

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Member News

Standing Together

Ponca Tribe entities collaborate with community partners to bring aid to members and clients.





Grand Entries:

Friday - 7 pm | Saturday - 1 pm & 7 pm | Sunday - 1 pm Meals provided 1 hour before each Grand Entry

Head Man Quentin Bonge

Head Woman Taya Wright

Head Boy Mike Sheridan, Jr.

Head Girl Kitanna Wright

Arena DirectorJosh LeRoy

MC

Shannon LeRoy

Head Singer Robert Collins

Invited Drums

Omaha Whitetail Young Bucks The Horse Standing Eagle Mato Pejuta Mazakute

Senior Princess

Nevaeh Horse

Junior Princess CeCe Taylor

Little Miss

Cante Iyapa Blacktail Deer (Rosebud)









All Dancers, Drums, Vendors and Spectators Welcome.

Security and First Aid Provided. Restrooms, Running Water, and Limited Camping on Site

PTN POWWOW GROUNDS DIRECTIONS:

One mile West of Niobrara on Highway 12. Turn left at the Ponca Sign, located across from the Niobrara State Park. Follow the pavement to the Powwow Grounds.

PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA

With the support of the Nebraska Arts Council.



For the most up-to-date information, follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/PTNPowwow, call: 402-857-3519 or email: nmauro@poncatribe-ne.org

Diabetes Fun Run August 7 | 5 pm

Join us for a fun walk/run before Friday Grand Entry

Breakfast & Bingo August 8 | 9-11 am

Elders are invited to meet the Northern Ponca Elders Council (Gahiye niashiⁿga) and enjoy breakfast and Bingo before the Powwow on Saturday. Breakfast begins at 9:00 am, Bingo at 9:45 am.

Horseshoe Tournament August 9 | 10 am

1st Prize: \$250 2nd Prize: \$150 3rd Prize: \$100

Hand Drum Contest

1 person must have their own drum.

1st Prize: \$300 2nd Prize: \$200 3rd Prize: \$100

Team Dance Contest

3-5 dancers, all dancers must be in regalia 1st Prize: \$400 2nd Prize: \$250

3rd Prize: \$150



June 2020 Language

Pónka İye-the! The Ponca Language

Need help saying the words? Hear audio recordings on the PTN website at poncatribe-ne.tv/category/language/ and refer to the pronunciation guide on this page.

Our Ponca words have been color coded with the corresponding English word. As you can see, English is most of the time backwards to Ponca. And remember, our Ponca words have more meaning than what English words can approximate.

Watháwa - Number

Thawá-a Thawá-ga

Count them (command to one person by female) (by male)

Thawái-a Thawái-ga

Count them (command to multiple person by female) (by male)

Ánon-a?

How many are there (makes it a question)

0	thi ⁿ gé	15	agthí ⁿ sáto ⁿ
1	\$13ds-1	16	agthín sato
1	winónxchi (use wín when		
	counting up from one)	17	agthín pethonba
2	no ⁿ bá	18	agthín pethábthin
3	thábthi ⁿ	19	agthín shonka
4	dúba	20	gthébo¹ no¹bá
5	sáto ⁿ	21	gthébo ⁿ no ⁿ bá <mark>kie</mark> di win <mark>ón</mark> xchi
6	shápe	30	gthébo¹ thábth <mark>i¹</mark>
7	pétho ⁿ ba	100	gthébo ⁿ hiwí ⁿ
8	pethábthi ⁿ	101	gthébo ⁿ hiwí ⁿ kiedi wi ⁿ ó ⁿ xchi
9	shó ⁿ ka	222	gthébo ⁿ hiwí ⁿ no ⁿ bá kiedi gthébo ⁿ
10	gthébo ⁿ		no ⁿ bá kiedi no ⁿ bá
11	agthí ⁿ wí ⁿ	1000	kúge wí ⁿ
12	shápe noºbá	1001	kúge wín kiedi winónxchi
13	agthín thábthin	2345	kúge no ⁿ bá kiedi gthébo ⁿ hiwí ⁿ
14	agthí ⁿ dúba		thábthi ⁿ kiedi gthébo ⁿ dúba kiedi sáto ⁿ
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Umónthinka ánon nín-a?

