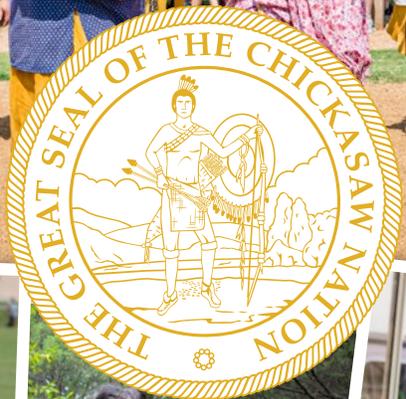
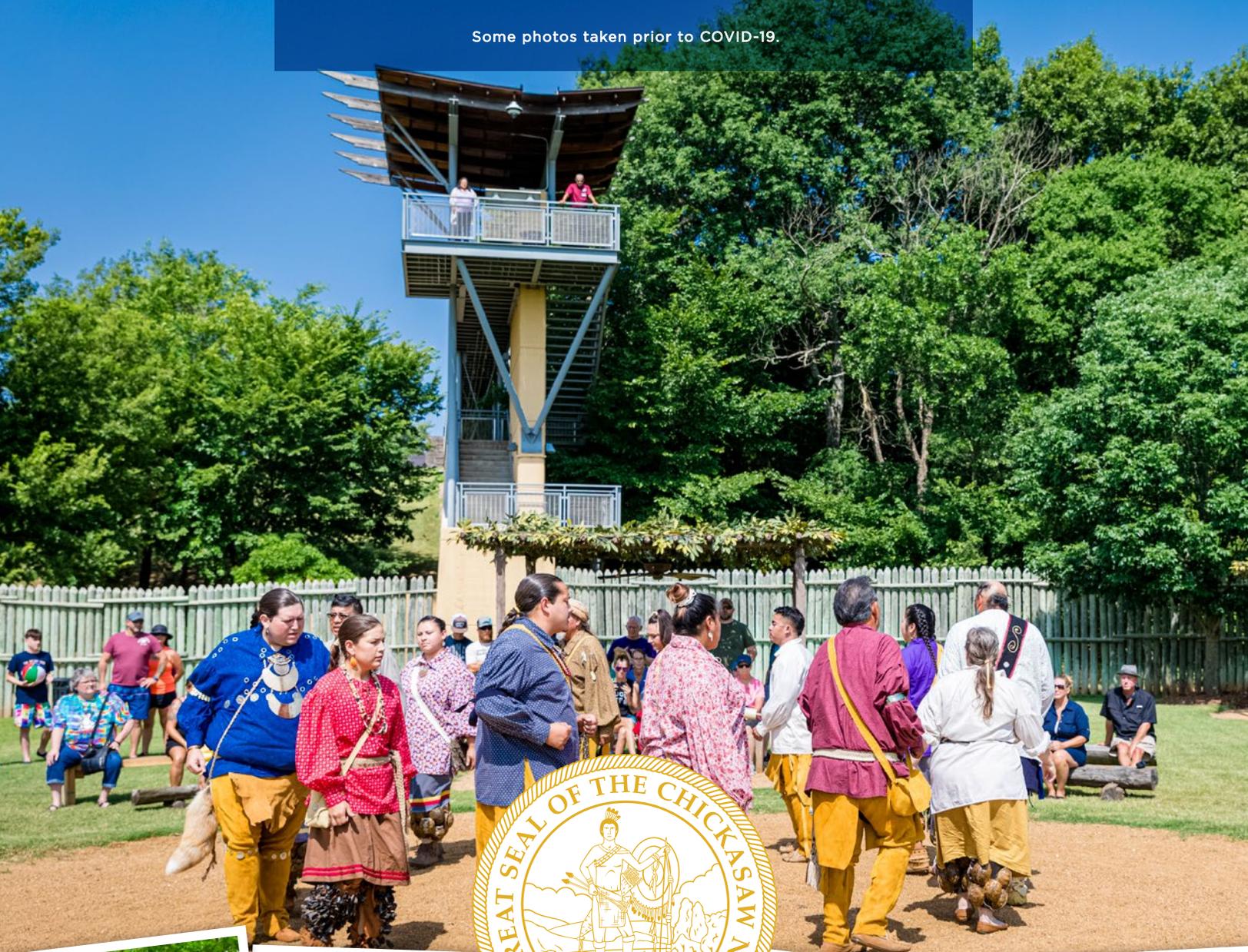


Some photos taken prior to COVID-19.



# THE CHICKASAW NATION PROGRESS REPORT 2 0 2 1





# THE Chickasaw NATION

The Chickasaw Nation has more than 73,000 citizens worldwide and employs almost 13,500 individuals.

The tribe's treaty territory includes 7,648 square miles of south-central Oklahoma. It encompasses all or parts of 13 Oklahoma counties, including Bryan, Carter, Coal, Garvin, Grady, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McClain, Murray, Pontotoc and Stephens.

The tribal government is a democratic republic and was modeled after the federal government of the United States. Registered voters elect a governor and a lieutenant governor, 13 members of the tribal legislature and three justices on the tribal Supreme Court.

In FY 2021, the Chickasaw Nation Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) office issued 3,329 CDIB cards to eligible individuals and 3,198 Chickasaw citizenship cards.



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# Chokma!

W E L C O M E

We are pleased to report another remarkable year of progress for the Chickasaw Nation. During 2021, we celebrated meaningful milestones and new achievements, and continued building toward a bright future.

Today, revenues generated from our diversified business portfolio and economic development endeavors allow us to invest in the success of all Chickasaws. From educational opportunities and health care programs to quality housing services and cultural connections, Chickasaws have more opportunities than ever before.

Included in the 2021 Progress Report is an overview of accomplishments and impact made by many of our programs and services during the past fiscal year.

As you read the following pages, we hope you share in our pride for all of the accomplishments achieved toward enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people and optimism for the future of the Chickasaw Nation.

Sincerely,

*Bill Anoatubby*

**BILL ANOATUBBY, GOVERNOR  
THE CHICKASAW NATION**



# CHILDREN & YOUTH

**The Chickasaw Nation provides programs and services that are essential for growth and development. These programs are designed to assist and enable Chickasaw youth to reach their maximum potential and succeed in life.**



The youth services clothing grant program began in 2006, providing \$200 to eligible Chickasaw students ages 3 to 18 to purchase school clothes. Funding is provided through a VISA card once per school year. This year, more than 10,000 Chickasaw students received funding for school clothing.

College clothing grants are available to Chickasaw college students pursuing bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees. Full-time students receive a \$300 Visa card and part-time students receive a \$150 Visa card for clothing purchases. The program served 2,877 students during the spring and fall semesters totaling \$784,900.

The youth support reimbursement program began in 2006 and provides Chickasaw students, ages 3 to 18, with funds for expenses related to participation in various extracurricular events, clubs, leagues and activities. The program funded 2,438 Chickasaws with \$365,700 in 2021.

Chickasaw high school seniors are eligible for assistance related to graduation expenses. The program provides \$150 to students for senior expenses such as cap and gown, graduation announcements and other associated costs. In 2021, 347 seniors were funded more than \$52,000 to assist with expenses.

The child care assistance program has provided assistance for more than 9,000 children since 1995. In FY 2021, the program served 713 families and provided child care for 1,125 children from birth to age 12.

The program also collaborated with 176 child care providers and completed 1,821 family agreements for services, assisting 775 Chickasaw children. During COVID-19, the child care assistance program waived family copayments and paid the providers based on the enrollment of each child. At-home learning kits were mailed to each child on contract with the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Assistance program for continued learning opportunities while at home.



The Ada after school program began in 2012 and has since expanded to the communities of Tishomingo and Ardmore. The program provides care to children ages 4 to 12, offering opportunities for Chickasaw students to learn new skills and knowledge, exercise and develop healthy lifestyles. The program provided care for 474 children in the Ada, Ardmore and Tishomingo facilities during the 2020-2021 school year.

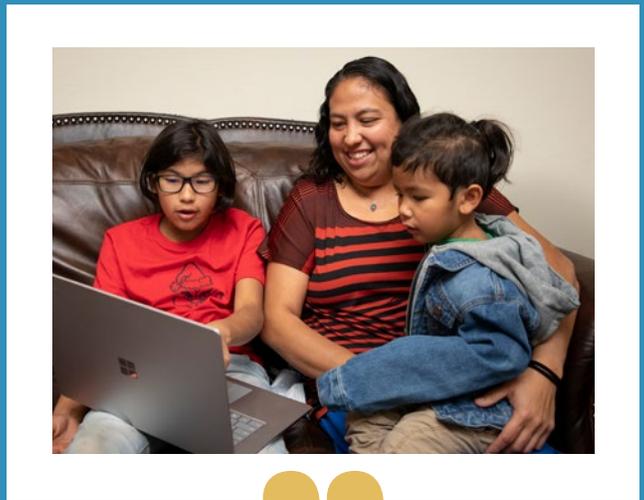
The Chickasaw Nation Early Childhood and Head Start program promotes the school readiness

of children from ages 3 to 5, and serves the communities of Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo and Sulphur. The program implemented virtual learning instructions at all early childhood centers for the 2020-21 school year. Virtual classes took place twice daily, Monday through Friday, throughout the school year. Summer classes took place virtually during the month of June.

Camps, clinics and academies provide a safe and positive environment for Chickasaw youth to develop personal skills and explore new physical activities. Camps and recreations served 240 Chickasaw youth in 2021 with in-person individualized recreational activities such as tennis and golf, as well as three virtual clinics including basketball, softball and speed/agility.



The Chikasha Pehlichikbi youth leadership program builds confident leaders in today's Chickasaw youth. The program provides students the opportunity to obtain leadership and cultural knowledge through classes offering business and cultural development courses, and a variety of community service opportunities. In March 2021, the Chikasha Pehlichikbi program reopened in a virtual capacity. Members attended monthly, virtual events geared toward leadership, cultural and personal development, as well as virtual college tours. The program served 41 Chickasaw youth, ages 14 to 18.



The Chickasaw Nation Virtual Kids Club was developed in 2021 as a way to encourage Chickasaw youth to discover and learn more about Chickasaw history and culture through an online format.

The virtual kids club is an online program for children to learn through sessions that provide instruction and presentations on cultural activities, crafts and Chickasaw history for an at-home experience the whole family can enjoy.

“The virtual kids club has been an amazing opportunity for my kids to stay connected to our Chickasaw culture,” said Chickasaw citizen Ashley Wallace.

The specially curated online courses focus on cultural enrichment, language, storytelling and traditional arts.

“The sessions keep my children and myself engaged during the presentations,” said Wallace.

The courses are offered using the Zoom virtual format and are available to two age groups: 2-6 years old and 7-13 years old. A different session is offered for each age group.

“The virtual kids club is an excellent way for families to learn and spend time together,” said Wallace.

**ASHLEY WALLACE**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**

# DRIVER'S EDUCATION

## TOKSALI SMART/CAREER GUIDANCE

Whether to go shopping, visit family or get to work, driving is an important aspect of life many take for granted. For others, however, the ability to get a driver's license is merely a dream. For those enrolled in the Toksali SMART program that dream can become a reality through the new driver's education program.

