offender Registration Program.

Dockets begin at 10am and 1pm unless otherwise noted.

Court Clerk: 918-678-6342

Court Administrator: 918-678-6394

64700 E. HWY 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370

wyandotte-nation.org/government/courts

Fax: 918-676-7002

64700 E. HWY 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370

(918) 678-3100   |   police@wntpd.com
CULTURAL PROGRAMS

CLASSES

In-Person and Online: Beading, pucker-toe moccasins, shawls, flintknapping, sewing, medicine bags, traditional games, traditional headdress, pottery, and more.

ZOOM MEETINGS

Weekly: Waⁿdat Language Classes (must be registered).

Monthly: Waⁿdat Wednesday (basic language classes); Wyandotte History: Reading the Wampum with Lloyd Divine; and Beading Class.

Quarterly: Wyandotte Book Club.

Visit our Facebook page to keep up with the latest classes & meetings:

www.facebook.com/Wyandotteculturalcenter

> Cultural Preservation Officer:
Kim Garcia, (918) 678-6317,
kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org

> Tribal Heritage Director:
Sherri Clemons, (918) 678-6344,
sklemons@wyandotte-nation.org

> Cultural Center & Museum:
(918) 678-6385
5 Council Fire Road, Wyandotte, OK 74370

> Museum Hours:
MONDAY – THURSDAY: 8AM – 4PM
FRIDAY: 8AM – 3PM
SATURDAY – SUNDAY: Closed
CULTURAL CENTER & MUSEUM

The Cultural Division hosts events throughout the year including the Gathering, Gathering of Little Turtles, Pow-Wow, Fireworks, and more! Visitors are always welcome to tour our Cultural Center & Museum, participate in classes, do family research in the library, or shop in the Senior Turtles Gift Shop. Stop by to learn more about our history & heritage!
