DELAWARE NATION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

U.S. CITIZENSHIP

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1924 - 2024



WHERE: Grady County Fairgrounds

Event Center in Chickasha, OK

WHEN: Saturday, July 13, 2024

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

Attendees will receive a free t-shirt!



AGENDA

- Welcome
- Prayer
- Lunch (11:30-12:30)
- Outgoing/Incoming Princess
- Presentation
- Veteran Recognition
- Memorial Video
- Approval of January 13, 2024 General
- Council Minutes
- Citizenship Applications, if any
- Self-Governance History Video
- Financial Report
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
- (THPO) Report-Katelyn Lucas
- Fraud Policy Discussion
- Public Comments
- Adjournment

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE INSTRUCTIONS:

18 years and older Tribal citizens may join virtually by RSVP emailing ahowell@delawarenation-nsn.gov before or on Friday, July 12, 2024 by 5:00 p.m. (CST). A GoToMeeting link will be provided to join the meeting. Virtual attendees MUST provide their full name, enrollment number & zip code to receive the GoToMeeting link.

EVENT BOOTHS

CHR Health Check

Delaware Nation Industries & Investments

Lenape Entertainment

Lenape Shirt Company

Security - Narcan Information



- Chopped Brisket
- Sliced Brisket
- Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Texas Toast
- Cobblers
- Tea -Sweet and Unsweet

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FY 2024 TIMELINE

"No other tribe on the continent has been so much moved and jostled about by 'civilized' invasions; and none have retreated so far, or fought their way so desperately, as they have honorably and bravely contended for every foot of the ground they have passed over"

George Catlin, Letters and Notes on the Manners, Customs, and Conditions of North American Indians, vol. 2, no. 47, 1841, reprint 1973

TAMANEND BUST DEDICATION



SEPTEMBER 2023



ELDER LANGUAGE CLASS

TRICK OR TREAT EVENT



OCTOBER 2023



TUESDAY EVENING BELT MAKING CLASSES

MENS HEALTH FAIR



NOVEMBER 2023



LENAPE GARDEN
WEDNESDAY WORKDAYS

TRIBAL CHRISTMAS DINNER



DECEMBER 2023



ELDERS LANGUAGE PRESERVATION CLASS

PHYLLIS PACK SWORN IN AS TREASURER



JANUARY 2024



GENERAL COUNCIL

JULY 2024

VISION/MISSION



Back row left to right: Phyllis Pack Treasurer, Ann Bower Secretary, & Victoria De La Rosa-Feliciano Vice President Front row left to right: Michael McLane Committee Person, Deborah Dotson President & Terry Williams Committee Person

DELAWARE NATION

VISION

To promote the economic, moral, cultural, and health status of all our citizens.

DELAWARE NATION

MISSION STATEMENT

Through united effort and determination we promote the education and well-being of our citizens and secure unto our Nation and our Nation's descendants the rights, powers and privileges provided by the laws of the Delaware Nation.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Deborah Dotson



DEAR TRIBAL CITIZEN,

I hope this finds you and your family well.

Our history as Native Americans, the good and the bad, is important to remember. As we glance back into history, we can pay honor to our ancestors who fought valiantly to ensure that the injustices suffered would lead to a better outcome for our generation and the generations to come. We should never forget our story and continue to share it with our children and grandchildren. It is why we exist and continue to thrive today!

This annual report recognizes the 100 year anniversary of the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. The passing of this act did not change much for Native Americans, even though many had served in the armed forces for the United Native Americans were not allowed the States. same constitutional rights (i.e., voting) provided to all other U.S. citizens. Mainly due to the fact that state governments had the voting regulations. While set power Native Americans fought this in courts, a Court ruling asserted that the Supreme relationship between the federal government and tribes resembled that of a ward to his quardian and therefore prohibited all Native Americans from voting for the next 20 years. In 1948, another Supreme Court case, Harrison v. Laveen, overturned the prior ruling.

Our ancestors faced many challenges like this one along the way. They became advocates and let their voices be heard in courts and to political leaders in order to correct the wrongs. So, it is with great honor that we recognize them in this annual report. Like those who have walked before us, we must continue to advocate for our people and the generations to come.

As the Delaware Nation Executive Committee continues to plan for the future, it is important to remember the steps taken by those before us. Respecting and keeping the same priorities that were important to them and keeping those values at the forefront today: the economic, moral, cultural, educational, health and well-being of our citizens. These priorities are listed in our Constitution and continue to be the same principles that we embrace and abide by when making decisions today for the Nation.

Wanishi,

Deborah Dotson

"History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from it. If it offends you, even better, because you are less likely to repeat it. History is not yours to change or destroy." (Author Unknown)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



President Dotson testifying before Senate



President Dotson throwing candy at the American Indian Exposition Parade



President Dotson, Santa, Assistant Tribal Admisistrator Diane Butler and HR Generalist DeeDee Whitfield at Tribal Christmas Party



Left to right President Dotson, Nicole Moan, DG Smalling



President Dotson receiving the key to Oklahoma City from Mayor Holt.



President Dotson and Anadarko Mayor Kelley McGlothlin at MMIW Event



President Dotson and Representative Lucas in Washington D.C.

VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Jordan P. Subia









Jordan P. Subia's parents are Tommy Joe and Gwen (Kopepassah) Subia who reside in Anadarko, OK. Maternal grandparents are Elizabeth (Eckiwaudah) Gowens and Lelbert "Spuddy" Kopepassah, Sr. and Paternal Grandparents are Geraldine (Williams) and Joe Subia. Siblings are Tina Soto, Eric Stephens, Joel Subia and Amanda Meeks.

Jordan graduated from Anadarko High School in 2005 where he was Mr. AHS and a member of the National Honor Society. He participated in various sports, but excelled in Cross-Country and Wrestling. In July 2004, he was one of seven Native American athletes selected to attend the Park Royal Down Under International Games in Australia. Out of 160 teams, team Oklahoma placed 4th. Jordan received a commendation from State of Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry congratulating him for being selected to participate in the games. In February 2005, he was named Outstanding Wrestler and won awards for quickest fall and total number of falls when the Anadarko Wrestling Team competed in the Hereford, Texas Wrestling Tournament. The team was the only Oklahoma team represented and he didn't lose a match helping the team place 2nd out of 16 teams. He qualified and placed in State two times, 2005 Conference Champion and 2005 All State member. Upon graduation from Anadarko Public Schools, he attended Cameron University for one semester, but realized his true calling and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

In March 2006, he was sworn into the United States Marine Corps. In June 2006 after completing 13 weeks of basic training at Camp Pendleton, CA, he graduated. He received the platoon's Physical Fitness High Scorer Award at graduation.

During his service, he was deployed three times to Iraq, Japan and aboard the U.S.S. Tortuga (in Spanish, Tortuga means Turtle). He received the Fitness Award for 7 perfect 300 point physical fitness tests and the Navy Achievement Medal for meritorious service or achievement in a combat or non-combat situation based on sustained performance or specific achievement of a superlative nature. After 8 years of service, 4 active and 4 active reserve, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Corporal.

Upon returning home to Anadarko, he worked as a Security Officer for Gold River Casino, Bison Ridge Casino and Golden Eagle Casino. In May 2017, he began his tenure as a Corrections Officer with Grady County Correctional Facility in Chickasha, OK.







OUR ANCESTORS 1924 - 2024

Overcame many barriers
United through culture
Removed forcefully from homelands

Advocates for our people Notable leaders **C**ommunity centered **Enacted positive change** Spoke our language **Trusted the Creator Open to progress** Respected the environment **S**tewards of sovereignty

1924-2024 OUR ANCESTORS



1924-2024 OUR ANCESTORS



1924-2024 OUR ANCESTORS



1924-2024 OUR LEADERS



TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION



Janice Maddox
Tribal Administrator



Service to the Tribe: 11 years 9 months



Diane Butler Asst. Tribal Administrator

Service to the Tribe: 16 years 11 months

Dear Tribal Citizen,

The information collected and shared in this 2024 Annual Report provides updates from every department. The purpose of this report is to keep each citizen informed about the Nation and the programs available. Even if you do not live in our service area, there are many programs that are available nationwide. This report is one way we provide this important information to you. I encourage you to take the time to review the information contained in this report and if you can join our meeting in-person or virtually on July 13, 2024, we would love that as well!

All service programs listed on our website are current. Once the funding source has been depleted the posting will be removed to avoid confusion. It is our hope that in the near future, we will be able to offer a Tribal citizen portal that will assist you in tracking your application to completion.

I appreciate my dedicated and hardworking staff for the job they do to assist every Tribal citizen that calls, emails, mails or walks in an application! It is a privilege to work for the citizens of Delaware Nation. This privilege isn't taken lightly by me or my staff. Please contact us, if you have any questions about these programs.

Janice Maddox Tribal Administrator

Tribal Administration responsibilities include:

- Implementing policies and procedures as approved by the Executive Committee
- Ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of the ongoing operations
- Ensuring fiscal and operational accountability
- Providing administrative support to the Executive Committee
- Providing overall administrative support to the organization
- Digitally archiving Delaware Nation's qovernment documents

Supervisory responsibility for the following departments:

- Administration
- Administration on Aging
- CHR
- Enrollment
- EPA
- Facilities
- Finance Department
- Gaming Commission
- Grant Coordinator
- Historic Preservation
- Housing
- Human Resources
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- Public Relations
- Security
- Social Services
- Tax Commission
- Vocational Rehabilitation

HUMAN RESOURCES



Alex Rodriguez

Human Resources Director

Service to the Tribe: 12 years 2 months



Dorothy Whitfield HR Generalist Background Investigator



Service to the Tribe: 5 years 6 months

Delaware Nation understands that people are our most valuable resource. Human Resources serves the Nation in all aspects of employment and employee relations.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Advertising vacant positions
- Recruiting highly qualified applicants
- Background Investigations
- Conducting employee orientation
- Managing employee relations
- Administrating employee benefits
- Developing and deploying policies and procedures
- Maintaining personnel records
- Monitoring compliance with tribal, state and federal labor laws
- Researching and establishing wage and compensation rates
- Provide staff development opportunities

New Full-Time Employees

- Brittney Foster Early Childhood Teacher
- Faith Herrera Early Childhood Co-Teacher
- Jayla Sankadota Early Childhood Teacher
- Jason Mendoza Facilities Laborer
- Tammy Scriven Early Childhood Co-Teacher
- Taylor Kopepassah Housing Intake Clerk
- Billie Hensley Housing Specialist
- Anissa Howell Public Relations Officer
- Michael Miller Facilities Laborer
- Desiree Ballejo Early Childhood Co-Teacher

2023 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE PROFILE:

- Total employees 78
- Delaware Nation Tribal Member Employees 17 (22%)
- Other Tribal Member Employees 43 (55%)
- Non-Native Employees 18 (23%)

Tribal Government Job Postings

All new job postings can be viewed on our Delaware Nation Website (www.delawarenation-nsn.gov). The application form is also accessible online and can be emailed to arodriguez@delawarenation.com or faxed to 405-247-9393.



