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The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska operates within a designated “service area” covering fifteen counties: twelve in Nebraska, one in South Dakota and two in Iowa. The Tribe has office sites located in five of these counties. In Nebraska, PTN offices are established in Niobrara, Norfolk, Lincoln, and Omaha. In Iowa, there is a PTN office in Sioux City.

Please note that some of the services in this booklet are restricted to the service area only.

Service Area Counties

**Nebraska:** Boyd, Burt, Douglas, Holt, Knox, Lancaster, Madison, Platte, Hall, Sarpy, Stanton, and Wayne.

**Iowa:** Pottawattamie and Woodbury.

**South Dakota:** Charles Mix.
Buffalo Program
The Buffalo Program serves to restore and sustain the buffalo on Ponca lands. The program also provides:
• Adopt-a-Buffalo Program
• Meat distribution as available

Culture Department
The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska’s Culture Department aims to preserve and restore the Ponca Tribe’s Traditional Cultural knowledge.

The Culture Department works with Tribal members to help them awaken their own cultural knowledge and understand who they are, where they come from and who they belong (are related) to, by providing the following services:
• Preserving the Ponca language and culture.
• Preserving the history of the tribe and promoting historic knowledge, using legal channels to protect sites that are important to the tribe, where we lived and buried our people.
• Curating the Tribal Museum in Niobrara, Nebraska. As a cultural education center geared toward both the past and present of the Ponca Tribe, it provides a look at the rise, fall, and resurrection of the Northern Ponca Nation.
• Maintaining Tribal archives, which include both historical photographs and documents, along with research assistance on Ponca history.
• Outreach education and presentations to educate non-tribal members on our rich history.
• Guided Tours around the Ponca Educational Trail and around the Pow Wow Arena, Native Garden, and National Historic Registered Community Building and Grounds

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Domestic Violence Program

Domestic Violence Advocacy

This program provides crisis/emergency services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, including:

- Case management
- Legal and court advocacy
- Transportation
  (24-hour notice required)
- Shelter referral
- Community resource referrals
- Protection order forms
- Notarization of documents
- Limited financial assistance during an emergency (based on availability of funding)
- Regular prevention, awareness, and outreach activities
- Support group therapy

This is a grant funded service through the Department of Justice, the ACF and the State of Nebraska. The program is open to all Native Americans, but applicants must reside in the Ponca Service Area.

CONTACT:
Domestic Violence Program Director
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Domestic Violence Outreach Advocates
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Domestic Violence Case Managers
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Sioux City, IA 51103
402.315.2778
5805 S 86th Circle
Omaha, NE 68127
402.438.9222
1701 E St
Lincoln, NE 68508
Elder Victim Advocacy

This program provides crisis/emergency services and ongoing support to adults over 55 years of age in the Ponca Tribal Nebraska service area. Advocates assist clients with needs related to the crime, as well as other identified needs. This free program provides:

- Court accompaniment
- Transportation
- Assistance with filing Crime Victims’ Compensation
- Information about the criminal justice system
- Assistance with connection to benefits and services
- Assistance with preparing Victim Impact Statements
- Limited financial assistance (based on availability of funding)
- Case management
- Legal and court advocacy
- Protection order forms
- Notarization of documents
- Individual and group therapy

This is a grant funded service through the Nebraska Crime Commission. The program is open to all Native Americans, but applicants must reside in the Nebraska Ponca Service Area.

CONTACT:
Elder Victim Advocates
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**Human Trafficking Advocacy**

This program provides crisis/emergency services and ongoing support to Native American youth and adult victims of Human Trafficking in the Ponca Tribal Nebraska service area. A Case Manager assists clients with needs related to the crime, as well as other identified needs. This free program provides:

- Court accompaniment
- Transportation
- Assistance with filing Crime Victims’ Compensation
- Information about the criminal justice system
- Assistance with connection to benefits and services
- Assistance with preparing Victim Impact Statements
- Limited financial assistance (based on availability of funding)
- Case management
- Legal and court advocacy
- Protection order forms
- Notarization of documents
- Individual and group therapy

*This is a grant funded service through the Nebraska Crime Commission. The program is open to all Native Americans, but applicants must reside in the Nebraska Ponca Service Area.*

**CONTACT:**

Human Trafficking Case Manager
531.389.2379
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Education
Post-Secondary Aid
The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska offers need-based funding assistance to its members nationwide in the following post-secondary programs:

• Higher Education
• Adult Vocational Training
• Graduate/Post Graduate

GED/High School Equivalency Program
• Cost of testing fees is covered up to $60.00.
• An incentive bonus of $250.00 is awarded to those who complete the program.

