

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



Justice Administration Building Dedication

Building dedication
celebrates the legacy of
Chief Standing Bear

Chief Standing Bear Building dedicated in Lincoln

Members of Tribal Council, the Northern Ponca Elders Committee, and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska staff participated in a ceremony July 21, 2022 where Governor Pete Ricketts dedicated the Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration building. Speakers at the event, which included Governor Ricketts, Tribal Council Representative James LaPointe, Elders Committee member Mark Peniska, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Stacy Laravie, spoke to the legacy of Chief Standing Bear, and his lasting impact on civil rights.

The newly remodeled building, located in downtown Lincoln, NE, includes a mural by artist Sarah Harris, and a bust of Chief Standing Bear, created by artist Benjamin Victor.



On the cover: A bronze bust of Chief Standing Bear, created by sculptor Benjamin Victor, stands in front of the newly dedicated Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration Building in downtown Lincoln, NE.



We're planting seeds... will you help them grow?

Become an instrumental part of the growth of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Language Program! We have several upcoming openings for positions teaching the Ponca language, and facilitating that education process. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE FLUENT IN PONCA TO APPLY!** Successful candidates need only have the desire and dedication to learn, as training will be provided. The Tribe will soon be hiring the following positions:

- Language Instructors (4)
- Language Coordinator
- Culture Multimedia Specialist

Look for these jobs to be posted on the PTN website at <https://www.poncatribene.org/careers/> in the near future. Please contact Culture Director Ricky Wright with any questions at 402.371.8834 or rwrightjr@poncatribene.org.

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District 1 holds end of summer picnics

District 1 held picnics at the end of July and beginning of August to celebrate the end of summer for members in the Niobrara and Sioux City areas.

Approximately 90 members attended the Sioux City picnic, which featured two Ponca-owned businesses: Quite Frankly, a gourmet

hotdog truck owned by Lexi Bledsoe, and Just Bounce, bounce houses, owned by Alexcia Boggs.

The Niobrara event featured swimming at the Niobrara State Park pool, followed by a picnic and games on the agency grounds, with about 60 attending the picnic and games.



Back to School Events get Ponca children prepped for school

As students and families prepared for the beginning of the school year, several of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Districts held Back to

School events, providing school supplies and backpacks. A drive-through event was held in Norfolk for District 4, while Districts 2 and

3 held events where children could pick out their backpack and supplies. District 1 provided gift cards for their member students.



Ponca Language and Culture Event

Featuring Dr. Louis Headman

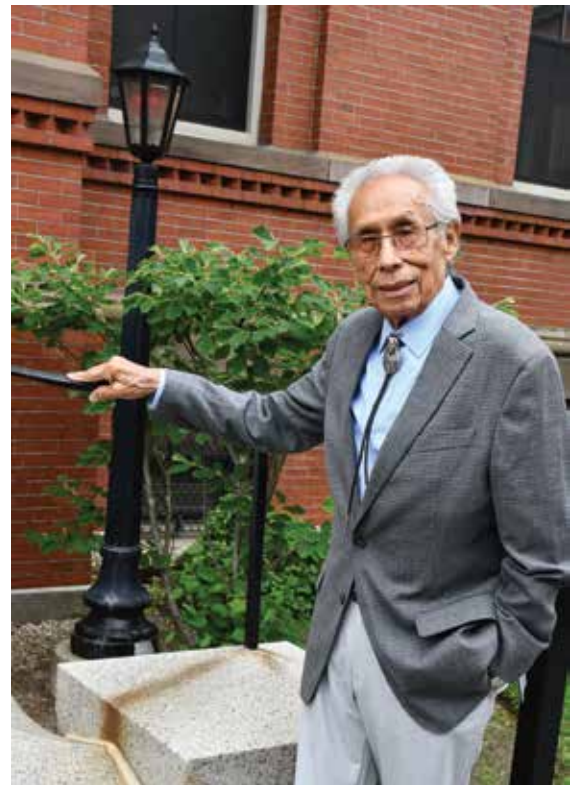
Saturday, September 24 | 10 am

1701 E Street | Lincoln, NE

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Language & Culture Committee would like to invite all Ponca members to a language and culture event, with featured speaker Dr. Louis Headman, author of *Walks on the Ground* and *Dictionary of the Ponca People*. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information, please contact the Language & Culture Committee at languagecommittee@poncatribene.org

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Red Sand events held to promote awareness

Throughout July and August, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program, in conjunction with the Red Sand Project, held Human Trafficking Awareness events at locations across the Service Delivery Area. Red sand was spread in the cracks of the sidewalk to raise awareness for victims

affected by the trafficking trade.