GRANTS



Ivy Smith Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 4 years 10 months

The responsibilities of the Grants Coordinator for Delaware Nation include planning, coordinator and monitoring of currently operating grants to ensure compliance with programmatic and fiscal requirements. Other duties include researching and identifying potential grant sources and providing technical assistance in the writing and review of grant proposals. I have the pleasure to work closely with Tribal Administration, Finance, Department Directors, our Grant Writer, Joel Haspel and on occasion the Tribal citizens.

The Director of each tribal department and program oversees day-to-day management of department grant awards. The Grants Coordinator assists Directors that have grants in confirming the allowable uses, activities and expenses of their funding agency. Additionally, the Grants Coordinator helps facilitate communication with funding agencies and the Delaware Nation Finance Department for proper management and reporting of projects and funds. On a department director's request, the Grants Coordinator provides the technical support needed to ensure programmatic and fiscal requirements are met.

Currently Delaware Nation has 52 grants in operation for a variety of programs and services that serve Delaware Nation citizens and/or our surrounding communities.

Please see the table that shows the breakdown of grants received by granting agencies.



Joel Haspel Contracted Grant Writer

Joel Haspel, Vice President of Cogent Analysis Group, LLC, is our grant writer. Delaware Nation has contracted with Cogent Analysis Group, LLC, since April 12, 2021. Mr. Haspel works with Department Directors and the Grant Coordinator to research and identify grant opportunities for needed funding. Once a proposal is completed, the Executive Committee reviews the information before approving its submission with a motion or/and a resolution at a duly called meeting. Delaware Nation has been awarded one of the largest grants to date with the NTIA Broadband Grant in the amount of \$7,219,711.00 due to his expertise. We appreciate all Mr. Haspel has done and will continue to do for Delaware Nation.





GRANTS

Delaware Nation Grants & Self-Goverenance Agreements

Granting Agency	Agency Acronym	# Grant Awards	Total of Grant Awards
American Rescue Plan	ARP	12.741.43	13,144
ARP- Child Care Dev. Fund Discretionary	ARP-CCDF	1	1,193,871.00
ARP-Indian Housing Block Grant	ARP-IHBG	1	64,447.00
ARP-National Endowment for the Arts	ARP-NEA	1	150,000,00
ARP- Older Americans Act Title VI C	ARP-OAA	1	20,740.00
ARP-Older Americans Act Title VI A/B	ARP-OAA	Ĺ	44,820.00
ARP-Child Care Dev. Fund Stabilization Grant (child care)	ARP-S	T.	1,903,211,00
ARP-TRPH-Public Workforce with Aging for Tribes	ARP-TRPH	1	80,000.00
Bureau of Indian Affairs	BIA		00,000.00
BIA-Initiating Sustainable DN Lenape Lang.	BIA	1	274,002.00
Child Care Development Fund	CCDF	1	274,002,00
Child Care Development Fund	CCDF	2	3,158,539,00
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental	CRRSA	- 2	3,136,339,00
	CKKSA		
Appropriations	CDDSA CCDS	1	720 704 00
CRRSA-Child Care Development Funds	CRRSA-CCDF	1	730,704.00
Department of Commerce	DOC		2210 210 04
NTIA Broadband Expansion	DOC	1	7,219,710.96
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy	DOC	1	165,000.00
Department of Education	DOE		
Department of Education- Voc. Rehab	DOE	1	1,173,735.00
Department Of Health and Human Services	DHHS		
DHHS-ANA Restoration & Digitization Grant	DHHS-ANA	1	82,609.00
DHHS-Child Care Stabilization grant	DHHS-CCS	1	49,500.00
DHHS-Community Service Block Grant	DHHS-CSBG	1	1,221.00
DHHS-Community Health Representative	DHHS-CHR	2	176,041.00
DHHS-Lenape Intergenerational Learning Grant	DHHS-Lenape	11	284,180.00
DHHS-Promoting Safe and Stable Families	DHHS-PSSF	1	27,868.00
DHHS-Special Diabetes Prevention & Treatment	DHHS-SDPT	2	17,500.00
DHHS-MIPPA Title VI	DHHS-MIPPA	1	4,730.00
DHHS-Low Income Home Energy Assistance	LIHEAP	111	4,000.00
Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance	DOJ-BJA		
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation	DOJ-BJA	1	146,440.00
Department of Treasury	DOJ-BJA		110,110,00
Capital Projects Fund	CPF	1	189,324.36
Homeowners Assistance Fund	HAF	1	75,310.78
Local Assistance and Consistency Fund	LATCF	i i	624,995.28
Indian Housing Block Grant	IHBG	1	024,273,20
Indian Housing Block Grants	IHBG	1	156,508.00
Indian Housing Block Grant-Competitive	IHBG-C	1	3.825000.00
	IMLS		3,843000,00
Institute of Museum & Library Services	IMLS	1	10 000 00
Institute of Museum & Library Services National Park Service		1	10,000.00
	NPS		50,000,00
NPS Tribal Heritage Grant	NPS	1	50,000,00
Older Americans Act	OAA		15 140 00
OAA Nutrition Services	OANT	4	17,340.00
OAA Title VI, Part A	OAA-Part A	2	114,490.52
OAA Title VI, Caregivers	OAA-Part C	1	28,120.00
Self-Governance Funding Agreements	SG	4.7	
Annual Self-Governance Agreement	SG	1	380,516.31
Annual BIA Transportation and Planning Grant	SG-TTP	1	442,907.17
Stockbridge-Munsee Community	SMC		
Lenapehoking FWS Sub-award	LH-FWS	1	150,000.00
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	USEPA		
USEPA-Performance Partnership Grant	USEPA-PPG	5	1,052,866.00
United States Department of Aminut	LICDA		
United States Department of Agriculture USDA-NRCS Urban Agriculture and Innovation	USDA-NRCS-UAIP	1	299,087.00
Production	USDA-NKCS-UAIP	1.	499,007.00
Westchester Community Foundation	WCF		
Cultural Preservation Support Grant	WCF-CP	1	10,000.00
		52	24,264,334.38

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER



Dear Tribal Members,

I hope this message finds you well! As your newly elected Treasurer, I want to express my gratitude for the support in the recent special election. I am honored to serve as your Delaware Nation Treasurer!

For those of you who are not familiar with me, here is a snippet of my work background:

I retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2016 with 27 yrs. I spent my last 13 yrs in the Bureau as a Self Determination Specialist, preparing, awarding and monitoring contracts with the tribes under the Anadarko Agency. I performed audit reviews of the federal funds given to the tribes through the contracted programs and would assist the tribes in resolving issues found in the review/audit process.

During my short time as the Treasurer for the Delaware Nation, I have been busy learning the duties and responsibilities that come with this position. I just finished reviewing and approving the Revenue Allocation Economic Development (RAED) per capita checks along with the regular day to day business duties of paying vendors, utilities, tribal citizens assistance and etc. One of my first experiences as Treasurer was working with the RAED per capita checks. There were more than 1500 paper checks issued, not including direct deposits or any of the minor disbursement deposits. The Delaware Nation has come a long way and has grown exponentially in the past years.

In closing, I will continue to work closely with the Finance Department, outsourced CPA, Executive Committee, Administration and Directors in processing financial transactions in accordance with the Delaware Nation Government Finance Standard Operating Procedure Policy.

Respectfully,

PHYLLIS PACK

FINANCE

PURPOSE:

The Finance and Procurement Offices provide financial management and support while safeguarding the assets and ensuring financial integrity for the Delaware Nation. The primary responsibilities are to administer and provide accounting functions for the tribe's financial resources while utilizing best practices to stay in compliance with Tribal, Federal, and State regulations. It is always our goal to maintain confidentiality, transparency, and accountability.

CORE FUNCTIONS:

- Accounts Payable To control and monitor expenditures by obtaining the lowest cost possible with satisfactory terms and quality and by not allowing expenditures to exceed budgeted amounts.
- Accounts Receivable Ensure all collections and deposits of funds due to the Tribe are received and processed accurately.
- Audits Prepares and completes an organization-wide annual audit with no findings.
- Budgeting Assists in the budget development, monitoring, maintenance, and reporting of all Delaware Nation budgets.
- Fixed Assets Provides necessary recording and tracking of fixed assets acquired.
- Grants & Contracts Financial Management Grants & Contracts are an important element of funding and they are subject to various audit and reporting requirements for pre-award, during, and post-award.
- General Accounting Provides reports, reconciliations, journal entries, and analysis.
- Internal Controls Maintains and adheres to proper controls, separation of duties, policies, and procedures and follows approval processes to safeguard financial resources.
- Payroll Accumulates employee and committee members' work hours, and calculates pay amounts and withholdings accurately and timely to the appropriate grant, contract, or tribal program. Provides governmental reporting as required.
- Procurement Provides fair and cost-effective acquisitions of goods and services by analyzing vendors for the best price for high-quality supplies.

