

# Administration On Aging

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4/8/2024

#### Current staff:

Jackie Meeks, AoA Cook,, Janet Lee, AoA Server – Gracemont Congregate, John Sifford, AoA Van Driver/Aide & Genevieve Moore, AoA Programs Director

We are open daily for congregate lunch at the Fritz Hendrix Memorial Building Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Fridays, we serve brunch from 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. The Gracemont Congregate is located at the Assembly of God dining hall in Gracemont, OK. They are open Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. We encourage our Elders to come by and pick up a menu and/or check it out on our Caddo Nation AoA FB page.

January we opened our Gracemont Congregate and welcomed Ms. Janet Lee to our team. The congregate has remained steady in numbers. AoA celebrated Heart Health when we partnered with the CHR program in February. In March the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma AoA partnered with CHR & Social Services and held an "Elder Fun Day" in Gracemont Oklahoma. A fun time was held by all. Ms. Alana Tahlate joined AoA for recent activities of crafting Valentine's Day Greeting Cards with phrases in the Caddo Nation Language as well as creating the family tree with old family photos. Both events were great and informative and Ms. Alana had a wonderful turn out. We try to host 2 events monthly, one general activity and one with Ms. Anana Tahlate. Our AoA activities room and health room are open daily. We have a computer with internet access for elders to use as needed. We encourage elders to come in and sit, have a visit, tell us some of your stories, speak some Caddo so that we may become more familiar. Come share a good meal and enjoy some leisurely time in our living area.

We have just recently completed our FY through ACL on March 31, 2024. Our program operates off of grants awarded through ACL. Those are Title VI – Part A, Title VI – Part C, NSIP and MIPPA. The Gracemont Congragate and our program is supplemented by a grant awarded by the Caddo Nation that will allows to buy better quality food and provide a better delivery system so that staff can reach out to those most vulnerable clients in our rural areas affected by COVID 19. We saw a need and are grateful to be able to satisfy the necessities to keep our Elders fed.

We, the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma Health Services Programs (AoA, CHR, Tribal Nurse & Social Services) have submitted out final budget and application to OKHCA regarding the Pathways grant; in our latest meeting with them we were told that we should receive notification within 30 days. We are all excited at how this will allow us to further help and benefit our programs in reaching out and assisting our elder community and will work for our Caddo members within the state of Oklahoma as well as other federally recognized tribal members in our service area. It is funded by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. In addition to seeking funding opportunities, we are still working with AARP to try and provide Seniors to receive on the job training and placement within the Caddo Nation departments. They will be part time positions, M – F, 4 hours a day at minimum wage. We have submitted to AARP and are awaiting placement.

TITLE VI Part A – NUTRITION		
	MEALS SERVED	NOTES
January2024	894	Average 45 meals per day. Traveled 1779 miles.
February 2024	813	Average 43 meals per day. Traveled 1852 miles.
March 2024	874	Average 46 meals per day. Traveled 1859 miles.

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EXPENSES	The expenses made were general monthly bills and employee wages.
GENERAL	Congregate is open, we are having more elders dine, and we are averaging 4 – 8 daily. We welcome
NOTES	anyone enrolled Native American 55 and over to come and dine with us.

		TITLE VI PART C - CARLETVER	
LENDING CLOS	SET	The following items are in stock and are available: wheelchairs, walkers, motorized scooter,	
		elevated raised toilet, shower chair, bed side commode, inflatable ring, walking canes,	
10, 0, 4000 1		crutches, briefs, binders, back support, hand brace, and wound care supplies. The lending	
		closet items are available for elder use through our Caregiver program. You may sign any of	
		these items out if needed. *Currently out of coccyx cushions, wheelchair cushions and	
		bariatric supplies: wheelchairs & walkers. <i>Must be in AoA service area.</i>	
RESPITE PROG	RAM/	We assisted 3 participants with respite and 8 with eldercare chores this service this quarter.	
ELDERCARE CH	IORES	These programs provide the opportunity to plan, develop, and implement family caregiver	
		support programs for the benefit of non-paid family members (not living in the home) caring	
		for their elders and grandparents caring for their grandchildren. <i>Must be in AoA service area.</i>	
LAWN CARE		The lawn care program is closed and complete for the year. Recently we partnered with EPA	
		on a project and it came out well.	
WELLNESS CHECK		We have made 9 wellness checks, provided supplies for 5 of those participants, 4 transports	
		for people this quarter; currently we are monitoring 1 elder in long term care facilities. Our	
		program continues to work with the CHR and Social Services program on various tasks. If we	
		receive a call regarding an elder, then our team goes out and asses them as needed and refers	
		them to the appropriate people.	
GENERAL ELDE	R	We have aided 16 participants this quarter with lending closet items and have given away PPE	
ASSISTANCE		to 2 families. I have aided 9 elders in completing paperwork/applications and have typed up	
		simple things for 2 elder. Elders come in to the office for this type of assistance; they will work	
		on their items themselves in the Elder's activity room or they will have me to help them	
		complete their task. We've had interest in one elder coming in to use the services.	
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GENERAL	The ca	regiver support program includes the Lawn Care/Chores Program, Respite Program, Lending	
NOTES	Closet and Health Program. Please call the AoA Building for further information on any of our		
	or any or our		

