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.

Kiowa Tribe
Child Care Program
Office Hours:
8:00 am-4:30 pm
Monday-Friday
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Anadarko, OK 73005
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Email: childcare@kiowatribe.org
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Kiowa Child Care Center
Hours: 7:00 am-5:30 pm
Monday-Friday
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*Accepts OKDHS & Tribal subsidy
*2-Star OKDHS Licensed Facility
My name is Yvonne M. Haven. I am from Gallup, NM, and am an enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe. My clan is Big Water (Mother’s clan) and I am born for the Bitter Water clan (Father’s clan). I speak my Navajo Language and my culture is very important to me. My parents raised 5 children with teachings that emphasized tradition, speaking the Dine’ language, clanships, and respect. I have worked 25 years with Sky City Community School in Acoma, NM as a School Counselor and Principal. I have worked 4 year as the Kiowa CCDF Director. Through the years, as I worked with children, I’ve seen their growth phases and milestone accomplishments. Early Learning Education begins within the family home with parents as their “First Teacher”, and these teachings will mold the beginning journey of children’s lives. 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 families with Child Care assistance and partnering with service providers. I will continue to promote the Kiowa Child Care program and enhance the early learning of the Kiowa cultural and education resources within the communities and 22 counties we serve. Ah-ho!

Yvonne M. Haven, MA.
Child Care Director

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, 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

Erin Mahseet, Admin Assistant
Kourtney Bigbow, COVID Admin Assistant
Lois Smith, Center Director
Thomasina Akoneto, Teacher
Lily’Anna Villalba, Teacher
Traci Parton, Teacher
Angela Olvera, Teacher
Misty Bointy, Teacher
Karley Kinder, Teacher
Amy Martin, Cook

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 NAEC and NICCA activities

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