Youth Initiatives Program
An incentive/reward program for K-12 students nationwide
• Attendance Incentive
• Art Contest
• Essay/Poetry Contest
• Student of the Month Contest
• Senior Incentive

Johnson O’Malley Program
A grant-funded program that provides supplementary financial assistance to meet the unique and specialized educational needs of all eligible Indian children, pre-K–12 grade, who are located in the Madison County area only. JOM funds are not to take the place of any other federal, state or local funds.

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Education Director
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Education Administrative Assistant
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Education (cont.)

I-LEAD PEP

(Native Youth Initiative for Leadership, Empowerment and Development Professional Enrichment Program) is a grant-funded program that provides assistance to Native students, ages 14 - 18, who are located in our Service Delivery Areas, with career preparation and development.

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PEP Career Development Officer
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Norfolk, NE 68701

Career Coach
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Enrollment

The PTN Enrollment Department oversees the addition of individuals onto the Tribal roll and maintains current records of membership.

• Processes applications for enrollment
• Provides enrollment verification to other PTN departments for services they provide
• Creates the Newsletter and other Tribal Department mailing lists
• Verifies enrollment and registers members to vote in Tribal elections
• Provides enrollment verification to members upon request
• Issues enrollment certificates and enrollment IDs
• Verifies enrollment and approves member access to the Ponca website

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Enrollment Specialist
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Niobrara, NE 68760
Family Services

PTN is dedicated to the preservation of the family unit, and the well-being of all its members. The following programs work in support of this value:

Childcare

- Provides income eligible clients with financial daycare assistance for Ponca enrolled children from birth to age 12 while parents are working or attending school.
- Recipient must be free from Department of Health & Human Services sanctions and past due daycare bills.
- Eligibility is reviewed every 4 months.

_Funding for this program is limited and eligibility requirements must be met._

CONTACT:

Social Services Admin Assistant
402.438.9222
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Lincoln, NE 68508

Environmental Program

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska recognizes the need to protect the environmental aspects of the lives of its members by providing these, and other benefits as needed:

- Radon testing
- Indoor air quality assessments
- Energy efficiency evaluations
- Environmental education and outreach
- Brownfield Assessments
- Tribal Response Program
- Environmental Research

CONTACT:

Environmental Manager
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TRIBAL AFFAIRS
Family Services (cont.)

Foster Parent Recruitment & Licensing

The Social Services staff will recruit, license and train interested Ponca families in becoming foster parents to Native children entering the state or tribal foster care system. Interested members will complete a 10-week training period, a home study and the remainder of the licensing process.

Individual & Family Crisis Case Management

Case managers assist Ponca families and individuals experiencing personal crisis through the following direct and referral services. Services are divided by District, so Ponca members should contact the Case Manager in their district.

• Information and referrals
  - Food/shelter/housing
  - Clothing/furniture
  - Childcare assistance
  - Medical
  - Transportation  
    (24-hour notice required)
  - Community programs
  - Support groups
  - Parenting classes
  - Emergency assistance

• Direct services
  - Enrollment assistance
  - Budgeting

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Social Services Case Managers
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Individual & Family Crisis Case Management (cont.)

- Elder care services
- Funeral assistance
- Application assistance for PTN and government forms, including: Medicare, Social Security, PTN and income-based housing, and resource agencies.

• Assistance for families
Promoting strong, stable families through improved family function. Goals include a safe environment for all children, intact families, and a decrease in the number of Ponca children in out-of-home care.