I hope you find this informative, should have any questions regarding any of our programs, please feel free to call or come in and we'll be happy to give you a tour of the building and talk to you about all that AoA has to offer.

Thank you,

Genevieve Moore Caddo Nation AoA Title VI/Caregiver Programs Director Caddo Nation Membership Meeting

### CADDO NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Caddo Nation Emergency Management is committed to the sustainable future and preparedness, protective, mitigation, response and recovery of the membership and their communities prior to, during, and after impact by an incident or disaster. Our work with FEMA Region VI, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management Homeland Security (ODEMHS), and participation in the Southwest Region Emergency Preparedness Team and other agencies that are vital in helping to improve the safety of life and property and the environment of our tribal members. There are two (2) full time staff and a host of volunteer team members ready to respond to any tribal member or community impacted.

The Caddo Nation Emergency management continues to research and submit for numerous grants through Federal, Tribal, and State. The Caddo Nation Emergency Management has submitted a Building Resilience Infrastructure Community Grant and second Assistance Fire Grant, for Fire Prevention and Safety The staff attended the FEMA Region 6 Tribal Summit in Denton, Tx, there were 22 tribes from 5 states, we discussed the needed changes in federal response funding and programs for Indian nations and country. Staff also attended the 2024 annual Oklahoma Emergency Management Association conference at Choctaw Nation.

The Caddo Nation Emergency Management is currently in meeting with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to revive the Caddo Nation Fire Response Team, the nation currently has four (4) wildland brush apparatus that have been mechanically serviced and have been approved in meeting the BIA Criteria, currently have advertising to fill the position of a full time Fire Management Coordinator, this was included the awarded Assistance Fire Grant that we received for \$525,000. The plans for the construction of fire station have been submitted to our construction team Arrowwood, with hopes to hold grand opening in Sept 2024.

For any further information about the emergency management programs please feel free to contact us.

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## **Program Summary**

As of 04/08/24

#### Staff:

I.T. Contractor
Travis Stockton
Contract Term- 05-01-22 – 05-01-24

#### Scope of Work:

#### **Computer Service and Repair**

Software maintenance including routine virus/spyware scans, Windows updates, and program updates. Hardware maintenance including replacement of faulty parts and hardware upgrades. Diagnose problems of systems and recommend solutions. Managing backup systems for servers and workstations.

#### **Automated Workflow Systems**

Creation, implementation, and ongoing maintenance of automated workflow systems. Such systems require regular maintenance to the approval flow, user access, and updates to content. Work with staff as needed to identify gaps in processes and develop effective solutions using automated workflow systems.

#### **Customization of PDF Forms**

Creating and revising PDF forms to fulfill the needs of each department. Travel forms, departmental applications, and others can be created to help streamline day to day operations and will be created at departments' request.

#### **Access Control**

Updating and maintaining automated access control for door entry. Keep systems current with employee's approved access areas and scheduled time entry. Integrating access control for physical keys and FOBs with deployment of new systems.

#### **Phones**

Update VOIP phones as necessary to ensure proper connectivity between departments and public. Manage voicemail and 911 addresses for each station.

## **Recent Work:**

- Began implementation of key FOB management system
- Assisted Finance with Point-of-Sale Systems integration with retail stores
- Developed and installed supervised visitation room for Social Services Dept.
- Continued work with new dispensers quotes at Gracemont Store

April 20, 2024 Membership Meeting Maintenance Program Summary

Maintenance Staff:

Jimmy Head Maintenance Director

Xavier Norwood Maintenance Crew Eric Autaubo Maintenance Crew

Johnny Gonzalez Maintenance Crew

Joseph Ware Part-time housekeeping

#### Maintenance Activities:

- Provides support for all programs including daily maintenance tasks & work orders
- Provides preventative maintenance measures to protect the useful life of the buildings on the complex grounds
- Ensuring that tools, equipment and vehicles are service and maintained.
- Completes routine inspections of the complex ground to ensure heating/cooling systems are functioning and filters are changed. Maintenance continues to police the grounds to ensure that the walkways are free of growth and debris as well and providing a serene atmosphere.

