Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Programs & Services
If you are a Choctaw Indian and have your Certificate of Degree of Indian blood (CDIB) card, we urge you to apply for tribal membership. Minors are also encouraged to apply for membership. If you do not have your CDIB card, the Choctaw Nation Tribal Membership Department will be happy to assist you with that application.

Tribal Membership card shows you are a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and once you reach the age of 18, you may participate in voting in tribal elections. There is no blood quantum requirement for obtaining a CDIB or Tribal Membership as long as you can connect to a direct descendant of yours who was enrolled on the final Choctaw Dawes Commission Rolls by blood. You may live anywhere to be eligible to vote.

Choctaw Tribal Members living inside the Choctaw Nation boundaries have the option to vote in person at polling places or through the mail. Persons living outside the boundaries will be mailed a ballot so they can vote their choice and mail the ballot back to the Election Board.

The Choctaw Nation now has photo ID cards for tribal members. They are plastic and are about the size of a credit card. These cards are issued to both minors and adults.

Indian Preference

There are opportunities for employment, grants, scholarships, contract work, etc., when being Native American can be a positive factor. To apply for an Indian Preference, you must have a CDIB and Tribal Membership card, or complete a Tribal Membership application at the time of requesting an Indian preference.

Choctaw Management/Services Enterprise (CM/SE)

CM/SE is an enterprise, owned by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. Choctaw Nation was approved for sole source contracts through a Small Business Administration (SBA), Section 8(a) Program. CM/SE has signed and is administering a Family Advocacy Program (FAP) contract with the SBA and the US Air Force to supply social workers to military bases in the Pacific region. Sites include Guam, Singapore, Panama, Japan, Hawaii, Korea and Alaska. Another contract with US Army places health personnel in military hospitals and clinics in the United States.

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency Medical Services are aimed at teaching Indian people life saving techniques. Two main courses are available; an 8 hour Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and a First Aid Course. Each individual must present a CDIB card upon registration and there are no income eligibility guidelines. Services are limited to the Choctaw Nation service area.

Health Services

CDIB card holders are eligible for health services at Indian Health Service (IHS) facilities located throughout the United States and Alaska. The Choctaw Nation operates the Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital at Talihina and four Indian Health Centers at Broken Bow, Hugo, McAlester and Poteau. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have teamed up to offer health services to CDIB holders at a clinic in Durant, as well.

The Indian hospital at Talihina offers a comprehensive health care service for Indians, including general medical, family medicine, internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, nursing, dental, laboratory and X-ray, pharmacy, health records, facilities management, staff training, diabetic foot clinic, outpatient and emergency services, and administrative management. The hospital also provides audiology, eye clinic, mammography, and community health services. Obstetrics and gynecology are specialist services provided. The hospital also recently obtained at CT (commonly referred to as a cat scan). The Broken Bow, Hugo, Poteau and McAlester clinics also provide comprehensive outpatient services including medical, nursing, community health, social services and psychology, dental, laboratory and X-ray, nutrition and administrative services.

November 1997 marked the opening of the Diabetes Treatment Center in Antlers. Specialized care is provided to people of all ages who have diabetes.

If you live outside of Oklahoma, you may wish to contact your Chamber of Commerce or the nearest federally recognized Indian tribe to locate the nearest Indian Health Service Hospital or clinic in your area.

Behavioral Health Program

The Choctaw Nation Department of Behavioral Health provides a variety of services for adults, adolescents, and children. Services include individual counseling, group counseling, family counseling, social worker assistance, substance abuse counseling, child/partner abuse counseling, evaluation and testing, crisis intervention and suicide prevention. These services are available at the Choctaw Nation hospital or local clinics by appointment.

Office of Environmental Health

The Choctaw Nation Environmental Health (CNEH) is presently engaged in a program to provide sanitation facilities which include water and waste-water facilities. The funding for this program is provided through the U.S. Indian Health Service and therefore its qualification guidelines are utilized. These funds are to be used for items such as: water wells, septic tanks, drainfields, community water and community sewer connections.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:
1. Your home must be located within the Choctaw Nation 10 1/2 counties and it must be your primary residence.
2. A permanent resident of the home must possess a CDIB card. Copy required with application.
3. Applicant must have proof of home ownership (deed, title, mortgage or finance papers).
4. Applicant must have proof of land ownership (deed or a minimum of five years notarized lease filed at courthouse (copy required)).
5. New or "like new" homes or homes which will require little or no maintenance for 20 years or more. These homes must be equipped with a thermostatically controlled heating system. New or "like new" homes are not eligible for plumbing work.
6. The Choctaw Nation Environmental Health Program cannot serve...
a Mutual Help (Indian) home if you are currently making payments on this home to the Choctaw Housing Authority.