  - Advocacy for families with local, state, and federal agencies.
  - Child Protective Services (CPS), courts, probation, foster placements, etc
  - Parenting skills development
  - Home visits
  - Facilitate case team meetings
  - Attend court hearings
  - Provide recommendations to court

• Transportation
  - To and from appointments as outlined in State and/or Tribal case plans
  - Includes, but is not limited to: Employment, housing (PTN and public), behavioral health services, referrals, court, Health and Human Services (HHS), and other agencies

- Referrals

Transportation requires 24-hour notice and is based on availability.
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)

The ICWA is a federal law that protects the best interests of Indian children and promotes the stability and security of Indian families and tribes.

ICWA generally applies if a child is enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a tribe, is unmarried, under the age of 18, AND a biological parent is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.

- **Proceedings Covered:**
  - Foster care placements
  - Termination of Parental Rights
  - Pre-adoptive & adoptive placement

- **Proceedings not covered:**
  - Custody to one parent as part of a divorce or legal custody agreement
  - Placement based on an act which would be a crime if committed by an adult
  - Paternity and child support cases
  - Protection orders

- Foster care and adoption placement preferences applied as per ICWA Federal standards

Out of service area case involvement is dependent on case load.

**CONTACT:**

**ICWA Specialist**
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**Director of Social Services**
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The Human Resources Department manages the talents and resources of employees, as well as directing the programs that protect employees, Tribal property and business operations.

• Recruitment and hiring
• Staff training and management
• Internships
• Volunteer positions
• Safety issues
• Employee benefits
• Tribal property and liability insurance
• Risk management

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Human Resources Director
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Lincoln, NE 68508

Employee Benefits and Risk Coordinator
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Employee Development Specialist
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Recruitment Coordinator/Administrative Assistant
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The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska publishes a monthly newsletter for members. The Tribe’s official website at www.poncatribe-ne.org is a hub of information on events, programs and service within the tribe. The cultural preservation website at www.poncatribe-ne.tv is a resource for picture galleries, videos, audio language lessons and more.

The Tribe also has an active social media presence, communicating with members via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram.
The Ponca Express currently operates two transportation services. One serves only those who reside in rural communities (Norfolk & Niobrara), and the other offers services to the metro communities (Omaha, Lincoln & Sioux City). The program operates on a first come/first serve basis, and provides on-demand transports.

The program provides transportation within a three-hour radius of each facility in Norfolk, Niobrara, Sioux City, Lincoln, and Omaha.

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Transportation Department strives to provide the most effective, efficient, safest, and uninterrupted transportation service to meet your needs. Services are provided for the following, as well as other needs:

- Healthcare
- Education
- Social Services
- Public services
- Recreation

**Hours of operation:**

Niobrara, Lincoln & Sioux City – 8:00 am-4:30 pm, M-F
Norfolk – 8:00 am-6:30 pm, M-F
Omaha – 8:00 am-5:00 pm, M-F

All evening transports must be requested during normal business hours, as the schedulers will not be in the office to accept calls after 4:30.

**Fares for Norfolk, Niobrara, Sioux City:**

- Within City Limits and up to 30 miles: $2.00 per stop
- 31+ Miles: $10 per stop
WIOA-INA Program

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act-Indian and Native American Program can assist eligible adult Native Americans living in Nebraska and actively seeking employment, education, or training (must be enrolled in a tribe, or eligible for Ponca Health Services).

Services Include:

• Academic and Career Counseling
• Resume Development
• Interview Coaching
• Computer labs at each office site
• Required work clothing assistance
• Required tool/equipment assistance
• Transportation and bus passes
• Tuition/book assistance
• Other supportive services as determined

Eligibility:

• Indian/Native American, 18 years or older, residing in Nebraska, or Charles Mix County, SD
• Unemployed and actively seeking employment.
• Under-employed, working part-time but desires full-time employment
• Low-income (eligible for benefits such as SNAP or TANF).
• The recipient of a bona fide lay-off notice.
• An individual who is employed, but in need of employment and training services to obtain or retain employment that allows for self-sufficiency.

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Program Director
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Vocational Training Specialists
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Youth Services

Support of youth as the future of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a priority. The following programs serve to assist the youth to grow and learn in a secure and positive way:

CHAFEE

This program is focused on Native American youth, providing those who have previously been or currently in Foster Care with Independent Living skills to assist in having a successful transition to adulthood.

