

28th Annual Follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information regarding the Powwow: Northern Ponca facebook.com/PTNPowwow August 12, 13 & 14, 2022

All Dancers, Vendors and Spectators Welcome.

Grand Entries: Fri - 7 pm | Sat - 1 pm & 7 pm | Sun - 1 pm Meals provided 1 hour before each Grand Entry

Diabetes Fun Run August 12 | 5 pm

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

Cornhole Tournament August 13 | 10 am

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

Horseshoe **Tournament** August 14 | 10 am

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

Hand Drum Contest

1 person must have their own drum.

1st Prize: \$400 2nd Prize: \$250 3rd Prize: \$150

Team Dance Contest

3-5 dancers, all dancers must be in regalia

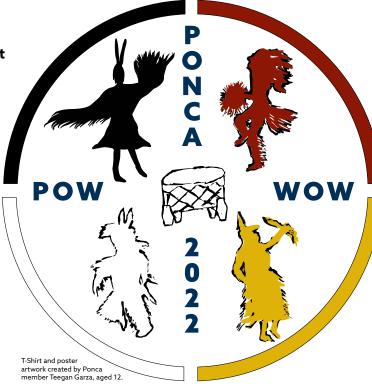
1st Prize: \$400 2nd Prize: \$250 3rd Prize: \$150

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

Elders receive priority parking, additional parking provided near grounds, with shuttle.

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.



Head Man

David Kitto

Head Woman

Jackie Munoz

Head Boy

Easton Yunker

Head Girl

Aliyah Taylor

Arena Director

Dennis Lewchuk

MC

Shannon LeRoy

Head Drum

Young Bucks

Invited Drums

Standing Eagle **New Breed Singers Drowning Creek** Mazakute Hilltop Rising Hail

Senior Princess Isabella Wright

Junior Princess Laylonie Hernandez

Little Miss

Reylynn Lemus

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

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Tribal News August 2022

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 PONCA ELECTION CANDIDATES

DISTRICT 1

Beth Branstiter (Barger)

Angela Starkel

Lee Paulsen

Patrick Lamoureux

DISTRICT 2

Samantha Gallagher

Katherine Bodner

Falon McAlpin

<u>CHAIR</u>

Gary Lasley

Jennefer Killion

Jeremy Wright

Candace Schmidt

Stacy Laravie

DISTRICT 3

Fredrick James Baker

Shanna Carpenter

DISTRICT 4

Kyle Taylor

Angela Bessmer

PONCA ELECTION 2022

Ponca members, please make sure you are registered to vote as we approach an election year for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

Voter registration forms can be downloaded and printed out on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska website, www.poncatribe-ne.org.

Completed forms must be mailed to:

Ponca Election Board

P.O. Box 9

Niobrara, NE 68760

Ballots will be verified by your signature on the return envelope.

Reasons to update registration:

- · If your name has changed
- · If your signature has changed
- · If your address has changed

Electronic signatures WILL NOT be accepted. The name on your registration form and your return envelope **must** match. (For example, If your name is Joseph Smith both items must say Joseph Smith, no abbreviations.)

If you have questions, please email the Ponca Election Board at

eboard@poncatribe-ne.org

PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Elders Committee hosts Dr. Louis Headman for an afternoon of Ponca culture

On Tuesday, July 12, the Elders' Committee hosted Dr. Louis Headman at the Ponca Tribe offices in Ralston. Dr. Headman joined the Committee and District 2 Elders for a meal of traditional foods prepared by Native

American chef Anthony Warrior. Dr. Headman, author of *Dictionary of* the Ponca People, and Walks on the Ground, gave a presentation to the group on Ponca culture and language.











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District 2 Ponca Tribe members have a night out at the ball game!

On Sunday, July 10, D2 Ponca members were invited to come out and see the Omaha Storm Chasers play the Toledo Mud Hens at Warner Park in Papillion, NE.







Breakfast & Bingo Honoring our Elders

Saturday, August 13 | 9-11 am

PTN Headquarters | 2523 Woodbine Street | Niobrara, NE

Make time before the Powwow on Saturday to meet the Northern Ponca Elder's Committee (Gahiye niashinga) for Breakfast and Bingo, hosted by the Ponca Tribe Youth Council!