#### Recent work:

- Daily general maintenance of Caddo Nation buildings and the upkeep of the complex grounds
- Routine lawn care of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma complex: providing maintenance on the lawn, spraying, filling in gopher holes, trash and limb removal.
- Completing tasks at the Health Services Building as requested, general housekeeping.
- Clearing out and prepping for remodel of back area of the Health Services Building to house the CHR equipment and accommodate their programs needed space.
- Remodeling the Community Building.
- Eric has completed some touch up painting in the Administration Building as well as assisted Childcare by building raised gardens for their programs projects.
- Any daily tasks that is asked of us

## Quarterly Report

January 2024- The security department for the month of January 2024 took a total of (2) incident reports those reports consisted of (1) improper use of tribal vehicle. (2) property damage. The department mileage for the month of January was (5954) miles driven while on patrol "noting" there are currently (3) vehicles assigned to the security department. The miles reflected above are the total between (3) vehicles.

February 2024- The security department for the month of February 2024 took (2) incident reports the reports consisted of (1) property damage to trailer, (2) suspicious person. The departments mileage for the month of February was (5237) miles driven while on patrol "noting" there are (3) vehicles assigned to the department. There was (1) more vehicle assigned to the department toward the end of the month totaling (4).

March 2024- The security department for the month of march 2024 took (3) incident reports the reports consisted of (1) banned customer, (2) damage to tribal owned vehicle, (3) disruptive customer. The departments mileage for the month of march was (8846) miles driven while on patrol "noting" that there are now (4) vehicles assigned to the dept.

Total incident reports taken-7 Total miles driven while on patrol-20,037

The caddo nation security department continues to protect and secure all assets owned by the caddo nation. All patrols are daily thru (3) shifts this includes the tribal complex, the town of gracemont which consists of the housing authority and the newly acquired store. Patrols also go to the town of Anadarko these patrols along with building checks include mckee's indian store and the newly acquired odot building which houses the tribes social service program and will soon house the chr offices. The other building that is checked during this is shamrock financial which the tribe owns the building not the business. Included on the patrol and building check is the current chr offices and regency oaks elder apartments. Patrols are also done to the town of hinton which will soon house the new child care facility.

Nyles Parton-Director Of Security



**SORNA Department Monthly Report** 

January, 2024

The SORNA Department currently has 2 employees under the SORNA Grant.

Nyles Parton is the SORNA Grant Supervisor, which oversees the Grant and the work completed by the SORNA Registry Coordinator. Baylen Bullcoming is the SORNA Registry Coordinator, which enters the sex offenders' information and registration into TTSORS every time they come in to register. This includes criminal history, physical descriptions, driver's license employment history, employer address, and etc. The 2 SORNA employees are taking online training and classes for the SORNA Grant. The Registry Coordinator is in charge of keeping the sex offenders records up to date, if anything changes with the sex offenders. The SORNA Department has 2 sex offenders. 1 offender is currently incarcerated, and the other sex offender comes in regularly for registration. Depending on the sex offender's offense, the sex offender will have to register annually for 15 years, every 6 months for 25 years, and or every 3 months for life. The first month (January) of every year the sex offender comes in to update his registration, have their DNA taken, fingerprints, and have their photo updated which we upload to the TTSORS website for the public to view.

Reported by: Baylen Bullcoming SORNA Registry Coordinator



**SORNA Department Monthly Report** 

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**SORNA Registry Coordinator** 



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Reported by: Baylen Bullcoming SORNA Registry Coordinator



# **Membership Meeting Report October 2023**

Location: Hasinai Center and Caddo Nation Headquarters
Office Phone: (405) 656-2344 Hasinai Center: (405)656-2353

## Child Care Team Members

12 out of 14 are Native American

07 out of 14 are Caddo Enrolled Members or have Caddo Heritage

Caddo Nation Child Care is supported by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) awarded by the Office of Child Care and is a forward funded program. CCDF funds are used to support our subsidy assistance program, tribally operated center, and our cultural programing.