FISCAL GUIDANCE:

- Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CRF Part
- Delaware Nation approved Procurement and Financial Policies:
- Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB); and
- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)



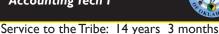
Eydie Silago Director

Service to the Tribe: 24 years I month





Janet Curley Accounting Tech I







Nicole Valenzuela Accounting Tech III

Service to the Tribe: 9 years I month





Dana Kopepassah Procurement Officer

Service to the Tribe: 5 years 8 months



Haley Williams Per Capita Specialist

Service to the Tribe: 4 years I month





Shelby Britain Accounting Tech I

Service to the Tribe: I year





Shelby Quetone Accounting Tech I

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 10 months



FINANCIAL REPORTS



Kyle Dover Comptroller

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND YEAR OVER YEAR COMPARISON

REVENUE SOURCES: GOVERNMENTAL FUND						
REVENUE SOURCES: Governmental Fund	2023	% of Revenue	2022	% of Revenue	2021	% of Revenue
Federal Grant and Contract Revenue	\$ 17,948,117	56.2%	\$ 12,088,750	42.0%	\$ 12,958,383	46.5%
Interest and Investment Income	1,054,351	3.3%	91,968	0.3%	88,195	0.3%
Tax Revenue (Gaming, Sales & Motor Fuel)	893,711	2.8%	953,858	3.3%	866,284	3.1%
Licenses & Fees (Gaming & Tax Commission)	447,585	1.4%	875,225	3.0%	439,684	1.6%
Program Income (Sec. 106)	209,635	0.7%	6,000	0.0%	2,125	0.0%
Indirect Cost Recovery	933,393	2.9%	891,867	3.1%	933,387	3.3%
Allocation Plans (Revenue and Economic)	9,762,812	30.6%	13,213,451	45.9%	12,059,471	43.3%
Lease revenue	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Gain on sale of fixed assets	-	0.0%	35,698	0.1%	-	0.0%
Other	669,270	2.1%	616,092	2.1%	533,193	1.9%
TOTAL REVENUES	31,918,874	100.0%	28,772,909	100.0%	27,880,722	100.0%
ANNUAL REVENUE GROWTH RATE	10.93%		3.20%		109.92%	

EXPENDITURES: GOVERNMENTAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES: Governmental Fund	2023	% of Exp.	2022	% of Exp.	2021	% of Exp.
Per Capita Distribution	\$ 4,368,130	21.9%	\$ 7,435,753	27.5%	\$ 2,659,625	12.3%
Economic Development	1,282,983	6.4%	170,798	0.6%	577,765	2.7%
Public Health	611,769	3.1%	1,987,521	7.4%	470,607	2.2%
Community Services	6,257,563	31.3%	5,190,111	19.2%	1,337,360	6.2%
Housing	1,188,025	5.9%	804,761	3.0%	273,608	1.3%
Gaming Commission/Surveillance	740,413	3.7%	705,054	2.6%	600,949	2.8%
Education	711,327	3.6%	543,643	2.0%	605,958	2.8%
Natural Resources	264,559	1.3%	268,727	1.0%	173,843	0.8%
Cares funding	-	0.0%	346,395	1.3%	4,641,047	21.5%
ARPA funding	261,706	1.3%	4,898,055	18.1%	6,219,681	28.8%
Self Governance	263,567	1.3%	604,218	2.2%	728,934	3.4%
General Government	4,030,120	20.2%	4,076,138	15.1%	3,324,833	15.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	19,980,162	100.0%	27,031,174	100.0%	21,614,210	100.0%
ANNUAL EXPENDITURE GROWTH RATE	-26.08%		25.06%		73.36%	

FINANCIAL REPORTS

DISTRIBUTIONS PER REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN (RAP):						
Distributions per Revenue Allocation Plan (RAD):		FY 2023		FY 2022		FY 2021
Transfers to Delaware Nation	\$	3,512,812	\$	6,613,451	\$	8,059,471
These monies are further distributed to:						
Per Capita Distribution Account		1,159,228		2,182,439		2,659,625
Social Services		281,025		529,076		644,758
Tribal Government Operations		1,159,228		2,182,439		2,659,625
Economic Development		878,203		1,653,363		2,014,868
Donations		35,128		66,134		80,595
DNEDA distributions per Economic Revenue						
Allocation Plan (RAED):	\$	6,250,000	\$	6,100,000		4,000,000

DISTRIBUTIONS PER REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN (RAP):						
	Through	Through				
Distributions per Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP):	March 31, 202	4 March 31, 2023				
Transfers to Delaware Nation	\$ 2,097,95	1 \$ 2,087,314				
These monies are further distributed to:						
Per Capita Distribution Account	692,32	688,814				
Social Services	167,83	166,985				
Tribal Government Operations	692,32	688,814				
Economic Development	524,48	521,829				
Donations	20,97	20,873				
DNEDA distributions per Economic Revenue						
Allocation Plan (RAED):	\$ 8,000,00	\$ 6,250,000				

Lenape distributions through March 2023 are up \$10,637 or 1%, when compared to the same time period in 2023. There are six months remaining in the 2024 fiscal year. DNEDA distributions are up \$1,750,000 through March 2024.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ARPA Fund	ding: Authorized an	d Expended			
Delaware Nation was authoritzed and expended the following i	n ARPA funding since FY 2	020 related to th	e COVID-19 pand	lemic:	
			Expend	ded	
	Authorized	FY 2023	FY 2022	FY 2021	FY 2020
COVID-19 CARES Act - Community Service Block Grant	\$1,624	1,184	-	-	-
COVID-19 CARES Act - Family First	\$25,500	-	11,719	4,702	7,162
COVID-19 CARES Act - Administration on Aging	\$54,240	538	34,767	9,471	5,933
COVID-19 CARES Act - Child Care and Development Fund	302,645	30,945	-	140,992	130,708
COVID-19 CARES Act - Tribal Stimulus	\$4,970,014	-	-	3,987,426	982,588
COVID-19 CARES Act - Self Governance	\$800,327	-	217,013	488,929	94,385
COVID -19 CARES Act - Emergency Rental Assitance	119,906	-	71,295	46,670	-
COVID-19 CARES Act - Housing	\$28,737	9,756	13,466	5,968	-
Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Emergency Response	\$105,020	-	-	103,420	1,600
Self-Gov ARPA CCDF	1,254,237	584,160	670,077	-	-
Self-Gov ARPA Housing	\$64,447	48,421	-	-	-
Self-Gov ARPA Utility Assitance	\$106,212	24,086			
Self-Gov Highway Infrastructure ARPA	\$110,983	-	-	-	-
Self-Gov Aid to Tribal Government ARPA	\$1,417,307	263,567	571,528	-	-
COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund	\$20,882,982	11,004,323	3,678,225	6,173,011	-

Delaware Nation during 2022 purchased 105 West Broadway for the benefit of Historic Preservation. In 2023, improvements were made to 105 West Broadway that included a generator and other improvements for the Historic Preservation Museum, Library and administrative offices.

\$30,244,181

11,966,979

5,268,090

10,960,589

1,222,376

The September 30, 2023 financial and compliance audit was completed on April 26, 2024 and resulted in an unqualified opinion. In addition, no compliance findings were noted during the audit in relation to any of our federal programs.

Total Cares Act Funding

COMMITTEES

ELECTION COMMITTEE



From Left to Right: Member - Dana Sauceda, Member - Michelle Kelly-Woodard, Chairwoman - Brittani Francis,
Member - Sonnie Keechi-Allen, & Secretary - Leandra Eckiwaudah

CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE



From Left to Right: Chairman - Bruce Gonzales, Secretary - Trinity Guido, Member - Billie Anderson

ELECTION COMMITTEE

Our initiative is to increase voter participation and promote transparency in the election process. We want every eligible Tribal citizen to vote and have a voice.

VOTER INFORMATION

In order to become a voter, a person must be 18 years of age by the Election Day and an enrolled tribal citizen of the Delaware Nation. Election Ballots are mailed out to every tribal citizen who meets these qualifications. It is important to ensure that your address is correct with the Delaware Nation Enrollment Department forty-five (45) days prior to an election date.

YOUR NATIVE VOTE COUNTS!!!

CITIZENSHIP COMMITTEE

The Citizenship Committee is responsible for maintaining the current citizenship roll consistent with the Delaware Nation Constitution and the Citizenship Ordinance. This includes but is not limited to:

- Reviewing all completed applications presented to them by the Enrollment Director or Clerk at a dulycalled meeting.
- Submitting a recommendation to the Executive Committee to either deny or approve citizenship for each applicant based on supporting documents provided by the applicant.
- Updating the Citizenship Enrollment Ordinance when needed. (This document can be reviewed on the www. delawarenation-nsn.gov website).

ENROLLMENT



Kelly Line-Flow Enrollment Director



Service to the Tribe: 16 years 3 months

Citizens are enrolled by Lineal Descendancy. Becoming a citizen of the Nation is a privilege! As a citizen, you are a member of a sovereign, federally-recognized tribal community with a long history accomplishments. In order for you to stay connected no matter where you may reside, it is important your information is updated. Your address can be updated on Address Form located on our Change our tribal website www.delawarenation-nsn.gov under Frequently Used Forms.

ENROLLMENT OFFICE DUTIES:

- Review and prepare enrollment applications for recommendation to the Citizenship Committee for approval or denial.
- Research family history to determine eligibility for enrollment.
- Enroll new citizens into our enrollment database.
- Create and issue Tribal ID Cards for eligible citizens.
- Maintain citizenship rolls and files.
- Maintain and provide address databases and statistical information as needed to Delaware Nation's governmental programs that provide services to citizens.
- Provide BIA-4432 Forms Verification of Indian Preference for Employment
- Process Change of Address forms.
- Process Relinguishment Requests.
- Process Minor Trust Fund Distributions.
- Process Per Capita Beneficiary Forms
- Process Minor Custody Affidavits
- Provides information and assists with the Yearly Memorial Video



Keli Ballou *Enrollment Assistant*



Service to the Tribe: 8 years 9 months

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Closed for Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 PM

Appointments can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by phoning or emailing the following:

Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1193 or 1106 Email: enrollment@ delawarenation-nsn.gov

STATES WITH LARGEST POPULATION OF CITIZENS

Oklahoma: 1279 California: 163 Texas: 167 Kansas: 74

DELAWARE NATION ENROLLMENT DATABASE

Total Enrolled Citizens: 2255 Total Enrolled Elders: 272 Total Female Citizens: 1119 Total Male Citizens: 1136

CITIZENS BY AGE							
0-5	6-12	13-17	18-59	60+			
211	276	197	1299	272			

May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

- 386 Address Changes
- 12 Name Changes
- 396 CDIB Cards Issued
- 71 New Minor Citizens
- 23 New Adult Citizens
- 36 Minor Per Capita Rap Account Closures
- 34 Minor Per Capita RAED Account Closures
- 10 Citizenship Committee Meetings Attended to Present Applications

MISSION:

The Mission of the Cultural Preservation Department is to protect, preserve and perpetuate the language, culture and heritage of the Lenape People by teaching, sharing and applying the values that have been handed down and taught by our elders to the present and future generations through discussions, song, crafts, regalia, dance, and the arts.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS:

Our Cultural Events Coordinator, Evelyn G. Kionute, has done a wonderful job in keeping with our mission. Unfortunately, due to space, and depending on the class being offered we are not always able to accommodate more than 10-15 participants per class. This also helps the instructor to be able to spend quality one on one time with the participant if they need it. We want to ensure that these skills are being learned so that they may continue to be passed down. The majority of our classes are open to the community however, those that are Lenape specific are mostly offered to enrolled tribal members. We advertise our event flyers on the Delaware Nation Social Media platforms and sign up is on a first come basis. Cultural Preservation was awarded a grant from The National Endowment for the Arts. This helps to pay our artist / instructor stipends. For this year our Cultural Events class has held the following events from June of 2023 to June 2024.

