



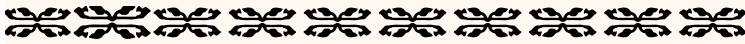
PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News



New Year, New Beginnings

2026 brings new youth camps and
additions to Powwow grounds!

February 2026



Join Us for Lunch!

Members are invited to come and share lunch with the Executive Team at our monthly meet and greet! We look forward to sharing a meal, and hearing member input on projects and prospects facing our Tribal nation. Please be sure to RSVP, so we can save you a spot at the table!

February 20, 2026
12 - 1 pm

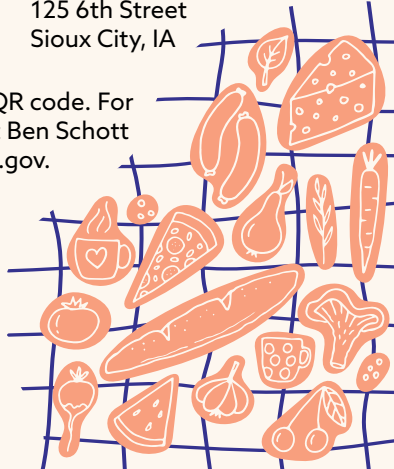
Lincoln Community Room
1600 Windhoek Drive
Lincoln, NE

March 20, 2026
12 - 1 pm

Sioux City Conference Room
125 6th Street
Sioux City, IA

To RSVP, please scan our QR code. For more information, contact Ben Schott at bschott@poncatribene.gov.

Scan Me!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Annual Healthy Living Walk/Run & Powwow

April 18, 2026

Walk/Run Location - Skyview Lake
1900 West Maple Ave. | Norfolk, NE

Powwow Location - Ponca Tribal Gym
1800 Syracuse Ave. | Norfolk, NE

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Menstruation Crustacean Station

The Community Health Worker Program is excited to announce the launch of their Menstruation Crustacean Stations! These stations** will have FREE menstruation products, provided through Access Period, and available for everyone to use as needed.

Station Locations:

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center
2602 J Street | Omaha, NE

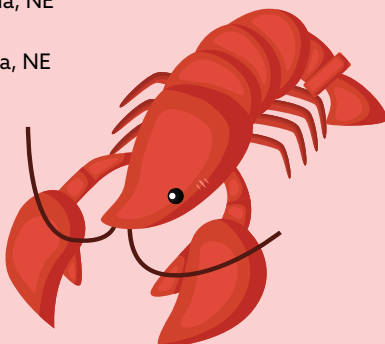
Ralston Administration Building
5805 South 86th Circle | Omaha, NE

Ralston Transit Facility
5701 South 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

For more information, please contact Ava Steadman at 402.315.2760 ext. 4142.



Community Health Worker Program
Ponca Health Services



ACCESS PERIOD

**The Omaha offices and clinic are the test sites for this project. If all goes well, this project will extend this to all locations within 60 days.

SAVE THE DATE! Diaper Distribution

February 11, 2026 | 10 am - 6 pm

Norfolk Gym
1800 Syracuse Ave | Norfolk, NE

Lincoln Community Room - North Entrance
1600 Windhoek Dr | Lincoln, NE

Niobrara Headquarters
2523 Woodbine St | Niobrara, NE

Cabinet Building Garage
5813 S 86th Cir | Omaha, NE

February 26, 2026 | 10 am - 6 pm

Sioux City Office
125 6th St | Sioux City, IA

Please bring Tribal ID or proof of enrollment for you or the child in need to participate.



Chairwoman's Corner

"All of Creation is related. And the hurt of one is the hurt of all. And the honor of one is the honor of all. And whatever we do affects everything in the universe."

Thati'a relatives,
I hope you and your families had a beautiful and joyful holiday season. As we settle into 2026, I would like to share a few updates from the past couple of months and some important work that lies ahead.

The 2026 Nebraska Legislative Session is now officially underway. We are working closely with our sister tribes on several key initiatives, including a pilot program—Legislative Bill 1016—that would recognize our traditional healing methods as a valid form of medicine.

This bill is vital because it would allow these sacred services to be billable through Medicaid, ensuring our cultural practices are respected and that we can capture the revenue needed to sustain them.



Grand Entry at Lakota Nation Invitational (LNI) Powwow

Beyond the State of Nebraska, we've been keeping a close eye on activities in D.C. After a record 43-day government shutdown that ended in late 2025, we are focused on tracking the new federal budget and ensuring tribal funding remains a priority as the January 30 funding deadline approaches.

Below are some additional highlights of Council activity for the last couple of months.

- Great Plains gatherings
- Transportation meetings
- Federal briefings and consultations
- Economic Development workshops

- Health partnership and leadership meetings
- Childcare/daycare discussions
- Holiday events for members and staff
- Court Assessment meetings
- Website Re-design tasks
- Weekly Tribal Council meetings and subcommittee meetings
- Meetings with local, state, and tribal officials, including the State of the State Address

Please stay safe and warm during these cold winter months. Most importantly, remember to look out for one another— especially our elders — and keep a kind eye on your relatives and neighbors.