Breakfast will be served at 9 am, then the Osni Ponka Youth Council members, the Ponca Tribal Council members, and the Elder's Committee members will have the opportunity to introduce themselves

Bingo will start at 9:45 am for all elders (55+), and will go until all games have been played and prizes distributed.

If space is an issue, we may need to limit attendance to the elders playing bingo during this time.

Breakfast provided by the PTN Youth Council. All prizes provided by the Osni Ponka Youth Council and Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Tribal Council.



District 4 hosts July 4th event

On Thursday, June 30th, District 4 held a community event for all members in the Norfolk area. While the planned fireworks had to be cancelled due to heat and high winds, members had plenty of fun enjoying wood-fired pizza, frozen treats, bounce houses, a water slide, and live music!







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Tribal Council has approved direct assistance in the amount of \$500 to all tribal members who are active members as of July 19, 2022. These assistance checks will be mailed out in September. Should you have any questions, please contact your District Tribal Council Representative:

District 1 - Angela Starkel | 402.922.0436 | angie.starkel@gmail.com

District 2 - Rebecca Sullivan | 531.222.4471 | beccilwhite@gmail.com

District 3 - Susan Baker | 925.788.0649 | eyesthatwalk@yahoo.com

District 4 - Kyle Taylor | 402.750.4299 | taylork651@gmail.com (email preferred)

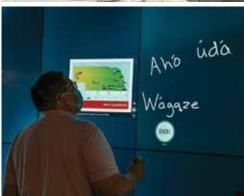


Education August 2022

Ponca youth and Elders sample college experience at Wagaze event

Ponca students had a unique opportunity to get a glimpse into college life at the Wagaze conference, held in conjunction with UNO, UNMC, and MCC. Students, Ponca Elders, and staff toured campuses, while learning more about potential career paths and options for higher education.







Ponca Elder's art provides uniting thread for Wagaze event



Ponca Tribal Elder and local artist Brenda Bogacz' artwork was the focal point of an educational summit for tribal youth, sponsored by the GO Network of Omaha and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. The three-day youth summit, called



"Wagaze," which means "to learn" in Ponca, was held at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and Metro Community College. Bogacz' art, centered around the Ponca legend, "Orphan Boy," and featuring "Chief Bird," along with several design elements, was used on each campus for printed materials, on video screens, and in an informational booklet the students used throughout the week.

The artwork was also displayed prominently on a two-story video screen inside the Davis Global Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center during a campus visit by Ponca youth and elders, as a way to honor the Tribe's culture.

Education August 2022

JOM Parent Committee works to further education for Native youth

The Tribe's IOM Program those needs by conductis a grant-funded BIA program that is available in the NPS School District and greater Madison County (Nebraska school districts) to all eligible Native American K-12 students. JOM operates in conjunction with the school's Title VII Program and addresses the unique cultural needs of the Native American students with a parent committee helping to determine

ing an annual needs assessment. The parent committee is comprised of parents, grandparents, and/or guardians that volunteer their time to help oversee the program along side PTON staff. Every year, the committee aims to celebrate the end of the school year with the students and their families as well as recognize the program's graduating seniors. The main

goals of the program are:

- To promote academic achievement;
- To improve attendance;
- To increase the graduation rate; and
- To promote a better understanding and greater awareness of Native American culture.

Anyone interested in volunteering or that has questions about the program, can contact the PTON Education Department. The Parent Committee would like to thank all of the staff that contribute to the program/events and our families that provide feedback to better serve the students. We look forward to the upcoming school year and the back to school events coming up!



Mazekute Drum Group and members congratulating seniors



Graduating Seniors, L-R: Colby James, Gwendolyn Wright-Santiago, Yesenia Roubideaux-Reifel, Miguel Cortez, Hunter Oestreich, and Eva Knudsen.



Candace Schmidt, JOM Parent Committee Chair honoring guest speaker Ricky Wright with a blanket

Attention Ponca Tribe of Nebraska members:

You can access Tribal Council minutes on the tribe's website at https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/tribal-documents/council-minutes-agendas/ (note that you must register and be logged in). These are updated as soon as approved minutes are distributed.