- June 17, 2023 Delaware Nation General Council 2023
- June 20, 2023 18 and older Guided Painting Class
- July 18, 2023 Youth Guided Painting Class 6yrs. To 11yrs. Age Group
- July 25, 2023 Youth Guided Painting Class (12yrs. To 17yrs. Age Group
- August 2, 2023 Cultural Preservation Office staff prepared office for the American Indian Exposition Parade and Tribal Princesses Meet & Greet
- August 4, 2023 American Indian Exposition Tribal Princesses Reception and Gourd Dance activity.
- August 8, 2023 Clay Pots & Sculpting Class
- August 22, 2023 Basket Weaving Class
- August 29, 2023 Imitation Wampum Bracelet Class
- August 30, 2023 Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony



Sonnie Keechi-Allen *Cultural Preservation Director*



Service to the Tribe: 7 years 1 month



Evelyn Kionute Cultural Events Coordinator



Service to the Tribe: 6 years 9 months



Sydney Samaniego
Asst. Cultural Events Coord.



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 11 months

- September 12 & 13, 2023 Beading Class
- September 29, 2023 Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony
- October 20, 2023 2023 Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation's 2023 Bigfoot Story Telling Event.
- October 30, 2023 Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony
- October 31, 2023 Children's Halloween Trick or Treat event
- November 27, 2023 Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony
- December 2, 2023 Delaware Nation Christmas Event
- March 5, 12 and 21, 2024 Women's Leather Belt Making Class
- April 9, 2024 Bone and Bead Making Class/Part 1
- April 16, 2024 Bone and Bead Making Class/Part 2

In addition to our Monthly Cultural classes held by the Events Department, I am continuing to work on several grants geared towards creating Lenape Picture books with Corresponding YouTube Videos, Lenape alphabet and coloring books and a Dictionary database for the Delaware Nation. This is an important beginning step in the reawakening of the Delaware Nation Lenape Language. Our Cultural Preservation department has been awarded the following grants:

The Oklahoma Humanities Grant in which two Lenape Picture books were translated from English to Lenape by Tribal Member, Nicholas Logan. These book titles are "What are they doing" which is a verb book and "Turtle goes to School" which is a counting book.

The Department of the interior- Living Languages Grant is helping us to achieve our goal of reversing language loss and beginning the process of growing our language once again. This project focuses on the following elements: (1) develop a 5-Year Delaware Nation Lenape Language Reawakening Strategic Plan; (2) create a Delaware Nation Lenape Dictionary Database; (3) prepare phonology and orthography guides for Delaware Nation Lenape; and (4) publish public-facing Delaware Nation Lenape resources such as coloring books and picture storybooks.

Tribal Member, Nicholas Logan also helped in the translation of these books titled, "Do you like to Dance?" and "Time to Eat". Tribal Elders, Roberta Raffety, Judith De La Rosa, Ann Pemberton, Kelly Flow, and Lawrence Snake also helped in putting together our 5-year Strategic plan as well as the orthography guides. The Dictionary Data base was compiled from the digited items we had stored in archives as well as numerous documents and resources from past language efforts. Wanishi to all of those helping to make a way for our people to learn and carry on our Language.





The Administration for Children and Families Grant. also know as the ANA grant is our final grant. July of 2024 is the start of the 3rd and final year for this grant. This grant is primarily focused towards our Early Childhood Learning Center. Delaware Nation Elders Roberta Raffety, Judith De La Rosa, Kelly Flow, and Lawrence Snake participated in Elder Speaker training meetings, helped to select items to be placed in the Lenape coloring and activity books, as well as, attended our Teacher Training classes that were held with the Early Childhood Learning Center with our Learning Center Teachers and Senior Linguist, Dr. Ashleigh Surma and Linguist Corbyn Sipes from our partners at The Language Conservancy. Elder Story time readings at the Early Childhood Learning Center have been scheduled.

Tribal members Summer Dutton, Alix Hubbard, Skylar Miller and Kenneth Albertson were selected to sit on our Community Review Committee. They will help review the materials before being produced and recommend any suggestions that they feel need to be made.

We are always seeking Elders that are interested in sharing their Cultural Knowledge with the Department. If you are interested in sharing, please contact the Cultural Preservation Department.

We would like to hear from any and all Tribal citizens as well. If you have anything culturally related that you would like to share such as stories, pictures of family, art, regalia, bead work, recipes, etc., please feel free to call (405) 247-1024 or come by the Cultural Preservation Department. Wanishi



July 2023

July 18, 2023 - Youth Guided Painting Class - 6yrs. To 11yrs. Of age Group. Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

July 25, 2023 - Youth Guided Painting Class (12yrs. To 17yrs. Of Age Group - Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique. DNCP Even funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

August 2023

August 2, 2023 - Cultural Preservation Office staff prepared office for the American Indian Exposition Parade and Tribal Princesses Meet & Greet function that took place immediately following the parade; in which, the Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation hosted the AIE Tribal Princess Meet & Greet.

August 4, 2023 - American Indian Exposition Tribal Princesses Reception and Gourd Dance activity. Cultural Preservation Events Coordinator prepared for and set-up decorations, snacks, punch and tribal princess gifts for Delaware Nation Tribal Princess Tania Owings table for the AIE Tribal Princess Reception and Gourd Dance activities.

August 8, 2023 - Clay Pots & Sculpting Class. Participant participated in creating a primitive clay sculpture or pinch pot, using traditional tools and techniques from the past, in an air dry clay medium. Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

August 22, 2023 - Basket Weaving Class. Participants learned the basics of basket weaving, and rich history, in indigenous culture creating a one-of-a-kind reed basket. Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

August 29, 2023 – Imitation Wampum Bracelet Class. Participants learned the history of the wampum and its important role in indigenous cultures, while creating a single row wampum bracelet. Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

August 30, 2023 - Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony. The Women's full moon ceremony was conducted by Delaware Nation tribal elder Linda Poolaw.

September 2023

September 12 & 13, 2023 – Beading Class. The choice of either creating a pair of beaded turtle earrings, or a beaded medallion was provided to the participants. Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

September 29, 2023 - Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony. The Women's full moon ceremony was conducted by Delaware Nation tribal elder Linda Poolaw.

October 2023

October 20, 2023 – 2023 Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation's 2023 Bigfoot Story Telling Event. The Bigfoot event consisted of Bigfoot calling contests, kid zone, arts and crafts booths and vendors, kids Halloween costume contest, food trucks, concessions, and tribal department booths. This event is always an enjoyable event with joint effort and outstanding teamwork of the Delaware Nation employees.

October 30, 2023 - Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony. The Women's full moon ceremony was to be conducted by Delaware Nation tribal elder Linda Poolaw. Due to unforeseen circumstances and inclement weather, event was canceled.

October 31, 2023 - Childrens Halloween Trick or Treat event. The Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation staff set up a booth in front of DNCP's Office to hand out candy to trick or treaters of Anadarko and surrounding communities.

November 2023

November 27, 2023 - Delaware Women's Full Moon Ceremony. The Women's full moon ceremony was to be conducted by Delaware Nation tribal elder Linda Poolaw. Due to inclement weather, event was canceled.

December 2023

December 2, 2023 - Delaware Nation Christmas Event. The Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Events Coordinator Evelyn G. Kionute, retrieves quotes from local caterers for the Delaware Nation Christmas Event and provides the quotes to DNCP Director. Cultural Preservation staff prepares for and purchases all Elder Raffle gift cards, 18 to 59 year old Raffle gift cards, and all children age group categories, and helps setup and decorate prior of the annual Delaware Nation Christmas event, schedules Santa's special appearance.

March 2024

March 5, 12 and 21, 2024 - Women's Leather Belt Making Class. Participants learned to leather making preparation of belts, applying of metal conchos and spots, buckles. Instructor: Michelle Kelly Woodard. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

April 2024

April 9, 2024 – Bone and Bead Making Class/Part 1. Participants learned to make a bone and glass bead necklace (more of a "contemporary" three-row necklace). Instructor: William M. Tosee, Sr. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.

April 16, 2024 - Bone and Bead Making Class/Part 2. Participants learned to make a bone tube and glass bead necklace (similar "old-time" style). Instructor: William M. Tosee, Sr. DNCP Event funded by the National Endowment For the Arts Grant.



Clay Pots & Sculpting Class.
Instructor: Elizabeth Guy Stephens/The Pendleton Pony Boutique.



Bone and Bead Making Class Instructor: William M. Tosee, Sr.



Women's Leather Belt Making Class Instructor: Michelle Kelly Woodard



Bigfoot Event 2023



Trick or Treat 2023 Cultural Preservation Director Sonnie Allen and Cultural Ctc Irq Ammpbg I_rmp Evelyn Kionute



Spring Break 2024



Language Class at Our Children's Garden

ROYALTY - PRINCESS





PRINCESS PROGRAM

TANIAH OWINGS DELAWARE NATION PRINCESS 2023-2024

The Delaware Nation Cultural Preservation Princess Program is here to help guide and support our Delaware Nation Ambassador in their reign as Princess. This year we had the opportunity to support our 2023-2024 Delaware Nation Tribal Princess, Ms. Taniah K. Owings, who is a senior at Riverside Indian School and a proud member of Delaware Nation. Taniah's Delaware blood comes from her maternal grandparents Everett and Sharon Martinez Sadongei and maternal great-grandparents, the late Vincent and Alene Thomas Martinez. Her maternal great-great grandparents are Jack and Jane Wilson Thomas.

The Delaware Nation Princess Taniah Owings and her family have done a wonderful service in representing our Nation during Taniah's 2023-2024 reign. Listed below are the activities, events and dances that she has proudly represented our nation in attending.

- 2023 American Indian Exposition
- The Wichita Annual
- Kiowa Tia-Piah Society Annual Celebration
- Murrow's Annual
- 58th Annual Sac & Fox Nation Powwow
- 70th Annual Comanche Homecoming
- 73rd Annual Indian Hills Powwow
- Cheyenne & Arapaho Labor Day Powwow
- Clara Brown Annual
- Comanche Nation fair Powwow
- Red Earth Fall Festival
- Durant Choctaw Casino Powwow
- 17th Annual OKCPS Powwow
- The University of Oklahoma 110th Annual Spring Powwow
- Comanche Nation Princess Mckenzi-Sovo Honor Dance
- Apache Tribal Princess Amaya Bonilla-Harris Honor Dance
- Rebecca Burgess 18th Birthday Powwow
- Delaware Bigfoot Event
- Delaware Christmas Event
- Delaware Nation Princess Event
- Riverside Indian School Native American Fashion Show
- Reading to the Delaware Nation Early Childhood Development Center





We appreciate the dedication and humility of Taniah, she has done a stellar job as Delaware Nation Princess. We would also like to say Wanishi to the family for being so supportive, we appreciate you as well.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

MISSION:

The purpose of the Delaware Nation Historic Preservation Office is to preserve the culture, language, history, ancestral lands, sacred sites, objects of cultural patrimony and materials and objects possessing ongoing cultural significance to Delaware Nation through education, communication and consultation with local, state and federal agencies and organizations.