Take care, and until next time.

wibđahà (thank you),
Chairwoman
Candace Schmidt
candaces@poncatribene.gov
(402) 860-1497



Chairwoman Candace Schmidt, Yankton Chairwoman Chelaine Knudsen, and Nola Taken Alive from Standing Rock



Tribal leaders with the Native American Student Group from the University of Nebraska

Member Spotlight: Donnie & Shirley Bair

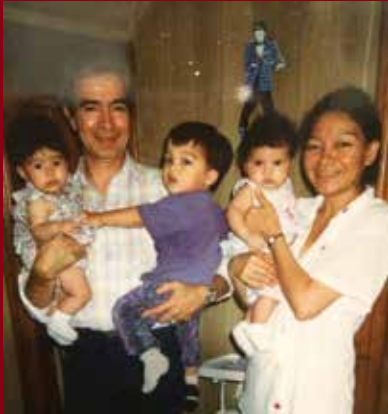
Donnie and Shirley's love story began in 1989, in Wakefield, Nebraska, where they worked side by side at Waulbaum's. What started as a companionship grew into a deep, steady love built on laughter, long days of hard work, and an unshakable devotion to family. From the beginning they were partners in every sense of the word.

Their hearts were deeply rooted in their culture and community. Together, they embraced traditions that mattered most to them, spending countless weekends at powwows, surrounded by the drum and family. Behind the scenes, Donnie and Shirley patiently taught their grandchildren traditional dancing. They guided small feet, encouraged shy smiles, and passed down pride, knowledge, and love that would live on long after them. In quieter moments, they sat together doing beadwork, their hands always close, and shared stories and silence alike. Love lived in those quiet moments.

On June 23, 1994, Donnie and Shirley were married, sealing a love that had already proven itself through action, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment. Later, they made a new home in Norfolk, Nebraska. Shirley began working for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, where she found joy, purpose, and family beyond family. She loved her coworkers and showed up every day with pride and a smile that reflected her gentle spirit. When her health unexpectedly declined, Donnie stepped forward without a second thought to continue her work, honor her dedication, and carry her presence with him until his retirement.

Together, Donnie and Shirley lived a life defined by quiet devotion. They loved each other endlessly, loved their children and grandchildren fiercely, and loved their community and culture wholeheartedly. Even now, their story remains. A reminder that true love is shown not just in words, but in a lifetime of showing up, hand in hand.

Forever Sweethearts, from this life to the next. - Donnie and Shirley



Elder's Committee Meetings

February 2 | 10 am

1600 Windhoek Drive | Lincoln, NE

March 2 | 10 am

2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE



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Contact Jessica Hitchcock at jhitchcock@poncatrib-ne.gov to sign up today!

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PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA



New things coming to the Powwow Grounds

The 32nd Annual Powwow may be seven months away, but Lacreme Construction has been hard at work on the Ponca Powwow Grounds! Concrete paving has been laid for a parking lot, RV spots, and the Education Trail with accessibility in mind.

Additionally, a new shower and bath house facility frames have been put up. Once complete, the facility will feature two new restrooms for men and women, three showers, and a laundry room, all within walking distance of the new RV and tent areas.




Mobile Mammogram

March 12, 2026 | 9 am – 2 pm
 Ralston Transit Building Parking Lot
 5701 S 85th Circle | Omaha, NE

Ponca Health Services is proud to announce a partnership with Methodist Hospital to help us fight breast cancer. It all starts with a mammogram! Schedule your appointment and receive a gift card.

To schedule an appointment, please call the clinic at 402.733.3612. For more information, please call Nancie Velasquez at 402.738.3180.




Ponca Health Services

2025-2026 Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Restoration Princess

Ɖatí'a relatives! Ižáže wít'ake Niyah Hansen, daughter of Dezarae Hansen, granddaughter of Mary and Jerry Horse Jr., great granddaughter of the late Ernest and Amelia Iron Thunder.

I live in Lincoln, Nebraska, and I'm proud to be your 2025-2026 Ponca Restoration Princess. I hope to get the chance to see you all!

Wíbđahà! (Thank you)



Color Me Impressed

by **Patience Teboe**, Culture Director

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- Žide** - red
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- Ská'** - white
- Zižide** - orange
- Čú'** - green
- T'ú** - blue
- Sábè** - black
- Šábe** - brown
- Házi** - purple
- Xéga** - faded
- Xt'i** - bright
- T'ušnjge** - rainbow
- Žideská egà** - pink

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Member Mailing Questions

Have questions about tribal mailings? Reach out to your District Representatives!

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Angie Starkel 402.922.0436	Falon McAlpin 402.208.0297	Shanna Carpenter 402.805.0883	Alex Taylor 402.750.2045
Patrick Lamoureux 712.899.8563	Samantha Gallagher 402.213.2058	Susan (Susie) Baker 925.788.0649	Kyle Taylor 402.750.4299

Language Program hosts Youth Day Camps

During winter break, the Language Program hosted youth day camps in Omaha, Lincoln, Niobrara, Norfolk, and Sioux City.

Youth were invited to join us to learn about applique designs, create and paint their own designs, and discuss why learning and practicing your culture is healthy and important. Participants got to leave with their own canvases painted with their own applique designs. Úḍą škáxè (good job)!



