



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

FACT SHEET

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Casino Resort

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is developing a world-class casino resort in Carter Lake, Iowa to support delivery of services to its members and develop communities within its service area. The Ponca's casino resort will benefit its entire service area – Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota – as the Poncas will finally be self-sufficient, able to provide for members and establish a respectful, mutually beneficial relationship with the State of Iowa and the City of Carter Lake.

Resort Details

Gaming:

- 2,000 slot machines, 50 table games, a poker room with 15 tables and OTB parlor
- Multi-purpose room for bingo (1,000 seats) or entertainment (2,000 seats)
- Integrated players club and player tracking system

Resort:

- Meeting space including grand ballroom
- Upscale spa / wellness facilities
- Large indoor/outdoor pool area
- Full-service 150-unit all-suite hotel, connected to the casino

Dining/Retail:

- Multiple food locations a buffet, food court, bakery/deli counter, barbeque roadhouse, fine dining restaurant and sports bar
- Retail outlets with branded merchandise and Native arts and crafts

Economic Impact

Jobs:

- Nearly 1,800 new jobs created at the Carter Lake Casino Resort
- Annual payroll of more than \$41 million
- Nearly \$10 million annually in additional employee benefits

Taxes:

- Annual payroll tax revenue of nearly \$17 million
- Nearly \$37 million in annual purchases for goods and services for on-going operations, including more than \$6 million to vendors in the State of Iowa and another \$22 million in Nebraska

Tourism:

- Approximately 2.9 million visitors annually, including almost 2.1 million from outside of Iowa
- More than 120,000 overnight guests per year at the casino resort and another 250,000 at other area hotels

Indirect impact:

- Pottawattamie County and State of Iowa –
 - More than \$13 million increase in annual output for Pottawattamie County and an additional \$5.5 million in annual output for the State of Iowa
 - Increase in employment of approximately 143 jobs for Pottawattamie County and an additional 51 jobs for the State of Iowa
 - Increase in annual earnings of \$4.6 million for Pottawattamie County and an additional \$1.7 million in annual earnings for the State of Iowa
- State of Nebraska –
 - Nearly \$109 million increase in annual output for the State of Nebraska
 - Employment increase of approximately 1,100 jobs for the State of Nebraska
 - Annual earnings increase of nearly \$37 million for State of Nebraska

About the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is one of four tribes considered indigenous to Nebraska, but, unlike most Native American tribes, the Ponca Tribe has no reservation lands. As part of their 1990 Ponca Restoration Act, the Poncas govern in a "service area" across 15 counties in three states.

Tribe

Size: More than 2,700 members

Location: The Ponca Tribe was terminated in 1966 by the United States Government resulting in the dissolve of their land and holdings; the Tribe was restored in 1990 when the "Ponca Restoration Act" was signed by George H.W. Bush and granted a "service area" across 15 counties in three states.

Services

The Ponca Tribe serves its members from field offices in Sioux City and Carter Lake, Iowa and Lincoln, Niobrara, Norfolk and Omaha, Nebraska. The Tribe also serves other enrolled Native Americans from nearly 120 tribes. Carter Lake has been home to Ponca health and social services program delivery to members since 2001, but the location has not worked well for members or the tribe.

Education:

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is dedicated to assisting and encouraging its tribal members in the attainment of their educational goals. Five programs are currently available to tribal members.

- Higher Education
- Adult Vocational Training
- General Educational Development
- Graduate/Post-Graduate
- Youth Initiatives Program

Health:

- The goal of the Health Department is to improve the health care needs of Tribal members and other Native Americans.
- The Ponca Tribal Health Services Department provides optical, dental, outpatient, in-patient hospital, and prescriptions. Other important programs within the Health Services Department include the following:
 - Behavioral Health Services
 - Contract Health Services
 - Diabetes Program
- Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center in Omaha opened in 1998 and provides health services to all Native Americans, regardless of Tribal affiliation
- The Carter Lake field office opened in 2001

Social Services:

- The Department of Social Services is designed to improve the lives of Tribal Members and other Native Americans through:
 - Childcare assistance
 - Funeral/burial assistance
 - Respite care
 - Transportation
 - Family preservation
 - Domestic abuse and family violence services
 - Family outreach and family support services
- Advocacy Services include, but are not limited to:
 - Social Security
 - SSI
 - Medicaid
 - Food stamps
 - Medicare
 - WIC
 - Child protective services
 - Foster care/child welfare services

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