PROGRAMS:

Currently, our office maintains a Section 106/Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS Program, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA Program, Museum and Archives, Library/Gift Shop, and an HPO Extension Office in Pennsylvania.

SECTION 106:

The National Historic Preservation of Act of 1966 requires that Federal agencies consider the effects of their undertaking on historic properties and consult with Native American Tribes and Native Hawaiian Organizations on those potential effects. Our office consults on projects located within our 17 states of interest that cover our ancestral lands and removal routes to Oklahoma. Through government-togovernment consultations and when needed, on-site monitoring, our office can protect our ancestral lands from destruction or damage of our sacred sites, such as cemeteries, ceremonial locations, archaeological sites and the flora and fauna of historic importance to Delaware Nation. Our office consults on and reviews over 600 projects per month.

TCNS:

The TCNS system was created by the FCC to allow for a streamlined system for Tribal consultation on proposed communications tower construction. This system allows our office to respond directly to the companies or entities providing notification of a project within our areas of interest. Our TCNS Coordinator, Tiffany Martinez, has responded to a total of 2,729 notifications in 2023.



Carissa Speck Director





Katelyn Lucas Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Service to the Tribe: 2 year 6 months





Billie Anderson Archivist

Service to the Tribe: 3 years 3 months





Gina Smith Librarian

Service to the Tribe: 13 years 5 months





Tiffany Martinez TCNS Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 4 months



NAGPRA:

Our office consults on the repatriation of Delaware/Lenape ancestors from museums and universities across the nation. Consultations with these institutions consists of frequent meetings with the institutions to gather information regarding the ancestors and the places in which they were removed from their resting places. This information helps us to find and establish a proper place of final resting so the ancestors can continue their journey home. Delaware Nation affiliates jointly with our sister tribes, the Delaware Tribe of Indians and the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Together, we are currently working on over 40 NAGPRA cases throughout Lenapehoking.

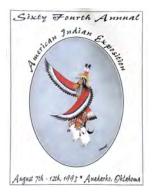
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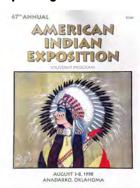
ARCHIVES:

Our office collects, describes, preserves, digitizes and stores any objects, materials or photos related to Delaware Nation history or culture. Delaware Nation tribal citizen, Billie Anderson, serves as our archivist. Billie continues to accession newly acquired objects or archival materials which consists of digitizing the object or material and cataloguing it into our Past Perfect database. Billie has carefully packed up all objects and archival materials to move into Delaware Nation's new Museum, Library and Historic Preservation Office.

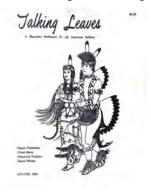
Recent Acquisitions:

American Indian Expo Programs





1963 Talking Leaves Magazine



19th c. drawing of Delaware Indian Scouts from The Soldier in Our Civil War



HPO EXTENSION OFFICE:

Katelyn Lucas serves as Delaware Nation's Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. She handles Section 106 reviews for Lenape homelands and assists with NAGPRA and other historic preservation work. She manages Delaware Nation's extension Historic Preservation Office in Pennsylvania, which facilitates our access to the ancestral homelands and allows us to more effectively respond to historic preservation related projects and concerns in the surrounding region. Katelyn has consulted on **over 400** Section 106 reviews this past year, as well as participated in multiple educational talks, panels, and conferences to raise awareness about Lenape history and the federally recognized Delaware Nations today.

This past fall, President Dotson traveled to Bethlehem, PA to celebrate the official opening of Delaware Nation's extension office on Lehigh University's campus. The partnership with Lehigh University helped President Dotson and Chief KillsCrow of the Delaware Tribe of Indians to host a gathering of Pennsylvania legislators to educate them on the issue of non-recognized groups fraudulently claiming Lenape identity and nationhood. The Lehigh partnership has also led to the return of Lenape artifacts to Delaware Nation, which were found locally on lands owned by the university during roadwork.



From left: College of Health Dean Beth Dolan, President of Delaware Nation Deborah Dotson, President Joseph J. Helble '82 and Provost Nathan Urban after exchanging gifts

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

LIBRARY/GIFT SHOP:

The mission of the Joan Subieta Memorial Library is to meet the informational needs of the Delaware Nation and surrounding communities, to inform the tribal members and the community of resources and services available, and to serve the recreational informational and cultural needs in this geographic area.

The Library will be moving to Delaware Nation's new Historic Preservation office in downtown Anadarko. Gina Smith serves as our Librarian. As of now, our library holds over **6,500** books, magazines, newspapers, audio cassettes, DVD's and other library materials. Interlibrary loan materials are also available and are provided through the Oklahoma Library Network. The library provides numerous activities and services for all ages such as public access to computers with internet and a printer/copy machine.

The Library has a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction and reference materials for checkout and in-house use. So far in this grant year we have purchased **268** new books for adults and children. We invite you to come in and browse the library, stay awhile and relax. All are welcome!

The Gift Shop is located in the library and has a variety of Delaware Nation items for sale such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, mugs, etc. with many more items to come! You can also purchase Delaware Nation's Pendleton blankets as well as the double-sided plush blankets. Orders can be made in person, online or by phone. We accept all major credit, debit cards or cash, no checks accepted. Gina is happy to help!



DELAWARE NATION MUSEUM

The Delaware Nation Historic Preservation Department was recently awarded a grant with the Oklahoma Historic Society, under the Oklahoma Heritage Preservation Program to acquire a set of new display cases and pedestals crafted by Upland Exhibits, LLC in Newton, Kansas. This grant will enhance the Museum's exhibition capacity. With these new cases, the Museum can safely display and preserve artifacts and cultural objects through informative exhibits.

Delaware Nation Historic Preservation was also awarded a grant by the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums with funding from the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Tribal Cultural Institutions program. With this grant, Delaware Nation commissioned artists to make a set of both Men's and Women's Lenape Regalia and an art piece that embodies Lenape heritage through Regalia. This exhibit will be on display in the new Museum facility.

Oklahoma artist Nicole Moan and D.G. Smalling loaned Delaware Nation five art pieces they created for Visage of Modern Matriarchy, an exhibition at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum. Two are located at the Delaware Nation Complex and three are housed at Cultural Preservation. These pieces will be showcased in the new Museum.



LENAPE SECURITY DEPARTMENT

MISSION:

The Lenape Police and Security Department's mission is to uphold the sovereignty and customs of the Delaware Nation, to protect life and property, and to promote and preserve peace within our community.

GOALS:

Professional service and community safety are the primary goals of this department. To achieve these goals, each officer must pass required background checks and commit to ongoing professional training to enhance their skills.

DUTIES:

- Security checks for Delaware Nation properties;
- Court bailiff duties and supervising probationers during their sentencing;
- Member of the Delaware Nation Emergency Management Team;
- Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) Point of Contact for Delaware Nation; and
- Security services for all Delaware Nation events

ASSISTED WITH:

- Monthly Tribal Court Sessions
- Providing security at polling location
- Clean up during Winter snow/ice storm
- Assisted EPA with placement of Bee Apiary at Lenape Gardens
- Providing security for Bigfoot Storytelling Events
- Providing security for General Council meetings





Kenneth Albertson Security



Service to the Tribe: 2 year 7 months



Kenneth and his family at a Delaware Nation hosted baby shower for their youngest daughter.



Bigfoot Storytelling Event October 2023



Helping at the Tribal Christmas Party

SOCIAL SERVICES



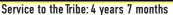
Sylvia Pitner Director



Service to the Tribe: 5 years



Angela McGhghy Indian Child Welfare Case Manager/Childcare Coordinator







Brenda Villalba
Higher Education Coordinator



Service to the Tribe: 15 years 7 months



Nicole Jones Social Services Assistant

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 9 months





Kelli Simmons Social Services Assistant/ CPS-APS Case Manager







TRIBALLY FUNDED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INCLUDE

The Tribal Assistance Program (TAP, formerly the 10% program, aids tribal citizens nationwide with general welfare programs once per fiscal year (Oct. 1- Sept. 30. Tribal citizens may choose one of the following benefits: food (\$300.00); clothing (\$300.00); or a utility payment (up to \$300.00). The eyeglasses assistance (up to \$400 every 2 years is only for tribal citizens ages 0-59 years old.

ELDER CARE HEALTH PROGRAM

Elders (age 60+ are enrolled into Delaware Nations Elder Care Program. This program is funded with 15% of the Revenue Allocation Economic Development Plan (RAED. Assured Benefit, our third-party administrator, will mail out a card to the tribal citizens upon their 60th birthday. There are currently **275** elders enrolled and have used this program to pay for medical, vision, dental and other eligible expenses. The funds dispersed each year remain on the individual card account and if not completely spent, will roll over. This year's allocation amount was **\$4,795.14**.

HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Delaware Nation Health Assistance Program is a nationwide dental and prescription assistance for Tribal citizens ages 0-59 years of age. The dental program is a one-time fiscal year assistance up to \$1,000.00 that is not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance or Indian Health Services. The prescription program is available one-time per fiscal year up to \$500.00 for out-of-pocket costs

T	RIBAL ASSISTAN	CE PROGRAM (T.	AP)			
Oct. 1, 2023 to April 15, 2024						
Type of Assistance	FY 24 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted		
Food	\$112,500.00	\$98,100.00	87%	327		
Clothing	\$105,000.00	\$74,100.00	71%	247		
Utility Payment	\$60,000.00	\$27,300.00	46%	91		
Eyeglasses for 0-59 yrs. old	\$20,000.00	\$6,858,67	34%	20		
Totals	\$297,500.00	\$206,358.67	69%	685		

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR HEALTH Oct. 1, 2023 to April 15, 2024						
Type of Assistance	FY 24 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted		
Dental	\$100,000.00	\$36,196.10	36%	41		
Prescription	\$25,000.00	\$4,036.89	16%	9		
Totals	\$125,000.00	\$40,232.99	32%	50		

DEPARTMENT REPORT

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Delaware Nation Tribal Assistant Program provides funding for the following educational programs:

- 1. The Secondary School Incentive Program is designed to reward good grades and attendance for tribally enrolled students 5th-12th grades nationwide.
- 2. The Education-HS/College Program is designed to reward students who obtain their diploma for High School or College bachelor's degree or higher nationwide.
- 3. The Adult Vocational Program provides financial assistance, including tuition and eligible stipend, to tribal citizens for training needed to obtain or enhance job skills, or to obtain a General Education Diploma (GED) nationwide.
- 4. The Higher Education (Pell Eligible) Program provides tuition assistance to tribal citizens enrolled in college full-time (12 hrs.+) to obtain an undergraduate degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
- 5. The College Financial Assistance Program provides financial assistance with various college related expenses and is available for tribal citizens nationwide enrolled fulltime (12 hrs.+) and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
- 6. The Higher Education Pell Ineligible Program is available nationwide to tribal citizens enrolled in college full-time (12 hrs.+) who are not eligible to receive Pell Grant assistance while obtaining an undergraduate degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.