Honoring Our Women

The Domestic Violence Program is once again hosting its Women Acknowledgment events. Starting on February 27th, the DV Program plans to hold events in each office location for Women's History Month. For this year's events, program staff will showcase women who have exhibited one or more of the Ponca virtues:

- ★ Ákinažj (Ah-key-naN-zheeN) - Depend on one another
- ★ Țkík'ą (OoN-key-kaN) - Help one another
- ★ Íye ákinağà (Eeyay-ah-key-niN-gaH) - Listen to one another
- ★ Đáékíḍaigà (Thah-ay-key-thi-gaH) - Have compassion for one another
- ★ K'iwáhąigà (Key-wah-hiN-gaH) - Be grateful toward one another
- ★ K'iwíkaigà (Key-wee-ki-gaH) - Be truthful to yourselves
- ★ K'igḍíéžubaigà (Key-gthee-ay-zhoo-bi-gaH) - Dignify yourselves
- ★ K'iwáškąigà (Key-wah-shkiN-gaH) - Tend to your own powers of strength

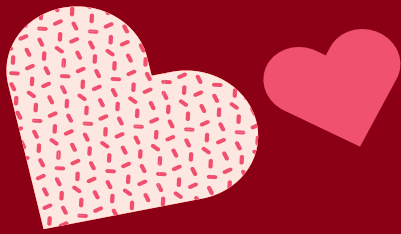
The DV Program would like to acknowledge women from our communities and we invite community members to submit names of the women who impacted your life, paved the way for generations behind them, and influenced the people around them. Submit a woman you would like to honor by scanning the QR Code, or visit https://poncatrbeofne.formstack.com/forms/honoring_women_2026 no later than **11:59 PM, February 20, 2026.**

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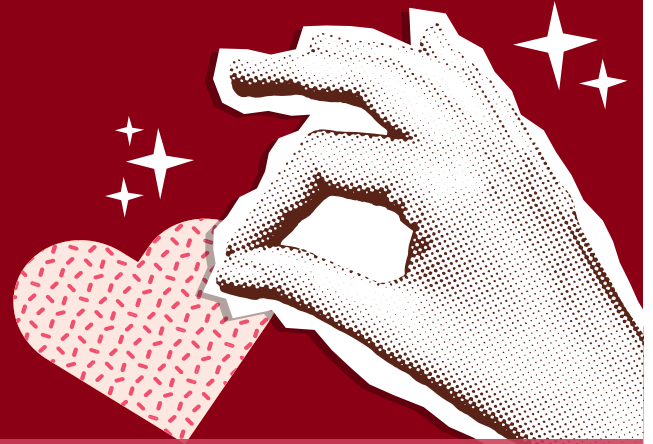


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Love what you learn.
Learn what you love.



The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Native American Youth Enhancement Program

▶ This unique program is open to Native American youth, ages 13-18, nationwide. NAYEP is being offered primarily online via Google Classrooms and offers a unique opportunity for our Native youth to build confidence and discover your strengths in a supportive and empowering environment. This program is a dynamic path to success, culture, and community. As you move through the program, you'll find many ways to earn incentives that reward your dedication and achievements. We've structured NAYEP into five engaging units :

- ▶ • **Self-Esteem and Self-Awareness:** Learn to recognize your worth and celebrate what makes you, you. We'll provide you with practical skills to boost your confidence and build a strong sense of self. Dive deep into understanding your emotions, thoughts, and values. This knowledge can help you navigate challenges and make choices that align with who you are.
- ▶ • **Native American History:** Discover the vast rich history of the Native American people, how we lived and who we are.
- ▶ • **Native American Contributions:** Learn about the many ways Native American people have contributed to the culture, from games and place names to laws and business.
- ▶ • **Cultural Traditions:** Connect with your heritage and see how your culture is a source of strength. We'll explore the incredible resilience and wisdom of our ancestors, helping you find pride in your identity.
- ▶ • **Native American Role Models; both past and present:** You will find Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratovich, Little Priest, and Winona La Duke and many others at the NAYEP!

▶ **Ready to take your first step? Sign up today!**

▶ Contact: Amber Appling at 402.371.8834 Ext. 2037, or aappling@poncatribene.gov
(Make sure to include your email and phone number with your application as well as proof of lineal descendency, or proof of enrollment in another type of Indian program).



Youth Initiatives Program

Attention all K-12 students nationwide: apply to the Youth Initiatives Program today! Deadline to apply for the 2025-2026 school year is **July 31, 2026**.

Art & Literature Projects

- ★ Art and essay/poetry projects may be either home or school projects
- ★ Awards include: First Place (\$100) Second Place (\$50) Third Place (\$25)
- ★ Grade divisions: Primary (K-2) Intermediate (3-5) Middle (6-8) High School (9-12)

Student of the Month/Year

- ★ Student of the Month will receive \$100 in their grade division
- ★ Student of the Year will be picked from all Student of the Months and receive an additional \$100

Attendance Incentive

- ★ Perfect Attendance: \$100
- ★ 3 days or less of absenteeism: \$50
- ★ 5 days or less of absenteeism: \$25

Senior Incentive

- ★ High School Seniors for the 2025-2026 school year are eligible to receive a \$500 graduation incentive

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 at: office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatribene.gov. *Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs*



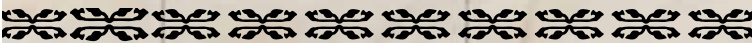
Youth Mentoring Program

Behavioral Health is happy to announce that we will be offering a mentoring program for all Native youth ages 13 to 24 in our service delivery areas. Our focus is to help young relatives gain knowledge as they navigate life.

Our mentors are here to provide guidance, support, and encouragement as you work toward your personal, academic, or professional goals. Your well-being matters to us, and we're here to support you in the ways we can.