7. If the home is a mobile home, it must be equipped with a working thermostatically controlled heating system, be skirted, have tiedowns secured, wheels removed, and ball part trailer hitch removed before services can be installed. Mobile home must be greater that 40 ft. in length and not marketed or sold as a travel trailer.

8. Older homes which have a sub-standard water and/or sewer system are eligible for services and may qualify for plumbing work inside the home. Participants must provide a copy of their deed and CDIB. These services are subject to the availability of funds.

Technical assistance is also available provided time is available for such services.

**Diabetes Treatment Center**  (888) 887-6419

The Choctaw Nation Diabetes Treatment Center (DTC) was created to improve the lives of American Indians with Diabetes by providing outpatient chronic diabetes care. Patients must be referred by their physician. The DTC serves Tribal members of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and others as approved by Tribal Administration. Have your Primary Care Physician contact the clinic for an appointment.

**Choctaw Nation Recovery Center**  (918) 567-2389

Choctaw Nation Recovery Center is a specialized treatment center for the rehabilitation of chemically dependent individuals and their families. The Center views chemical dependency as a treatable illness. Through involvement in a strong, supportive atmosphere, the chemically dependent person and their family members receive a package of coping skills which can be employed to change their lives in a more positive direction.

**Admission criteria:**
1. Males and females 18 years of age or older
2. Must possess a CDIB card
3. Must be in good physical health
4. Must have a diagnosis which indicates a primary problem with alcohol, other drugs and/or substances
5. Court referrals, given on a case-by-case basis, are given additional qualifying requirements

The Choctaw Nation Recovery Centers are interested in working with community groups, such as schools and service and religious organizations to provide chemical dependency awareness programs.

**Social Services Program**  (580) 326-6611

The Social Service Program processes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) assistance grant payments as a secondary resource to the needy who are at least 1/4 degree Indian blood quantum of a federally recognized tribe. They must reside within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation and meet other eligibility requirements as to income resources and other criteria required by the federal regulations. These grants cannot be used to subsidize other federal benefits such as TANF and SSI.

One time emergency disaster assistance is also available under this program to persons who suffer a major loss to their home as the result of a natural or manmade disaster, if not protected by insurance.

An indigent burial is also available to persons who are at least 1/4 degree Indian blood of a federally recognized Tribe residing in the Choctaw Nation Service Area. Contact and a completed application must be made prior to burial and an agreement made with the persons making the arrangements, the funeral home conducting services and this agency. Cost of service and burial services are limited.

Other tribal services provided through the Social Service Program are Tribal Burial Assistance and a Small Homeless Grant which is used in extreme emergency situations only.

Burial Assistance for Choctaw by Blood Tribal Members is available. Eligibility for the tribal burial is based on the family income and the blood quantum of the deceased, with the exception of original enrollees. Blood quantum, residency and income do not apply to original enrollees.

People born after 1906 are not original enrollees.

**Women and Children**  (918) 567-2905

**Residential Treatment Program**

Project *Chi Hullo* Li (a Choctaw phrase meaning I care for you) is a comprehensive, culturally sensitive residential treatment program for Native American parenting women who are between the ages of 18 and 35; suffer from alcohol, marijuana, methamphetamine, inhalant abuse, and other drug problems; and are parenting up to two children between the ages of 1-10.

The goals of the six-month intensive primary residential treatment program will be to decrease the alcohol and other drug use among the women admitted for treatment; to improve the social functioning of the client within the context of the family unit; and to develop a comprehensive continuum of substance abuse care for the women and their children, family members, and significant others.

The Choctaw Nation recently was awarded a grant that will provide treatment and therapy for the children of the women in the program. This is a new and unique service offered for the families in treatment.