How many year you are (question)? How old are you?

Umónthinka bthín. Umónthinka gthébon thábthin bthín.

Year (number) I am. I am 30 years old.

Umónthinka ánon-a?

How many year (question)? How old is she/he? ("she/he is" is implied)

Umónthinka . Umónthinka shápe.

Year (number). She/he is six years old. ("she/he is" is implied)

(Name) umónthinka ánon-a? Kay umónthinka ánon-a?

(Name) how many year (question)? How old is Kay?

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- Like a in father
- Like b in bia
- Like 2nd ch in church ch
- **ch**^h Like 1st ch in church
- like d in dig
- Like e in Vegas е
- like q in game
- like h in home
- Like i in ski
- Like ea in mean
- Like k in ski
- Like k in key
- Like m in man m
- Like n in need
- Like o in no
- Like aw in dawn
- Like p in spot
- Like p in pot
- Like s in sing
- **sh** Like sh in shop
- Like t in stop
- Like t in top
- Like th in that
- Like u in blue
- Like w in woman
- Like ch in German Bach
- Like z in zebra
- **zh** Like ge in beige

The raised letter n (") means to nasally say the vowel before the n.

The 'above a vowel (like é) means to stress that sound There is no "L" sound in Ponca. Some confuse the "TH" as a L sound.

On the cover: Members of Stand In For Nebraska and NPHA staff stand by a van full of donations, collected by the Stand In For Nebraska.

Domestic Violence June 2020

DV Staff host sexual assault awareness activities during the month of April

Robin Rich

Domestic Violence Outreach Advocate

April was sexual assault awareness month (SAAM) and although the offices may have been open for appointments only, that did not stop the Domestic Violence (DV) department from providing awareness on this important topic.

Our DV employees were busy finding creative ways to show support for SAAM. Information and other outreach materials were posted to the PTN website, Facebook, and other social media platforms. Several office sites had window art to raise awareness of sexual violence.

The DV program held a Start By Believing Campaign and took pictures of staff throughout all the office sites who signed a pledge stating: When someone tells me they were raped or sexually assaulted, I pledge to Start By Believing.

We also held an event for National Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 19-25 with a logo and white ribbon that individuals could print, color, and hang in their windows at home or work. Teal Day was also recognized on April 22nd where all employees were asked to wear teal, which is the color that represents sexual assault awareness month.

Denim Day is an international day that is celebrated to help show support in one of the most casual of ways. This year's Denim Day was held on April 29th and employees were asked to show off their denim on this day and take pictures.

Our Training and Outreach Specialist, Donna Wolff, was able to line up online training with Legal Aid of Nebraska on Working with Native American Victims of Violence. Donna even had to schedule a third training on this topic due to the high response.

Program staff are planning on many more upcoming events and training. For more information on upcoming awareness events, please feel free to contact a DV staff member located in the office site nearest you.



Teal Day April 22 Denim Day April 29



June 2020 Domestic Violence

Start by Believing



Domestic Violence June 2020

DV staff honor Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

May 5th is National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Domestic Violence staff held staff awareness activities in May to bring attention to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The red sand symbolizes Human Trafficking and those who have fallen through the cracks.









World Elder Abuse Awareness Day | June 15, 2020

Andrea Rodriguez DV Program Director

It can be hard to imagine that anyone would deliberately want to harm an elderly person, but unfortunately, elder abuse does occur. Some instances of elder abuse are intended to exploit the person financially; you've probably heard of scams targeting elders. In other cases, caretakers simply don't provide the basic necessities, like nutritious food, appropriate medication, safety, or assistance with hygiene. Help spread the word this June 15th, which is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. If

you see something, say something.

Why World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is Important:

• Elders may be unable to advocate for themselves

Many elders are not in a place to stand up for themselves, whether it's because they're physically frail or because they're scared of speaking up and fear repercussions. It's crucial for all of us to be on the lookout for signs of elder abuse, and to speak up if something seems wrong.

