

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS OFFICE OF INTERNAL AUDIT AND ETHICS 2022-2023 S.O.A.R. AWARD RECIPIENTS

CHIEF NOAH POWELL FISCAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Career Technical Education



The Career Technical Education program at Cherokee Central Schools, offers middle school and high school students the opportunities to personalize his or her education based on their career interests and unique learning needs. The program currently provides courses in particular areas and allows students the experience of those areas to prepare them for life after high school. The program recently formalized a unique and tremendous partnership with Andy Shaw Ford. This partnership allows students taking automotive service

classes at Cherokee High School to participate in a summer internship at Andy Shaw Ford. Through this partnership and some federal grants, the Career Technical Education program purchased a Ford F-150 Lightning, which students will get to learn to service.

FISCAL COMMITMENT AWARDS

Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute



The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute is dedicated to providing culturally based leadership curation, cultivation, and inspiration for our enrolled members. Their mission is "Preparing New Cherokee Leaders by Emphasizing Traditional Tribal Values". Named in honor of Ray Kinsland, the former general manager for the Cherokee Boys Club, the Institute's goal is to help produce a selfless, giving generation that is grounded in traditional Cherokee values and educated in modern leadership. They accomplish this through three culturally based leadership programs: The Cherokee Youth

Council, the Jones-Bowman Leadership Award Program, and the Right Path Adult Leadership Program. The Ray Kinsland Leadership Institute, supported with grant funding, continues to work with the groups who participated in the programs by working with them to sponsor community events such the Chief's debate, Generation Trauma Conference, and distribution of snack packs to the community.

Cherokee Youth Center



The Cherokee Youth Center serves as a safe place to learn and grow for our youth. Their mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. The program receives over 1 million dollars in grant funding to design and deliver impactful services to our youth. The Cherokee Youth Center uses the Core Program Areas framework from the Boys & Girls club to engage young people in activities with adults, peers, and family members that enable them to develop self-esteem and reach their full potential.

Nurse Family Partnership



The Nurse-Family Partnership program serves low-income/high-risk expecting mothers and their babies. Each mother is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing care that continues for mothers and babies up to 2 years old. Each nurse partnership will provide assistance to the mother and baby, with parenting, ensuring a safe home for the baby, and maintaining referrals for healthcare, childcare, job training and other support services. The Nurse-Family Partnership program is 100% grant funded. Since

inception the program has served over 350 clients and conducted over 7,000 home visits.

Tribal Enrollment Office



In exercising the Tribe's sovereign power of determining membership, the Tribal Enrollment Office maintains and provides sound vital statistical data of the Tribal members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The program manages files for every enrolled member whether living or deceased. They currently maintain files on 16,252 active enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. The Tribal Enrollment Office also assists with family tree research and do so with a customer service focus approach which they are very

proud of.

Natural Resources



The Natural Resources Department, created in 2015, carries out its mission to conserve, protect, and enhance natural resources for the benefit of the Cherokee community. Natural Resources is comprised of the Tribal Hatchery, Water Quality, Air Quality and Regulatory and Compliance. Through these programs and with over 7 million dollars in grant funding, Natural Resources provides essential services to ensure a safe and healthy environment including maintaining water quality, monitoring ground disturbing projects, and stocking streams.

Family Safety



The Family Safety program works to protect children and families and keep families intact and functioning to the highest level possible. Family safety includes child protective services, foster care, and adult protective services. With a staff of 36 employees and a 6.3-million-dollar budget, family safety has acquired 35% of their budget through grant funding. This grant funding allows them to conduct in house training and trainers, provide a stipend for foster parents and funds other aspects of their program. The program serves over 1,000 clients

each year.