For more information, contact our team.

- Norfolk & Niobrara:** Leah Franklin 531.269.0279
- Lincoln:** Joe Bad Moccasin 531.739.2107
- Omaha & Sioux City:** Zach James 402.689.6142



Education Deadlines:

HIED - Summer 2026: May 15th, 2026

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.

Summer 2026 deadline: May 15, 2026

Fall 2026 deadline: August 15, 2026

Winter 2026 deadline: November 15, 2026

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)

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Emerging Contaminants: The hazards of 6-PPD

Olivia Pospisil
Environmental Hazards Specialist

6-ppd is a widely used man-made chemical that can be found in rubbers used for vehicle tires to slow wear and tear. When vehicles are driven from place to place, the tires slowly wear down, leaving the 6-ppd on the ground. When the 6-ppd mixes with the ozone in the air, it creates a new chemical called 6-ppd-quinone (6-ppdQ).

Unfortunately, when it rains, the 6-ppdQ ends up in waterways. This can be absorbed or ingested by wildlife in those waters. 6-ppdQ is deadly to certain species of fish, like coho salmon, which is a staple in the diets of indigenous cultures in the northwest United States.



The effects of 6-ppdQ can end in a 100% death rate, regardless of the amount, to some species of fish, which is very rare to see. As of right now, there is no known chemical that can replace 6-PPD and maintain the same quality to prevent tire degradation.

Join us for future editions for more on these emerging contaminants and ways to reduce their impact on you, your family, and the environment around us.

For more information, contact the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Environmental Department or visit the EPA's website on 6-ppd and 6-ppdQ: www.epa.gov/chemical-research/6ppd-quinone.

Save the Date
(Into the Wild)
Maṭ'ánaḡà Déwade : Ponca Youth Camp

July 7 - 11, 2026
Niobrara Grounds | 88915 521 Avenue | Niobrara, NE



Ponca Youth
aged 12 to 18



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culture through
education



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Circle of Health Learning Series: Honoring Healthy Connections

February 10, 2026 | 5:30 pm
Indian Center | 1100 Military Road | Lincoln, NE

Please join Circle of Health for a presentation from the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence team to bring awareness to healthy relationships. We will have a presentation, an interactive game, and close the night with group yoga. Wear comfy clothes and come as you are! Please bring a yoga mat. If you do not have a yoga mat, one will be provided to you.

A meal and childcare will be provided. Door prizes will be given out at this event. For more information, please contact Sarah Lehl at 402.649.2227 or Trevor Stabler at 402.318.8427.



World Wetland Day: celebrating one of nature's hardest-working ecosystems

Kayla Vondracek
Water Quality Coordinator

Picture this: it's early morning, and a misty haze hangs low over the water. You can hear the slow ripples of movement as fish swim nearby. The trilling call of a red-winged blackbird perched on a cattail drifts your way, while the chirps of insects surround you.

At your ankles, grasses sway with each small breeze, and you are fully immersed in a place that is alive, breathing, and constantly at work. This is a wetland. One of nature's hardest-working ecosystems.

Did you know the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has over 800 acres of wetlands on Tribal lands? Wetlands play a vital role in protecting water, land, and wildlife. They are excellent at trapping pollutants and are home to many species of plants, birds, fish, insects, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals. So, what makes a wetland such a special place?

Wetlands Reduce Flooding and Soil Erosion

A wetland can be thought of as a sponge, absorbing and slowly releasing water as levels rise and fall. The absorption potential



Pictured: Early morning at one of the many ponds on Ponca Tribe of Nebraska land located in Knox County. Photos by Kayla Vondracek.

of a wetland is beneficial during flooding events and can help slow water and spread it out, reducing downstream flooding and erosion that can occur after a storm.

Wetlands Supply Water

The slow release of water from wetlands is great for recharging groundwater, as water gradually percolates into the aquifers below. This process also allows for the steady



Pictured Left: Broadleaf Arrowhead (Sagittaria latifolia)
Pictured Right: American Lotus (Nelumbo lutea)

release of water to nearby streams and rivers, helping maintain streamflow during dry periods.

Wetlands Provide Food and Shelter

Wetland soils are fertile and highly productive, supporting abundant plant diversity. Wetlands are well-known for hosting many native and unusual plants that provide food for a wide range of animal species. Wetland



plants also create important shelter and nesting material for birds, insects, amphibians, and fish.

Wetlands Provide Essential Habitat and are Migration Corridors

According to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska's wetlands provide habitat for:

- 50% of the state's bird and plant species
- 100% of amphibians and fish
- 36% of mammals
- 38% of reptiles
- 70% of threatened and endangered species

Wetlands also provide crucial habitat for the migration, breeding, nesting, and feeding of many species of waterfowl, songbirds, and shorebirds. Most notably, wetlands in Nebraska provide critical migration habitat for the whooping crane and sandhill crane.

World Wetland Day is February 2nd and what better way to celebrate than to visit the Ponca Tribal Grounds! Visit us today or for more information, contact the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Environmental Department.

The importance of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Heather Oberg

Domestic Violence Case Manager

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) is observed every February in the United States to raise awareness about unhealthy and abusive behaviors in teen relationships. The unfortunate reality is that there are an overwhelming number of unhealthy and abusive behaviors in teenage relationships.