The Red Sand Project was created by artist Molly Gochman in 2014 to call attention to those who metaphorically “fall through the cracks” of human trafficking, including children, women, and refugees.





Be ready for the next step.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act- Indian and Native American Program

The Ponca Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program is funded by a Department of Labor Grant. The program assists individuals with education and training, job search activities, and employment related supportive services.

Information about hiring events, job listings, educational opportunities, and more is available on the Ponca Tribe WIOA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ptnwioa.

If you are interested in obtaining education and training, contact the WIOA Program to see if you qualify for assistance.

The WIOA Staff are:

Colleen Plasek—Ralston | 402.315.2765

Bianca Marino—Norfolk | 402.371.8834

Tierra Hernandez—Lincoln | 402.438.9222



Participants converge for fun games and prizes with tournaments at Powwow

This year's Annual Northern Ponca Powwow included a variety of tournaments for attendees to participate in. The Annual Horseshoe tournament was once again well attended. This year also saw the inclusion of the first Annual Cornhole Tournament, a new addition enthusiastically enjoyed by participants.



Winners of the Annual Horseshoe Tournament: (left to right) Third place: Hank/Burgess, Second place: Levi/Paul, First place: Stu Redwing/Joe Wright



Cornhole Tournament Champions: Christian and Chris Swalley



Cornhole Tournament Second Place: Shane LaPointe and Jesse Klug



Cornhole Tournament Third Place: Waylon (not pictured) and Jordayne LaPlante



Cornhole Tournament Fourth Place: Charlie Yunker and Jacob Chaney

PONCA ELECTION 2022

Ponca members, please make sure you are registered to vote as we approach an election year for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

Voter registration forms can be downloaded and printed out on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website, www.poncatribene.org.

Completed forms must be **mailed** to:

Ponca Election Board
P.O. Box 9
Niobrara, NE 68760

Ballots will be verified by your signature on the return envelope.

Reasons to update registration:

- If your name has changed
- If your signature has changed
- If your address has changed

Electronic signatures WILL NOT be accepted. The name on your registration form and your return envelope **must** match. (For example, If your name is Joseph Smith both items must say Joseph Smith, no abbreviations.)

If you have questions, please email the Ponca Election Board at eboard@poncatribene.org

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Calling all Native Artists!

Osni Ponca currently has space available in the Niobrara Market and/or the Crofton Smoke Shop to host artwork on consignment from Ponca members and other Native artists. If you are interested in selling your artwork, jewelry, regalia, pottery, or other artwork in this space, please contact Sharon at 402.434.2127 or spittman@osniponca.com, or Russ Brien at russ@brienlawllc.com.



Congratulations to the new Ponca Princesses!

Here are the Northern Ponca Princesses from the 28th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow!

Little Miss Northern Ponca Princess:
Mila Taylor

Junior Miss Northern Ponca Princess:
Lyla Boggs

Senior Miss Northern Ponca Princess:
V'Unna Givens



Calling all Ponca Veterans!

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) is working to create a comprehensive list of all Ponca veterans for present and future recognition of service. As such, the THPO is respectfully requesting members who are veterans, or those who have family that have served, help provide information, including:

- Branch of service
- Wars served
- Dates served
- Photographs
- Details or a story from that service

This information will be featured on a veterans honor wall in the Ponca Tribe Museum, and will be used to honor veterans at events, memorials, etc.



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To submit veteran information, please contact Stacy Laravie, THPO via email (ssettje@poncatribene.org) or via mail:

Stacy Laravie, THPO
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
88915 521 Avenue
Niobrara, NE 68760



28th Annual Powwow, August 12-14

The 28th Annual Northern Ponca Powwow began hot and bright, with Friday temperatures in the triple digits. A brief storm Friday evening blessed dancers and spectators alike with lovely cooler temperatures Saturday and Sunday.