**Higher Education Offers Scholarships**  (800) 522-6170

This program will expend funds appropriated by Congress for the education of eligible Choctaws by providing financial assistance to attend an institution of higher learning, such as Junior Colleges and Universities. Applicants must be Choctaw with a CDIB. Funding is available for students in and out of state.

**Clothing Allowance**  (580) 326-7551

The Clothing Allowance is a one-time payment to first year post-high school students whose permanent residence is within the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations. Any degree of Choctaw Indian who has a CDIB is eligible to apply for this assistance after completing their first full semester with passing grades.

**Vocational Development Programs**  (800) 522-6170

The Vocational Development Program assists Indians with a 1/4 degree or more of blood living within the boundaries of the 10/12 counties of the Choctaw Nation to obtain educational training assistance. These courses must be BIA approved courses in accredited college or at Oklahoma State Tech. Also training is offered in the cosmetology field of hairdressing and the LPN program at all Kiamichi Area Vo-Techs.

The **Relocation Assistance Program** helps provide assistance to relocate or assistance to the start of a new, permanent type job. Clients must apply as soon as being hired. Those interested in the Relocation Assistance Program are encouraged to write: P.O. Drawer I210, Durant, OK 74702 for more information.

Many who receive services through this program will complete the necessary requirements for a GED certificate, which will enhance their abilities to obtain employment or continue their education in a higher form.

**Indian Adult Education Program**  (800) 522-6170

This program is designed to improve educational and employment
opportunities for adult Indians, and will provide for those who did not complete high school an opportunity to acquire the basic educational and/or learning skills for functioning effectively in today's changing world.

Classes will be conducted in the Choctaw Nation Community Centers. Intensive activities will include GED classes, career exploration, tutoring, financial aid assistance, and visiting with potential employers in businesses and industries. There is no cost for program services.

Eligibility requirements include possession of a CDIB card, being 17 years or older and residing within the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma boundaries.

Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA)  (800) 522-6170

The Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) is to establish programs to prepare youth and unskilled adults for entry into the labor force and to provide job training to those economically disadvantaged individuals and other individuals facing serious barriers to employment who are in special need of such training to obtain productive employment. Time on the program is limited in accordance with the guidelines. The service delivery area comprises the 10 1/2 counties within the Choctaw Nation boundaries.

Eligibility determination consists of one completing the JTPA application and attaching verification documents required, those being:
1. A copy of applicant's CDIB or other proof of Indian descent
2. Address verification
3. A copy of Social Security Card
4. A copy of family income verification for the past six months
5. If applicable, a Selective Service Verification of men born after 1959, and handicapping condition, if applicable

Training programs within JTPA are as follows, and each is administered in accordance with its regulations.
1. CRT - Classroom Training
2. OJT - On Job Training

Employment programs within JTPA are:
1. WE - Work Experience
2. CSE - Community Service Employment
3. SY - Summer Youth

Jones Academy is Residential  (918) 297-2518

Care Center for Students

Jones Academy, established in 1891, is a residential care center for elementary/secondary school age children. The children at the Academy attend Hartshorne Public Schools. The program provides each child the opportunity to grow and develop academically, socially, morally and physically. Students receive supervision and guidance 24 hours a day and counseling services are available. Each student at the academy is at least 1/4 degree Indian blood and a member of a federally recognized tribe and has met the criteria established by the school for placement in boarding school.

Upward Bound Program  (800) 522-6170

This educational program is designed to give high school students an opportunity to prepare for college life. They will experience college-prep course work, state-of-the-art laboratory work, tutoring, career exploration, intensive academic skills enrichment, motivation, financial aid/scholarship assistance, and numerous field trips intended to prepare them for success in high school and college.

All participants attend an intensive six week summer academic program at Eastern Oklahoma State College and reside in dormitories at Jones Academy. During the academic year the Upward Bound Staff visit regularly with students in their home high schools to assist them with educational counseling and guidance. All allowable expenses are paid by the Upward Bound Program.

Eligibility requirements:
1. 2/3 of participants must be from low-income and first generation families (neither parent has a four-year college degree)
2. 1/3 of participants may meet one of the above requirements
3. All students must demonstrate academic need and strong potential/interest for successfully completing high school and college
4. Selected students enrolled in grades 9-12 in specific target schools are served throughout Atoka, Bryan, Pushmataha, Latimer, McCurtain and Pittsburg Counties.