- 7. The Lenape Wise Program provides tuition assistance to tribal citizens nationwide enrolled in college for the summer session, part-time or obtaining their post-graduate degree. Students must maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
- 8. The Graduation Stipend Program is available nationwide to High School or College Students who have graduated in the current fiscal year.
- 9. The College Prep Program is available nationwide for High School students in 10th to 12th grades to receive assistance with the cost of ACT/SAT test prep in person or online.
- 10. The Direct Employment Assistance Program provides a daily stipend for gas and lunch for newly hired tribal citizens to assist with gas and lunch costs until their first pay check is received. This program can also assist with obtaining required tools or uniforms for new employment.
- 11. The Back-to-School Program provides a one-time per fiscal year assistance for school clothes and supplies to enrolled Delaware Nation school aged children grades Pre-K-12th.
- 12. The First Time Driver's Education Assistance Program aids with the cost of an accredited driver's education course for enrolled Delaware Nation tribal citizen ages 15-19.

TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP) FOR EDUCATION Oct. 1, 2023 to April 15, 2024							
Secondary School Incentive (SSI)	\$37,500.00	\$16,750.00	45%	45			
High School/College Grad Stipend	\$8,750.00	\$2,000.00	23%	4			
Adult Vocational Program	\$35,000,00	\$7,350.00	21%	3			
Higher Education (Pell Eligible)	\$195,000.00	\$66,000.00	34%	22			
College Financial Assist.	\$110,000.00	\$28,000.00	25%	28			
Higher Ed. Pell Ineligible	\$270,000.00	\$60,000.00	22%	10			
Lenape Wise	\$195,000.00	\$46,277.25	24%	17			
Graduation Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$1,552.42	31%	4			
College Prep	\$2,000.00	\$0	0%	0			
Direct Employment Assist.	\$9,500.00	\$650.00	7%	2			
Back to School Program	\$328,200.00	\$19,200.00	6%	32			
Back to School (July 2023-Oct 2023)	\$350,000.00	\$193,800.00	55%	323			
First Times Driver's Education	\$25,000.00	\$4,417.00	18%	12			
Totals	\$1,220,950.00	\$252,196.67	21%	502			

BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Delaware Nation provides burial/pre-paid burial assistance nationwide up to \$10,000.00 for tribal citizens at a funeral home of their choice. Payment will be made directly to the funeral home chosen. This assistance is for burial expenses and/or marker or monument. A family dinner allocation of \$500.00 is also available to the next of kin. Applications must be submitted within 90 days from the date of the funeral service.



Delaware Nation Social
Services offers graduation
stoles to enrolled
Delaware Nation
graduating high-school
and college graduates.
Stole application requests
can be found on the
Delaware Nation website.

TRIBA	L ASSISTANCE PR	OGRAM (TAP) FO	R BURIAL	
	Oct. 1, 2023 t	o April 15, 2024		
Type of Assistance	FY 24 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Burial and Feast	\$157,500.00	\$68,358.00	43%	16

DEPARTMENT REPORT

DELAWARE NATION ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)& CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

Delaware Nation provides direct APS and CPS services to tribal citizens residing on trust land. APS and CPS also work with Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) and the BIA to provide services such as supervised accounts, guardianships and investigations to tribal citizens across the state of Oklahoma.

APS/CPS CURRENT CASES AND INVESTIGATIONS		
Monitored Tribal Adult Guardianship Cases	3	
Adult Protective Services Investigations	0	
Child Protective Services Investigations	1	

DELAWARE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE (ICW)

ICW monitors kinship placements, tribal placements, state and out of state cases.

ICW CURRENTLY MONIT	ORING
Out of home placements	3
Assisted in safe reunification	2
Kinship cares	2
Provided prevention services	5

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT

Delaware Nation is awarded this grant to provide assistance to our elders and youth. The total award to-date is **\$616.00**.

CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) PROGRAM

Delaware Nation's Child Care and Development Fund Program is responsible for child care assistance to any "Indian child" ages 0-13, enrolled in or eligible for enrollment with any Federally recognized tribe living in the current designated service area of Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Kiowa and Oklahoma counties. This program provides quality spending for child care providers, community outreach and covers the administration costs in operating this program. The Child Care and Development Fund also fully funds the operation of the Delaware Nation Early Childhood Learning Center, Our Children's Garden.

Delaware Nation currently provides child care payment assistance to **92** children and **66** families.

Delaware Nation uses CCDF funding to co-sponsor a Native Summer Learning Camp with Caddo Nation, Comanche Nation, and Apache Tribe. This camp is a 7-week program in which children gain cultural knowledge from a fully native staff in literature, stem, culture, heathy life styles and art.

The Delaware Nation CCDF Stabilization Grant provided subgrants to a total of **55** child care centers or homes totaling **\$1,700,324.22** in funding. These sub-grants helped providers with operational and project costs.

CHILD CARE AND DEVLOPMENT FUND (CCDF)					
Funding Year	Awarded	Expended	Project Period (Start-End Date		
FY 2020 CCDF	\$1,197,583.36	\$996,771.60	10/01/2019 - 09/30/2024		
FY 2021 CCDF CRRSA	\$730,074.00	\$640,163.09	10/01/2020 - 09/30/2024		
FY 2021 CCDF	\$1,156,233.00	\$931,927.12	10/01/2020 - 09/30/2024		
FY 2021 CCDF-ARP	\$1,903,211.00	\$43,874.37	10/01/2020 - 09/30/2024		
FY 2022 CCDF	\$1,236,252.00	\$1,103,625,71	10/01/2021 - 09/30/2025		
FY 2023 CCDF	\$1,922,786.00	\$286,495.53	10/01/2023-096/30/2026		
Totals	\$5,601,806,57	\$4,002,857.47			

DELAWARE NATION LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The Delaware Nation LIHEAP Program is a grant funded program. It aids with home heating or cooling bills and/or energy assistance up 2 times a year. Once in the heating and once in the cooling seasons. Priority will be given to the elderly (60+), disabled, families with young children (age 5 and younger) and homes with high energy burdens (10% or more). Applicants must be low-income families residing in Delaware Nation's service are of Caddo, Comanche, Grady, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain, Pottawatomie, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties.

LOW INCOM	E HOME ENERGY	ASSISTANCE PRO	GRAM (LIHEA	P)
	Oct. 1, 2023 (to April 15, 2024		
Type of Assistance	FY 24 Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Heating or Cooling	\$4,000,00	\$2,775,00	69%	16

DELAWARE NATION LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

The Delaware Nation LIHWAP Program assists with household water and waste water services up to 2 times a year. Priority will be given to the elderly (60+), disabled, families with young children (age 5 and younger) and homes with high water burdens (10% or more). Applicants must be low-income families residing in Delaware Nation's service area of Caddo, Comanche, Grady, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain, Pottawatomie, Tulsa and Oklahoma counties. This 3-year grant funding ended March 31, 2024.

LOW INCOME HO	USEHOLD WATE	R ASSISTANCE	PROGRAM (LI	HWAP)
	Oct. 1, 2023 t	o April 15, 2024		
Type of Assistance	Total Budget	Amt. Expended	% Expended	# Assisted
Water/Waste Water	\$10,000.00	\$9,986.48	99.9%	30

SOCIAL SERVICES

SELF-GOVERNANCE ARP PROGRAMS

Currently, Social Services has three (3) temporary Self-Governance ARP Programs available. The Elder Home Fuel Assistance is a nationwide elder program for home fuel costs up to \$500.00 while funding is available. This can be for propane, gas or electricity. Payments are processed until the \$500.00 limit is reached. Elders must be 60 years of age or older to apply. The Emergency Household Water and Wastewater Needs Program is nationwide assistance for water/sewer services in need of restoration, new services or past due balance at risk for disconnection. This is a one-time assistance up to \$500.00 which can include reconnect fees and late charges. The 2024 General Welfare Food Stipend Program is a nationwide assistance to tribal citizens 18 years of ager or older, in the amount of \$300.00 for food.

	ARP GENERAL WELFARE PROGI	
Program Type	Expended	# Assisted
Elder Home Fuel (2 nd)	\$38,560.56	83
Water/Waste Water	\$22,605.53	79
Grocery Stipend (\$200)	\$167,800.00	839
Food Stipend (\$300)	\$176,400.00	588

NOTABLE ACTIVITIES

The Delaware Nation Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Program has been an active member of the Southern Plains Child Protection Team (SPCPT). In 2021, the SPCPT submitted to be a pilot site to authentically engage and empower children and youth in child welfare with regards to permanency decisions. Spaulding for Families has issued a 5-year grant for the development of this project. The project model is titled "Our Shared Legacy: Connecting Tribal Youth to Culture, Kin, and Community."

This project is developing training modules for child welfare community partners, child welfare case managers, and court personnel. The heart of this project is the assembly of the team of tribal youth with lived experience. These youth provide vital information from experiences within the child welfare system.

In April of 2024, the SPCPT attended and presented at the National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference to discuss the importance and progress of the project.

In October 2023, the Delaware Nation CCDF Program co-sponsored a community referral and resource event with the Apache and Kiowa Tribes called Spells and Tales. The event showcased the 3 different CCDF Programs and available assistance to the tribal community. The event offered a safe trick or treat, cultural stories, games and food.