We hope you enjoy this brief pictorial glimpse into this year's Powwow. Please check out the October newsletter for more great pics from Powwow!





Youth Council serves breakfast on the go for Elders Powwow weekend

Saturday, August 13, the Youth Council cooked and hosted a breakfast for Elders in conjunction with the Annual Powwow. While this year's breakfast had to be converted to a Drive-Through Breakfast, our Elders were enthusiastic, some arriving for break-

fast before 9 am! Elders and their families were provided with hot, prepackaged breakfasts. Each Ponca Elder also had the opportunity to draw for a prize. The Youth Council is so grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve our Elders in this way.



Reel Mentors event held in conjunction with Annual Powwow

Friday, August 12, Ponca member Ron Suverkubbe brought his Reel Mentors program to Niobrara! This special Reel Mentors event was held for Ponca youth, in conjunction with this year's Annual Powwow. Participating youth learned how to tie knots for fishing, cast, and bait hooks, before heading down to the water to catch fish. The fishing was good this year, and nearly every child caught at

least one fish, with several catching multiple fish!

The Reel Mentors program, founded by Ron Suverkubbe, provides opportunities for children to learn to fish and connect with the outdoors. Ron has worked with the Youth Council for a couple of years to bring Reel Mentors events to Omaha, but this is the first time that a Reel Mentors event has been held in Niobrara.



Diabetes Walk enjoys good turnout despite heat

Temperatures in the triple digits were no deterrent to the crowd gathered for this year's annual Diabetes Walk/Run. Due to the high temperatures, the event was scaled back to a one-mile walk, although some hardy souls

chose to run anyway! This year's event had a patriotic theme, with several participants sporting their red, white, and blue. Because there was no official run this year, all participants were added into a prize drawing.



Ponca Health Services attends Wellness Symposium

This July, Ponca Health Services was excited to have a presence at the Good Health and Community Wellness Symposium, held in Rapid City. This event showcased the work of a variety of tribal agencies and partners promoting health and reducing the risk of

diabetes, heart disease and stroke in their communities. The Symposium featured guest speakers and training opportunities in the areas of tobacco prevention and cessation, community gardens, traditional foods, and physical activity.



Norfolk Dietitian Clinic 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month 10:30 am-3:00 pm

Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center
1800 Syracuse | Norfolk, NE

Our new Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Diabetes Program Dietitian, Jessica Bollig, is now seeing patients in our Norfolk office twice a month. We will also be offering remote appointment options as well, for those who are unable to attend an in-person appointment.

Services provided: Nutrition consultation for chronic health conditions (including but not limited to diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and high blood pressure), obesity, specialty diets, pregnancy and lactation, children's health, or other dietary needs.

To schedule, please contact Jessica Bollig via email at jbollig@poncatribes-ne.org, by calling the 402.733.3612 or 402.371.8780, or by asking your provider for a referral.





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 18 | 1 pm

All Ponca Tribe office locations, and on the "General Meeting" space on Lifesize

All questions for the meeting must be submitted no later than Sunday, September 4, 2022. Please contact Jan Colwell to submit your questions.

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
 Attn: Jan Colwell
 PO Box 288
 Niobrara, NE 68760

Email: janc@poncatribene.org
 Phone: 402.857.3391, ext. 402



Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

Please remember to submit your official transcripts after **EACH** term funded in order to be eligible to receive future funding. Students must apply each school year.

Fall 2022 deadline: August 15, 2022

Winter 2022 deadline: November 15, 2022

The Ponca Educational Trust Fund is available nationwide to students who enroll at one of the University of Nebraska Campuses/Online Courses: Lincoln ~ Omaha ~ Kearney (Must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester to be eligible)

Attention All K-12 YIP Students Nationwide:

- High School Seniors for the 2021-2022 school year are eligible to receive a \$500.00 Graduation Incentive!
- Our department is accepting projects for incentives in the following areas: Art, Essay/Poetry, and Student of the Month. **Winners may receive \$100.00 for 1st place, \$50.00 for 2nd place, and \$25.00 for 3rd place.* Grade divisions are as follows: Primary (K-2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)
- Perfect Attendance \$100.00 (0-.49 days of absenteeism), \$50.00 (.5-3.49 days absenteeism), and \$25.00 (3.5-5.49 days of absenteeism).