• Elders deserve our re-

spect and our attention

In the Native American culture, elders are revered —and rightfully so. Their experiences, memories, and perspective on life are valued for the lessons that vounger folks can learn. And if older people aren't encouraged to pass along the skills and wisdom they have accumulated during their lives, then the culture as a whole suffers. We owe it to older generations to ensure that their latter stages of life are not tarnished by neglect.

• It reminds us to look out for each other

It's easy to see bad things and not say anything—whether that's elder abuse, or someone bullying another person. But this awareness day reminds us just how important it is to look after, and look out for, our friends, family, and especially elders. It reminds us to exercise compassion on a daily basis, and care about others rather than just ourselves.

If you suspect a loved one is a victim of elder abuse, please contact the PTN Elder Victim Program at the Ralston and Lincoln office locations.

SAVE THE DATE! 1st Annual MMIR 5K Walk/Run

May 2021 | Date TBD

Standing Bear Lake | Omaha, NE

All are welcome to join the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska in May, 2021 for the 1st Annual MMIR 5K Walk/Run. The Tribe will be hosting this event to bring awareness to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR).

If you would like to provide your own testimonial, please email Becci Sullivan at mmiwgne@gmail.com for more information.

To become a sponsor of this event, please contact Kirby Williams at 888-991-9921 ext. 269 or Brooke Zelasney at 531-389-2379.

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

- More than 4 in 5 Native Americans, both women and men, will experience violence in their lifetime
- 56% of Native women will experience violence in a given year
- 55% of Native women will experience rape or violence by an intimate partner
- Nebraska ranked 7th in the higher number of cases for U.S. States
- Omaha, NE ranked 8th in the highest number of cases for U.S. cities studied

The StrongHearts Native Helpline 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) is a safe domestic violence and dating violence helpline for American Indians and Alaska Natives, offering culturally-appropriate support and advocacy daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Anonymous and confidential.

Salute to Graduates June 2020

Class of 2020



Dylan Andrew Ahlman
Battle Creek High
School
Great, Great, Great,
Great Grandson of
Chief Standing Bear



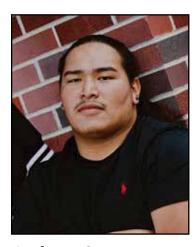
Saidra Lea Marlow Anderson New Prague CLC, New Prague, MN



Wyatt Burns
Academic Arts High
School, West St. Paul
Minnesota.
Son of Ponca Tribal
member Michaela
Gillespie -Burns



Reyna Cortez
Norfolk Senior High
Daughter of Teresa
and Luis Cortez,
granddaughter of
Beverly and Richard
Wright



Anthony Gomez
Lincoln Northeast
Attending Haskell
Indian Nations



Enrique Harlan Benson High School



Jayden Marie Jacobs
Bryan High School
graduating with honors



Caroline Theresa Juarez Gateway to Learning, South Sioux City, NE

June 2020 Salute to Graduates

Honoring our Graduates The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska would like to honor all of our 2020 graduates.

Congratulations on all of your hard work and accomplishments!



Brandon Desy West High School, Sioux City, IA Attending Western Iowa Tech Son of Davina (Bear) Desy, grandson of Karleen Bear



Savannah Droescher Lincoln Southeast High School



Jared Ertzner-Kitto Norfolk Senior High



Reuben Fox Everhart Newark Charter School, Newark, Delaware Attending University of Delaware



Summer Rain Key Niobrara High School Class of 2020 Valedictorian



Jazmyn Knudsen Boys Town High School in Omaha Nebraska



TJ Larson Stanton High School



Taya Lehman Northeast Community College Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education.

Salute to Graduates June 2020

Class of 2020



Fabiola Athena Isabell NoriegaSoutheast High School



Jeremy O'Hara
St Cloud State
University
Master of Social Work



Enoch Clay Rhoden III Omaha Northwest High School.