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Project Venture Specialists
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Lincoln, NE 68508
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Project Venture

Project Venture (PV) is an outdoor experiential youth development program designed for high-risk American Indian youth. The program is intended for middle school youth (ages 10-14) and aims to prevent substance abuse and related issues through:

• Classroom-based problem solving and skill-based activities
• Outdoor adventure-based experiential activities
• Adventure camps
• Community-oriented service learning

The program relies on American Indian traditional values to help youth develop positive self-concept, effective social skills, a community service ethic, internal locus of control, and increased decision making and problem-solving skills.
Behavioral Health

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska supports mental health with the following services:

• Drug and alcohol evaluations
• Individual and group counseling sessions
• Anger management counseling sessions
• Referrals for residential treatment
• Full psychological testing
• Mental Health assessments
• Emphasis of treatment based on Native American culture

These services are available to all Natives residing in the Ponca service area.

CONTACT:
Counseling Services Administration & Substance Abuse/Mental Health Counselors
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Omaha, NE 68107

402.371.8834
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Norfolk, NE 68701

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Lincoln, NE 68508

Behavioral Health for Youth/Youth Prevention

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska provides specific programs designed to educate youth on the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs, giving them the knowledge and skills to avoid substance abuse.

• Weekly activities include youth groups and youth Talking Circles.
• Yearly summer camp.
• Activities throughout the year.
• Youth are offered various incentives such as: Bowling passes, restaurant gift certificates, and gift cards.

These services are available to all Natives residing in the Ponca service area.

CONTACT:
Youth Prevention Specialist/Substance Abuse Counselors
402.734.5275
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Omaha, NE 68107

402.371.8834
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Norfolk, NE 68701

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Behavioral Health (cont.)

Traditional Services

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska recognizes the importance of incorporating the traditional methods of healing into the lives of Native Americans. Sweats and Healing Ceremonies are available upon request and approval. On-site sweats are offered at our Niobrara, Norfolk, and Omaha locations.

Please contact your local PTN site for more information.

CONTACT:
402.857.3391 Niobrara Office
402.371.8834 Norfolk Office
712.258.0500 Sioux City Office
402.734.5275 Omaha Office
Dental Services
- Professional hygiene appointments
- Exams, oral cancer exams
- Digital x-rays, digital intraoral imaging
- Sealants
- Fluoride treatments
- Restorations
- Crowns, veneers
- Bridges
- Periodontal care
- Dentures
- Implant restorations
- Partialss
- Root canals
- Extractions

Sports guards/night guards
- Emergency care
- Oral health education
- Prenatal and early childhood preventive care
- Professional whitening

Contact:
Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center Clinic
402.733.3612
2602 J St
Omaha, NE 68107

Ponca Hills Health & Wellness Center
402.371.8780
1800 Syracuse Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701

Dental
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Omaha, NE 68107
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Clinics (cont.)
Medical Services

- Adult health care
- Annual examinations
- Birth control methods and counseling
- Chronic disease management
- EKG testing
- Elder health care
- Diabetes clinics
- Family planning services
- Fitness/exercise room
- Health screenings
- HIV/AIDS and STD testing and services
- Immunizations (all ages)
- Infant, child, and adolescent health care
- Laboratory tests
- Lactation Consulting
- Lead screening
- Medication counseling
- Men's health clinics
- Midwife services
- Minor illnesses treatment
- Minor injuries treatment
- Nutrition counseling
- Outpatient medical care
- Pharmaceutical assistance
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Pre- and postnatal care
- Pregnancy testing
- Podiatry
- Referrals to Specialists
- School physicals
- Traditional ceremonies
- Transportation (available through Ponca Express)
- Women's health clinics
- Work physicals
Diabetes Program

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Diabetes Program is a program funded under the Indian Health Services Special Diabetes Program for Indians Grant. The Diabetes Program follows the Indian Health Services Standards of Care for the Treatment of People Living with Diabetes. The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Diabetes Program will provide quality health care services that improve the lives of the Native Americans we serve, through a comprehensive diabetes prevention program, self-care management, educational information, case management, and direct care services.

Eligibility: Those people who are registered with a federally recognized Indian Tribe are eligible for the Diabetes Program. The tribal member must reside in one of the 15-county service areas and have a diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus Type 1 or 2. Members must register with the PTN Diabetes Program, the Fred Leroy Health and Wellness Center (Omaha), or the Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Clinic (Norfolk).