All interested students should contact their high school counselor or the Upward Bound office at the Tribal Complex for an application. The Upward Bound Program is a federally funded program through the U.S. Department of Education.

Upward Bound Math/Science Program  (800) 522-6170

The eligibility requirements and program information for the Upward Bound Program shown above are the same for this program. However, only students who have shown a aptitude and desire toward pursuing careers in math, science or engineering will be selected for participation in this group. 40 students (in addition to the 50 Upward Bound students) will participate each year.

Johnson O'Malley Program  (800) 522-6170

On October 1, 1984, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Muskogee Area Office, contracted the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) Program.

This educational program provides assistance to eligible Indian students in the 10 1/2 County area. Approximately 65 students participate in the programs, serving in excess of 7,524 students.

Eligible students are Indian students, from age 3 through grade 12, except those who are enrolled in Bureau or sectarian operated schools, who are a member of a tribe or descendant of a member of a tribe which is eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States through the Bureau of Indian Affairs because of their status as Indians.

Tribal Head Start Program  (800) 522-6170

The Choctaw Nation Head Start Program began in 1978. The Head Start Program is very comprehensive in design, providing services in five major component areas of Education, Health, Parent Involvement, Social Services and Family Literacy.

Head Start is directed primarily toward economically disadvantaged children and their families. Currently, the Choctaw Nation Head Start is funded to serve 280 children within the twelve centers that are in operation. The locations are Antlers, Bennington, Bethel, Broken Bow, Durant, Atoka, Hugo, Idabel, McAlester, Poteau, Wilburton and Wright City. Children between three and compulsory school age who fall within the approved Family Income Guidelines from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, are eligible to apply. A waiting list of 20 of each center's enrollment will be maintained at all times.

Special Needs Children are welcome and highly recruited. Head Start has successfully carried out a 1972 Congressional mandate requiring that at least 10 percent of its enrollment be available for special needs children. Disabled children and their families receive the full range of Head Start developmental services. In addition, Head
Start staff members work closely with community agencies to provide services to meet the special needs of the child.

**Children and Family Services** *(800) 522-6170*

The Choctaw Nation Children and Family Services Program provides a wide variety of services. These services include preventive services to strengthen families and avoid placement of children outside of the home. Services to prevent abuse and neglect are also offered.

Foster care and adoption services to a 10 1/2 county area primarily are also offered. The Choctaw Nation Indian Child Welfare Program also handles out of state adoptions.

Services are offered to families for counseling. Family advocacy is offered in court proceedings to families that are active state childwelfare cases. Caseworkers cover the 10 1/2 county area with offices in Durant, Hugo and McAlester.

**Land Titles and Records Program** *(800) 522-6170*

This program receives, examines and records documents affecting title to trust/restricted lands of the Five Civilized Tribes within the Choctaw Agency jurisdiction; provides certified copies of title documents; responds to inquiries from Congressmen, state, local, and federal officials, tribal representatives and members, and the general public on title related matter involving lands within the Choctaw Agency jurisdiction; prepares and maintains legal description for land status mapping purposes and generates land status maps of Choctaw trust/restricted lands; makes field visits to county and state agencies and other federal offices to examine, audit and copy records.

**Real Estate Appraisal Program** *(800) 522-6170*

The Appraisal Program serves all of the 10 1/2 counties within the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and provides appraisals for the following departments and entities:
1. Choctaw Nation Real Property Management Program - rights-of-way, easements, condemnations, surface damages, and any other Trust or Restricted property transaction
2. Choctaw Nation Agriculture Program - Annual Rental appraisals (individual Indian, Tribal owned, or Trust land)
3. Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Credit Association - Mortgage loan appraisals
4. Office of Solicitor, Regional Office, Southwest Region - Warranty
5. Choctaw Nation Industrial Development Committee - Proposed purchase appraisals for future development and feasibility studies

**Transportation Improvement Program** *(580) 326-6611*

The Transportation Improvement Program began in 1993. It is a BIA program funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The function of this program is to inventory the existing roads, find roads and bridges which need building or improving and prioritize them for funding in accordance with the Indian Reservation Roads provision of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act.