Powwow Grounds Map

- Emergency Access Lane (NO CAMPING/PARKING)
- Elder/Handicap Parking
- General Parking
- Employee Parking ONLY
- Tent Camping
 (No cars/outlet access)
- RV Camping (Limited hookups)
- RV Camping (Generator use only)
- Vendor Area
- Group Meal Area
- Permanent Restrooms/ Storm Shelter
- Porta-Johns
- Hand Washing Stations
- Elders Cooling Station
- First Aid Station
 - Information Station

Social Services August 2022

Celebrating our Elders on Senior Citizens Day in August, and every day

Marian Harris

DV Outreach Coordinator

Senior Citizens Day, celebrated on August 21st, is a day to recognize the contributions older people have made, and continue to make, to our society.

Senior Citizens Day gives us the opportunity to recognize our elders, and remember that they are very important members of society with vast and varied contributions. We also want to recognize the hardships of being and getting older; eyes grow dim, hearing gets weak, mobility decreases and strength deteriorates, while energy is shortlived. Elders have risks and needs associated with aging. Caring for those needs and minimizing risk is very important as we remember that our younger generation is observing how to treat our elders, especially as their own family members begin to age. Raising awareness of elders' mindsets, limits, and life experiences will achieve much down the road.

We also want to remember that with medicines and better health care, many elders are living longer, healthier lives, giving them opportunities to

assist and set examples. One example is volunteering, helping where needs exist. Other elders continue to work, teach, and help each other. Let us celebrate our elders and appreciate them, their wisdom, and their lifetime of knowledge.

Here are a few ways to recognize and celebrate our elders:

1. Visits from friends and family help decrease isolation and increase joy. Elders have a wealth of knowledge, so spending time with them makes

you more a little more knowledgeable too!

- 2. Visit your local nursing homes. Many of us know someone in a nursing home. Generally, there are activities that you can participate in with an elder.
- 3. When visiting, take a pen and paper. Elders have some incredible stories! We can all learn from their experiences.
- 4. Take them their favorite meal and help them with their homes. Cut their grass and fix

things. Often enjoying a meal and conversing with an elder will make you laugh and sometimes cry.

Above all, love our elders! Be patient and kind whenever you are in the presence of an elder. We can all learn from our elders in surprising and interesting ways. Enjoy time today and every day with an elder!



Ponca Tribe staff train in preparation to provide CPR and First Aid training

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska has partnered with HeartSaver First Aid New View Training out of Omaha in its new Life Support Program. This new program is aimed at training all staff in Basic Life Support, CPR and First Aid. The Tribe hopes to offer Adult, Child and infant CPR to all members across the Service Delivery Area including youth and new and expecting mothers (Coming Soon).

The PTN Life Support Program instructors still need additional certification before we can offer this course to staff or members, so please be patient with this wonderful group.

The HeartSaver CPR courses are designed to teach the skills of adult, child and infant CPR to those with little or no

Ponca Tribe represented at Omaha Pride event

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska staff enjoyed connecting with community members information on resources at the Omaha Pride event, held July 16th. The Ponca

Tribe booth was a hit with attendees, providing and employment opportunities with the Tribe.



medical experience. The course teaches students the basics for the most common first aid emergencies including how to recognize them, how to call for help and how to perform some lifesaving skills. Upon completion of these courses, students will receive a certified American Heart Association course completion card valid for two years.

This is an exciting way for the Tribe to help keep its membership safe and prepared for an emergency in any setting. In these emergencies, every second counts. Having trained PTN staff helps ensure the safety to all of those visiting our various office sites, riding in our transportation vehicles, visiting our amazing casino and attending our events.





Norfolk youth travel to water park

Norfolk youth traveled in style to the water park on July 6th, thanks to Ponca Express, and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Diabetes Program.

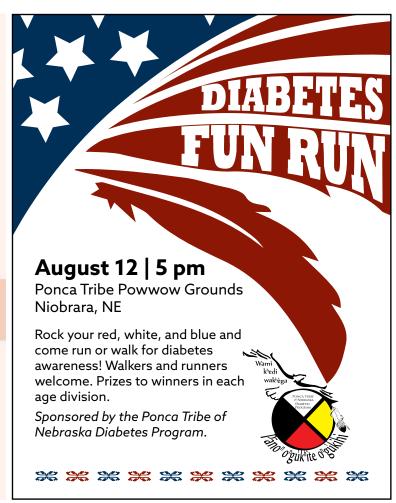


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Calling all Native Artists!