Budget	Awarded Amount	Comments/Projects
GY21	\$23,813,900.00	Funding Amounts Include annual funding, CARES, CRSA, ARPA, Disaster Funds
GY22 (Fully Awarded)	\$5,848,755.00	Assisting Child Care Subsidy families and providers. Projects Addressing Tornado, High Winds and Flooding Damage for Child Care Providers and Hasinai Facility. Million set aside for New Child Care Facility,
GY 23 (Fully Awarded)	\$7,731,031.00	Program Growth, and Continuing Subsidy Categorical Eligibility.
<b>Current Total</b>	\$37,393,686	

# **Caddo Nation Child Care Services (July – September)**

• 235 Total Families

**24 N**EW Families

366 Total Children
29 NEW children

- 136 Total Providers
  - o 86 Licensed Centers
  - o **50** Relative Providers
- \$138,000.00 Average Monthly Subsidy Payments
  - \$8,000.00 Average Increased payment for: Education, Experience, and Native Lessons
- \$4,382,400.00 Total Paid/Pending Provider Stabilization Grant Awards
  - \$4,617,600.00 remaining



# **Caddo Nation Child Care Program consists of the following**

- <u>Construction Project:</u> New Facility will be located in the town of Hinton, OK. We have a projected finish date in 2025. We are excited to be at this phase as it has taken more than three years preparing for this phase.
- <u>Subsidy Team</u>: Caddo Nation is the only Federal Nation offering Categorical Eligibility. Categorical Eligibility allows Federally Recognized Native American families to receive assistance based on a priority rating scale in our 17 county service area. Please reach out to our program for more information please at <a href="mailto:subsidy@mycaddonation.com">subsidy@mycaddonation.com</a>; our team is extremely helpful and oversees the application process with efficiency.

## Service Area:

- Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Custer, Grady, Garvin, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, Stephens, and Washita
- <u>Caddo Cultural Team</u>: We have been operating the cultural program to build the cultural education environment not only in our Hasinai center but within our provider facilities as well. Caddo Nation offers trainings and incentives for all of our providers and families. Please reach out to Leonard Kionute (Instructor) <a href="mailto:lkionute@mycaddonation.com">lkionute@mycaddonation.com</a>; River Whittle (Coordinator)
   <u>whittle@mycaddonation</u> for additional information.
- <u>Hasinai Center Team:</u> Currently open to ages 2-5 year olds we are finished with all updating to our facility and have a space that meets our children and family's needs. Please reach out to Freda Walsh, <u>fwalsh@mycaddonation.com</u> for further information.
- Resource and Referral: Provide resources and engagement opportunities that
  focus on child development. We are currently processing community data
  gathered through the summer and fall months to better address needs of our
  service area. Please reach out to Amie Stockton at
  outreach@mycaddonation.com

# THE CADDO NATION OF OKLAHOMA



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### **Caddo Nation Education Programs**

Submitted by Carolyne Botone

The Higher Education Program provides scholarships to qualifying tribal member college students. Scholarship amounts vary according to unmet need (as determined by the Federal Student Aid Program), and range between \$500.00 and \$3,000.00 per term. Scholarships are funded on a first come, first served basis for *completed* applications.

The Education Programs fiscal year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In the Higher Education Program, for CY 2024, we have had:

Number of applications:	85
Number of applications complete:	78
Number of students suspended:	0
Number of students on probation:	10
Number of applications withdrawn:	0

The Caddo Nation Adult Education Program provides assistance to qualifying tribal members who are seeking short-term training (one year or less), literacy instruction, cultural enrichment, or basic skills. The amounts of assistance vary according to the costs associated with the type of training/courses that the applicant will be taking. The maximum amount of funding for the training/course(s) is \$4,500.00 per academic year (Aug. 01 through July 31). Applications are funded on a first come, first served basis for *completed* applications. Eligible tribal members must reside within the jurisdiction of the Anadarko Agency (Caddo, Kiowa, Comanche, Cotton, or Tillman Counties in the state of Oklahoma). The numbers of applicants for the Adult Ed. Program tends to be very low because of the jurisdictional boundaries, which is not negotiable in our contract.

The numbers documented below are for the CY 2024:

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Number of applications submitted for DEA:	2
Total number of applications submitted:	3
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Additional funding has been appropriated to the Education Department by the Caddo Nation Tribal Council. This funding allows us to assist more students who may otherwise miss out on funding opportunities, such as those who live outside the jurisdiction of the Anadarko Agency. The additional funds available for the Higher Education, Adult Education, and Job Placement and Training Programs are administered by the current guidelines of the P.L. 93-638 programs.

Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (Higher Ed.)	37
Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (Adult Ed.)	3
Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (JP&T)	1

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# Quarterly Report – 2nd Quarter

The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma currently has several open job announcements and job applications available on the tribe's employment link at: https://mycaddonation.com/employment

Position	Department	Closing Date
Housing Director	Housing	Open Until Filled
Community Outreach Coordinator	Childcare	Open Until Filled
Subsidy Monitor	Childcare	Open Until Filled
Resource & Referral Spec.	Childcare	Open Until Filled
Fire Management Coordinator	EM	Open Until Filled
Retail Department Store Clerk	McKee's	Open Until Filled

Current number of employees: 90

- 1 New hires
- 0 Separation
  - Working with health insurance with new brokers to audit benefits for all employees, assuring all have coverage.
  - New Open enrollment for all staff for benefits.
  - Moving all job descriptions to one consistent format.
  - New Organizational Chart for chain of command.
  - Creating new job descriptions for departments we are building.
  - Staying on track with evaluations for employees.
  - Policy and Produces making sure we are following all regulations.

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report January 2024 - March 2024

**Home visits-** 58

In house assessments- 3

**Wound care-** 12

**Transports-** 31

Referrals-17

**Webinars/Continuing education-** 9

**COVID-19 testing-** 10

**Case management-** 15

The Caddo Nation Social Services- Indian Child Welfare Program is responsible for monitoring children who are placed in guardianships (permanent/temporary), have an active state child welfare investigation, Family Centered Service Plan, or is in an out of home placement in foster care. These children can be in the State of Oklahoma or any other part of the United States. We also are involved with adults due to their age or disability that are unable to care for themselves or do not have an appropriate care giver. The Social Services Indian Child Welfare program is responsible for the intake and process of Crisis and Li-heap applications, and to oversee IIM accounts when needed. The Social Service department has been approved to aide families with weatherization units if they are home owners

## **Crisis and Li-heap Applications**

The Caddo Nation this quarter has received and processed approximately 26 applications for liheap or Crisis funds were approved for assistance 3 HVAC applications were approved

## **Child Welfare State Custody**

There are a total of 18 enrolled Caddo and 3 eligible for enrollment with the Caddo Nation, with a total of 12 families. Listed below are those children's case plan goal, and status of custody. Currently

- Eight children in Permanent State Custody
  - One Child adopted
  - Two children are placed in identified adoptive homes.
  - Two children are placed in a Planned Alternative Placement; One child will age out of the system, two are in residential care.
- Twelve children and Five families with a Case plan goal of reunification
  - Five children are placed in the home with bio parent.
  - Four children placed in out of home care having supervised visitation with at least one of their parents.
  - Three children in a court supervision case

### Child Welfare State Investigations/Tribal Verification

Caddo Nation received 40 notifications of Tribal verification of Child investigations with possible eligible or enrolled child members.

The Caddo Nation SS ICW have participated in has participated in in person and virtual court hearings in Oklahoma, Custer, Okmulgee, Caddo, Comanche Counties in the state of Oklahoma. ICW has participated in virtual court in the states of Utah, Colorado, Kentucky, Texas, Iowa, and Arkansas.

The Caddo Nation SS ICW program sees children in Oklahoma State custody in person at a minimum of every 45 days. The ICW program completed the worker visits in the areas of OKC, Shawnee, Lawton, Sapulpa, and Purcell. The ICW program speaks with placement providers, permanency workers, service providers, and the court. Children who are out of state the Caddo Nation ICW monitors the cases by completing virtual home visits, and speaking with placement providers, permanency workers, service providers, and the courts.

#### Guardianship

There are 26 Caddo Nation children placed in guardianships through the Southern Plains Court of Indian Offences, 1 child in the Seminole Court, and 3 in State Guardianships. The Caddo Nation are required to complete worker visits for children and families in guardianships with the BIA who have had recent court hearings, and to work with the children and families to help preserve the family unit if requested by the guardian or bio parent. These children that are in out of home care are in homes all over the state of Oklahoma. The Caddo Nation has 1 adult in a permanent co guardianship,

#### **Social Services**

The Caddo Nation is involved with helping families ensure the elderly and disabled are receiving the care that is needed for their health and well-being. The Caddo Nation SS works cooperatively with the Caddo Nation Nurse and CNA, Administration on Aging, Caddo Housing, CHR programs, and other outside resources to ensure the needs of the individual are met.