**Real Property Management Program** *(800) 522-6170*

The Real Property Management Program is responsible for the utilization, development and protection of trust and restricted lands. The program is concerned with all types of land transactions, including sales, purchases, or other acquisitions, exchanges, partitions, patents in fee, right-of-way, removal of restrictions, leases, permits for farming and grazing, business, hunting and seismograph work.

The program provides income verification, title status reports, information for Quiet Title and Partition Suits for the Regional Solicitor, as well as securing and furnishing data pertaining to presumptive heirs and inventory of estate for probate to the Regional Solicitor and/or private attorneys. The program assists oil and gas workers with information on leases on tracts they are securing leases on. The program will also assist individuals with the preparation of wills, research of allotments and ancestry records.

**Credit and Loan Programs** *(800) 522-6170*

There are several loan programs available through the Choctaw Nation.
1. Choctaw Nation Credit and Loan Department, better known as the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Credit Association. Its main priority is to make loans to Indians who cannot borrow from other lending institutions. This program provides for three types of loans which are:
   a. Small Business Loans
   b. Agricultural Loans
   c. Housing Loans
   1. Home Purchases
   2. Home Improvements
2. The Bureau of Indian Affairs Guaranteed Loans are available. These loans are available for business and agricultural purposes only.
3. Micro-loans are available to all Indians for emergency home improvements and small businesses. The loans are available up to $1,000 and are to be repaid within 12 months.

To be eligible you must possess a CDIB and you must reside within the 10 1/2 county area of the Choctaw Nation.

**Indian HOME Program** *(800) 522-6170*

The Choctaw Indian HOME Program provides loans and grants assistance to eligible low-income, first-time homebuyers for the purchase of existing homes available for sale within the Choctaw Nation boundaries. The Indian HOME Program pays all closing costs, and provides interest subsidy when needed. Eligibility requirements include:
1. Applicant must possess a CDIB
2. Must meet income guidelines set by HUD
3. Must meet first-time homebuyer guidelines
4. Preference given to Choctaws
5. Home to be purchased must be located within the Choctaw Nation boundaries
6. Family income cannot be less than $9,800
7. Must be a legal resident of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Housing Improvement Program** *(800) 522-6170*

The Housing Improvement Program was designed to provide Indian families a safer, sanitary home. When a project is qualified and placed on a tentative priority list they may receive home renovations to bring the home up to a standard condition based on the federal guidelines. If a home cannot be brought up to a standard condition, a new home may possibly be built. When a new project does not pass all the necessary tests required for a new home, then a new home cannot be built. The following requirements must be met to qualify for the HIP Program:
1. Must live in a home within the Choctaw Nation 10 1/2 county boundary
2. Applicant must possess a CDIB
3. Preference will be given to elderly (55 and older) and the handicapped
4. Must have proof of home ownership (clear title/deed), in applicant’s name
5. Must furnish proof of income
6. Must furnish proof of limited financial resources
7. Must have not received funds from BIA Housing Improvement Program after October 1, 1986. The code of Federal Regulations governing HIP program states that “After October 1, 1986, an applicant can only receive assistance one time under this program”
8. Must prove that you are ineligible for two (2) federally assisted Housing Improvement Programs, (Example: Letter of denial from bank, Farmers Home Administration, Housing Authority, etc.)
9. HIP funds can no longer be used on HUD/IHA homes (Indian Homes)

Tribally Funded Housing Improvement Program

The Tribally Funded Housing Improvement Program was designed to provide Indian families a safer, sanitary home. In special circumstances, a used mobile home may be provided. You must own a home to be eligible for assistance.