Osni Ponca currently has space available in the Niobrara Market and/or the Crofton Smoke Shop to host artwork on consignment from Ponca members and other Native artists. If you are interested in selling your artwork, jewelry, regalia, pottery, or other artwork in this space, please contact Sharon at 402.434.2127 or spittman@osniponca.com,





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. Students must apply each school year.

Fall 2022 deadline: August 15, 2022 Winter 2022 deadline: November 15, 2022

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 2021-2022 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)
- 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 2022-2023 school year is July 31, 2023.

All Education Department Applications and Program Information are available online on our tribal website. If you have any questions for the education department, please feel free to contact Aubrey Knudsen @ office (402)371-8834, work cell (402)844-0957, or aknudsen@poncatribe-ne.org. *Ponca tribal enrollment is required for ALL education programs*

Interested in Ponca Language classes?

Classes stream live at https://call.lifesizecloud.com/13507809. Additionally, a playlist of previous language classes can be found on the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska YouTube channel. For more information, please contact Ricky Wright, Culture Director, at rwrightjr@poncatribe-ne.org, or 402.371.8834, ext. 120.

Virtual art camp produces "moo-sterpieces"

On Monday, July 18th the Osni Ponka Youth Council held a virtual art camp via LifeSize for Ponca youth. Supplies were provided for the youth attending the virtual art camp. Instructor Amy Adams, a Millard High School Art Teacher, taught the youngsters basic art techniques. Then the youth used their skills to create their Canvas Cow Moo-sterpieces!

Special thanks to Lucy Howell, Killian Howell, Everley Howell, Addison Rodgers, Chase Rodgers, Dylan Somchana, Riley Somchana, Hunter Svagera, and Zaida Teboe for sharing your time and talents with us!















GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 18 | 1 pm

All Ponca Tribe office locations, and on the "General Meeting" space on Lifesize

All questions for the meeting must be submitted no later than Sunday, September 4,2022. Please contact Jan Colwell to submit your questions.

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Attn: Jan Colwell PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760

Email: janc@poncatribe-ne.org

Phone: 402.857.3391, ext. 402



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NOTICE: All Tribal Members **** ***

LAW AND ORDER CODE REVISION Discussion on September 6, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. **During Tribal Council Meeting**

*** **NOTICE:** All Tribal Members****

The Ponca Tribal Council will be reviewing proposed additions to the Law and Order Code. The revisions are being considered because the Tribal Council wants to provide the legal framework for organizing Partnerships and Cooperatives in order to expand the business sector in the territory of the Tribe.

There are changes being proposed are adding Titles 21 and 22. The revisions being considered include but are not limited to the following:

- Title 21 is a new Code that will govern Partnerships
- Title 22 is a new Code that will govern Cooperatives

A complete copy of the proposed amendments is available at the tribal offices, or one may be obtained by contacting Jan Colwell, Tribal Council Secretary at 402-857-3391.

There will be a discussion by Tribal Council that is open for public comment on September 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard.

Written comments will be accepted until August 26, 2022. The written comments may be emailed to janc@poncatribe-ne.org or mailed to

> Jan Colwell, P.O. Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760

Change of Address Form
Mail to: PTN Enrollment Dept PO Box 288 Niobrara, NE 68760 Fax: 402-857-3771

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD MUST BE AN ENROLLED PONCA	TRIBE MEMBER
OTHER ENROLLED PONCA TRIBE MEMBERS IN HOUSE	HOLD:
PREVIOUS ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip	o, County)
NEW ADDRESS: (Street/P.O. Box, Apt #, City, State, Zip, Cour	nty)
PHONE NUMBER:	
ALTERNATE/CELL NUMBER:	
E-mail:	
DATE NEW ADDRESS IN EFFECT:	
To provide better services to Ponca tribal members, this is with all PTON Departments as needed. Any service may be information is corrected and/or updated.	
SIGNATURE REQUIRED	DATE

Enrollment August 2022

(Please sign your name in the area below with a BLACK felt tip marker)

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FOR A PHOTO ID PLEASE SIGN AND FILL OUT THIS PAGE. DON'T FORGET TO SEND (EMAIL) YOUR PICTURE AS WELL

Photo ID Instructions

1. Signature

Please completely fill in the information on the bottom of the signature page. With a **black** felt tip marker please sign your name in the middle of the top of the signature page. (Please note that children do not require a signature for theirs.)