Toksali SMART encourages students age 14-21 to develop productive work patterns and behaviors in real-world environments. Toksali SMART partners with community resources to provide meaningful job experiences including job shadowing, mentoring, leadership opportunities, job training and more. Other training topics include financial literacy, character/leadership development, ACT prep and more.

The new driver's education program is a certified driving school, meeting the required state criteria. The Chickasaw Employment Access Driver's Education Training program is now the only tribal driving school certified by the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (OKDPS) to teach driver's education courses and facilitate driver's examinations. So far, the program has

helped more than 75 citizens get licenses and permits through its state-certified course. The program has a high pass rate, attributed partially to its decision to pretest students before the final driving exam. This allows instructors to assist test takers with questions they may encounter before the final exam.

This program is designed to provide services that deliver training and coursework to enable youth and young adults to obtain a learner's permit and eventually a driver's license, removing a barrier to future employment. While the full driver's education program is limited to Toksali SMART enrollees, the driver's exam is offered for all Chickasaw citizens, allowing the Chickasaw Nation to assist any Chickasaw citizen who meets the application requirements.

"We are very honored to be able to offer this program to serve our Chickasaw youth, and excited about the future of the Chickasaw Employment Access Driver's Education Training program," said Ada Toksali SMART Manager Scott Fortner.





# IMPA'CHI

## MEALS FOR KIDS AND DELIVERED PROGRAMS



The Chickasaw Nation Impa'chi “Let’s Eat” Meals for Kids and Impa'chi Delivered programs were created to provide nutritious food for children while they are not in school. Impa'chi Meals for Kids has in-person locations available to all children who would like a meal. Impa'chi Delivered serves Chickasaw citizens ages 1 to 18, by shipping boxes of shelf-stable meals directly to each child’s doorstep. By providing meals throughout the year, during school breaks and the summer, this program is bridging the gap to help food insecurity.

Many school districts closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, with students sheltering in their homes. Impa'chi Delivered helped to provide meals for Chickasaw students while school meals were not available.



The Impa'chi Delivered program reached Chickasaw families facing other difficulties, such as distance to school lunch offerings and those without transportation to Impa'chi Meals for Kids food sites or other food distribution locations. The Impa'chi Delivered program shipped more than 1 million meals to more than 3,000 Chickasaw children living within Oklahoma.

The program also offers meal sites for any child in the community to participate and safely enjoy their meal in person. Meal sites are offered during the school year and throughout the summer break. For a list of meal sites, visit [Chickasaw.net/MealsForKids](http://Chickasaw.net/MealsForKids).





# COMMERCE

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**The Chickasaw Nation's commitment to a diversified and successful business portfolio is part of its mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. Successful economic endeavors enable the tribe to offer vital programs and services, which benefit Chickasaw families and communities.**



# CHICKASAW COMMUNITY BANK

## NEW LOCATION



In June 2021, a groundbreaking ceremony took place for a new location for Chickasaw Community Bank (CCB) at 7420 W. Memorial Road. The new 33,000-square-foot headquarters will feature 79 offices, six conference rooms and a multipurpose area for trainings and events. The bank employs 200 local residents. Formerly known as Bank2, the bank has served Oklahoma City and First Americans across the United States for two decades.

The new location enables the bank to better serve existing customers and meet its mission of “Building Better Lives for Everyone.”

The bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation, changed its name in 2020 to better reflect Chickasaw values and heritage. The new four-story building will pay homage to Chickasaw culture.



CCB opened its doors in 2002 after careful planning, consideration and action by the Chickasaw Nation. With steady leadership and a commitment to its customers’ best interest, CCB created a stable financial institution with continuous growth.

CCB is a full-service financial institution that offers a diverse array of checking accounts, savings accounts, investment products, mortgages and lending services to individuals and businesses across the country. Bauer Financial rated the institution a 5-star bank in 2021, and Seifried & Brew LLC places the bank in the top 15% of all U.S. banks. The Daily Oklahoman has named the bank a “Top Place to Work in Oklahoma” six times.



Working to know the community, CCB reached out to lend a helping hand throughout the pandemic. CCB is the No. 1 provider of HUD 184 home mortgage loans, with customers seeking this service from nearly all 50 states. Low interest rates brought in new housing and commercial customers. Through the CARES Act, the bank also began offering Paycheck Protection Program loans, which proved to be beneficial. New employees had to be brought on to meet the demand.

Treasure Valley Casino in Davis, Oklahoma, celebrated its 18th anniversary in 2021.

Riverwind Casino in Norman, Oklahoma was named 2021 Best Casino by the Journal Record and a finalist for Best Casino in the 2021 Readers' Choice Magazine.

Chickasaw Country tourism prioritized safety during the pandemic, shifting in-person events to virtual formats. Throughout the year, the Chickasaw Nation's tourism centers located in Oklahoma City, Sulphur, Davis, Tishomingo and Thackerville welcomed more than 513,000 visitors who accounted for more than \$232,000 spent on authentic Chickasaw, First American and Made in Oklahoma retail merchandise and novelty gift items.



Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas, was nominated by the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce as the Corporation of the Year.

As commercial investment continues to advance into the digital economy of the future, Trace Fiber Networks, LLC (TFN) has been working diligently to bridge the technology gap that affects small towns and rural communities in Chickasaw Country. Construction of more than 300 route miles of fiber concluded in June 2020, and the fiber network became fully operational in September 2020. In 2021, TFN completed seven CARES Act projects including an extension of connectivity to the Chickasaw Nation's drive-thru vaccination center in Ada.



## SCORE

### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OWNING KADA RADIO

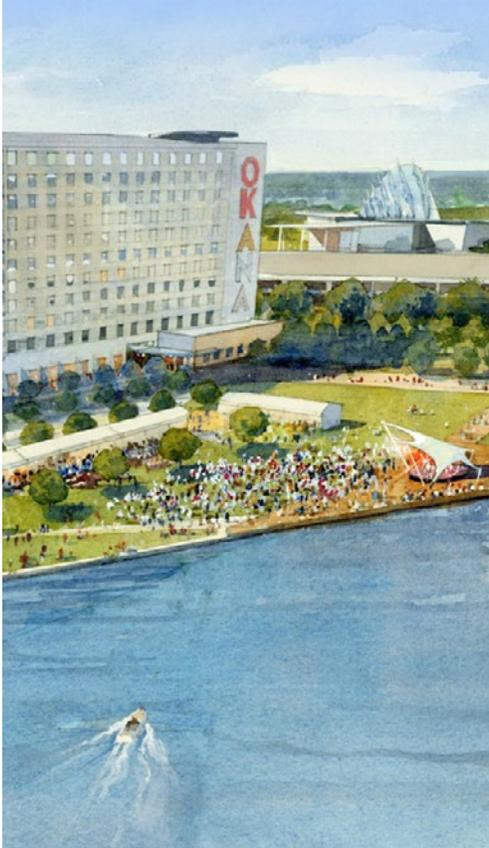
This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Chickasaw Nation's purchase of KADA-AM and KADA-FM radio entering the communications business. The original KADA-AM signed on the air in 1934, making it one of the first radio stations in the state, and in the country.

KADA radio would later become a part of a larger group of stations owned by the tribe named South Central Oklahoma Radio Enterprises or S.C.O.R.E. Broadcasting. It consists of five radio stations, and one low power FM translator, owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation since 1996.



# OKANA

RESORT



AICCM Land Development, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation focused on development of approximately 100 acres of commercial real estate surrounding the First Americans Museum located on the Oklahoma River in Oklahoma City. In October 2021, it was announced there will be a \$300 million OKANA resort featuring riverfront hotel, spa, outdoor adventure lagoon, amphitheater, indoor waterpark, restaurants, First American Marketplace and retail outlets built in the area.

The resort hotel will feature an 11-story, 404-room hotel, providing luxurious accommodations, riverfront and lagoon views and proximity to the heart of Oklahoma City and Boathouse District. The five-acre lagoon at the center of the property will include sandy beaches for relaxation and play.

The First American Market will provide space for First American artists to showcase art or other creations. The amphitheater and outdoor lawn will accommodate 1,500 guests, with both of these venues serving to augment the museum's programming with local artist performances, festivals, lectures and similar events.





# COMMUNITY

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The Chickasaw Nation offers a variety of community geared programs and services fostering the Chickasaw spirit of community engagement.



The Chickasaw Nation Community Outreach Program hosts Chickasaw citizen connection meetings across the United States, providing a way for citizens to engage in fellowship with other Chickasaws in the area. During these meetings, tribal representatives share the latest news and updates from the Chickasaw Nation, information about programs and services, historical learning opportunities, cultural presentations, including demonstrations and make-and-take activities and more. Meetings during 2021 were transitioned to a virtual format to continue to offer fellowship and learning opportunities, while keeping citizens and families safe. In all, community outreach hosted 75 meetings with more than 1,200 citizens in attendance.

This year community outreach hosted its first AYA Walking App Step Challenge with groups and citizens across the country. AYA is a unique step tracking app that unlocks rich Chickasaw narratives as you walk through your daily life. More than 450 Chickasaw citizens took part in the eight-week walking challenge competing with other teams across the country. Teams walked 7,698,450.67 steps and completed 3,645.1 miles.

The Chickasaw Nation VITA Tax Assistance Program completed its 13th year in 2021. The program continues to be a successful service for our citizens, employees and community members. In FY 2021, Chickasaw Nation employees from the department of treasury served as volunteers preparing returns remotely through a contactless tax filing system to qualifying individuals earning less than \$57,000 per year. The availability of virtual services in the future will expand outreach opportunities for more locations. VITA assisted 345 Chickasaw citizens with their tax returns.

One way Chickasaw citizens are expressing their pride is through display of Chickasaw license plates. These plates are for sale



exclusively at state-licensed tag agencies throughout Oklahoma. Since the Chickasaw Motor Vehicle Program issued its first license plate in February 2015, the Oklahoma Tax Commission has returned rebates totaling more than \$1.3 million. To date, the program has issued tag rebates to more than 18,000 citizens.

# PPE

## PACKAGE PROGRAM

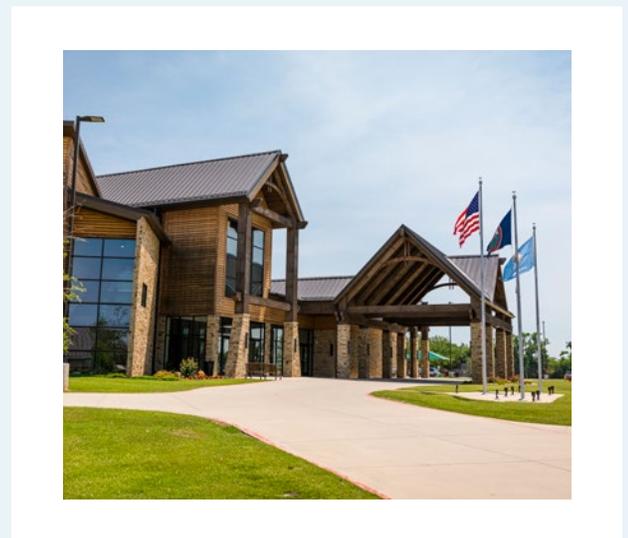
Efforts to mitigate COVID-19 continued in 2021. While critical personal protective equipment (PPE) was still challenging to obtain throughout the country, the PPE Package Program expanded to include additional options to meet the evolving needs of citizen households. The expanded program included disposable masks, reusable masks, alcohol wipes, pulse oximeter, non-contact thermometer and more.