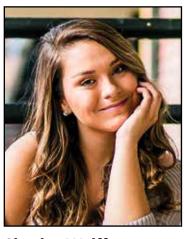
Antonio Sanchez
Drake University
Des Moines, IA
Bachelors in
Psychology



Tomas SanchezWest High School,
lowa City, IA



Lillian Wittmuss Lincoln High School



Shaylee WolffLincoln Northeast
High School



Richard George Wright, JR (Ricky) Wayne State College Bachelor of Science Social Sciences Education 7-12

June 2020 Education

WIOA Program assists client in obtaining Business Administration certification

Bianca Marino

Workforce Development Director

Recently the Ponca Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program was able to assist Megan Lindy, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe.

Megan initially reached out to the Workforce Development office in Scottsbluff for assistance. They, in turn, referred her to the WIOA program when they realized they would be unable to assist Megan with all of her needs in obtaining her certificate in Business Administration from Western Nebraska Community College. With the help of both agencies, Megan was able to receive assistance with tuition and school supplies.

After obtaining her Business Administration certificate Megan will be looking for employment

within an office or state job setting so that she positions herself for good benefits and a set schedule, allowing her to spend more time with her children. Future goals are to continue her education in Management Information Systems.

The Ponca WIOA Program staff have offices in Lincoln, Norfolk, and Ralston serving the entire state of Nebraska as well as Woodbury and Pot-

tawattamie counties in Iowa and Charles Mix County in South Dakota. To receive assistance please contact Stephanie or Tierra in Lincoln at 402-438-9222, Bianca in Norfolk at 402-371-8834, or Colleen in Ralston at 402-315-2765. We look forward to assisting clients with their academic or employment needs.

Attention All AVT/HIED Students Nationwide:

Please remember to submit your official transcripts after **EACH** term funded in order to be eligible to receive future funding.

Summer 2020 deadline: May 15, 2020. Fall 2020 deadline: August 15, 2020

The Ponca Educational Trust Fund is available nationwide to students who enroll at one of the University of Nebraska Campuses/Online Courses: Lincoln ~ Omaha ~ Kearney (Must be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours per semester to be eligible)

Attention All K-12 YIP Students Nationwide:

- High School Seniors for the 2019-2020 school year are eligible to receive a \$500.00 Graduation Incentive!
- Our department is accepting projects for incentives in the following areas: Art, Essay/Poetry, and Student of the Month. *Winners may receive \$100.00 for 1st place, \$50.00 for 2nd place, and \$25.00 for 3rd place. Grade divisions are as follows: Primary (K-2), Intermediate (3-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)
- Attendance will only be considered after a student completes their entire school year and provides proof of their entire year. Because of school closing relating the coronavirus concern, attendance will be considered based on the student's attendance up to the time of the closings.

Perfect Attendance \$100.00 (0-.49 days of absenteeism), \$50.00 (.5-3.49 days absenteeism), and \$25.00 (3.5-5.49 days of absenteeism).

Deadline to apply for the 2019-2020 school year is July 31, 2020.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information is available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen at 402.860.9262 or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.org.

Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs

Answering questions regarding Brownfields

Misha Mazurkewycz TRP Technician

What is a Brownfield?

Simply put, a Brownfield is a property that could potentially contain some sort of contamination that could potentially cause harm and make it hard to resell or redevelop. This can include places such as old abandoned buildings, illegal dumpsites, old gas stations or auto repair shops, buried tanks, and asbestos and

lead paint. These sites are not necessarily contaminated but they could be.

Are they the same as a Superfund site?

Not really. Brownfield sites do not have the same degree of contamination. Superfund sites typically come from manufacturing facilities, processing plants, landfills, toxic waste dumps, mining/smelter sites, and even sometimes dry cleaning facilities.

What kind of education do you need to be a TRP?