2. Clear readable copies of the following must be submitted:

a: State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID card (It must have your picture and signature on it)

b: If you are **not** an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe, but your child is, you must still submit a copy of your State Driver's License, State ID Card or other valid Picture ID and a copy of your child(s) Social Security Card and Tribal Enrollment Card for proof of enrollment.

3. Photo Options:

You can email a current photo (without filters) to - enrollment@poncatribe-ne.org

You may mail documentation and your current photo to:

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska **Enrollment Department PO Box 288** Niobrara, NE 68760-0288

CERTIFICATE CARDS

Certificate cards, or non photo IDs are available upon request. This form is not required for certificate cards. Pleases contact the enrollment department if you would like an enrollment card without a picture.

Dear Ponca Relatives: My name is Cliff Taylor. I am the son of Cliff Taylor Jr. and the grandson of Cliff Taylor Sr. and Barb Taylor (Picotte). I love spending my time working on things that I imagine will be of some help or use or inspiration to our people, especially on things that'll continue to help long after us current folks are gone. And in that spirit, I have a new project I would like to invite you all to be a part of.

I want to put together a book of stories about our Ponca people, stories of all kinds from all of us, to create a portrait of who we are that we can share with each other far and wide, and also pass on to our young ones who are full of all those essential, important questions: like "What does it mean to be Ponca?", "How can I learn about myself and my culture?", "How have our elders handled the challenges of this life?", "What do other Poncas have to say about our tribe and where we're going? I would love to see this book composed of stories from Poncas young and old. I want this book to be a gift we all make together.

Send me a story or two or three. My email is cliffponca@ gmail.com and my mailing address is Cliff Taylor/ 3710 Grand Ave/Astoria, OR 97103. I look forward to reading your stories and finding a place for them in Stories of Our Northern Ponca People.

- Weblaho, Cliff Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jennifer Harshbarger for making the Dean's List at Midland University this past semester!



June 6, 2022

Jennifer Harshbarger

Dear Jennifer:

Congratulations to you on your outstanding academic achievement and performance this semester! It is a privilege for me to share with you that you have been named to the Midland University Dean's Achievement Award for this past semester. This is a tremendous accomplishment! The Dean's Achievement Award acknowledges students who achieve a 3.5-3.99 grade point average, complete all course requirements (without receiving a grade of incomplete), and complete at least 6 credit hours on the A-F grading scale during the term.

Your hard work, study habits, and dedication have contributed to your academic success. Let me commend you on a job well done! We look forward to sharing your good news with the campus community. This is a major accomplishment of which you should be very proud!

Best wishes to you for continued success. I look forward to seeing you back on campus soon.

Cordially,

Chief Academic Officer



Elder's Committee Meeting

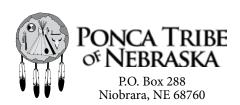
August 12 | 10 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Niobrara, NE

September 12 | 10 am

Ponca Tribe Offices | Lincoln, NE







PONCA TRIBE of NEBRASKA Office Locations

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Enrollment

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Cultural

P.O. Box 288

Ph: (402) 857-3519 Fax: (402) 857-3652

LINCOLN 68508

Administration

1701 E Street

Ph: (402) 438-9222 Fax: (402) 438-9226

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1600 Windhoek Dr, 68512 Ph: (531) 248-3030

Osni Ponca

2756 O Street

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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

<u>Dental</u>

2602 "J" Street Ph: (402) 733-1325 Fax: (402) 733-3487

Northern Ponca Housing Authority

10635 Birch., 68134 Ph: (402) 505-3055 Fax: (402) 505-3066 **SIOUX CITY 51103**

Administration

125 6th Street Ph: (712) 258-0500 Fax: (712) 258-0762

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

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