In FY 2021, more than 9,500 packages were requested and distributed to citizens in each of the 50 states. In total, nearly 50,000 essential PPE packages have been distributed to citizens and employees. The PPE Package Program, under Governor Bill Anoatubby's direction, was made possible through funds from the CARES Act.



## COMMUNITY CENTERS

The Chickasaw Community Centers reopened June 14 for Chickasaw citizens to begin hosting events and attending meetings with friends and family. The community centers were closed for a period due to the pandemic. Centers are located throughout Chickasaw Nation and offer amenities including kitchens, banquet rooms, conference rooms, entertaining space and more. Since reopening, the centers have hosted more than 50 events.



# CHICKASAW CARING COTTAGES



Nine Chickasaw Caring Cottages were completed in 2020 near the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. The cottages were originally developed to provide needed housing for COVID-19 patients to isolate, but would later serve as lodging to meet other needs as well.

The caring cottages provided a place for Chickasaw citizens, employees and First Americans to recover close to other supportive services. The units are approximately 400 square feet and include all the amenities of home, such as cable television, Wi-Fi internet, refrigerator, cooking range, linens and an emergency phone with a direct line to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. A front porch patio provided a place to enjoy being outside while staying responsibly distant.



As the needs and landscape of the pandemic began to change, the cottages found another purpose following a winter storm in February 2021. The units served as emergency housing for 18 Chickasaw Nation Medical Center staff members, enabling personnel to continue to provide care to patients without interruption.

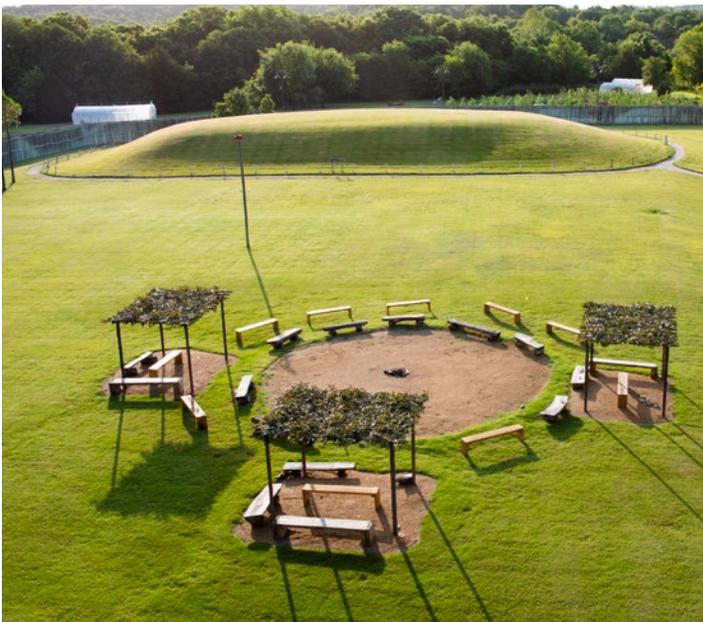
In March 2021, the cottages once again shifted purpose to provide needed shelter to citizens facing housing insecurity due to the pandemic. Twenty-five citizens and family members were assisted with living quarters and resource navigation at the Chickasaw Caring Cottages. Of the 25, nine are now living self-sufficiently having the ability to support their own successful households.





# CULTURE & ARTS

The Chickasaw Nation places a strong emphasis on art and culture to bring communities together and to share the creativity of the Chickasaw people.



Established in 2014, the Artesian Arts Festival is one of the largest First American art markets in the country. This year, the event was celebrated as an online art market for First American artists for the second time. There was an increase in number of participants this year from 55 in 2020 to 123 in 2021. More than 20 First American tribes were represented and more than 500 pieces of artwork were made available through the Artesian Online Art Market. Awards were given in 16 categories and 11 Chickasaws received awards.

The Chickasaw Nation established the Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in 2005 to showcase the creativity and beauty of First American art. This year, SEASAM again took place virtually. Each artist displayed up to five pieces of art that were available for purchase online. There were 14 categories with a winner in each, as well as a Judges' Award and Best of Show.

More than 100 pieces of artwork entered into the virtual market were sold and more than 120 First American artists participated. Awards were given to 18 adults, including seven Chickasaws.

The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library and the Chickasaw Cultural Center's Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture are two libraries allowing individuals to broaden their understanding of Chickasaw history and culture, while informing visitors of many other resources.

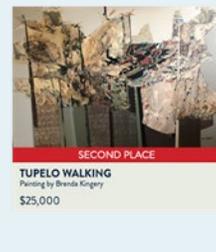
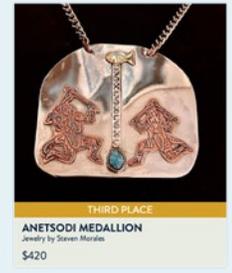
The Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library, located in Ada, has a circulation of books including fiction, periodicals, children's, biographies, histories, magazines and general reference materials.

The Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture, located in Sulphur, is a 20,000-square-foot specialty library focusing on the study of the Chickasaw Nation and other tribes in the Southeastern United States. Using advanced technology, the research center preserves archives, tales, culture, First American language and historical accounts passed from generation to generation.

This year, the tribal library and Holisso staff received approximately 900 calls and emails for

# SEASAM

## SOUTHEASTERN ART SHOW AND MARKET VIRTUAL EVENT



genealogy requests and served more than 220 Chickasaw families.

The Chickasaw Historical Society was established in 1994 to promote, preserve and protect Chickasaw history and culture. The Chickasaw Historical Society works to research and document historical information, profile the achievements of our citizens, promote tribal arts and preserve the Chickasaw language. In FY 2021, there was a total current membership of 457.

The 2021 Chickasaw Historical Virtual Conference was hosted May 12. The conference was titled “Chickasaw Journeys: Our Land – Our Connection” and was attended by nearly 150 people from 20 different states.

The Chickasaw Nation Productions’ documentaries from the Chickasaw Heritage Series and feature films *“Te Ata,” “Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher,” “Bearer of the Morning: The Life of Te Ata Thompson Fisher,” “Pearl,” “Pearl Carter Scott: On Top of the World”* and *“First Encounter”* were shown nationally across the United States on public access TV. The

*“Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher”* explores the life of historic Chickasaw rancher Montford Johnson, who experienced great hardships and tragedy which he overcame to establish a vast ranching empire along the famous cattle highway of the American West, the Chisholm Trail. Johnson’s story is a true Western epic.

Inspired by a true story, *“Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher,”* tells of Johnson’s time among settlers, cowboys, tribes, military and bandits. *“Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher”* was directed by Nathan Frankowski and produced by Paul Sirmons.

It is the third feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation, joining *“Te Ata”* and *“Pearl”* in its effort to tell the story of the Chickasaw people.

The second film, *“Te Ata”* is based on the inspirational, true story of Mary Frances *“Te Ata”* Thompson Fisher, a woman who traversed cultural barriers to become one of the greatest First American performers of all time.

With a career as an entertainer and storyteller that spanned six decades, Te Ata earned international fame presenting a unique one-woman show of First American heritage and culture.

Directed by Nathan Frankowski and produced by Paul Sirmons, several award-winning First American actors helped bring the story based on Te Ata’s life to the silver screen.



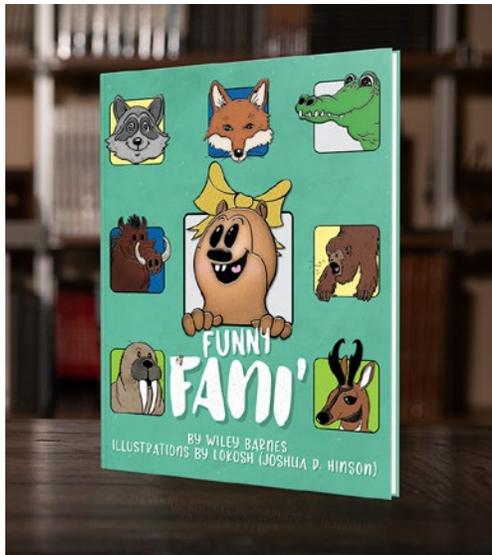
Chickasaw Nation Productions’ films *“Te Ata”* and *“Montford: The Chickasaw Rancher”* offer similar opportunities to learn about impactful First Americans from the comfort of home or on the go. Both films are available to stream on Netflix and Amazon. Documentaries are available to stream from ChickasawFilms.com.



# CHICKASAW PRESS

CELEBRATES 15 YEARS

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In 2021, the Chickasaw Press celebrated 15 years of preserving Chickasaw stories, sharing heritage and providing an understanding of Chickasaw self-governance and sovereignty for audiences around the world.

Established in 2006, the first Chickasaw Press title, *Chickasaw Unconquered and Unconquerable* was released Oct. 7 of that year. This coffee table book features a large format of essays, images and photographs that fully encompass Chickasaw heritage, meeting the past with the present. The Chickasaw Press became the first tribal publishing entity sharing the Chickasaw history and culture, educating Chickasaw citizens and others, and enhancing relationships with the community.

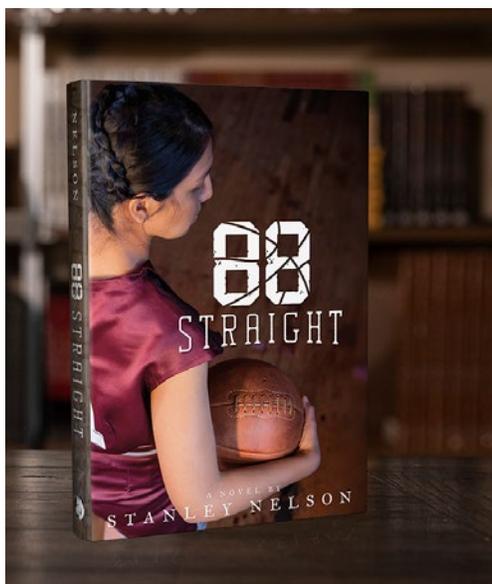
As a secondary imprint under the Chickasaw Press, White Dog Press publishes a more creative approach by embracing projects that do not fit under the umbrella of Chickasaw research and scholarship. White Dog Press shares history, culture and experiences of the Chickasaw people through literary categories such as historical fiction, children's books, young adult literature, how-to-books, travel writing, creative or narrative nonfiction, poetry and memoirs.

During the last 15 years, the Chickasaw Press has published 65 book titles. The press also produces digital material such as e-books and apps for smartphones and tablets.