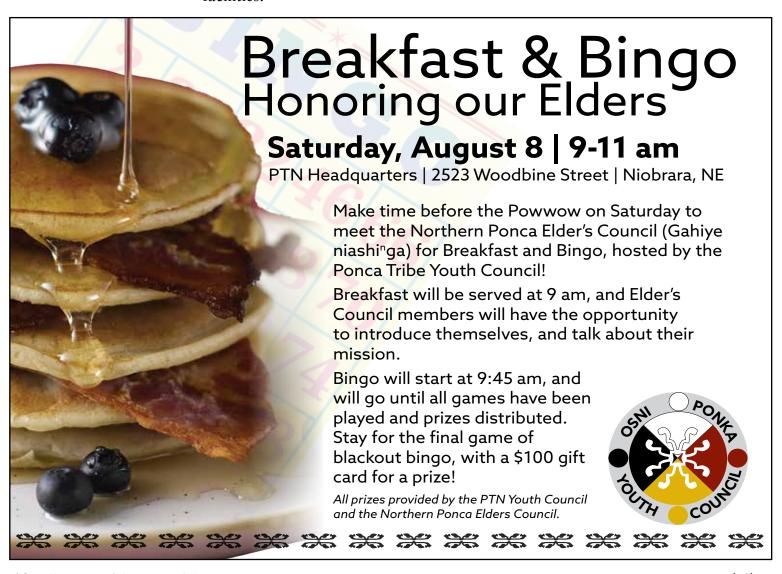
Typically, a TRP would have a degree in biology, earth science, chemistry, or geology. Basically, you have to have a good understanding of chemicals and their properties, as well as how they could move through the environment.

Does the Ponca Tribe have Brownfield sites?

Any Brownfield site listed

by the Ponca Tribe can be found on our website under the Environmental Department Program tab. Most have been cleared or are in the process of being cleared.

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to ask. You can call or email Misha Mazurkewycz at the Lincoln office at 402-438-9222 or mmazurkewycz@poncatribe-ne.org



June 2020 Youth Council

Youth Council salutes Commit To Fit participants

Maci Schott

Youth Council would like to give a special thank you to everyone who has been competing in our Ponca Youth Council Commit To Fit challenge! We love seeing your postings every week! We would like to encourage everyone to keep participating as we have many more challenges planned for the weeks to come. For this month's newsletter, we wanted to shoutout our winners of the 4 weeks we have

completed so far. These winners were randomly selected from a raffle. You can look and view postings and the videos of us drawing the winners on our Facebook page. We are excited to see who we get to shoutout next,

so keep participating and you could see yourself on our shoutout page soon!

Keep challenging yourselves and using the hashtag: #PYCCommit-ToFit!



Week 1 winner- Talia Villalpando won our walking outside challenge!



Week 2 winner- Dani Wright won our stretching and drinking water challenge!



Week 3 winner- Maci Schott won our eating fruit and playing basketball challenge!



Week 4 winner- Hunter Oestreich won our smoothie and 3x10 workout challenge!



MEMBERS NEEDED!

POWWOW COMMITTEE

There is a vacancy on the Pow Wow Committee for a term expiring on 9/30/2021. Letters of interest are being accepted at this time. Committee members are paid a \$250.00 stipend plus mileage reimbursement up to 410 miles roundtrip at the current federally approved rate. If you are interested in serving please submit your letter of interest ASAP to the Tribal Council at Tribal Headquarters, P.O. Box 288, Niobrara, NE 68760 or e-mail to janc@poncatribe-ne.org. Position is open until filled. Thank you.

Tribal News June 2020

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 20-25

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a federally recognized Indian Tribe (P.L. 101-484) whose business affairs are conducted by the Ponca Tribal Council as defined in the Constitution approved July 22, 1994 by the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Constitution of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Ponca Tribal Council exercises legislative powers to enact and promulgate resolutions and ordinances subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in the constitution; and

WHEREAS: The Ponca Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed Title XVII – Environment Code which is a requested addition to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe wishes to exercise its sovereignty and federal delegated authority to protect the environment within the territory of the Tribe and therefore, the purpose of Title XVII.