TAX COMMISSION



Jaycee Jared
Director/Tax Administrator

Service to the Tribe: 14 years 11 months

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Closed for Lunch from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Appointments can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by phoning

or emailing the following: Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1131 Fax Number: (405) 247-1188

Email: jmickle@delawarenation-nsn.gov

TAX COMMISSION PURPOSE:

The Tax Commission provides Tribal revenue for the expansion of Tribal Government operations and services and enhances Tribal sovereignty by enabling Delaware Nation to regulate business activities on the Tribe's land. Since the last report 209 new tags have been issued and 656 renewals were processed. The total motor vehicle revenue from April 1, 2023, to April 1, 2024, was \$67,545.85. Casino vendors for Casino Oklahoma totaled 9 with a total machine count of 580. Casino vendors for Gold River Casino totaled 8 with a total machine count of 412. Below is the current FY23 amount of revenue collected for each casino:

Casino OK \$455,109.67 Gold River \$366,042.77 Total \$821,152.44

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TAG DOCUMENTS NEEDED:

New Registrations:

- · Valid Oklahoma Driver's License
- Valid Insurance Coverage (Minimum of a full 3 months)
- Copy of CDIB Card
- Notarized Original Title
- Lien Entry Form (if making payments)
- Lien Release Form (if the previous owner had a lien)

RENEWAL:

- Valid Oklahoma Driver's License
- Valid Insurance Coverage (Minimum of a full 3 months)
- Copy of CDIB Card

FORMS OF PAYMENT EXCEPTED: (NO CASH)

- Personal Check
- Cashier's check
- Money Order
- Debit/Credit Card

TYPES OF TAGS:

- Delaware Nation Plate
- · Personalized Plate
- Handicap Plate
- Motorcycle Plate
- Veteran Plate
- · Farm Plate
- · Commercial Plate
- Mobile Home Plate
- Travel Trailer Plate



	EXCISE TAX TABLE: 1% Excise Tax on the Factory Delivered Price for New Vehicles Registered						
	MSRP Price:						
More Than	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$15,000.00
But Less Than	\$2,499.99	\$4,999.99	\$7,499.99	\$9,999.99	\$12,499.99	\$14,999.99	or More
2024	27.00	40.00	61.00	96.00	122.00	149.00	202.00
2023	27.00	35.00	53.00	83.00	106.00	130.00	165.00
2022	27.00	31.00	46.00	72.00	92.00	112.00	143.00
2021	27.00	27.00	40.00	62.00	79.00	96.00	124.00
2020	27.00	27.00	33.00	53.00	67.00	82.00	107.00
2019	27.00	27.00	28.00	45.00	57.00	69.00	91.00
2018	27.00	27.00	27.00	37.00	47.00	57.00	77.00
2017	27.00	27.00	27.00	31.00	39.00	47.00	65.00
2016	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	31.00	37.00	55.00
2015	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	43.00
2014	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	34.00
Over 12	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00

DELAWARE NATION COURT

DELAWARE NATION TRIBAL COURT:

The Delaware Nation Tribal Court's purpose is to preserve and strengthen the sovereignty of the Nation by adjudicating matters under Delaware Nation law.

DELAWARE COURT CASES HEARD FROM APRIL 2023 - APRIL 2024:

77 Total

TYPES OF CASES:

- Civil
- Criminal
- Custody
- Divorces
- Name Changes
- Probate
- Child Welfare
- Guardianship



Jaycee Jared Court Clerk

COURT CLERK HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Closed for Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 PM Appointments can be made from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM by phoning or emailing the following:

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Delaware Nation
31064 US Highway 281
Building 100
Anadarko, OK 73005

MAILING ADDRESS:
Attention: Court Clerk
Delaware Nation
P.O. Box 825
Anadarko, OK 73005

DISTRICT COURT:



Shannon Prescott District Judge

Leslie Taylor Attorney General





Klint Cowan <u>Tribal Attorney & Special Prosecutor</u>

APPELLATE COURT:



Eugene Bertman Appellate Judge

Kimberly London Chief Justice





Lorrie Bamford Appellate Judge

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Joshua Farley *Director*



Service to the Tribe: 4 years 7 months

The Information Technology Department oversees the installation and maintenance of all Delaware Nation's computer network systems. The department's primary function is to ensure that the infrastructure's network runs smoothly.

IT Department responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Desktop Support
- Help Desk
- Systems Engineering
- Network Engineering
- Application Management
- System Administration
- Network Administration
- Project Management

TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

IT provides technical support to the organization's employees and trains non-technical workers on the business's information systems. We assess the effectiveness of technology resources already in use or new systems that are being implemented and determine the practicality of changes and modification of systems. The department also works with external partners, including consultants, agencies and vendors to arrive at the most appropriate system or integration of multiple systems.

COMPLIANCE:

The department utilizes the most current hardware, software and updates to maintain a healthy infrastructure and to prevent data breaches. High-profile data breaches remind us all that data security is a top priority for any business or organization. Our department adheres to current network compliance and security concerns.

ASSET INVENTORY:

Having visibility of what hardware and software assets we have in our network and physical infrastructure helps us gain a greater understanding of our security posture.



Corinna RedElk Help Desk Specialist



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 11 months

NTIA BROADBAND GRANT:

This year, the IT Department has been busy working on the largest grant thus far awarded to Delaware Nation. This grant had several components, laptops, telehealth services, and high-speed broadband internet. This grant has allowed us to provide laptops with Microsoft Office for all tribal citizens 10 years of age and older. We have installed a guest WIFI system at all of our sites to allow a place for citizens to have access to high speed broadband internet. This also gives tribal citizens who qualify and apply for the telehealth services that do not have home internet or perhaps a slow connection a place that they may be able to utilize those services by connecting to our high-speed WIFI.

MUSEUM AND LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT:

The IT Department has worked with our contractors on the new downtown library and museum. We are excited for our grand opening as this will provide an easy to access location for tribal citizens and community members to visit and enjoy Delaware Nation's cultural artifacts, history, and guest WIFI.

NEW TECHNOLOGIES:

As technology advances and the modern workplace evolves, our IT Department has sought to implement technologies that allow us to fit in this everchanging landscape. With the need for a more fluid work environment, as employees may have the need to work from home or from locations outside of our physical sites, the IT department has continued to implement cloud-based software. Our IT department is continuing to work with our departments in determining new software to implement and utilize that is efficient and equips employees to serve our tribal citizens in a timely manner.

E-CYCLE EVENTS:

Through the guidance of Environmental Programs, E-Cycle events are held each year to recycle out-of-date office hardware such as computer desktops, laptops, monitors, printers, keyboards, mouses and much more.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



Anissa Howell

Public Relations Officer

Service to the Tribe: 6 months

As the Public Relations Officer, I serve as the point of contact for the Nation's public relation campaigns and initiatives through written, oral and visual media sources. Although I've only been here 6 months, I am very excited to be a part of this organization and look forward to building and maintaining strong relationships with everyone associated with Delaware Nation. My objective is to ensure that any communication for Delaware Nation and its tribal citizens is beneficial and effective.

I have been working closely with staff to update their website pages, create and/or post informational fliers for their events and gathering information for this annual report.

Along with the Quarterly newspaper, these avenues are in place to keep you up-to-date with current events, programs and important notices:

SOCIAL MEDIA

This media will be used to share ideas, thoughts and information. Currently, the Nation uses Facebook and Instagram to provide pertinent, up-to-date information to its users. These sites are also used to share important updates received from our tribal citizens (i.e., graduation pictures, special recognizations, etc.). Delaware Nation's Official Facebook site (Delaware Nation Lenni Lenape) began in May 2014 and currently has 4.8 K followers. Delaware Nation's Instagram site (delawarenationlennilenape) began October 2019 and has 807 followers. If you are not already a follower, please visit these sites to stay connected.

WEBSITES

Currently, there are two websites that are controlled and maintained: www.delawarenation-nsn.gov and www.dneclc.com. Each ebsite requires frequent updates to ensure a smooth and functioning experience for all on-line users. It is my hope to restructure the Delaware Nation website in the near future.

MASS TEXT SERVICE

Another way that I maintain contact with employees and Tribal citizens is through our SMS text messaging service called Textedly. This application sends a mobile phone user important information regarding closures and current events quickly and efficiently. To opt-in, text the keyword LENAPE to phone number 77222. It's that simple to stay informed and connected! Only important messages will be sent, but data rates may apply. If the user chooses to cancel this service, just type the message "stop". Textedly is also used by the staff and parents of "Our Children's Garden".

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Delaware Nation Media is the official YouTube channel of Delaware Nation Public Relations. Visit our channel at https://www.youtube.com/@delawarenationmedia9427 and be sure to like our videos and subscribe! Also, be sure to turn on the "bell" icon to receive channel notifications when new content is uploaded.

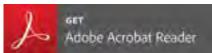
VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Delaware Nation Public Relations uses Adobe Creative Cloud 2023 tools to create and communicate visual campaigns of photos and advertisements to represent the Nation in the most professional ways possible.

ELECTRONIC SIGN

Public Relations is responsible for the up keep and promotions of this sign. Tribal citizens living or visiting the Anadarko area will be updated on events happening at our Early Childhood Learning Center and special events hosted by Delaware Nation.











ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



Jaclyn McCasland



Service to the Tribe: 4 years 7 months



David Komalty Air Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 6 years 10 months





Alec Marshall Water Quality Coordinator

Service to the Tribe: 8 years 3 months



Skylar Miller Generalist

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 6 months



MISSION

Our mission is to protect the human health of our citizens as well as the environmental health of our jurisdictions, including promoting ecological diversity, fostering good relationships between people and the environment in which we live, and promoting best practices for conservation for our future generations.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP) HIGHLIGHTS

- Became a Primary Partner for East Elementary and Mission Elementary Reach Out Program.
- DNEP coordinates outdoor classroom activities with other federal partner agencies to bring environmental awareness to 2nd-5th grade students.
- Served as Region 6 (Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana) Representative for the Tribal Science Council.
- Served as Region 6 (Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana) of the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC).
- A member of the Tribal Environmental Coalition of Oklahoma.
- A member of the Western Oklahoma Tribal Environmental Coalition.

- Served as Secretary for the Caddo County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- A member of the Caddo County OSU Extension.
- A member of the Emergency Management Tribal Partners in Southwest Oklahoma.
- Awarded funding for Performance Partnership Grant (includes General Assistance Program and Clean Water Act 106) and Clean Air Act 103.
- Solid waste program collects recycling throughout the year and is taken to a processing facility in Lawton. GAP funding helps facilitate this collection.
- Delaware Nation Environmental programs will also be assessing open dump sites and is seeking funding for 2025 and 2026 for the clean up of dumpsites that fit criteria.
- Delaware Nation Environmental programs is currently training for three drone certifications with the first being complete in May of 2024.
- DNEP staff attended Stream Monitoring Assessment training, Dumpsite Assessment training, and Harmful Algal Blooms training with Intertribal environmental Coalition and University of Oklahoma. DNEP attends these trainings to stay up to date with environmental techniques and concerns that may affect our Nation.
- DNEP is updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the awarded technical grant from FEMA. A tribal citizen survey to gather your input on this plan will be posted. Your input is needed and will be appreciated!