In 2021, the Chickasaw Press released five new titles, including *Little Bird* and *88 Straight*, which are the third and fourth novels through White Dog Press. For young readers, *Funny Fani* includes facts about a variety of animals while teaching the Chickasaw language. *Listening to our Elders* is a portrait series featuring paintings by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen and writing by Martha Larsen and Michelle Cooke. Finally, in partnership with the Chickasaw Historical Society, *The Indian Way: Chickasaws* is a historically important account about the lives and perspectives of the Chickasaw people 50 years ago.

With the celebration of 15 years, the Chickasaw Press continues to preserve, perpetuate and provide an awareness of Chickasaw history and culture.

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# Chickasaw LANGUAGE

Chikashshanompa', or Chickasaw language, has always been a vital part of the identity of the Chickasaw people. It has connected generations of Chickasaw citizens together for hundreds of years. Today, learning the Chickasaw language is critical in preserving the cultural identity of the “unconquered and unconquerable” Chickasaw people.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program on social media for compelling and relevant language content. Instagram and Twitter @Chikashshanompa.



## ACHICKASAWDICTIONARY.COM

“A *Chickasaw Dictionary*” by Rev. Jesse Humes and Vinnie May (James) Humes, originally published in 1973, is now accessible in digital format at [AChickasawDictionary.com](http://AChickasawDictionary.com).

“Language and culture are intertwined in a manner that makes revitalizing our language essential to preserving Chickasaw culture and keeping it relevant for generations to come,” Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

The dictionary can be used to search for specific words or browsed alphabetically in both Chickasaw and English. Each dictionary entry includes both the Chickasaw and English translation, as well as the phonetic pronunciation. Dictionary entries also have an accompanying audio file, recorded by Mrs. Humes, herself, that demonstrates the correct Chickasaw pronunciation.



## CHICKASAW LANGUAGE BASICS APP

Chickasaw Language Basics app features hundreds of Chickasaw words, phrases, songs and videos. The language is taught in recorded pronunciations grouped by themes and purpose. Greetings, food, animals and technology are some of the lessons.

Chickasaw Language Basics can be downloaded for free at [Apple.com/iTunes](http://Apple.com/iTunes) or accessed on an Android mobile device. To find the same tools with a web browser, a self-teaching portal and workbook can be found online at [Chickasaw.net/Anompa](http://Chickasaw.net/Anompa).





In an effort to revitalize and perpetuate the oral tradition of Chikashshanompa', the Chickasaw Nation established several programs and services dedicated to revitalizing the language among Chickasaw citizens. Convenient learning opportunities are offered for interested citizens of all ages looking to enhance their speaking abilities in Chikashshanompa'.

Thanks to today's technology, these tools can be accessed anywhere with an internet connection.

### ROSETTA STONE CHICKASAW

A collaboration between the Chickasaw Nation and Rosetta Stone, the world's leading language-learning software company, offers interactive language lessons for speakers of all levels.

Developed in conjunction with native Chickasaw speakers, Rosetta Stone Chickasaw currently features 120 lessons that allow you to study at your own pace and learn conversational Chickasaw phrases that can be incorporated into daily life, with 40 additional lessons slated for release in the fall of 2022.

Users can access Rosetta Stone Chickasaw, a cloud-based program, through a computer or mobile app for Android/Apple devices.

Rosetta Stone Chickasaw is available at no cost to Chickasaw citizens. If you are new to Rosetta Stone Chickasaw, visit [Chickasaw.net/RosettaStone](http://Chickasaw.net/RosettaStone) to register and begin your journey.



### CHICKASAW.TV

Chickasaw.tv offers a channel dedicated to learning the Chickasaw language through lessons, songs, games and stories. Visit the Chikashshanompa' channel on Chickasaw.tv.



### CHICKASAW ACADEMY ADULT IMMERSION PROGRAM

The Chickasaw Academy Adult Immersion Program (CAAIP) is dedicated to creating new Chickasaw language teachers through structured immersion approaches. CAAIP is an adult Chickasaw language immersion program for novice learners who are paired with master-level fluent Chickasaw speakers and proficient second language speakers of Chickasaw. CAAIP participants take part in a Chickasaw language immersion environment Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 40 hours per week.





The Chickasaw Nation offers an assortment of virtual resources for citizens to ensure they stay culturally fulfilled. Chickasaw citizen Steve Paniagua enjoys keeping up with the cultural videos that are continuously released by the Chickasaw Nation.

“Thank you for sharing our Chickasaw heritage and history, and for your dedication to preservation!” Paniagua said.

**STEVE PANIAGUA**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**

### **CHICKASAW NATION TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS**

Follow the Chickasaw Nation Workshops & Trainings Facebook page at [Facebook.com/ChickasawNationWorkshops](https://www.facebook.com/ChickasawNationWorkshops) and access resources related to Chickasaw culture, education, health care, fitness, safety, language and tribal government.

### **CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY** **Chickasaw Culture, Youth and Family, Health and more**

To watch videos with stories and lessons about the Chickasaw Homeland and history, visit the “Chickasaw culture” section of “Connecting our Community” available at [Chickasaw.net/COC](https://www.Chickasaw.net/COC).

Explore topics like regalia, language, dance, art and music. You can also listen to stories about

the crayfish, the creation story, the red-headed woodpecker, as well as the duck and coyote, among others.

### **CHICKASAW NATION CULTURE AND HUMANITIES** **YouTube Channel**

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities has launched a YouTube channel by the same name to feature step-by-step video guides on how to make items of cultural significance to the Chickasaw people.

The first video upload is available now and covers stickball stick creation (kapochcha' itti' ikbi'). Subscribe to discover and create more traditional items preserved by Chickasaws for generations.

“Very impressive. All of the informational videos shared on the tribal Facebook pages provide Chickasaw citizens and the public great history and education. The virtual resources provided during the pandemic really made us feel informed and educated about our tribe. Thank you!” Paniagua said.

**STEVE PANIAGUA**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**





# DEVELOPMENT

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Development of projects continued during FY 2021.



## COMPLETED PROJECTS

### **CHICKASAW NATION MEDICAL CENTER RENOVATION** | Ada, Oklahoma

The renovation project expands approximately 32,000 square feet of the hospital and various clinic spaces.

### **CHICKASAW NATION MEDICAL CENTER LABORATORY EXPANSION** | Ada, Oklahoma

The 11,000-square-foot lab expansion offers expanded inpatient pharmacy, laboratory and medical supply warehouse.

### **CHICKASAW NATION ALTERNATE CARE SITE** | Ada, Oklahoma

The alternate care site provides COVID-19 support through additional patient rooms, space for beds and associated support spaces.

### **HINA' CHOKMA MEN'S RECOVERY CENTER** | Ada, Oklahoma

The recovery center provides two residential housing units consisting of three bedrooms, a common area, an office and storage rooms.

### **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS FACILITY** | Ada, Oklahoma

The building serves as the Chickasaw Nation's Department of Health COVID-19 incident command center, COVID-19 drive-thru testing site and optional COVID-19 strategic personal protective equipment storage facility.

### **WINSTAR WORLD CASINO COWBOYS BAR AND GRILL** | Thackerville, Oklahoma

The Dallas Cowboys themed restaurant provides seating for 238 with a VIP room that seats 40, multiple televisions, an LED screen wall and game score ticker board.

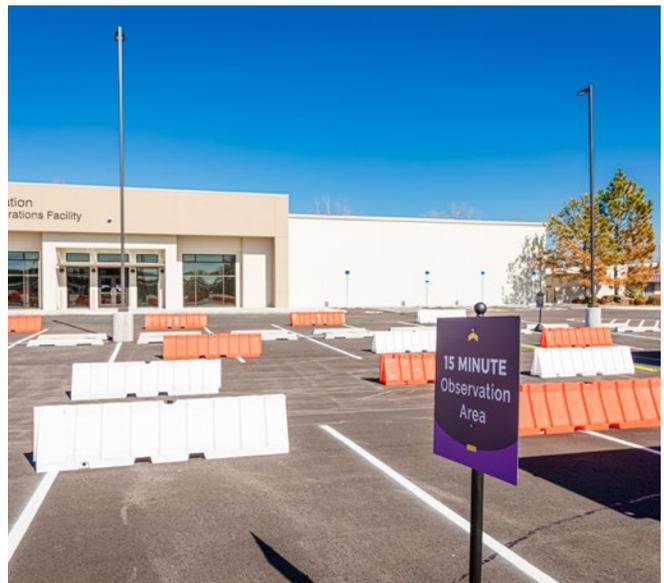
### **CHICKASAW NATION ACTIVE AGING FACILITY REMODEL** | Ada, Oklahoma

A remodeled Family Life Center and lobby provides more wellness opportunities for

Chickasaw elders. This project includes a sitting area with a user-friendly check-in/reception desk, pool restroom/lockers, saunas and updated cardio area, walking track and aerobic room.

### **CHICKASAW COUNCIL HOUSE MUSEUM EXPANSION** | Tishomingo, Oklahoma

The museum expansion provides additional office space for museum operations.





**MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT COVERED  
PARKING | Ada, Oklahoma**

The nearly 2,400-square-foot pre-engineered metal covered parking and storage room provides coverage for two mobile medical units, cellular access point trailers and various other items.

**CHICKASAW NATIONAL RECREATION  
AREA PEDESTRIAN TRAILS  
Sulphur, Oklahoma**

The trail offers approximately 2,600 feet of a concrete bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting the Inkana Bridge to the Rock Creek campground and Veterans Lake walking trail.

## PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

### **CEMETERY PRESERVATION SHOP BUILDING | Ada, Oklahoma**

The construction of a pre-engineered metal shop building will include a large, two-bay shop area, office and restroom.

### **TISHOMINGO GYMNASIUM Tishomingo, Oklahoma**

An approximately 13,570-square-foot pre-engineered metal building will provide a full court gym area with fixed bleacher seating, public restrooms, concessions, shower/locker/restrooms, storage rooms and an office.

### **HILLTOP MEADOW ADDITION Ada, Oklahoma**

Sixty homes under construction will offer additional housing opportunities for citizens and their families. The homes feature fenced yards, storm shelters, storage buildings, oversized parking spaces and 5-foot sidewalks around the entire block.

### **CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER CAFÉ REMODEL AND ADDITION Sulphur, Oklahoma**

This project consists of a complete remodel of the kitchen area, adding preparation and cooking islands as well as expanded counter space to better serve guests. The remodel will include an enlarged dining area.

### **CHICKASAW CULTURAL CENTER THEATER LIGHTING UPGRADE Sulphur, Oklahoma**

The theater will receive a new trapeze with light fixtures for the stage area and general purpose lighting. New flooring will be installed to provide a larger area to support stomp dances and various other activities.

### **WINSTAR GLOBAL EVENT CENTER REMODEL | Thackerville, Oklahoma**

The remodel will feature a new gaming area with approximately 1,813 new games, a 13-seat upscale bar area and fast casual restaurant with 71 seats. The second floor will offer new office space for casino operations.





