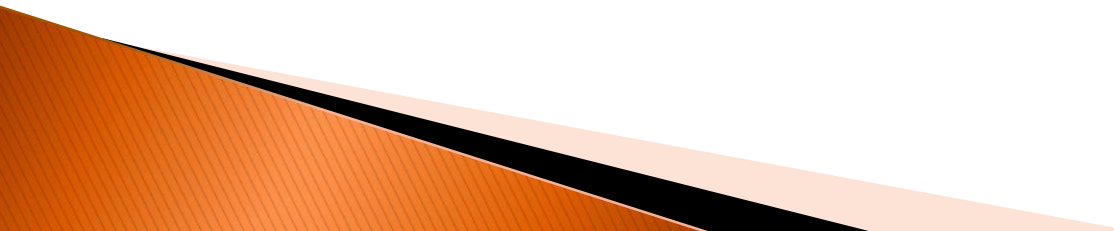


# Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



# OUR NATION

- ▶ The Choctaw Nation covers 11,000 square miles in 10 ½ counties
  - ▶ Extremely rural and isolated in some areas
  - ▶ Choctaw and Mainstream Communities reside Together (19 % Native for counties served.)
  - ▶ 27% of Choctaw Households live in Poverty
  - ▶ Children had 4.57 Adverse Childhood
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# The need for the program.....

## ▶ Statistics for Pittsburg and Latimer Counties

### ◦ Pittsburg County

- Poverty Level: 17.2%
- Child Abuse: 26.1% (National Level: 9.4%)
- Confirmed Child Abuse Cases FY 07: 350

### Latimer County

Poverty Level: 22.7%

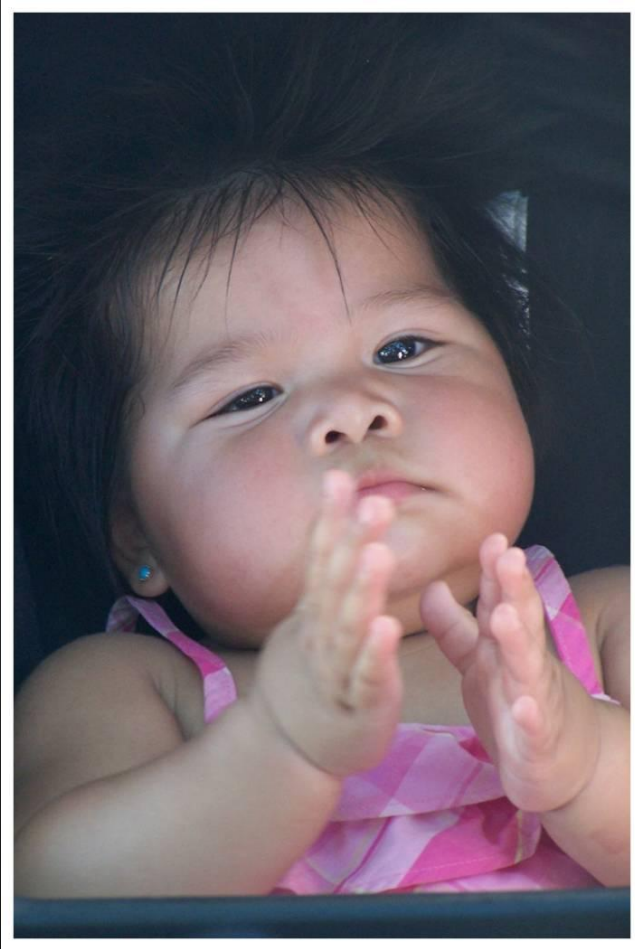
Child Abuse: 12%

Confirmed Child Abuse Cases FY 06: 55

# Child Abuse in Oklahoma

- ▶ Every Day.....
- ▶ 170 allegations of serious child abuse and/or neglect are investigated–36 are confirmed.
- ▶ Out of 77 counties in Oklahoma, Pittsburg County ranks 4<sup>th</sup> from the bottom.
- ▶ 2007 – 350 confirmed child abuse & neglect
- ▶ 2005 – 265 confirmed child abuse & neglect
- ▶ 29.8 out of 1,000 children are abused in FY 04–06 [www.olca.com](http://www.olca.com)

# Our Beginnings:



- ▶ In October 2007, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was awarded funding for a 5 year grant funded by the Administration for Children and Families.



# Wind Horse Family Recovery Center



# The Legend of the Wind Horse

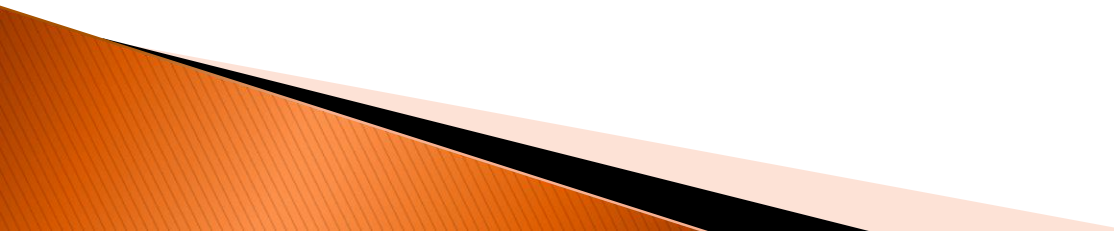
“...The Wind Horse feels no fear; there was not one that could harm him. If someone was wounded or needed a ride, he was there to care and to carry them...”