Services Available:

- Glucose testing supplies
- Orthopedic shoes
- Diabetes education classes
- Nutrition consultations/medical nutrition therapy
- Diabetes case management services
- Funding for annual eye exam
- Nurse foot care clinic

CONTACT:

Diabetes Program Administrator
402.371.8834
1800 Syracuse Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701

Diabetes Dietitian
402.734.5275
2602 J St
Omaha, NE 68107
Diabetes Program (cont.)

• Clinical services through the Fred Leroy and Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center
• Youth prevention activities
• Cooking classes
• Exercise classes and promotions
• Buffalo meat incentives
• Community diabetes awareness activities

Annual Events

• Healthy Living Walk/Run and Pow Wow-April
• Diabetes Fun Run-August
• Diabetes Awareness Day-November

Pharmacy Services

All eligible patients must be seen at the Fred LeRoy or Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center to receive medications. Most medications are available at our facilities as we utilize a preferred drug list that coordinates with the Indian Health Services core list. We do not dispense controlled substances.

• Pharmaceutical care
• Medication counseling
• Pharmacy-based Coumadin management clinic
• After-hours pickup (Omaha location only – call for more information)
• Automatic refill with text messaging notification available (Omaha location only – call for more information)
• Mail delivery of prescriptions (call for more information)

CONTACT:

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Center
402.738.3190
2602 J St
Omaha, NE 68107

Ponca Hills Health & Wellness Center
402.371.0313
1800 Syracuse Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701

June 2019
The goal of Population Health is to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of Native communities in the PTN Service Delivery Areas. This is accomplished through outreach, health promotion, and disease prevention. The Public Health Department provides the following services:

- Comprehensive public health services to individuals and families of the Native American community.
- Home visits to promote health and wellness through teaching and counseling.
- Monitors individual and community health status to identify and solve public health problems.
- Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
- Informs, educates, and empowers communities about health issues.
- Engages the community to identify and solve health problems.
- Develops and maintains relationships with federal, county, state, tribal, and local healthcare agencies to better deliver, plan, coordinate, and evaluate health practices.
- Researches new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.
- Conducts annual flu clinics at all five office sites.

CONTACT:
Public Health Department
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Omaha, NE 68107
Community Health Worker

The Community Health Workers serve as liaisons between the healthcare provider and client. CHWs provide outreach, health education and promotion, and disease prevention to the Native communities residing in the PTN Service Delivery Areas. The CHWs provide the following services:

• Provide home visits and refer those in need of care to the appropriate facility.

• Provide local transportation on a limited basis to healthcare facilities.

• Serve as a health advocate for community members by assisting with healthcare needs and coordinating services with internal and external programs.

• Inform clients of available healthcare programs and health policies and procedures that the community members must follow when seeking healthcare.

• Educate the community about health and safety issues.

CONTACT:
Community Health Workers
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HEALTH

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

The PRC funds are used to supplement and complement other health care resources available to Tribal members. The funds are used in situations where: (1) no IHS direct care facility exists, (2) the direct care element is incapable of providing required emergency and/or specialty care, (3) the direct care element has an overflow of medical care workload, and (4) supplementation of alternate resources (i.e., Medicare, private insurance).

Because IHS programs are not fully funded, the PRC program must rely on specific regulations relating to eligibility, notification, residency, and a medical priority rating system. PRC is payor of last resort meaning that all other available alternate resources including IHS facilities must first be used before payment is expected.

CONTACT:
PRC Administrator
PRC Clerk(s)
PRC A/P Clerk

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Norfolk, NE 68701
Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) (cont.)

Key eligibility factors:
- Member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
- Reside in one of the 15-county service delivery areas
- Prior approval for non-emergent care
- Notification within 72-hours for emergent care
  - Elders 65 & over – notification within 30 days

PRC is the payor of last resort for:
- Primary Care
- Urgent Care
- Specialty Care
- Pharmacy
- Vision Care
- Dental Care
  - Orthodontics- braces; for members 18 & under
- Emergency Dental
- Emergency Medical

Member applications with updated information are required to be eligible for assistance. Please contact Patient Registration (or PRC) at a Ponca Health Services clinic to update your information.
Ponca Tribal Court

The Ponca Tribal Court is an independent branch of government. The Court consists of a Tribal Court and an Appellate Court.