# EDUCATION

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The Chickasaw Nation is committed to providing educational opportunities to enable citizens of all ages to achieve their dreams. Programs centered on education from early childhood through adulthood are available to develop skills and prepare Chickasaws for careers and lifelong learning.



The adult learning program provides academic instruction to individuals who have not completed high school in order to earn a High School Equivalency certification. The program provides in-person learning opportunities in Ada and Ardmore, as well as distance learning programs, to serve citizens in need who reside within Chickasaw Nation treaty territory. Credit recovery assistance is offered to Chickasaw students who have failed a required subject area necessary for graduation. In FY 2021, 185 Chickasaws, 25 other First Americans and 19 non-First American students were served.

The tutoring reimbursement program began in 2006 and works to provide support for Chickasaw citizens pursuing educational achievement. In 2021, 32 students received reimbursement assistance.

The career technology program is available to part-time and full-time Chickasaw students attending a state or nationally accredited training facility. The funding is intended to assist students by providing for tuition, fees, supplies, books and other training related expenses. The field of study is not limited to any particular discipline. In FY 2021, the program assisted 435 Chickasaw students.

To ensure the safety of children and employees, the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Centers closed their doors in 2020. At-home learning kits were provided to each child enrolled at the time of the closure, providing families with educational activities for their children. In May 2021, the facilities reopened after much care was taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These efforts included installation of Genesis Air Filtration systems, disinfecting and sanitizing machines for classrooms. Since reopening, the centers served more than 200 enrolled students.

The school age program provides child care for children ages 4 to 12 during the times that public school is closed for spring, summer, fall and holiday breaks. At-home learning kits were provided to each child enrolled to assist families

with parent interaction during the COVID-19 pandemic. The kits included materials that met the state learning guidelines for math, science, STEM, social studies and reading and writing. The program reopened for the 2021 summer break and provided care for 300 Chickasaw children.





The Chickasaw Nation offers many educational based programs to support students, including the recruitment and retention program for college students at various campuses. This program aims to prepare, support and empower Chickasaw students for success. Through the program, students are able to participate in social, cultural and campus events, academic support and career development. The goal is to increase retention rates and help students excel.

“The Chickasaw Nation Recruitment and Retention Program has given me a space to complete schoolwork while also reinforcing a sense of tribal belonging,” said Chickasaw citizen and University of Oklahoma student Aaron John.

He is pursuing a Bachelor of Philosophy at the University of Oklahoma, with plans to graduate in 2022.

He participates in cultural activities, learning more about his Chickasaw heritage. “The numerous activities, such as language workshops, storytelling events and a trip to the First Americans Museum, have allowed me to continue to learn about the Chickasaw Nation and First American identity as a whole,” John said.

The resources available through the program help keep him on track with his studies. “This has served as a necessary program in my life, as schoolwork can often make everything else fall to the wayside.”

During the pandemic, retention centers were closed but four institutions offered online classes, Zoom meetings with program staff, one-on-one sessions with Chickasaw Nation human resources and scholarship workshops.

Nearly 400 Chickasaw students participated through programs at the University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma City Community College, Murray State College and East Central University in FY 2021.

Recruitment and retention student centers reopened in June 2021 with the assistance of PPE and signage to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**AARON JOHN**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**



# CHICKASAW FOUNDATION

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



In 2021, the Chickasaw Foundation celebrated 50 years of supporting and promoting Chickasaws as well as the surrounding communities within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory. In commemoration of the anniversary, the Chickasaw Foundation created a book to highlight the many years of service it has provided to the community.

The Chickasaw Foundation is dedicated to promoting higher education through its many scholarships, covering a vast number of areas of study. During FY 2021, more than \$103,000 in scholarship funds were available to students.





# ELDERS

Enriching the lives of our elders is a top priority of the Chickasaw Nation. Programs and services are thoughtfully designed to meet their needs.



The over-the-counter medications program, established in 2005, provides medications at no cost for eligible Chickasaw elders, 60 years of age or older. The medications are available at all Chickasaw Nation senior center locations or mailed to Chickasaw elders. In FY 2021, 12,311 medications were distributed and more than 1,100 Chickasaw elders were served.

Established in 2000, the home maintenance program provides minor home repairs and other miscellaneous services for Chickasaw elder homeowners. Services include wood service for heating, weatherization, pest, septic and installation of handicapped ramps and grab bars. In 2021, more than 1,100 home repairs were made for nearly 600 Chickasaw elders. The home maintenance program assisted elders with more than 90 repairs a month.

The assisted living benefit program provides up to \$2,500 a month for Chickasaw elders to live in a state-licensed assisted living facility. The program includes elders living within the Chickasaw Nation and beyond. During 2021, 39 Chickasaw elders utilized the program.

The assisted living program was developed to keep Chickasaw elders in a home-like setting as long as possible. Chickasaw elders in the program are living in assisted living facilities throughout the United States. Staff processed 2,565 calls regarding the program and a total of 77 applications were sent to elders and/or their families. State guidelines for assisted living facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic made in-person visits very limited. Therefore, phone calls, emails and/or text messages were utilized for wellness checks, socialization and elder needs.

The supplemental lawn mowing program, implemented in 2009, provides supplemental lawn mowing service for Chickasaw elders residing within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory. In FY 2021, 935 assessments were completed and lawns were mowed nearly 11,000 times.

The Chickasaw Nation chore service program began in 2000 for elders requiring assistance with cleaning services. The program now includes staff visitation to long-term care facilities and companionship for the elders. The program provides services to an average of 145 Chickasaw elders a month. The program provided more than 2,500 services in FY 2021.





The Chickasaw Nation places a high priority on its elders with a commitment to offering resources that assist with maintaining healthy lifestyles.

One of the many programs offered to elders is the Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers program. The program provides fellowship along with congregate breakfasts and lunches for in bound elders 60 years and older. The centers also offer health monitoring, social activities, cultural classes, speakers, elder wellness programs and group activities.

Chickasaw citizen Jerry Pershica enjoys visiting the senior center for meals. “We love going to lunch at the Oklahoma City Senior Center for the good food and fellowship,” said Pershica. “Our site director and our cooks do an outstanding job out there.”

Throughout the pandemic, the Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers continued to provide regularly scheduled meals to those on the homebound meal routes and offer daily lunches to eligible elders as a drive-thru service.

Between March 2020 and June 2021, meals were served through homebound and curbside lunches. In FY 2021, 1,546 Chickasaw elders were served a meal. The senior centers served an average of 101,393 meals for the year.

“The food is good and the cooks prepare it well. There are other items to choose from if I don’t like what is prepared,” said Billy Hester. “We have two good cooks and they do a great job with the food.”

Chickasaw citizen Linda Bugg also commented on the meals at her center.

“We’ve got a good center up there to go to. We have a good cook, and the food is good,” said Bugg. “They do a great job.”



**JERRY PERSHICA  
BILLY HESTER  
LINDA BUGG  
CHICKASAW CITIZENS**



# CHR PROGRAM

## COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

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Founded in 1969 with only three representatives, the community health representative (CHR) program has become an integral part of the life and health of homebound or disabled Chickasaw elders in all 13 counties of the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory. As one of the first tribes to employ community health representatives, the Chickasaw Nation offers a wide variety of services, including blood pressure and blood sugar readings, basic health checks as well as provides information about various tribal programs and more.

Inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2020, Lillian Blackwood Fowler (1919-2004) was one of those first three CHRs hired in 1969. She and her co-workers recognized and voiced the needs of Chickasaw citizens, especially elders, to the tribe. Pat Woods, another early CHR employee, spoke of her work in 2013 saying, “Being a CHR was so rewarding. In those early years, it gave you the opportunity – if you had the initiative – to do whatever it took to help. I think the CHR program gave the tribe the foundation to build programs and services to make life better for Native people. We documented the need for better health care, housing, employment and services for youth and our elders. As the Chickasaw Nation has progressed, we have seen many of our dreams come true. Our visionary leaders, Governor Overton James and Governor Bill Anoatubby, had the commitment and persistence to help bring about all our positive accomplishments. I am thankful and proud to have been a part of it.”



By providing a one-stop wellness check, CHRs are able to keep in touch and up to date with elders who otherwise would be lacking help. Last year, Chickasaw Nation CHRs provided nearly 84,000 services to approximately 3,000 Chickasaws.



# EMPLOYMENT

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**The Chickasaw Nation offers career training and services through various programs to remove barriers and expand opportunities for employment.**



The Pathways to Success program focuses on increasing the employability of First Americans within the Chickasaw Nation service area and enables families to become productive in the workforce. This program offers support to Chickasaw citizens and other First Americans through financial assistance, supportive services and classroom stipends. In FY 2021, the program served more than 140 citizens with one or more supportive services, including classroom training, work experience, job search and other assistance.

The Chickasaw Institute of Technology was implemented in 2016 to provide career-training opportunities to Chickasaw citizens. Enrolled students receive compensation for up to 40 hours per week. During FY 2021, 60 Chickasaw citizens graduated from a career-training program.

The Chickasaw Institute of Technology provides a variety of employment opportunities to Chickasaws. The institute offers employment preparation for in-demand careers.

Participants can earn trade certifications through classroom, workshop and on-the-job training opportunities. Each program consists of 40 hours per week, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with workshop and classroom hours taking place at the Chickasaw Institute of Technology.

The following programs are offered at the Chickasaw Institute of Technology: Electrician Program, HVAC Program, Construction Technology Certificate, Medical Coding Certification Program, Administrative Professional and a new Plumbing Program beginning Aug. 2022.

There is no financial cost associated with the program, and participants are eligible for compensation while training.

Since 2004, the internship program has prepared students to become strong, knowledgeable leaders through collaborative relationships with local, state and national organizations and businesses. During a six to 10-week internship, eligible interns receive biweekly pay and are provided housing accommodations. Travel



expenses may be covered for eligible participants living outside the job location area. In 2021, 14 Chickasaw interns took part in a virtual internship and three Chickasaw interns were able to conduct an in-person internship.

The Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program was established in 1996 with the goal of helping individuals with disabilities to enter or return to suitable employment. This program provides services to First Americans with disabilities in a manner that is consistent with each individual consumer's strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities and capabilities. The program also teaches skills that all new employees need to succeed on the job. During 2021, 264 Chickasaw citizens and 213 other First Americans received assistance through the program.



The Chickasaw Nation offers numerous programs and resources dedicated to strengthening career skills and assisting Chickasaws in finding success in a variety of career fields. Chickasaw Employment Access (CEA) prepares Chickasaws for the workforce by helping them overcome barriers and providing pre-employment skills training tailored to meet their specific needs.

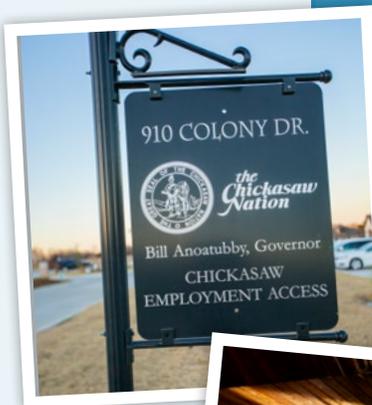
Chickasaw citizen Chloe Imotichey used the career programs to reach her goal of becoming a nurse. “The resources they offered really helped,” she said. “The program created a space for community within my college experience. Alone time and a quiet office space allowed me to better myself and my studies.”