#### **Trainings and Meetings**

Caddo Nation SSICW Participates in meetings and trainings with the Southern Plains Child Protection Team, Oklahoma Indian Child welfare Association, the National Indian Child Welfare Association, QIC-EY.

The Caddo Nation has a parent child visitation center available for families at the Anadarko Office at 211 West Main. The Caddo Nation Social Services has applied for the Pathways Reimbursement and will be notified within the next 90 days if approved.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Butler at 405-656-2344..

# QUARTERLY REPORT



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# JANUARY - MARCH 2024

#### ROAD AND BRIDGE ASSESSMENTS

- Total roads assessed 5
- Total bridges assessed 2
- Total miles of assessed roads and bridges 5.5

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Transportation Director, Khye Weathers and Safety Coordinator, Rondo Kopepasah attended SS4A training in Tulsa, OK at the Oklahoma State University Extension campus. Obtaining additional information pertaining to the SS4A grant and networking with other tribes working with this grant.
- · Completed Forklift Training at Caddo-Kiowa Vo Tech
- Multiple heavy equipment demos to finalize bid process of Transportation equipment.
- Completed all documents to begin the process of adding all public roadways in the Town of Gracemont, as well as the Gracemont Public Schools parking lots to the Caddo Nation Road inventory.

#### **CONTINUOUS ITEMS**

- We are working with Arrowood to identify where transportation efforts are needed.
- We are working with our contracted road engineer and design technician to assure accurate road construction plans are completed for different Tribal owned properties.
- Attend all SS4A meetings and complete quarterly reports until grant objectives are accomplished and the performance period comes to an end.
- Indentifying roads for the next priority list

#### FUTURE ITEMS OF PLANNING

- Transportation Facility
- Develop and provide a transit program
- Construction of rest areas/Caddo museum
- Safe System Approach in Action Workshop
- Purchase equipment to implement road maintenance program

# DEPARTMENT INFORMATION



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**PROGRAM TITLE:** 2% Tribal Transportation Improvement Planning

**PROGRAM TYPE:** Roads and Bridge Construction

**STAFF:** Khye Weathers, Transportation Director - Rondo Kopepasah, Safety

Coordinator - Ryan Guerra, Field Technician

### **SERVICES, FUNCTIONS, AND ACTIVITIES:**

The Caddo Nation Transportation Transportation department will analyze road projects within the tribal jurisdiction boundaries and prioritize these projects based on available funding. The Transportation Improvement Planning Program (TIP) will coordinate efforts with local, county, and state transportation officials for improving the tribal transportation system and to determine whether short or long range implementation should be used.

### **CURRENT PROJECTS:**

Cummins Road - Hinton, Oklahoma

Halfmoon Circle - Gracemont, Oklahoma

Caddo Nation Travel Plaza Parking Lot - Gracemont, Oklahoma

Caddo Nation Complex - Binger, Oklahoma

County Roads - 1030, 1140, 1230, 1150

County Streets - 2620, 2520, 2530

Bridges - 14 Identified

### **FUTURE ANTICIPATED PROJECTS:**

Transit Program

Railroad System

Risk analysis of areas of high crashes and/or serious injuries

Safe Driving Outreach

April 8, 2024

Report from Caddo Nation CHR/Diabetes Program:

## Staff:

Sharla Moore-CHR/ Special Diabetes Director Taylor Edge-CHR/Generalist Tearza Leemhuis-CHR/Generalist Sondra Davis-Office Clerk/Elderly Activity Coordinator

The Caddo Nation's Community Health Program is funded by Indian Health Services on a yearly basis to assist Caddo Tribal Members with their health needs. The CHR Program's purpose is to assist eligible Native American individuals and families within our service area to gain access to comprehensive health care services.

All CHR staff members are trained in CPR, First Aid and EMS First Responder.

The CHR Program is often a vital link to health care services for our Native people in rural areas. Our work includes making and rescheduling appointments for clients, pick and delivery of medications, home visits, case screening and management, monitoring patients and health education.

The Caddo Nation Special Diabetes Program assists all Diabetic Tribal members with diabetic assistance. We have a Podiatry Clinic twice (2) a month. We provide diabetic (wellness shoes) once per year. We also provide diabetic supplies, medical assistance.

## Completed Trainings and Health Fair

Podiatry Clinic Held one or two times a month.