WHEREAS: The proposed Title XVII addition to the Law & Order Code was placed on the March 23, 2020 Tribal Council Agenda to allow comments from the public and on April 6, 2020 and April 20, 2020 for first and second readings respectively. A notice of intent to amend the Law & Order Code adding Title XVII - Environment was mailed to all heads of household at least 14 days prior to any final action satisfying the requirements for the adoption, amendment, or abolishment of Ordinances.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ponca Tribal Council approves the amendment to the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Law & Order Code addition of Title XVII – Environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these amendments shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY AND A	FFIRM that the above and	d foregoing resolut	tion was duly authorized
and passed by the Tribal Council of the	Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	a at a duly called m	neeting held via Lifesize
on the <u>20</u> day of April, 2020 by a v Absent. Chairperson voting	vote of $\underline{7}$ Ayes; $$	<u>() </u>	2 Abstained;/
Absent. Chairpersonvoting	not voting. A Quoi	rum of <u>&</u> wa	s present.
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Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

Candace Schmidt, Secretary Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

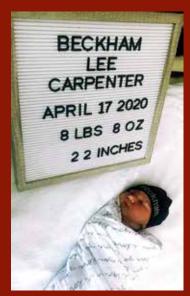
June 2020 Member's Corner



Sometimes it's the small things that go unnoticed. We want to thank LaDonna Wright for all her efforts no matter how great or small - You are appreciated!

Tina, Crystal S, Colleen and Robin

Elder's Council Meeting July 6 & 7 | 10 am PTN Offices, Sioux City Lifesize & Conference Call available. ረጓዶን ረጓዶን ረጓዶን ረጓዶን ረጓዶን ረጓዶን インタン インタン インタン インタン インタン





Beckham Lee Carpenter born 4.17.20

8lbs 8oz 22 inches long

Parents Shanna and Matt Carpenter

Grandparents Shelia and Shannon Wolff & Linda & Gary Carpenter

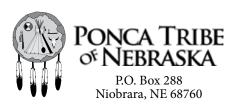
Great Grandparents the Late Bruce and JoAnne Robertson (Knudsen)

Great Great Grandparents the Late Ernest and Amelia Iron Thunder (Knudsen)

CONGRATULATIONS



John and Candy Schott want to give a shout out to their children! Cami and Maci are both on UNO Chancellor's List for having a 4.0 GPA and Ben finished his Junior year with a 4.1143 since he was in 4 Honors classes and one AP course. Ben will also be his Senior Class's Vice President. All three also had perfect attendance! You 3 make us so proud everyday!!!!!!





PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA Office Locations

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Osni Ponca

2756 O Street

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NORFOLK 68701 Administration Building

> 1800 Syracuse Ave. Ph: (402) 371-8834 Fax: (402) 371-7564

Gym Building

1800 Syracuse Ave. Ph: (402) 371-8834 Fax: (402) 379-0988 **Ponca Hills Clinic**

Ph: (402) 371-8780 (402) 371-5726

Fax: (402) 379-4291 - Pharmacy (402) 379-4293 - Registration (402) 371-4094 - Medical Lab

Ponca Express

Ph: 877-769-3111

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

1501 Michigan Ave.
Ph: (402) 379-8224
(800) 367-2320
Fax: (402) 379-8557

Purchased/Referred Care

Ph: (800) 405-0365 Fax: (402) 371-0176

OMAHA 68107

Fred LeRoy Health & Wellness Clinic

2602 "J" Street Ph: (402) 733-3612 Fax: (402) 733-3487

Administration

5805 South 86th Circle, 68127 Ph: (402) 315-2760

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<u>Administration</u>

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OTHER RESOURCES

Child Abuse Hotline

800-652-1999 (Nebraska) 800-362-2178 (Iowa) 877-244-0864 (South Dakota)

National Child Abuse Hotline

800-422-4453

National Suicide Hotline

800-273-8255

Domestic Violence Hotline

800-799-7233

National Human Trafficking Hotline

888-373-7888

National Problem Gambling Helpline

800-522-4700

Elder Abuse Hotline

800-252-8966

Boys Town Crisis Line

800-448-3000

Drug Treatment & Referral Hotline

877-726-4727

Nebraska Family Helpline

888-866-8660

Veterans Crisis Line

800-273-8255

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Deadline for submissions is the 1st of each month. In the event the 1st falls on a weekend, submissions are due the Friday before.

All submissions of a political nature are subject to Tribal Council approval. Send to Jessica Hitchcock, jhitchcock@poncatribe-ne.org.

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