Imotichey earned her associate degree in nursing from Murray State College (MSC) in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. She was able to learn more about her tribe and heritage while in the program. “Chickasaw Employment Access gave Chickasaw students a space to learn more about the Chickasaw Nation traditions and values while furthering their education,” she said.

Another important resource was the fellowship and sense of community. “The fellowship of other Chickasaw students and sense of community is such a strong aspect of the Chickasaw Nation values, CEA created a program to do just that on the MSC campus,” said Imotichey.

Chickasaw Employment Access serves four areas: adult training, employment opportunities, career guidance and partnership development. Adult training includes career development services and career enhancement to connect Chickasaws with employment opportunities. Navigators work with citizens to ensure they are placed in programs that will provide the best opportunities for success.

Chickasaw Employment Access also assists in job placement after individuals complete their degrees or certifications.



**CHLOE IMOTICHEY**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**

# HUMAN RESOURCES

## NEW TOOLS FOR OUTREACH

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The Chickasaw Nation Human Resources Division expanded its virtual reach during the pandemic. New recruiting methods were put into place to ensure high-quality customer service and communication continued as normal.

The interview format was modified to take place virtually, in an effort to conduct interview safely. The virtual interview and hiring process provided Chickasaw citizens living outside of the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory, a new opportunity to easily participate. This new technology expanded the candidate pool for all positions.

Human resources social media presence was enhanced by hosting many different virtual hiring events and collaborating with the Chickasaw Nation social media team to create the new Facebook page, Chickasaw Nation Career Opportunities. This new social media endeavor provides another outlet to recruit the best candidates for a wide-range of career paths within the Chickasaw Nation.

Connecting Chickasaws with meaningful career opportunities is one of the main objectives for the human resources team. Chickasaw Nation Recruitment Services is available to assist citizens with résumé and job application reviews, interview preparation and a variety of other career development services.

The Chickasaw Nation also offers a paperless employment application. To learn more, visit [Chickasaw.net/Careers](http://Chickasaw.net/Careers).





# FAMILY

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Programs and services designed for Chickasaws and their families continue to offer support for various family needs.



Prevention services works to improve the overall health and quality of life for Chickasaw citizens, families and communities by promoting emotional well-being and reducing mental illness and substance use problems through education. Crisis training, education and assistance reached more than 200,000 individuals. More than 10,000 suicide prevention promotional and educational items were provided to students within the Chickasaw Nation. Prevention services also served 19,345 Chickasaws and 796 Chickasaw Nation employees and community members with suicide prevention training.



Chipota Himmita was established in 2001 to assist families in improving support systems and increasing parenting skills and knowledge. Home visits conducted by certified home visitation specialists provide child development screenings and promote healthy child growth and development as well as positive parent-child relationships. This year, the program completed 271 home visits, serving 122 Chickasaws, along with 563 virtual visits. Additionally, there were 412 referrals to other programs and services.

Child support services continues to play a vital role in our communities. Due to court disruptions caused by the pandemic, child support services implemented mediations to help resolve issues,

## EACH

### ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR CITIZENS & HOUSEHOLDS

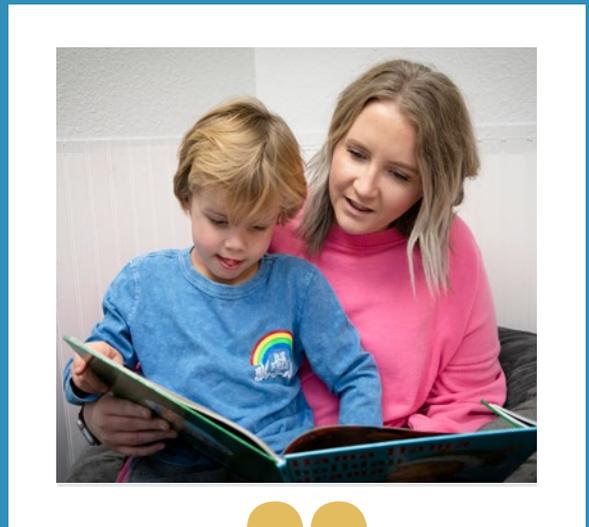
The Economic Assistance for Citizens and Households (EACH) program was created in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency's negative economic impacts. The program offers direct monetary assistance to Chickasaw citizens living in households that have been negatively economically impacted by COVID-19. Nearly 30,000 citizens qualified for more than \$58 million in funding in the first 10 days.



lessening the burden on families and the justice system. Ultimately, 99% of cases set for mediation had orders agreed upon, and due to its success, these mediations will continue into the future.

The Chickasaw Nation Chokka Chaffa', or "One Family" program is a home-based service for First American families identified as being at-risk. The program works with families to establish a case plan targeted at setting attainable goals to eliminate or reduce the potential removal risk for a child. The program served 482 Chickasaws in 2021 and handled more than 4,200 phone calls. Chokka Chaffa' continued to provide preventative services to families during the pandemic, utilizing alternate forms of communications including virtual visits.

The violence prevention services program provides advocacy and services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and other major crimes. The program served 2,844 individuals, including more than 1,400 Chickasaws, providing 53 home visits, 221 transports and 1,573 emergency shelter nights. Violence prevention staff also completed 36 presentations, with 542 attendees at these events. The use of telehealth and virtual services helped to ensure that all services were able to continue throughout the pandemic.



The Hofanti Chokma ("to grow well") program collaborates with child-serving programs, communities and families to support developmental and social-emotional well-being through a number of activities including workshops, parenting groups and more.

For Chickasaw citizen Lacey McFadden, Hofanti Chokma provided valuable tools.

"I took PAX Tools as a requirement for my job. It is great for parents and teachers but also grandparents, aunts and uncles, and anyone involved with children," McFadden said.

PAX Tools come from the PAXIS Institute, an international prevention science company focused on developing solutions to human behavior problems. They are used to prepare parents, caregivers, educators and others working closely with children.

The Hofanti Chokma program worked with 309 participants during FY 2021 offering the PAX Tools.

"When my kids are struggling and my patience is thin, I try to check myself, and included in that is asking myself what is missing, what can I do to help them function? That's when I reach into my toolbox and pull out some of the strategies I learned in PAX," McFadden said.



**LACEY MCFADDEN**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**

# WIC

## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition program (WIC) offers its services to families who need encouragement and support in feeding their children. It delivers up-to-date specialized nutrition education along with a generous food package for growing children from the prenatal period up to age 5. The program puts families' feeding concerns first and works with individuals to provide the very best for their growing children. WIC encourages participants through improving their daily nutrition, overall health and provides a welcoming learning environment for breastfeeding mothers.

This year, Chickasaw Nation WIC released the MomCircle mobile app offering helpful tips and advice on a child's development, breastfeeding, sleeping, nutrition and more, from the pregnancy stages to beyond the toddler years.

MomCircle was created for mothers who want to be the best version of themselves for their children. Focusing not only on babies, but mothers themselves, MomCircle shares solutions

on how a mother can remain physically, mentally and spiritually fit, ensuring they can be the best possible parent to their baby.

Many Chickasaw Nation WIC clients report barriers of transportation, child care and work schedule conflicts when it comes to attending nutrition education opportunities offered by WIC. MomCircle circumvents these barriers and provides the same uplifting emotional messaging, in a self-paced, online and mobile format.

"We know life is so busy for families," Katrina Lewis, WIC Sr. Program Manager said.

"MomCircle is a great tool, as it can be accessed by moms at home or on the go. The same great nutrition education and support that is provided at WIC is now available to all moms right at their fingertips."

Through nutrition education, counseling, support and encouragement, the Chickasaw Nation WIC staff connects with families to assist them in improving and enhancing the quality of their lives.





# HEALTH & WELLNESS

**The Chickasaw Nation is dedicated to the continued advanced care of Chickasaw citizens, their families and other First Americans in surrounding areas. The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health reported more than 1.1 million patient visits in FY 2021, with more than 46,000 virtual visits.**



This year, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health laboratories offered COVID-19 rapid testing for those in need. In April 2021, the lab at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center (CNMC) acquired the ability to perform molecular testing on the Hologic instrument. This allowed all COVID-19 samples from Chickasaw Nation sites to be processed at CNMC rather than another laboratory, resulting in significant cost savings.

A new mobile medical unit was purchased to replace the existing, aging mobile unit. The new unit provides our public health, medical and nursing teams with resources to strengthen community engagement and expand health care services throughout our communities. Additionally, construction of a storage facility for the new mobile unit began in March 2021 on the Ada South Campus.



The Farmers to Families program was created in 2020 by the USDA to support national, regional and local suppliers whose workforces had been significantly impacted by COVID-related closures. Through this program, the Chickasaw Nation collaborated with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma for Farmers to Families drive-thru food distribution events. A total of 18 events were hosted between May 2020 and May 2021, distributing more than 500,000 pounds of food into communities.

# HEALTH AWARDS

## OKLAHOMA QUALITY FOUNDATION AWARD NIHB AWARD

The Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH) won two prestigious awards in 2021. The Oklahoma Quality Foundation selected CNDH as the 2021 recipient of the Leadership in Excellence Award. Additionally, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) presented the Chickasaw Nation COVID-19 testing and vaccination team with an Area and Regional Impact Award for the Oklahoma City area during a virtual conference. The area/regional impact award is meant to honor work that has contributed to improving First American health care or affected change on an area or regional basis. Dr. Daniel Molina, Chickasaw Nation Chief of Research and Public Health, accepted the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation COVID-19 testing and vaccination team.



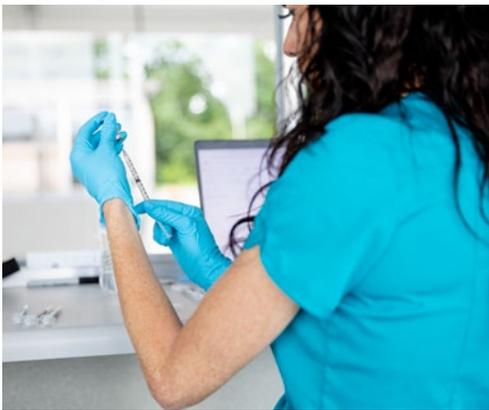
# COVID-19 VACCINE

CNDH RISES TO THE CHALLENGE OF VACCINATING



The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic carried into 2021 after the first official vaccination was given Dec. 16, 2020, to Rhonda Brown, an elder and lab phlebotomy supervisor with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health (CNDH).

Rollout of the vaccination was implemented in phases. Doses were first offered to health care workers, older adults and Chickasaw citizens. They were then extended to CNDH patients, Chickasaw Nation employees, family members, school teachers and their families and the general public. More than 30 different locations were utilized as vaccination sites across the Chickasaw Nation with daily drive-thru vaccination initiated at Ada, Tishomingo, Purcell and Ardmore.