TDVAM focuses on educating youth on what healthy relationships look like and how to recognize warning signs of dating violence, such as controlling behavior, emotional harm, or digital abuse. This month also promotes prevention by encouraging respectful communication, consent, boundaries, and empowering teens to seek help for themselves or their friends.

Promoting respect, safety, and healthy connections in teenage dating relationships is essential for helping adolescents understand what healthy relationships look like and how to practice, set, and maintain appropriate boundaries.

For Native American and Alaska Native youth, this awareness is especially vital. Many teens in Indigenous communities face dating violence at higher rates than their peers and must navigate these issues within cultural, historical, and community contexts.

What is Teen Dating Violence?

Teen dating violence involves physical, emotional, sexual, or digital abuse by a romantic partner. It may include controlling

who you see or talk to, pressuring you sexually, making threats, or making you feel unsafe. These actions are not love – they are forms of abuse.

Why Awareness Matters for Native Teens

Native American teens experience disproportionate rates of dating violence compared with other groups. Research has shown that more than 56% of Native adolescents report physical violence, sexual violence, or stalking by a partner in their lifetime – a level higher than any other racial group in the United States. Other studies highlight similarly elevated experiences of relationship violence among Indigenous teens, including higher involvement in physical dating violence.

These figures reflect broader patterns. Reasons that can affect how relationships are formed and understood in some communities include:

- Historical trauma
- Community stressors
- Cycles of violence

Recognizing and talking about these issues openly during TDVAM can be one step in breaking that cycle and promoting healing.

Your Voice, Your Relationships

TDVAM isn't just about statistics – it's about giving youth the tools to recognize unhealthy patterns, engage in respectful relationships, and support one another in seeking safety and happiness. TDVAM

encourages open conversations with elders, parents, and peers, and helps build environments where all young people can thrive in loving and respectful ways.

Support Resources for Native Youth

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, confidential service where teens, families, and friends can speak with trained advocates. Contact them today at 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Youth Specialists are also available to help teens and families navigate the complexities of teen dating violence and provide education on what healthy relationships look like and helping teens to define what healthy love and respect mean for themselves.

Other Resources


If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available through these services:

National Domestic Violence Hotline:
800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline:
800-656-HOPE (4673)

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline:
866-331-9474

All services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or reach out to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence Program to access the support or resources needed.



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You can, and PEDCO can help. Thanks to our new extended reality (XR) work exploration program, Career Quest XR, you can sample a wide variety of careers through virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR). Fun, immersive simulations of realistic job scenarios let you try out the kind of tasks real-world professionals perform regularly. We'll even provide a free career assessment to help you discover jobs aligned with your unique blend of skills and interests.

Whether you're in school, looking for work, underemployed, or deep into a career, PEDCO's Career Quest XR can help you plan your next move. To schedule your free appointment at one of our locations in Lincoln, Omaha, or Norfolk, please contact info@pedco-ne.org today!

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COMING THIS APRIL! FREE FINANCIAL EDUCATION CLASS

Ever feel overwhelmed trying to make ends meet? You are not alone. Millions of Americans feel stressed by money. In fact, MarketWatch estimates 57% of households live paycheck-to-paycheck. Fortunately, help is here. Coming this April, the Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) will offer **Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families**, a culturally relevant financial literacy curriculum developed by Oweesta Corporation specifically for Natives.

When: Session 1: Developing a Spending Plan, Working with Checking & Savings Accounts Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Session 2: Understanding Credit & Credit Reporting, Using Credit, and more Thursday, April 9, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Ralston Transit Conference Room, 5701 South 85th Circle, Omaha, NE 68127

FREE supper both nights! Participants completing all sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

Building Native Communities empowers tribal members to adapt traditional skills to their financial lives, including wise budgeting, credit use, economic citizenship, and smart consumer behavior. Due to high demand, space is limited—please contact PEDCO today to reserve your free spot!

Can't make it this time? Additional trainings will be offered at other Tribal offices throughout the year.

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FREE FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT TRAINING

OPEN TO ALL PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MEMBERS

IN-PERSON (Virtual options will be available at future dates)


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INTERESTED? CONTACT
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402-434-2127


PONCA YOUTH AGES 14-24:

Complete PEDCO's needs assessment survey for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card!



Share your needs in the areas of education, job training, and career exploration and help us develop our Workforce program to better serve Ponca youth!

Scan attached QR code and take the survey for your chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card.
Contact: Greg Moser, PEDCO Director at 402-434-2127 Ext. 7.




NOW AVAILABLE! FREE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Have you ever wanted to start your own business? Anyone can do it—but there are certain things you need to know first. Fortunately, you can now access a free entrepreneurship program geared specifically for Native Americans, thanks to our partnership with the Nebraska Indian Community College (NICC). NICC's Indianpreneurship curriculum provides comprehensive information on the most important aspects of starting a business, including planning, accessing capital, bookkeeping, human resources, problem-solving, and marketing. Equip yourself with the skills you need to take your business idea from daydream to launch. To learn more and enroll, please visit <https://www.thenicc.edu/career-services/TCSBA-Indianpreneurship.php>.



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Anthony Warrior
sanawarrior@thenicc.edu
402-241-5943

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THRIFTY THURSDAY

Join us for the launch of Thrifty Thursday, a monthly in-person pop-up shopping event at Ponca Pathways Thrift Donation Center.