Deadline to apply for the 2022-2023 school year is July 31, 2023.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information are available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen @ office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatribene.org. **Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs**

Change of Address Form

Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760 Fax: 402-857-3771

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MUST BE AN ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER

OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSEHOLD:

PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, County)

PHONE NUMBER:

ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER:

E-mail:

DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT:

To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this information will be shared with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be suspended until this information is corrected and/or updated.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

DATE

(Please sign your name in the area below with a BLACK felt tip marker)

I _____ I

TRIBAL MEMBERS

(please print)

NAME: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

DO YOU WANT YOUR SS NUMBER ON YOUR ID CARD? YES _____ OR NO _____

If yes, please check one of the following: Full SS number _____ or Last 4 digits only _____

By marking Yes you understand it is your responsibility to keep your SSN confidential and acknowledge that the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is not responsible if the card is lost or stolen.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR BLOOD QUANTUM ON YOUR ID? YES _____ OR NO _____

**FOR A PHOTO ID PLEASE SIGN AND FILL OUT THIS PAGE.
DON'T FORGET TO SEND (EMAIL) YOUR PICTURE AS WELL**

Photo ID Instructions

1. Signature

Please completely fill in the information on the bottom of the signature page. With a **black** felt tip marker please sign your name in the middle of the top of the signature page. **(Please note that children do not require a signature for theirs.)**

2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:

a: State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card
(It **must** have your picture and signature on it)

b: If you are **not** an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe, but your child is, you must still submit a copy of your State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID and a copy of your child(s) Social Security Card and Tribal Enrollment Card for proof of enrollment.

3. Photo Options:

You can email a current photo (without filters) to - enrollment@poncatribene.org
OR

You may mail documentation and your current photo to:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Enrollment Department
PO Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

CERTIFICATE CARDS

Certificate cards, or non photo IDs are available upon request. **This form is not required for certificate cards.** Please contact the enrollment department if you would like an enrollment card without a picture.

Ponca Tribe hosts quarterly Region 7 RTOC meeting

In July, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Environmental Department hosted the Region 7 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) quarterly meeting at the Niobrara Headquarters building. This meeting was attended by representatives from all of the Federally Recognized Tribes in Region 7 (NE, IA, KS & MO), along

with the EPA. Between 20 and 50 participants attended each day's meetings and field activities, which included a trip to Santee to view some of their sites that they monitor. This quarter, the RTOC meeting was focused primarily on Climate Change and Water Quality.



**PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION 22- 48

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Law & Order Code, Title XIV – Business Entities, formerly the Business Corporation Code; Title XV – Limited Liability Companies; Title XIX – Corporations; and Title XX – Nonprofit Entities.

WHEREAS: The revisions were considered because the Tribe wants to provide the legal framework for organizing business entities in order to expand the business sector in the territory of the Tribe. Enacting all four codes at one time will ensure there is no gap or conflict in laws being in place to govern PEDCO and Osni; and

WHEREAS: Title XIV – Business Entities is a rewrite of the code and will govern all businesses, regardless of form; and

WHEREAS: Title XV – Limited Liability Companies is a rewrite of the LLC Code removing the parts that should just apply to all business entities; and

WHEREAS: Title XIX – Corporations is a new Code that will govern “for profit” corporations; and

WHEREAS: Title XX – Nonprofit Entities is a new Code that will govern “nonprofit” corporations.

WHEREAS: These 4 Titles were placed on the July 12, 2022 Tribal Council Agenda to allow comments from the public and on July 19, 2022 and July 26, 2022 for first and second readings respectively. A notice of intent to amend the Law & Order Code Titles XIV, XV, XIX, and XX was provided to all heads of household via the Tribal Newsletter, website and posted in Tribal Offices for at least 14 days prior to any final action satisfying the requirements for the adoption, amendment, or abolishment of Ordinances.