Language class (1) time monthly.

Lifestyle Coach Training-03-25-2024 (Sharla Moore)

Heart Health Fair 02-22-2024

Elder Easter Event with AOA and Social Services 03-2024

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# Transports and prescription deliveries and well checks January 1, 2024 through April 8, 2024:

89 transports

108 prescription pick-up and deliveries

22 well check visits

184 served through Community Outreach

## Tribal Members assisted with medical expenses and Diabetic Supplies:

424 Tribal Members ARPA medical assistance processed.

18 Special Diabetes medical assistance processed.

45 Wellness shoes for Diabetes Management clients.

The Caddo Nation CHR/Special Diabetes Program is working diligently to assist tribal members with their medical needs.

# **Upcoming:**

Healthy Cooking classes virtually and in person TBA.

SPTHB Health Conference, Catoosa, OK (Sharla Moore).

Language class (1) time monthly.

Podiatry clinic (2) times monthly.

Fitness Class classes postponed until further notice.

SDPI Conference August 2024

Vaccine drives as needed with the assistance of Indian Health Service.

Sharla Moore

CHR/Diabetes Director

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# **Environmental Protection**

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Since its foundation Caddo Nation Environmental Protection (CNEP) has received numerous grants through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These grants are the General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act 106 program (CWA), and Clean Air Act 103 Program (CAA). CNEP also has obtained funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to build capacity towards climate resiliency, provide education on natural resources, and combat invasive species in the Caddo Nation Jurisdiction. With this funding CNEP will begin taking steps to better protect our Tribal Jurisdiction against the ever-changing climate. In the upcoming quarters CNEP will be applying for several grants through the BIA, and EPA. These additional grants will allow CNEP to expand and provide better services to the Caddo Nation.

Beginning in the January CNEP has begun meeting with the Comanche Nation EPA to discuss the upcoming Wilderness Explorers Environmental Camp that is being held at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Life Refuge in June 2024. This camp is being designed to provide insight into careers in the Natural Resources field. The target audience for this camp will be 10 to 14-year-old children. Be on the lookout for more information about this camp. Also, during this month CNEP attended a Prescribed Burn workshop in Bixby, Ok at the Euchee Butterfly Farm. During this workshop CNEP learned about proper techniques for prescribed burning, and the added benefits it brings to our lands. CNEP is planning on starting a prescribed burn association and will be in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to gain equipment and additional expertise in locating invasive species located in the Caddo Nations jurisdiction, and tribally owned lands.

In February CNEP hosted the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs for a day of knowledge sharing. The Cherokee Nation Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) will be assisting CNEP on performing Phase I environmental assessments on a few of the tribally owned lands located in the Caddo Nation jurisdiction. The purpose of a Phase I environmental assessment identifies recognized environmental conditions (RECs) and helps to ensure that leadership considers the environmental impacts when deciding whether or not to proceed with a project. CNEP will continue to work to protect mother earth, by advocating for environmental protection, and resource protection. In March CNEP staff attended the Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association Conference in Durant, Ok. During this conference CNEP was able to network with other agency's from across the state of Oklahoma to build our capacity. CNEP also works closely with Caddo Nation Emergency Management (EM). We look forward to continually working with EM to ensure the Caddo Nation, and our communities are safe, and well taken of if an emergency is arises.

CNEP would also like to welcome two new employees to the Caddo Nation Environmental Protection program. Cody Roberts is the new Office Assistant for CNEP. Previously Cody worked for the City of Anadarko as the water technician at the Anadarko Water Plant. With his knowledge of water quality, and its issues along with additional knowledge of agricultural practices, and horticultural he will be a valuable asset for the program moving forward. The next new hire is Kolby Williams. Kolby is the new Conservation Field Technician. Kolby has knowledge of agriculture practices, and has a ranch background. Kolby will be assisting the Environmental Specialist, and Natural Resources Specialist in locating and removing invasive species to help restore native grasses to the Caddo Nation. We are lucky to have Cody, and Kolby and we look forward to their continued growth and development to better serve our tribal members, and our communities.



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CNEP will continue to provide roll offs to Tribal Members to assist with open dump clean ups. Since its initiation CNEP has provided this service to 14 tribal members. This service will be offered three times per quarter on a first come first serve basis. Below are the dates with quarters listed. 1st Quarter: (Oct – Dec) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: (Jan – March) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter: (April – June) 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter: (July – Sept.)