In March 2021, the Emergency Operations Facility was established to serve as a unified incident command center as well as a COVID-19 drive-thru testing and vaccination site for the community. Due to the size of its parking lot, the Chickasaw Nation was able to manage 16 lanes of traffic for drive-thru vaccinations. When planning the facility, care was taken to ensure adequate storage capacity and the ultralow temperature freezers needed to get vaccines out to the public quickly. The Chickasaw Nation developed the capacity to vaccinate more than 6,500 persons per day, and therefore was able to vaccinate citizens, employees and priority groups considerably faster than most of the rest of the United States and the state of Oklahoma. This allowed the Chickasaw Nation to rapidly accelerate offering COVID-19 vaccine to members of the community.



Since the vaccines became available to all Oklahomans in March, the Chickasaw Nation made vaccinations available to everyone at no cost, regardless of tribal affiliation or residency, thanks to the support of Governor Bill Anoatubby.

“We are pleased to do our part to help put an end to this pandemic,” said Governor Anoatubby at the time of the vaccine rollout. “Working together, we can help protect our

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family, friends and neighbors as we help speed our return to a greater sense of normalcy. Vaccinations, wearing masks, responsible distancing and washing our hands will help make our community and state safer for everyone.”

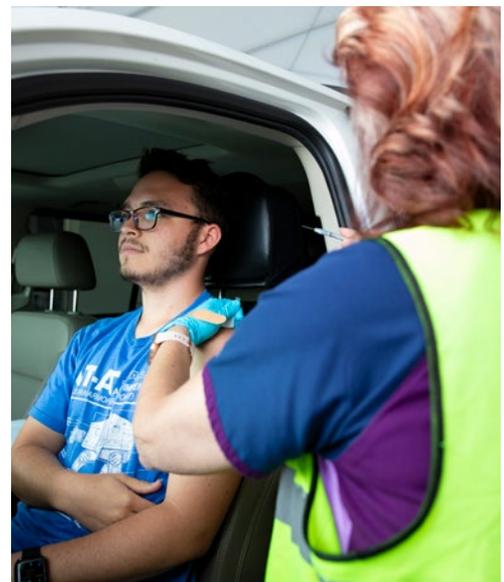
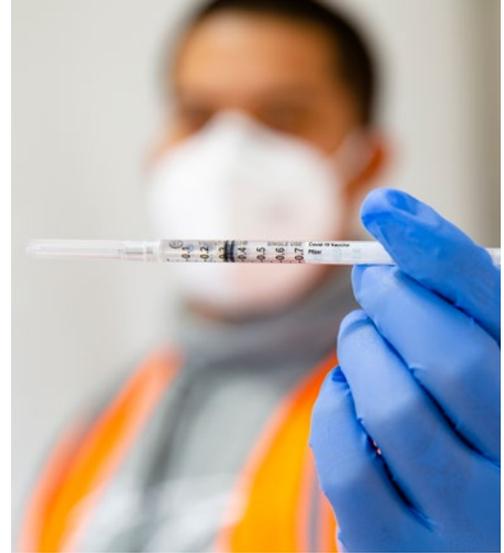
CNDH staff worked diligently to ensure proper supply and response as vaccine guidelines were updated, more populations became eligible and booster doses were authorized and recommended. In addition to providing vaccinations at the Emergency Operations Facility, teams were established at the satellite clinics in Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo as well as at a number of public health outreach events in surrounding communities. Recipients traveled from 38 states to get vaccinated.

By Nov. 29, 2021, the number of total vaccinations surpassed 75,000, thanks to the organized effort of many teams who coordinate planning, operations, logistics, safety, infection prevention, finances, medical protocols and communications within the incident command structure established by federal public health guidelines.

The Chickasaw Nation workforce is one of the most heavily COVID-19 vaccinated workforces in the world with nearly 84% of employees receiving one dose and nearly 83% receiving a complete series of COVID-19 vaccination. To date, more than 4,200 employees have received their COVID-19 booster dose, a number expected to increase since the FDA expanded booster eligibility recently.

The leaders and staff at CNDH continue to monitor new and updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the FDA as new federal vaccination options become available, and remain committed to offering quality service and care to Chickasaw citizens, other First Americans and the community.

**For updated COVID-19 information, visit  
[Chickasaw.net/COVID19](https://Chickasaw.net/COVID19)**



# MEDICAL FAMILY THERAPY

Chickasaw culture is steeped in the total inclusion of family. The family unit is one of strength, hope and love for Chickasaw people. Each member of that unit is important. An important part of each member's health is their biological, psychological, social and spiritual wellness. That is why our treatment includes a team of medical family therapists who focus on the overall health and well-being of the patient.



This integrated approach includes medical providers, nurses, case managers, psychiatrists, pharmacists and medical family therapists. Every team member works together to achieve the optimal health level for their patients.

Medical family therapy is a department of family services program embedded within the Nation Department of Health locations.

Medical family therapy uses a specialized approach to address the physical and physiological health of patients and their families. By focusing on improving the overall quality of life for each patient, family medical family therapists can assist their patients with a variety of concerns and topics, which include weight management, blood pressure, pain management,

nutrition, anxiety, depression, life adjustment needs, stress management, family planning, grief counseling and even educational information regarding diagnoses. Oftentimes, therapists meet with patients directly after they have met with their medical provider. This allows the patient another resource to ask any questions they might have or even discuss any mental obstacles that come with their diagnosis. On average, the medical family therapy program facilitates at least 20,000 visits a year. These visits include seeing First Americans of all ages at all sites operating through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

Medical family therapists have the opportunity to meet with a patient's family members about their loved one's diagnosis if the patient permits, assisting them with understanding the diagnosis and coping with what could be grief at difficult times. Therapists often assist family members with information about upcoming changes in the home life, allowing every opportunity for the family unit to be involved and strengthen each patient, if the patient permits.

As everyone struggled to understand the virus and the ramifications of the impact to patients and health care workers, the team of medical family therapists was on the front lines. Team members were available to patients to help educate them about the virus and give them the proper tools to quarantine and safely distance from family members. They assisted patients dealing with the struggle and anxiety resulting from isolation as the Chickasaw people endured and overcame stress related to the pandemic. This year alone, the medical family therapy program has provided more than 22,000 visits, with many of those visits being virtual to stay within COVID-19 safety protocols.



The Chickasaw Nation places great value on the access to health care and health related programs available to Chickasaw citizens.

Chickasaw Nation pharmacies provide patients with prescription services, medication reconciliation services, a medication take-back program and medication therapy counseling on any prescription or over-the-counter product.

This year, the pharmacy filled 1.35 million prescriptions between the four outpatient pharmacies located at satellite clinics in Tishomingo, Purcell and Ardmore and the inpatient pharmacy located in the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Chickasaw citizen Glenda Liddell has relied on the pharmacy to provide needed prescriptions for her and her family.

“The Chickasaw Nation pharmacy has been a lifesaver for myself and my family,” said Liddell.

The pharmacy is able to transport prescriptions to other Chickasaw Nation pharmacies for pick up, mail eligible patient medications and refill through phone and/or online. For FY 2021, the pharmacies mailed 600,000 prescriptions and 710,000 prescriptions were picked up through the drive-thru pharmacy.

Pharmacists are available during pharmacy hours to answer questions about common disease concerns and to offer provider-referred clinic appointments with services to help patients manage medications for anticoagulation, diabetes, dyslipidemia and hypertension.

“They provide excellent services and the staff are very caring. They always take that next step to meet the needs of their people,” said Liddell.

**GLEND A LIDDELL**  
**CHICKASAW CITIZEN**



# HOUSING

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**Housing has remained a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation, as high quality, affordable housing is essential to enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. Establishing housing programs is part of our combined efforts to help meet the evolving housing needs of Chickasaws.**



The Down Payment and/or Closing Cost Assistance Grant program is a one-time benefit to Chickasaw citizens to assist with down payment and/or closing costs of a new home. The program has served 460 Chickasaw citizens in FY 2021 with \$14 million in assistance. Since the program's inception, 4,547 Chickasaw citizens received grant funds totaling nearly \$122.5 million.

The Emergency Energy Assistance program was established in 2002 to provide assistance for urgent, unmet needs for Chickasaw citizens under the age of 60 who live within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory. Eligible citizens may receive assistance with gas, water, propane, electric bills and/or deposits. In 2021, 832 Chickasaw citizens received assistance through this program.

An at-large version of the program was established in 2007 to provide for citizens who live outside the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory. In 2021, 202 Chickasaw citizens received assistance through this program.

Chickasaw Housing Improvement Services (CHIP) Minor provides grants for repairs of privately owned homes of low income First Americans and emergency repairs of privately owned homes of Chickasaw citizens. This year, the CHIP Minor program assisted 312 Chickasaw families with a grant of \$5,000 toward the repair/rehabilitation of their privately owned home. Since inception of the program in 1998, 3,472 grants have been issued.

Chickasaw Farms was established in 2007 to provide landscaping products to Chickasaw homeowners. This program provides a landscaping package, which includes three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses and 12 flowers. Chickasaw homeowners can also receive up to 10,000 square feet of quality sod.

Chickasaw Farms provided 124 initial landscaping packages and 200 supplemental packages to homeowners and 294,000 square feet of sod was harvested and installed for 35 Chickasaw homeowners with newly constructed homes within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory.



Chickasaw Farms also harvested 117,750 square feet of sod for Chickasaw homeowners and 118,050 square feet of sod was provided to a variety of tribal businesses and programs this year.

The Private Driveway program, implemented in 2005, provides assistance to Chickasaw elders, age 60 and older, Chickasaw veterans and citizens with special needs living within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory with the repair and/or construction of private driveways. This program is designed to ensure a safe route to and from the citizens' home for emergencies, medical services and family visits. The driveway program has provided driveways for 27 Chickasaw citizens in 2021. The program has served 609 Chickasaw families since 2005.

# DISASTER RELIEF

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## CHICKASAW NATION DISASTER RELIEF

The Chickasaw Nation is committed to serving citizens when they need emergency assistance. By providing this assistance and creating avenues for other types of help, the Chickasaw Nation offers a variety of resources that keep citizens safe in times of severe weather and natural disasters. Many Chickasaw Nation departments and teams play a critical role when it comes to the planning and implementing of safety precautions during emergency situations.

## THE CHICKASAW NATION DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUND

The Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund contributes to relief and recovery efforts associated with emergencies, natural disasters and crises, such as tornadoes, fires and floods. In 2021, 157 VISA gift cards, totaling nearly \$79,000, were issued to Chickasaw citizens, their families and Chickasaw Nation employees impacted by natural disasters such as the tornadoes in Madill, Oklahoma and Arkansas, Tropical Depression Beta and Hurricanes Laura, Sally, Delta and Zeta, and the wildfires in California and Oregon.



## LIGHTHORSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

When severe storms, tornadoes, flooding and other natural disasters occur, the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department is here to help. The Lighthouse police are called upon to assist disaster victims within the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory and throughout Oklahoma. Lighthouse officers are cross-deputized with other law enforcement agencies and can serve communities outside of the Chickasaw Nation treaty territory when needed.

## CHICKASAW NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CNEM)

The Chickasaw Nation Emergency Management (CNEM) manages and organizes resources and responsibilities for humanitarian aspects of emergencies (preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery) to reduce the harmful effects of all hazards, including disasters.

CNEM works directly with the National Weather Service to provide weather briefings during events throughout the Chickasaw Nation. Over the past year, CNEM has provided more than 505 emergency action plans, 316 involving weather briefings and collaboration between CNEM and the National Weather Service, for Chickasaw Nation events. During severe weather, CNEM will activate its Emergency Operation Center and begin watch and warning activities in collaboration with the National Weather Service chat room and Chickasaw Lighthouse police.

## GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION (GSI) DEPARTMENT

The Chickasaw Nation Geospatial Information (GSI) Department uses mapping technology to track storms or natural disasters and assist with disaster relief. Since October 2018, the department has mapped tornadoes, wildfires, earthquakes, major floods and hurricanes.



Once mapped, the department receives and geocodes addresses of Chickasaw citizens who have the potential to be impacted by each event.

### **KCNP - CHICKASAW COMMUNITY RADIO NETWORK**

KCNP Chickasaw Community Radio Network is recognized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador for its willingness to improve the Chickasaw Nation's readiness, responsiveness and overall resilience against extreme weather, water and climate events.

Weather information is continually updated. Typically, the station provides updates four times daily. During severe weather, reports can be up to the minute.

KCNP also receives constant weather information from the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Norman. In emergency situations, the NWS and county emergency management officials have authority to interrupt regular broadcasting to issue warnings and alerts.

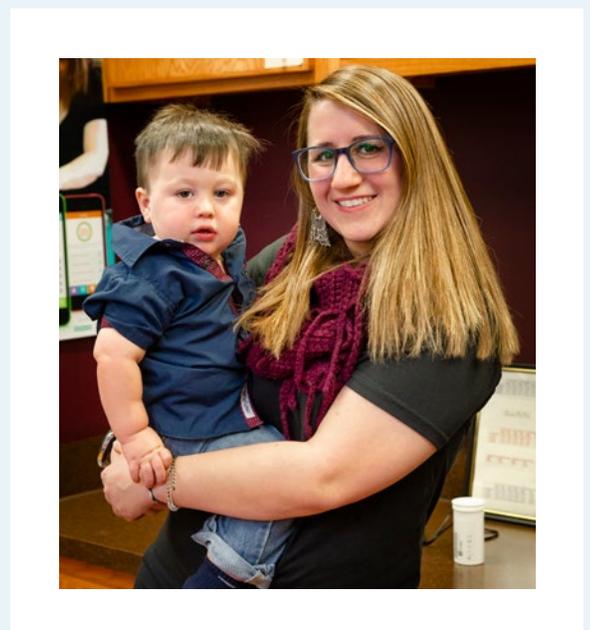
KCNP Chickasaw Community Radio Network can be heard across the Chickasaw Nation on 89.5 FM in Pontotoc County, 89.3 FM in Carter County, 97.3 FM in Johnston County and 104.5 FM in Garvin County. Listeners can also hear the live KCNP audio stream on KCNP.org on a computer or smartphone.



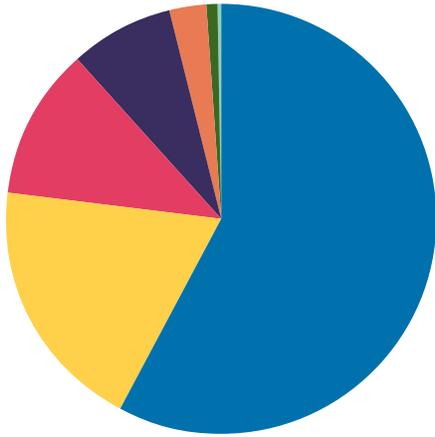
## **ERAP**

### **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) launched April 6, 2021, to provide rent and utility assistance to eligible households that have experienced financial hardship due directly or indirectly to COVID-19. Funding through this program provided more than \$4.8 million to Chickasaw citizens.



# FINANCIALS



**TOTAL REVENUES**

Net gaming revenue	\$1,462,265,583	57.88%
Grant revenue	\$486,275,761	19.25%
Non-opening revenue	\$290,007,225	11.48%
Third party revenue	\$196,193,026	7.77%
Other revenue	\$64,372,862	2.55%
Net retail revenue	\$22,491,863	0.89%
Investment revenue	\$4,698,114	0.19%

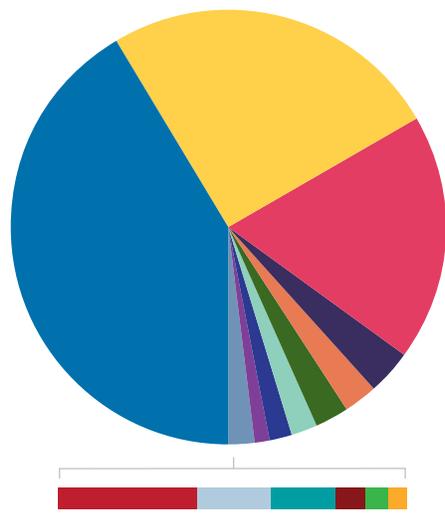
Total Revenues \$2,526,304,434 100.00%

## CHICKASAW NATION COMPARAT

ASSETS	2021*	2020*	2019*	2018*	2015*	2011*
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,552,193,305	1,505,170,062	1,066,525,771	861,706,683	644,196,698	445,077,066
Investments	\$ 1,768,482,188	1,265,851,803	1,182,237,875	1,140,699,442	662,012,941	160,722,759
Accounts and notes receivable	\$ 173,779,480	211,172,531	182,690,118	149,422,527	147,486,209	97,487,773
Inventory	\$ 16,635,235	15,354,970	14,955,665	12,373,953	10,251,979	9,599,307
Capital assets	\$ 1,228,207,821	1,224,194,073	1,160,096,689	1,052,146,265	1,052,024,400	941,736,948
Other assets	\$ 118,736,401	92,468,331	103,489,432	144,752,992	87,993,730	96,479,554
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 5,858,034,430</b>	<b>4,314,211,770</b>	<b>3,709,995,550</b>	<b>3,361,101,862</b>	<b>2,603,965,957</b>	<b>1,751,103,407</b>
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 301,566,935	345,274,988	219,504,389	227,293,994	154,047,951	103,667,866
Deferred revenue	\$ 692,594,355	200,852,865	52,477,976	80,398,920	68,814,567	39,170,874
Other liabilities	\$ 213,397,529	89,764,681	102,050,010	52,405,362	54,494,553	183,573,287
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 1,207,558,819</b>	<b>635,892,534</b>	<b>374,032,375</b>	<b>360,098,276</b>	<b>277,357,071</b>	<b>326,412,027</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 4,650,475,611</b>	<b>3,678,319,236</b>	<b>3,335,963,175</b>	<b>3,001,003,586</b>	<b>2,326,608,886</b>	<b>1,424,691,380</b>

The financial information presented in this report is unaudited.

\* The Chickasaw Nation has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. Statement 34 changes our method of recording and reporting our fixed assets. In the past, when the nation purchased a fixed asset it was shown as an expenditure in the current year. Now the purchase is shown in the balance sheet as a capital asset and depreciated over its useful life.



## TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Business-type activities	\$650,645,300	41.41%
Health	\$399,113,036	25.40%
General government	\$285,885,756	18.20%
Education	\$56,614,322	3.60%
Other	\$38,349,312	2.44%
Housing	\$38,004,717	2.42%
Social services	\$32,302,498	2.06%
History and culture	\$24,723,623	1.57%
Legal	\$15,490,676	0.99%
Transportation	\$11,944,976	0.76%
Regulatory services	\$6,257,825	0.40%
Aging services	\$5,669,459	0.36%
Public safety and defense	\$2,493,365	0.16%
Judiciary	\$1,964,032	0.13%
Natural resources	\$1,613,791	0.10%

Total Expenditures \$1,571,072,688 100.00%

## STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

ASSETS	2007**	2003*	1999	1995	1991	1987
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 261,142,708	44,110,100	21,382,840	8,390,315	2,676,018	1,475,745
Investments	\$ 135,492,638	83,051,961	12,548,410	10,808,494	2,377,124	456,067
Accounts and notes receivable	\$ 33,410,225	10,866,857	34,522,723	12,233,018	5,492,809	2,955,034
Inventory	\$ 5,756,908	4,423,512	2,946,081	1,354,260	622,463	101,274
Capital assets	\$ 491,909,941	160,551,121	64,169,108	22,254,896	11,044,786	7,624,301
Other assets	\$ 82,438,273	3,533,497	4,448,349	3,338,548	175,647	164,707
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 1,010,150,693</b>	<b>306,537,048</b>	<b>140,017,511</b>	<b>58,379,531</b>	<b>22,388,847</b>	<b>12,777,128</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 51,061,288	36,574,115	15,469,160	7,835,065	2,113,361	732,860
Deferred revenue	\$ 56,727,826	23,157,248	22,734,254	5,843,206	4,777,146	2,649,411
Other liabilities	\$ 117,870,118	3,922,671	7,173,030	11,737,454	852,307	115,135
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 225,659,232</b>	<b>63,654,034</b>	<b>45,376,444</b>	<b>25,415,725</b>	<b>7,742,814</b>	<b>3,497,406</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 784,491,461</b>	<b>242,883,014</b>	<b>94,641,067</b>	<b>32,963,806</b>	<b>14,646,033</b>	<b>9,279,722</b>

\* In 2007, the Chickasaw Housing Authority received guidance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the treatment of Mutual Help housing units. This guidance states that such units should be recorded as other assets, rather than as capital assets on the balance sheet until the property is ultimately conveyed.

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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## AREA OFFICES:

Ada Area Office.....	(580) 436-7256
Ardmore Area Office.....	(580) 226-4821
Duncan Area Office.....	(580) 470-2131
Office of Career Services.....	(580) 436-7294
Oklahoma City Area Office.....	(405) 767-8971
Pauls Valley Satellite Office.....	(405) 207-9883
Purcell Area Office.....	(405) 527-4973
Sulphur Area Office.....	(580) 622-2888
Tishomingo Area Office.....	(580) 371-9512

## HEALTH CLINICS:

Ada.....	(800) 851-9136
Ardmore.....	(877) 242-4347
Purcell.....	(877) 584-3289
Tishomingo.....	(877) 240-2720

## OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Bureau of Indian Affairs Chickasaw Agency.....	(580) 436-0784
Chickasaw Lighthouse Police Department.....	(580) 436-1166
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.....	(580) 436-3980

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:

Chickasaw Nation Headquarters.....	(580) 436-2603
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.....	(580) 436-1460
Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court.....	(580) 235-0281
Chickasaw Nation District Court.....	(580) 235-0279

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