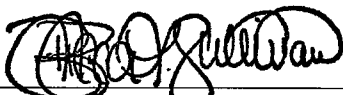
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ponca Tribal Council does approve the amendments so the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code, Title XIV – Business Entities; Title XV – Limited Liability Companies; Title XIX – Corporations; and Title XX – Nonprofit Entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments shall take effect immediately.

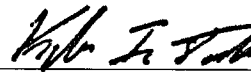
CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND AFFIRM that the above and foregoing resolution was duly authorized and passed by the Tribal Council of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska at a duly called meeting held in Norfolk, Nebraska on the 26 day of July, 2022 by a vote of 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abstained; 1 Absent. Chairperson _____ voting not voting. A Quorum of 7 was present.

ATTEST



Rebecca Sullivan, Vice Chairwoman
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska



Kyle Taylor, Secretary
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Dear Ponca Relatives: My name is Cliff Taylor. I am the son of Cliff Taylor Jr. and the grandson of Cliff Taylor Sr. and Barb Taylor (Picotte). I love spending my time working on things that I imagine will be of some help or use or inspiration to our people, especially on things that'll continue to help long after us current folks are gone. And in that spirit, I have a new project I would like to invite you all to be a part of.

I want to put together a book of stories about our Ponca people, stories of all kinds from all of us, to create a portrait of who we are that we can share with each other far and wide, and also pass on to our young ones who are full of all those essential, important questions: like "What does it mean to be Ponca?", "How can I learn about myself and my culture?", "How have our elders handled the challenges of this life?", "What do other Poncas have to say about our tribe and where we're going? I would love to see this book composed of stories from Poncas young and old. I want this book to be a gift we all make together.

Send me a story or two or three. My email is cliffponca@gmail.com and my mailing address is Cliff Taylor/ 3710 Grand Ave/ Astoria, OR 97103. I look forward to reading your stories and finding a place for them in Stories of Our Northern Ponca People.

- Weblaho, Cliff Taylor

Sharing some photos of our son, Ponca member Jacob Gitchel, who played lacrosse on a traveling team this summer. The team we played for our last game played dirty. Hitting our players when they were on the ground and just being unsportsmanlike. At the end of the tournament the coach explained that while the game of lacrosse was used to settle disputes between tribes, it was meant to be a game of joy- and he was proud of our players for being upstanding young men and playing the game with dedication to the meaning behind it. We just wanted to share because we are so proud of him! He will be continuing lacrosse in high school next year as the goalie for the varsity team.
- Shelli Gitchel



Elder's Committee Meeting

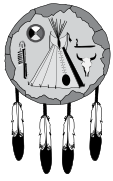
September 12 | 10 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Lincoln, NE

October | 10 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Norfolk, NE





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Fax: (402) 857-3736

Enrollment

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Ph: (402) 857-3391
Fax: (402) 857-3771

Cultural

P.O. Box 288
Ph: (402) 857-3519
Fax: (402) 857-3652

LINCOLN 68508

Administration

1701 E Street
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr, 68512
Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

2756 O Street
Ph: (402) 434-2127
Fax: (402) 434-2128

NORFOLK 68701

Administration Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 371-7564

Gym Building

1800 Syracuse Ave.
Ph: (402) 371-8834
Fax: (402) 379-0988

Ponca Hills Clinic

Ph: (402) 371-8780
(402) 371-5726
Fax: (402) 379-4291 - Pharmacy
(402) 379-4293 - Registration
(402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

1501 Michigan Ave.
Ph: (402) 379-8224
(800) 367-2320
Fax: (402) 379-8557

Purchased/Referred Care

Ph: (800) 405-0365
Fax: (402) 371-0176

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-3612
Fax: (402) 733-3487

Administration

5805 South 86th Circle, 68127
Ph: (402) 315-2760

Dental

2602 "J" Street
Ph: (402) 733-1325
Fax: (402) 733-3487

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134
Ph: (402) 505-3055
Fax: (402) 505-3066

SIoux CITY 51103

Administration

125 6th Street
Ph: (712) 258-0500
Fax: (712) 258-0762

OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

800-652-1999 (Nebraska)
800-362-2178 (Iowa)
877-244-0864 (South Dakota)

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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