Thursday, February 19th
10:00a to 4:00p

1001 Fort Crook Rd N, Suite 201
(Inside North Mall Entrance)

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SECOND SATURDAY VIRTUAL SERIES 2026

Register here for our online sessions:

- JAN. 10** Resume Writing
- FEB. 14** Digital Skills for the Workplace
- MARCH 14** Beat the Scanner: AI Tools for Job Seekers
- APRIL 11** Acing the Interview

Through guided skill-building and culturally informed support, Pathways to Employment helps Tribal members step into meaningful work that strengthen individuals, families, and the Ponca community.

"Find your path. Build your future." **PEDCO**

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Elders have a blast at Elder's Lunch Christmas Parties



Making ornaments with the Circle of Health team



WINTER: Renewal of the Circle Event



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**PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA
VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME (Please print) _____

ADDRESS _____

DOB: _____ VOTING DISTRICT: _____ (see back of form)

I, _____, hereby certify that I am a member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, and that I am at least 18 years of age or will be 18 years of age on the date of the election.

Signature

Date

Completion of and return of this registration form is necessary if you desire to become qualified to vote in the forthcoming election. This form must be received no later than the first **Friday in September** of each General Election year. This form, upon completion and return to the Election Board Registrar, shall be the basis for determining whether you qualify to have your name placed upon the list of registered voters and to receive a ballot.

Completion of this form is voluntary.

Contact person for questions regarding the Tribal Election, etc:

Election Registrar, 402-857-3391

Return this form via U.S. Postal Service to: Ponca Tribe Election Board, Voter Registration Form, P.O. Box 9, Niobrara, NE 68760.

Please note: *If you are in the military and stationed outside of the United States, you need to register in your "home" state. **Example:** If you are from Texas, but stationed in Iraq, you need to register in District 2, not District 1.*

Revision .007
December 2025 - Robin Rich, Enrollment
Manager

VOTING DISTRICTS – PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

DISTRICT (1) consists of the following NEBRASKA counties: Antelope, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Cedar, Cherry, Dakota, Dawes, Dixon, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Rock, Sheridan and Sioux.

Also included in **District 1** are the following counties in Iowa: Allamakee, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clay, Clayton, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Kossuth, Lyon, Mitchell, Obrien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth and Wright.

The following states are also included in District 1: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington D.C., West Virginia, Wisconsin and all areas outside the United States of America.

DISTRICT (2) consists of the following NEBRASKA counties: Burt, Cass, Douglas, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Sarpy and Washington.

Also included in **District 2** are the following counties in Iowa: Adair, Adams, Appanoose, Audubon, Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Buchanan, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Clarke, Clinton, Crawford, Dallas, Davis, Decatur, Delaware, Des Moines, Dubuque, Fremont, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hardin, Harrison, Henry, Iowa, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Keokuk, Lee, Linn, Louisa, Lucas, Madison, Mahaska, Marion, Marshall, Mills, Monona, Monroe, Montgomery, Muscatine, Page, Polk, Pottawattamie, Poweshiek, Ringgold, Scott, Shelby, Story, Tama, Taylor, Union, Van Buren, Wapello, Warren, Washington and Wayne.

The following states are also included in District 2: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas.

DISTRICT (3) consists of the following NEBRASKA counties: Adams, Buffalo, Butler, Chase, Clay, Dawson, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Jefferson, Kearney, Keith, Lancaster, Lincoln, Nuckolls, Perkins, Phelps, Polk, Red Willow, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer, Webster and York.

The following states are also included in District 3: Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah and Wyoming.

DISTRICT (4) consists of the following NEBRASKA counties: Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Boone, Cheyenne, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Deuel, Dodge, Garden, Garfield, Grant, Greeley, Hooker, Howard, Kimball, Logan, Loup, Madison, McPherson, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Scottsbluff, Sherman, Stanton, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Wayne and Wheeler.

The following states are also included in District 4: Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon and Washington

Change of Address Form

Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760

Fax: 402-857-3771 or enrollment@poncatrIBE-ne.gov

ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBER REQUESTING ADDRESS CHANGE:

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: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING):

EMAIL: _____

VETERANS ONLY: MILITARY BRANCH: _____

*****Service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department if you are requesting a military seal.**

**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 must submit a current photo without filters and a solid colored background. You can email it to enrollment@poncatrib-ne.gov or you may mail documentation and current photo to:
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Enrollment Department, PO Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

*****Please note that we can/will NOT use a photo from your state ID or driver's license.**

4. Military Seals:

Military branch seals are available for veterans. Military service papers must be submitted to the enrollment department to show proof of veteran status.

HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER INFORMATION!

Hello Members,

The Enrollment Department is doing their best to keep our members information current and up to date but we can't do it without your help. If you've moved or need to report a death please contact us to let us know.

Below is a list of members that are inactive. **This means that we do not have a current address for them on file or maybe a death was never reported or documents were never received.** If you see the name of someone you know who has moved please contact them and tell them to update their information with us. If there is the name of someone you know who has passed please contact us. We need a death certificate or document on file in order to change their status.

You may contact the Enrollment Department at enrollment@poncatribene.gov, or contact the Niobrara office. We appreciate your help!

INACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 2/1/2026

<p>Adams, Elijah James Adams, Zachary Thomas Anthony, Jr., Steven Scott Arellano, Carlos Montana Ashrun, Oriana Mae Aungie, Mariah Keeley Shaye Madison Bachmeier, Tristan Chad Bagent, Wayne Orval Bair, Wesley David Baker, Cayden Nathaniel Baker, Skylar Dominick Baker-Ferguson, Jared Riley Bear, Cashlyn Rae Bear, Joshua Gilbert Beaver, Jason Chaska Becker, Jr., Anthony Arnold Becker, Sr., Anthony Arnold Becker, Tyller Randell Bell, Darian Patrick Bell, Shaunè Kay Bennett, Erica Paige Birdhead, William Randolph Blair, Hunter Wo Day Leon Bligh, Timothy Lee Blowe, Dominick Adams Blowe, Isaiah Fredrick Blowe, Tyrone Richard Boettger, Dakota Birdhead Bonge, Stevie Lorene Bonge, Todd Joseph Boyd, Myron Ralph Boyer, Berlin N. Brock, Mary Jane Amber Brooks, Angela Ellen Brown, J. Wesley Brownrigg, Steven Francis Buffalo Chief, Uriah Jordan Burston, Sandra Lee Carlson, Emma Rose Carter, Amber Lynn</p>	<p>Chwalowski, Kaitlin Martika Cournoyer, Ellis Emery Courtright, Michael Todd Crouse, David Lee Cutshall, Katline James Da Moude, Deborah Kay Danielson, Daniel James Dedicos, Heather Maria Drapeaux, Juston Lee Droescher, Savannah Jo Anne Drummond, Gregory Gene Eckley, Lane Emory Eckley, Leigha Irene Eilers, Richard James Evans, Kareem Antwon Fegan, Maria Christina Fierro, Brandon Michael Flagg, III., George Albert Flowers, Joseph Foley, Michael Joseph Fossum, Tanner Allen Freeman, Xavier Lee Glenn, Brittany Leeann Glenn, John Allen Glisan, Cynthia Lynn Goss, Mamie L. Govia, Isaiah Lee Govia, Mc Kenzie Jo Grant, III., Jesse Clarence Green, Brooklyn Marie Grist, Carri Kaye Gutierrez, Kassandra Rae Haahr, Anneliese Teresa Hendren, Adavia Gabrielle Hennek, Gail Howe Hocking-Gosnell, Zalla C. Honeycutt, Andrew James Hope, Dorothea Jo Ann Horine, Ashley Danielle Horse, Alexander Bruce Howard, Truman Ardell Howe, Richard H. Humphreys, Belinda Kay Jeppesen, Zachary Lee Johnson, Lukus Tyler</p>	<p>Kellogg, Mardale Eddie Wayne Kellogg, Pearl Marie Kelso, James Alan King, Gavin Michael Knudsen, Crystal Mae Koenig, Jody Alan Jo Krueger, Annette Marie Kyles, Jarred Joseph LaPointe, Alejandro Jauquine LaPointe, Robert James Laravie, Jr., Steve Alan Laravie, Justin Matthew Lasley, Mckayla Rae Lea, Tychicus James Leach, Isaiah Marcus Lerew Jr, Zachariah Ray LeRoy, Sophia Storm Lieb, Sylas Vittorio Lindenberg, David Charles Little, Jeromy Todd Loftis, Timothy James Lopez, Jr., Juan Francisco Maben, Jessica Paige Mann II, Steven Michael Mann, Desireè Leann Mann, Sydney Desireè Marlow, Skyler Jade Mategko, Janet Louise Mategko, Lisa Louise Mategko, Michael Steven Matthews, Jett Haden McGrath, Bryan Thomas McGrath, Daniel Patrick McKeen, Juanita Rose Medeiros, Jenna Cyann Mercier, Jade Sharice Mercier, Earl Levine Moniz, Cherish Toshia Mullen, Deven Miles Mullins, John Frederick Muscutt, Elias Gordon Myers, Doron Helmut Olmer, Dakota Michael O'Meara, David Joseph O'Rear, Makenna Shay Peck, Brandalynn Peck, Tyler Duane</p>	<p>Pedroza, Jacob Roberto Phillips, Julianne Esauna Phongsavat, Tia Arianna Picotte - Felde, Diamond Rose Pierce, Raychel Marie Polly, Rachael Anne Prichard, Joseph John Prunty, Austin Joe Quintana Jr, Arthur Jose Raymond, Joseph Allen Reed, Alcina Jewel Rich, Mitch Andrew Rivera, Dani Lyn Roberts, Marquitta Ruby Rouse, Mary Mae Rowe, Crystle Anette Rulo, Byron Russell, Kristina Anne Sainz, Tritia Jeanene Sarton, Gwendolyn Lee Scherber, Kimberly Marie Schmidt, Dylan Andrew- Philip Schmidt, John Thomas Carl Scuderi, Jana Marie Sherman, Brandon Eugene Sherman, Cody Lee Sherman, David Alan Sherman, Harold Dewayne Sherman, John Glenn Sherman, Michael Ray Sherman, Mitchell Everett Sherman, Robert Le Roy Sherman, Savannah Sherman, Tristan Ray Smith VII, William Thomas Smith, Donald Eugene Smith, Stephanie Rae Smith, Vi, William Thomas Snoozy, Ben Michael Spencer, Peyton Thunder Standblack, Marko Tulio Stastny, Evan Matthew</p>	<p>Stastny, Rachel Colleen Stegman, Mi'a Miwasa Nevaeh Stuczynski, Drake Keegan Suverkrubbe, Nathan Fernando Suverkrubbe, Saje Moon Swinarski, Alicia Estrada Teboe, Temperance Tayen Thomas, II, Scott Richard Herbert Thomas, Jenny Anne Thomas, Natana Lynn Thomas, Robin Diane Torrez, Jr., Lawrence DeWayne Treichler, Jasmine Dawn Upton, Parker Allan Vanderlinden, Desiree Lynn VanDervoort, Lucius Kain Vaughan, Linda Lou Veals, Clifford James Velder Jr., Jason Lee Voss, Joshua Le Roy Voss, Michael Roy Warner, Stormy Renee Waters, Deon Koleen Williams, Andrea Michelle Williams, Carlos Trè Von Wolff, Toby Timber Wood, Sara Ethel Wright Jr, Eugene Theodore Wright, Alina Lee Wright, Asheena Lee Wright, Cherita Alberta Wright, Cruz Montgomery Wright, Howard Floyd</p>
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MEMBERS NEEDED

