

Program Mission

The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Child Care Program (KCCP) will encourage children's learning through developmentally appropriate practice; capitalize on children's strengths and abilities; focus on children's well-being in a nurturing environment; partner with parents in the development of learning goals for their children while enhancing skills for school readiness and success; engage families and the community in creating healthy lifestyles for children; promote cultural awareness and respect.

Emphasis on Kiowa Language

"Kiowa Language and Culture Revitalization Program"

The Kiowa Tribe Child Care Program is working with tribal elders and Kiowa language experts to implement a variety of Kiowa language and culture learning strategies for children and early educators. A values-based, thematic curriculum based on Kiowa ways of knowing was developed with input from children's family members, tribal elders, and program staff. This curriculum has been launched at the Kiowa Child Care Center in 2015. We strive to provide high quality early care and education services to tribal members and our community.



Child Care Program Office

Office Hours:

8:00am-4:30pm

Monday-Friday

Kiowa Tribe

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Kiowa Child Care Center

Hours: 7:00am-5:30pm

Monday-Friday

1602 American Street

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*Accepts OKDHS & Tribal subsidy

*2-Star OKDHS Licensed Facility



Director's Message

As the Child Care Program Director, I am delighted to serve in this capacity! My name is Yvonne M. Haven. I am from the Gallup area and I am an enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe. My clan is Big Water (mother's clan) and I am born for Bitter Water clan (Father's clan). I speak my Navajo Language. I worked 25 years at Sky City Community School. As I worked with the children, I watched their growth phases and individual mile stone accomplishments. I've studied the research of Early Learning Education and I am passionate about teaching children and want to ensure they are equipped with the intellectual building blocks necessary for future success which lies within the beginning journey of their lives. I am honored to be working as the Kiowa Tribe Child Care Director. I love the hearts of the little babies and children. As innocent as they are, we can give them the guidance and love they so deserve! I look forward to assisting children, families, providers and the community within the child care program. I would also want to build awareness of early Kiowa's child care cultural and education resources in our surrounding communities and 22 counties we serve. Ah-ho!



Services Provided

- Child Care Subsidy Certificates
- Resource & Referral Services for High-Quality Child Care
- Kiowa Tribe Youth Wellness Initiative: Community Needs Assessment & Strategic Planning
- Family Resource Center
- SoonerCare Enrollment
- Tribally-Operated 2-Star Facility
- Developmental Screening & Assessment for Children
- School Readiness Preparation
- Kiowa Language & Culture
- Approval of Relative Caregivers
- Trainings for Providers & Families
- Mentor Teaching for Providers

Subsidy Eligibility Requirements

- Children ages birth – 13th birthday
- Must be enrolled Kiowa, eligible to be enrolled Kiowa, or have at least one enrolled Kiowa parent.
- Must reside in Service Area
- Must meet income guidelines (less than 85% of state median income)
- All adults in household must be working or attending school or job training program
- Must **NOT** be currently receiving child care services from DHS or other tribal subsidy programs

See Child Care Office for more details.



Meet the Program Staff

Administrative Assistant

Tavia Torralba

Center Director

Lois Smith

Infant/Toddler Teacher

Stormi Holsted

Preschool/School-Age Teacher

Thomasina Akoneto

Kiowa Child Care Center

Kiowa Language & Kiowa Culture Immersion Program

Serves ages birth to 12 years-old
Implements culturally-relevant teaching practices based on latest research
Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment
Brigance Early Childhood Screening
Individualized lesson planning for each child's strengths and learning goals
Complies with Indian Health Service Environmental Health Requirements
Participates in Kiowa Tribe Youth Wellness Initiative, Certified Healthy Oklahoma, & Let's Move Child Care Initiatives for healthy living

Program Planning:

- ➔ Kiowa Tribe Youth Wellness Initiative to address childhood obesity and diabetes in tribal youth
- ➔ Kiowa Language & Culture Revitalization Program
- ➔ Collaboration
- ➔ Community Involvement
- ➔ Emphasize importance of high quality services
- ➔ Family & Community Engagement