Today Wind Horse is much more than just a tribal legend. Wind Horse Family Recovery Center and its partners support Native American families and children at risk for substance abuse. 🔊 🔊



# Our Vision

To support children and families when they are in the most need and to give them the skills and resources necessary to live healthy, happy, and productive lives.



# Program Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ Children ages 0 to 18 years of age
- ▶ Possess a Certificate Degree of Indian Blood
- ▶ Reside in Pittsburg or Latimer County
- ▶ Be in out-of-home placement or at risk for out-of-home placement due to parental substance abuse



# Service Provided

- ▶ Individual Counseling
- ▶ Family Counseling
- ▶ Group Counseling
- ▶ Culturally–Based Behavioral Rehab Counseling
- ▶ Case Management (Wrap Around Services)
- ▶ Substance Abuse Prevention and Education



# Our Mission

- ▶ To strive to increase interagency collaboration and integration of programs and services, in order to provide activities that are designed to increase the well-being of, and increase permanency outcomes for, and enhance the safety of children who are in out of home placement or are at risk of being placed in out-of-home care as a result of parent's or caretakers substance abuse.



# Collaboration

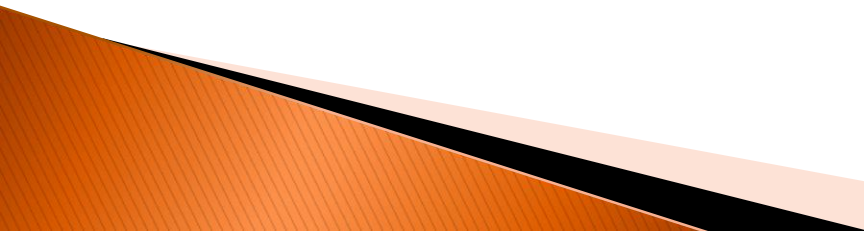
- ▶ Development of a coalition that consists of a variety of agencies that impact native children and families
- ▶ Work to develop strategies to respond in an effective and cohesive manner to the needs of families served.
- ▶ Facilitate inter-agency training to improve coordination and service provision for native children and families.



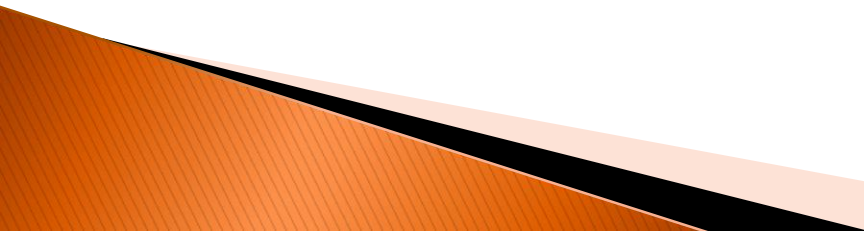
# Working together



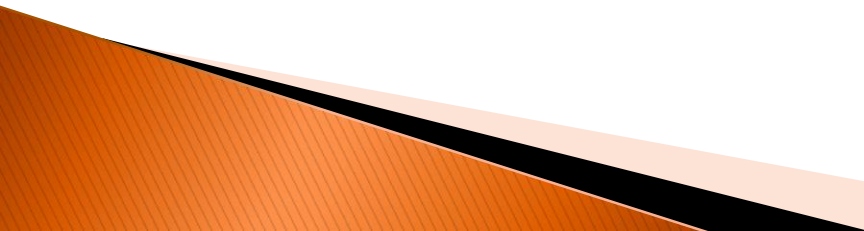
# Our Partners

- ▶ Oklahoma DHS Child Welfare
  - ▶ Choctaw Nation Indian Child Welfare
  - ▶ Choctaw Nation Behavioral Health
  - ▶ Chi Hullo Li and Recovery Center
  - ▶ Choctaw Nation Health System
  - ▶ Choctaw Nation Tribal Programs
  - ▶ Pittsburg and Latimer County Drug Courts
  - ▶ Community Schools, Community Agencies
  - ▶ Law Enforcement
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# Collaboration Essentials

- ▶ Early involvement and the availability of resources to effectively collaborate
  - ▶ Effective collaboration requires building relationships and trust
  - ▶ A culture that encourages teamwork, cooperation, communication and collaboration
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# Collaboration Essentials

- ▶ Leverage resources and knowledge when necessary
  - ▶ Defined team member responsibilities based on collaboration
  - ▶ Cultivation of a sense of “control and ownership” among all team members
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# Collaboration Essentials

- ▶ Use of technology to aid in communication and collaboration
- ▶ Willingness to include new partners as collaboration efforts grow



# “Make Collaboration Fun!”



**QUESTIONS?**



WHO WANTS TO FEEL LIKE A MILLION DOLLARS

LETS PLAY.....