The following requirements must be met to qualify for the HIP Program:
1. Applicant must be Choctaw with CDIB card and permanent resident of the home
2. Must live within 10 1/2 counties of Choctaw Nation
3. Mutual help homes/Choctaw Nation Housing Authority and Housing Improvement Program Category “D” (new homes) not eligible for these funds
4. Homes that have received Housing Improvement Program Category “B” (renovations) after 1/1/90 are not eligible
5. Must be low income; based on Department of Human Services (DHS) poverty guidelines. Excessive medical bills and monthly prescription costs will be deducted from gross income to determine low income
6. No cosmetic items on home will be addressed in renovations
7. Must be primary home of applicant (lives in home a minimum of 8 months a year)
8. Applicants must have proof of land ownership/deed
9. Applicant must be 50 years or over, or handicapped with medical verification
10. All applicants will be reviewed by a 3-member committee

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (800) 522-6170

LIHEAP assists low income Indian households within the 10 1/2 county boundaries of the Choctaw Nation with payment of home heating or cooling bills.

Outreach activities are conducted throughout the 10 1/2 county area of the Choctaw Nation to assure that all eligible households especially those with elderly and/or handicapped individuals, receive help with the completion of the application process. Further information for LIHEAP will be provided upon request.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program (580) 326-8304

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program offers services that will assist disabled American Indians to obtain their goal of vocational training and gainful employment. Persons with the most severe disabilities will be given priority and assisted first.

Eligibility requirements for applicants include:
1. Must have CDIB card of a federally recognized Indian tribe
2. Must live within the 10 1/2 county Choctaw Nation boundaries
3. Must have a documentable physical or mental disability which results in a substantial handicap to employment

Services include counseling and guidance, training, job coaching, placement in suitable employment, assistive devices, and other goods and services that can be reasonably expected to benefit an individual with a disability in terms of employment.

Disability Employment Program (580) 326-8304

The Choctaw Nation was the only tribe awarded a Department of Education Grant for this type of program in 1997. The Disability Employment Program helps people with disabilities with job training. The program creates an opportunity to send participants into a job and pay their salary up to 499 hours.

The Choctaw Nation Disability Employment Program can also provide job coaches. Eligibility guidelines to be on the program include having a medically documented disability, and living inside the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation. The job developer on the program will help participants with job searching skills, writing resumes and preparing for employment.

Child Care Assistance Program (800) 522-6170

The objective of the Child Care Assistance Program is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care services. Such activities will enable Indian families to maintain or achieve self-sufficiency through employment and training and to increase their earnings.

The program permits parents to choose from a broad range of child care providers, including day care centers, family child care providers, sectarian organizations, relatives, friends and neighbors.

Emphasis is placed on parental choice in decisions regarding the type and location of child care providers. The Child Care Assistance Program is expected to have an overall beneficial impact on the family.

To qualify for this program, the child must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe and reside within the boundaries of the Choctaw Nation. Both parents must be employed or attending school. Eligibility is based on family size and family income.

Choctaw Nation Day Care (580) 920-1801

The Choctaw Nation Day Care provides care for infants from six weeks of age to twelve years. Transportation is provided to take and pick up children from school.

The Choctaw Nation Day Care Program is based on the premise that all children share certain needs and can benefit from a comprehensive developmental program to meet these needs.

Children are provided with a learning environment and the varied experiences which will help them develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development toward the overall goal of social competence. By social competence, it is meant that the child's everyday effectiveness in dealing with both present environmental and later responsibilities in school and life will be acceptable.
Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program  (800) 522-6170

The Choctaw Nation WIC Program is a supplemental feeding program for women, infants and children. To qualify for this program, an individual must meet the following criteria:
1. Be pregnant or breast feeding and at nutritional risk
2. Birth to one year old and be at nutritional risk
3. Age one to five years old and be at nutritional risk
4. Meet the income eligibility guidelines

The WIC Program is a nutrition program which provides foods that are high in Iron, Protein, Calcium, Vitamin A and Vitamin C. The Program is federally funded through the USDA and serves the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation. WIC clinic sites are located at Hugo, Durant, Boswell, Antlers, Atoka, Idabel, Broken Bow, Talihina, Poteau, Wilburton, Stigler, Coalgate, McAlester and Bethel.

Eyeglasses, Dentures and Hearing Aid Program (EDH)  (800) 522-6170

This program provides eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids to Choctaw Indians over the age of 55 years who possess a CDIB and live within the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation. EDH services also include canes, commode boosters, crutches, commode chairs, wheelchairs, bath/shower chairs and walkers.