The second service CNEP provides is in home mold inspections. Each member of the CNEP staff is a certified mold inspector and we will be happy to come to your home and collect a sample. We will also educate everyone on what steps could be taken to keep mold away and what can be done if found. If you have any questions about either service, or to schedule the service please call (405) 656-0990.

For further information on any services provided, or information on the CNEP programs please contact us.

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Kolby Williams Conservation Field Technician kwilliams@mycaddonation.com (405) 656 - 0990

The Caddo Nation Tag Office is opened Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:15 pm.

A renewal can be done at the office, or by mail, or by email. We will need the Caddo member's Oklahoma driver's license and the insurance.

To register a new vehicle you can either come to the office or mail your information in. We will need the original title, purchase agreement/bill of sale and lien entry form, if you have a lien. Also the driver's license and the CDIB of the Caddo member on the title along with current insurance.

Between January 2024 and March 2024 the tag office had 381 renewals and 163 new tag and titles issued. Sales totaled \$91,990.54.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Circles and LaRisha Wabaunasee



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April 20, 2024

## Media and Marketing Team First Quarterly Report

Submitted by: Leslie Halfmoon

## Media & Marketing Team

The Media and Marketing Department welcomed Kacey Roach (Caddo) and Jay Kaulay (Kiowa) to the team in late 2023. Kacey owns True Chiefs, a successful screenprinting company, and had previously worked with the Caddo Nation to produce several tees. She is multi-talented, however, and is also a powerhouse. Mr. Kaulay comes to us from the prestigious Buffalo Nickel Creative, and is a gifted graphic designer, writer, photographer, artist and licensed drone operator. Now we are three.



With their wonderful help we have been able to support the growing needs of the growing Nation, launch McKee's Indian Store into online shopping, help to create logos for George's convenience store and are currently in the process of re-branding the convenience stores owned by Caddo Nation. We are also working to develop a logo for the Caddo Nation, separate from the seal, that can be used in several different applications and across many different platforms as we continue to upgrade and update the Caddo Nation website, our social media accounts, the Caddo Nation Headquarters campus and businesses.

## Media Branding Campaign & Broadcast Schedule

In early 2024 we began working towards securing a Broadcast Schedule to run short television spots to extend our reach into community, to re-introduce ourselves to both the local area, the state and Nation, to highlight the work we do in local communities, to strengthen and build relationships, to showcase culture and advertise our businesses. The first of these spots began airing on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Lakota Beatty, our Caddo Nation Professional Basketball player, and Lane Factor, our Caddo Actor, star in the first four commercials. We will be working on producing several more over the course of the year. Visibility is important for a tribe that is indigenous



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to this area but has been in the background for so long. While we might not have the financial backing of the gaming industry, we have stories, we have knowledge, we have community and we have our songs and dances, and we have humor. As the Tribal Government works on building financial backing for our community programs and services, for our needs and dreams, we will be working to empower and highlight our community in another way. Through this avenue we are able to showcase the good work we do in community and who we are as a community.

The work we do in media and marketing is to support the tribe, its programs and services and to showcase the deep reverence we have for our people and culture in an effort to make our community feel good and grow. To capture history as it happens and to preserve it for future generations is our mission. When you see one of us at an event, smile big for not only the camera, but also your future great grandchildren!

#### **Production Studio**



We will be working to outfit our offices for more production work and be set up for community interviews and to provide a place for other departments to create content as needed. The archive of video and photos built to date is growing rapidly and will require a content management system to archive and organize everything.

## Yo Hasinai Tribal Newspaper

A newsletter has been a major request for tribal members, and it is currently underway and being launched. "Yo Hasinai" will feature updates from each program and department as well as stories and eventually history and tons of culture. The Nation has grown exponentially in a very short amount of time, and social media has served as our main way of sharing information in a timely matter, but our community wants and deserves a newsletter. We've decided to take a step further and create a traditional broadsheet style newspaper that will run quarterly. The newspaper will be available online in a downloadable PDF format and



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printed. Please make sure your address is updated with enrollment. The first Yo Hasinai will print this week for a May 1, 2024 date of sharing.

### **Social Media**

The Caddo Nation facebook page is a place to grow and support our community. It is a place of positivity and information. We will not tolerate abusive, extremely negative comments or slander. Our social media accounts are not a constitutional right. We provide this service as a way to connect to our members and allies and provide information. The District Representatives, Tribal Leadership and respective programs and departments of the Nation remain the main points of contact.