PONCA GAMING ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tribal Council is accepting letter of interest and resumes for a term that will be expiring on April 2, 2026. All Directors of the Enterprise must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age
- Either (1) possess a Bachelor's Degree in business or a related field or possess a high school diploma (or a General Equivalency Diploma) and have at least 5 years of business, financial, legal, government contracting, tribal government or industry experience
- Not have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, any felony in any jurisdiction
- Not have been convicted of, or plead guilty or no contest to, or otherwise found or admitted to committing any crime or civil violation in any jurisdiction involving tax evasion, tax fraud, theft, or embezzlement, of moral turpitude, or against the Tribe
- Be willing and able to perform the Director's duties in compliance with the Business Entities Code and all other laws of the Tribe
- Not be an employee of the Enterprise, provided that an employee may be selected as a Director on the condition the employee shall resign as an employee of the Enterprise upon commencement of service as a Director
- Obtain or be able to obtain any and all required licenses and authorizations from all gaming regulatory bodies with jurisdiction over the activities of the Enterprise
- Any other qualifications of Directors set forth in the Business Entities Code.

If you are interested in serving, please forward your letter of interest and resume to the Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, Nebraska 68760 or via e-mail to crepenning@poncatribene.gov. You may request a copy of the Charter of the Ponca Gaming Enterprise from your local Tribal Office. It is also accessible via the web at www.poncatribene.org. **Deadline to apply is March 16, 2026.**

YOUTH COUNCIL

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship. In addition, the youth shall focus on cultural revitalization and sustainability to include being an active generational voice in regards to tribal governing and tribal affairs.

The youth members shall consist of one (1) participant from each District (D1, Niobrara and Sioux City areas; D2, Omaha area; D3, Lincoln area; and D4, Norfolk area) and five (5) at large positions for a total of up to nine (9) council members to reflect Tribal Council. One of the five at large members may reside outside the Service Delivery Area, while four must reside within 100 miles of the Service Delivery Area.

To be qualified the group shall consist of Ponca Tribe of NE youth between the ages of 14 and 24 years of age. If a member is appointed before 24 years of age, but turns 25 during his/her term, she/he may serve until they turn 25.

MEMBERS NEEDED

YOUTH COUNCIL CONT.

Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes for the vacant Outside Delivery Area At-Large position with a term to expire on 8/8/27. Youth Council are paid a \$200.00 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Youth Committee must be forwarded to Ponca Tribal Council, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, Nebraska or crepenning@poncatrbe-ne.gov. **Deadline for applications is March 16, 2026.**

PONCA TAX COMMISSION

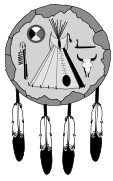
Under the Authority of the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska a body to be known as the "Ponca Tax Commission" was created. This public agency of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is subordinate to the Tribal Council, and will possess all the powers, duties, rights and functions as defined in the Law & Order Code to carry out the administration and enforcement of all Tribal tax laws. The code can be found on our website.

Tribal Council is accepting letters of interest and resumes to fill a term that will be expiring on April 24, 2025.

To be qualified to be appointed a Tax Commissioner a person shall:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Tribe
2. Be at least the age of majority
3. Have no conflicts of interest, as defined in this Chapter
4. Not be serving on a board or commission of the Tribe upon which any other Commissioner, serving or to be appointed also serves
5. Be willing and able to comply with the ethical duties of Commissioners, as defined in this Chapter
6. Be willing to perform the Commission's duties in compliance with the laws of the Tribe
7. Have or acquire knowledge of the Title, unless the Tribal Council waives such qualification for the appointee
8. Have the time available to actively fulfill the duties of a Commissioner
9. Be willing to receive orientation and training regarding the duties of the Commission.

Commissioners are paid \$250 stipend per meeting plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip. A letter of interest and resume to apply for the position of Ponca Tax Commission must be forwarded to the Ponca Tribal Council, Attn: Candace Repenning, P. O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE or crepenning@poncatrbe-ne.gov **Deadline for applications is April 2, 2025.**



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

P.O. Box 288
Niobrara, NE 68760

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PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Office Locations

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Headquarters

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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 68512

Administration

1600 Windhoek Dr.
Ph: (402) 438-9222
Fax: (402) 438-9226

Ponca Health Services-Lincoln

1600 Windhoek Dr
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: (402) 939-0297

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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