Nutrition and Supportive Service Program  (800) 522-6170

The Nutrition and Supportive Services Program provides meals, information and referral, transportation and arts and crafts to Indian Senior Citizens 55 years of age and older. The program provides one meal per week at the local Community Centers throughout the Choctaw Nation. The centers currently in operation are Idabel, Bethel, Hugo, Arrowhead, Antlers, Coalage, McAlester, Wilburton, Stigler, Poteau, Durant, Broken Bow, Atoka, and Talihina. Talihina provides meals five days a week, and members of other federally recognized Indian tribes who are visiting the hospital may have a meal prepared for them by calling (918) 567-3916 in advance.

Food Distribution Program  (800) 522-6170

The Choctaw Nation was approved by the United States Department of Agriculture to start the Food Distribution Program in February 1984. The first month of distribution, approximately 150 Indians received commodities. The program is now serving about 6,200 Indians per month throughout the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation.

Each participant of the program receives approximately 66 food items totaling 80 pounds of food per person in the household.
1. One resident per household (any age) is required to have a CDIB card
2. Social Security numbers and cards are required for all household members
3. Verification of income is required; a copy of payroll check, or if you are unemployed, a card from the Employment Office will be needed
4. Verification of residence is required. A utility bill or rent receipt with your name and address on it will suffice

Community Health Representative Program (CHR)  (800) 522-6170

Since 1969 the Choctaw Nation has provided the CHR Program for those Indians residing within the tribal service area of the Choctaw Nation boundaries. This program is designed to assist Choctaws and other Indians maintain the health of themselves and their families. Services are provided to those individuals who have a CDIB. There are no income guidelines for eligibility.

The CHR can do many things to assist our clients, such as taking vitals, glucose monitoring for diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol diet education, patient education, maternal and child health, drug and alcohol abuse counseling, patient assessments, medical referral follow-up care, as well as the provision of many other health care services.

Choctaw Nation Housing Authority  (800) 235-3087 Oklahoma only
(580) 326-7521

Several programs are available through the Housing Authority and the following criteria is taken into consideration in processing applicants:

**Low Rent Housing**
1. Family composition
2. Must meet current income guidelines
3. Provision of Social Security numbers

**Mutual Help Housing Program**
1. Applicant must possess a CDIB
2. Must meet current income guidelines set by HUD
3. Net family assets cannot exceed $20,000.00
4. Family income cannot be less than $5,000.00
5. Applicant must be a legal resident of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**Section 8 Rental Assistance**
1. Must meet income guidelines set by HUD
2. Household must consist of two or more, except a single, pregnant woman, a single family member over 62 years, or a single family member who is disabled or handicapped

**Agriculture Program**
(580) 326-3201

The Agriculture Program will provide technical assistance for the development and conservation of soil, plant and water resources to any people who want to assume their responsibilities in the conservation, use, development, management and educational processes as they pertain to farming, ranching and soil conservation practices on Tribal Trust or Restricted land. This program includes Chickasaw Tribal lands jointly owned with the Choctaw Nation, and individually owned Chickasaw Lands within the Choctaw Nation service area.

**Law Enforcement Program**  (580) 522-6170

Choctaw Nation Law Enforcement covers 10 1/2 counties in southeastern Oklahoma. Officers provide security on tribally owned, restricted, or allotted lands within the tribal jurisdictional boundaries. To be a Tribal officer, they must be CLEET certified and must have completed the Basic Academy Police Training.

**Forestry Service and Firefighters Program**  (918) 567-2321

Dedicated to the improvement of the forest resources of the Choctaw people, management of Tribal and individual allotted lands wherever services are needed. The Forestry Program will be happy to assist Choctaw people with any problems or questions they might have concerning their Forest resources.

The Choctaw Indian Firefighters Program currently has 60 wildland firefighters. These firefighters assemble as 20-man crews and are dispatched by the U.S. Forest Service to major forest fires throughout the United States.
The design for the new hospital the Choctaw Nation is currently building in Talihina is beautiful, as you can see by the photo of the architects' model. The 138,000 square foot health care center will feature 37 hospital beds for inpatients and 52 exam rooms in the clinic for outpatients.

The Choctaw Nation also operates Indian Health Centers in Broken Bow, Hugo, McAlester and Poteau. The Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations have teamed up to offer health services at a clinic in Durant, as well.