Court staff includes the following: Clerk of Court who files the legal paperwork, a Court Administrator who oversees the process of Justice, and a Tribal Court Judge who hears cases when Court is held. Decisions made by the Tribal Court Judge may be appealed to the Appellate Court, but are not subject to review by the Tribal Council. If a case is appealed to the Ponca Appellate Court, the cases are heard by three Justices, and their decision is final.

The Ponca Tribal Court handles only civil cases. A civil case includes, but is not limited to:

- Marriage Licenses
- Divorces
- Child Custody
- Guardianships
- Name Changes
- Child Support
- Protection Orders

Other staff like courtroom security and grant funded positions are secured as funding is allowed.

For information on filing a case in the Tribal Court, please contact the Tribal Court Clerk. Please know that Tribal Court staff may not give legal advice.

Law & Justice Committee

Duties of the Law & Justice Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Acting as a liaison between Tribal Court and Tribal Council

CONTACT:
Tribal Court Administrator
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1800 Syracuse Ave
Norfolk, NE 68701
• Overseeing the budget of the Tribal Court and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the same
• Providing oversight of the Tribal Court and make recommendations to the Tribal Council relating to the operations and growth of the Court, including additional dispute resolution methods

The Committee currently meets once a month.

**Ponca Mediation Program**

Mediation is a voluntary, confidential process where trained mediators help people find solutions to their conflicts. The mediators assist with conversations between the parties to help identify needs and interests, so they are able to work together to reach a mutual agreement.

• NO cost through the Ponca Tribe
• Issues can be settled promptly
• Higher degree of satisfaction of the outcome
• More control over the outcome

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Mediation Program provides qualified professionals in a peaceful and safe environment so people are given a culturally appropriate opportunity to resolve conflicts. All Mediators have completed a minimum of 30 hours of Basic Mediation Training, and 30 hours of Family Mediation Training for parenting plans. For high conflict cases, at least one of the Mediators will have completed the Specialized Alternative Dispute Resolution Training. The Program works in coordination with the Nebraska Mediation Center for training and experience.

For more information about the Ponca Mediation Program please contact the Court Services Specialist.
Economic Development

Osni Ponca, LLC

Osni Ponca, LLC is a tribally chartered holdings company and economic development entity owned by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. The company is tasked with generating revenues and opportunities for the Ponca Tribe and its members while maintaining the values of the Ponca Nation. *Osni Ponca LLC ~ Profits & Prosperity for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska...*

Ponca Economic Development Corporation

The Ponca Economic Development Corporation (PEDCO) is a tribally chartered 501(c) (3) non-profit company. As a community-centered entity, PEDCO seeks to create avenues for the personal, social, and economic development of Ponca tribal members.

CONTACT:
Osni Ponca LLC & PEDCO
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Lincoln, NE 68510

Ponca Smoke Signals

Ponca Smoke Signals, a purveyor of fine Native American tobacco, is dedicated to providing our customers with friendly, convenient and knowledgeable service. The company can boast that all of its tobacco products are manufactured, distributed and sold by Indian Country. Ponca Smoke Signals plays a vital role in the economic development efforts of its owner, the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. Ponca Smoke Signals is a tribally chartered subsidiary of Osni Ponca LLC.

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OTHER TRIBAL ENTITIES
Northern Ponca Housing Authority

The Northern Ponca Housing Authority (NPHA) is the tribally designated housing entity for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. NPHA is a Housing and Urban Development federally funded program that provides housing services to low-income Ponca Members and other qualified Native Americans.

- Low rent housing program
- Down payment assistance
- Home ownership/home improvement assistance
- Maintenance services
- Home ownership/tenant counseling
- Finance, credit and budget counseling for the home buyer
- Ponca Member preference

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Prairie Flower Casino

Prairie Flower Casino is a gaming facility on the Tribe’s sovereign land in Carter Lake, Iowa. The casino celebrated its grand opening on November 1, 2018. This represented the completion of the first phase of construction, with plans to grow the gaming facility’s footprint to provide more entertainment, jobs, and economic development for the region.

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