OTHER TRIBAL ACTIVITIES

- Provided a roll-off and tire collection for tribal citizens, April 22-May 3, 2023.
- Transplanted 179 plants into the Lenape Garden community area. Squash, cauliflower, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, broccoli, honeydew, watermelon and strawberries are some of the varieties of vegetables currently in the ground and will be ready to harvest in summer.
- Provided a Shred Event for tribal citizens and surrounding community, April 10, 2024.
- Provided Electronic Waste Collection Event for citizens and the surrounding community from April 8-15, 2024.
- EPA with the help of Facilities hosted the 1-mile clean up on Highway 281 near the tribal complex on April 23, 2024.
 Around 22 bags of litter were collected from the highway by Delaware Nation staff. Thank you to the CHR department for providing snacks and beverages to participants.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS





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- DNWP monitored 13 sites along Cobb Creek, Sugar Creek, Spring Creek, Stinking Creek and Lake Creek.
- DNWP collected data on various parameters such as Total Phosphorus, Total Nitrogen, pH, Dissolved Oxygen, Nitrite/Nitrate, Temperature, E.coli and Fecal Coliforms and submitted to the EPA WQX data portal.
- DNWP is a mentor from the pilot program for tribes for the Assessment platform called ATTAINs in which all tribes and state agencies will be submitting their yearly data assessment reports.
- DNWP has been forming a partnership with the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, and will be shadowing and assisting in data collections, both to learn new sampling methods and to work hand-in-hand with the agency to ensure the programs data matches that of the OCC.

Self-Governance Water Inventory Grant

- DNWP has purchased a DJI Mavic 3 pro drone that has been used to update aerial mapping of the Local Foods Local Places (LFLP) Lenape Garden area and to track progress.
- Once becoming Part 107 compliant, the drone will be used to map and create a Water inventory of the DNWP monitoring locations and also locate illegal dump sites near those waterways.

Delaware Nation Environmental Programs Air Program

Our current grant year will run from October 1st, 2023 until September 31st, 2024 (FY2024). The Delaware Nation Air Program had written a competitive proposal for the Clean Air Act Section §103 but unfortunately due to low governmental funding we were only granted a partial grant in the amount of \$35,981.

This funding will allow us to review and research a new direction for our Air program, which could include the return of an Ambient (Outdoor) Air monitoring program, Indoor Air Quality or anything we can do to better serve the needs of the Delaware Nation and its Tribal Members.

The grant allows us to help establish any new ambient air monitoring for pollutants on our Tribal Jurisdiction, to stay educated and updated on Air topics that can affect tribal members in our area, participate in various public health fairs and keep the community updated on air concerns. The air program also maintains the Air Quality Index Sign located at the entrance of the Tribal Complex. This sign helps keep the community informed on the quality of air in our area and how it may affect tribal and community citizens with things such as allergies, asthma and also pre-existing and underlying respiratory problems.

Also, with information gathered about the new Westwin Elements refinery breaking ground just to the south of our Tribal Jurisdiction in Comanche County, we have applied for Funding through a new Air Monitoring Grant for FY2025 to purchase and begin fence line air monitoring on our tribal jurisdictional lands and boundaries. This refinery will be the first of its kind not only in Oklahoma, but the United States. They will be America's first major Nickel, Cobalt and Manganese refinery. We are not sure how it will affect our lands or our tribal citizens. We, like many other surrounding tribes, are attempting to be proactive in keeping our air and environment safe for not only our Tribal citizens here today, but for our future generations to come. environment safe for not only our Tribal Members here today, but for our future generations to come.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

2024 DNEP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



DNEP director learning species identification from stream monitoring training techniques. This technique helps to learn about the water quality by determining fish population and which species is most prominent, much like macroinvertebrates. Performance Partnership Grant funding helps with training for all DNEP programs.



Delaware Nation Staff pitched in a hand to clean up HWY 281.
Thank you to all participated!



DNEP are a primary partner of the Reach Out Program for 2nd-5th graders in Anadarko, Oklahoma. We partner with federal agencies to show demonstrations on solid waste management, surface water quality, and fire safety. Our friend, Smokey and Mr. Blackstar, from the Natural Resources Department of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, helped the director talk about where our trash goes and how to be safe during the summer with wild fires and fireworks.





outreach. They were demonstrating the importance of soil health and erosion control at the Streams Assessment and Monitoring Training hosted by Blue Thumb and Intertribal Environmental Council.

LENAPE GARDENS

- USDA Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production grant will be in its second grant year to expand the Lenape Gardens. On April 9, 2024 and May 2, 2024, OSU extension office Ag specialist and Langston University Ag specialist made a trip to the Lenape Gardens to assist in installing the plasticulture and drip irrigation system for the community garden. Facilities assisted in installing picnic tables, benches, grills, and trash cans around the community area. Bees were purchased along with all the supplies for the Lenape Apiary (ameweyok and amëweikaona, bees and beehives in Lenape). The orchard is cleared and the land is prepped for the trees to be planted in May of 2024. We are very excited to have this project completed for our citizens and the community. Next steps are the installation of a greenhouse to promote food sovereignty and house our cultural plants, raised garden beds for ease of mobility, sensory garden, and fitness area. Tentative completion date will be September of 2024. Keep your eye out for nutrition, gardening, and cultural plant use classes.
- Farmers Market meetings will begin in June of 2024. All
 of our previous vendors/ farmers/ gardeners have
 retired. Please let DNEP know if you are interested in
 becoming a farmers market vendor. We will hold a local
 planning meeting in June to discuss dates, times, and
 location.
- Lenape Amëweikaona, bees arrived at the gardens on April 23, 2024. Delaware Nation purchased 5 beehives. These bees will help in pollinator conservation, pollination of orchard and gardens, and to be used for educational purposes that focus on the importance of pollinators. If you are interested in learning about bees and honey harvesting, please contact DNEP.



Ariel view of the Lenape Gardens. The area to the right of "Our Children's Garden" Early Childhood Learning Center is where the orchard will be planted. There will be peaches, pears, apples, apricots, and mulberry trees. There will be barrier plants such as sand plum, elderberry, and black berries. Though it takes 2 years to establish after planting, this orchard will be an ideal spot for outdoor classroom presentations and a place for tribal citizens to relax and enjoy nature.



DNEP Director Jaclyn McCasland setting up the beehives in their permanent home.



DNEP. Please keep your eye out for more volunteer events.

ADMINISTRATION ON AGING



Wyndi Rumley Director

Service to the Tribe: 3 years 5 months

PROGRAM & PURPOSE:

The purpose of Delaware Nation's AOA program is to promote the well-being of older individuals (age 55 and older) by providing services and programs where they are treated with consideration, respect and dignity. Quality and nutritious meals are served Monday through Friday to participants who come to the AOA building during the week from 11:30-1:00pm. Sixty (60) home delivered meals are provided Monday thru Friday, as well, to those who are unable to attend in person. There have been several activities provided during this year to give elders the opportunity to interact with each other in a fun atmosphere. I appreciate all the Delaware Nation staff who have assisted with these activities to make sure that participants have a wonderful time, and a huge thank you to Delaware Nation Industries (DNI) for your added support and help making our events special.

2023-2024 ACTIVITIES:

- Breast Cancer Awareness and Health Fair (CHR Event in AOA)
- Halloween Party and Costume Contest for Elders
- Rock your Mocs in (CHR event in AOA)
- Mother's Day Tea Party Brunch
- Father's Day Cook Out
- Diabetes Health Fair (CHR Event in AOA)
- Thanksgiving Celebration for Elders with Dirty Turkey Bingo
- Christmas Celebration Meal with Santa and the Grinch for Elders
- MIPPA (Good Vibes Only) and Health Walk (AOA and CHR)
- Valentine's event for Elders, bingo and crowning of King and Queen.

MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FOR PATIENTS & PROVIDERS ACT (MIPPA) EVENT:

This year's community outreach occurred on July 26, 2024. Good Vibes Only and Health Walk, information was shared on benefits available through Medicare Part D, Low Income Subsidy, Medicare Savings Program and Medicare prevention benefits and screening. We gave out Delaware Nation Good Vibe Only T-shirt, sunglasses, water bottles and many other prizes.



Abbie Spence Assistant



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 9 months

OFFICE HOURS FOR STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

(Staff Lunch: 12:00-1:00)

Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1116 & ext. Email: wcaraker@delawarenation-nsn.gov

FY 2023 SERVICES PROVIDED TO DATE			
Home Delivered Meals	8,515		
Congregated Meals Served at AOA Building	699		



Left to right Abby Spence, Wyndi Rumley, Ambrea Marrshall, Tiffany Martinez



Left to right Brittany Kessler, Richard Jennings, Jerry Kennedy, Paula Brown, Clark Southard



AOA Valentine's Party

COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE



Ambrea Marshall Director



Service to the Tribe: 11 years

CHR PROGRAM & PURPOSE:

Delaware Nation CHR paraprofessionals serve as an advocate for participants and provide basic health care, non-emergency transportation to medical appointments, periodic home health checks and health and disease prevention educational events for American Indians who are a member of a federally recognized tribe and reside within our tribal jurisdiction. There are no income guidelines required to participate in this service. Recording of assistance is entered into a secured system called Patient Care Components (PCC). This provides needed documentation on the effectiveness of our program and grant funds awarded

2023 ACTIVITIES:

- Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Health Fair
- Annual Dog/Cat Rabies Clinics
- Annual Bigfoot Health Walk
- Mens Health Fair
- Roc Your Moc Health Walk and Diabetes Awareness Health Fair.
- MIPPA, AOA Health Walk
- Oklahoma Intertribal Diabetes Coalition (OIDC) Golf Tournament
- 113 Transports to Scheduled Dr Appointments
- 452 RX Pick and Delivery.
- Breaking the Cycle Misuse and Abuse of Opioids General Welfare Program

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed for Lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

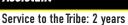
Appointments can be made from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by phoning or emailing the following:

Phone: 405 247-2448 ext. 1118 Email: chr@delawarenation-nsn.gov



Seretta Gonzales

Assistant





Mens Health Fair: 69 participants



Bigfoot Health Walk. Left to right Seretta Gonzales (CHR), Ambrea Marshall (CHR/SDPI)



Rabies Clinic: 33 dogs and 2 cats

GAMING COMMISSION

The Office of the Delaware Nation Gaming Commission is responsible for the integrity, security, fairness of operation, and the administration of regulations for all of the Delaware Nation's gaming facilities. This is done by reviewing and approving all policies and procedures created by Lenape Entertainment, LLC and enforcing all approved regulations and policies and procedures.

The Office of the Delaware Nation Gaming Commission is 100% funded by licensing fees.



1. Gaming Commissioner/Executive Director: **Justin Pendarvis**

- As the Gaming Commissioner, I am responsible for the approval of all: licenses; permits; policies and procedures; job descriptions; and internal audits.
- I'm responsible for ensuring the approved regulations are followed by all casino management and staff with the inclusion of issuing sanctions or taking license action for violations.
- I am also responsible for regulating the safety of employees, quests, and assets through facility inspections, utilization of surveillance, review of security incident reports, conducting site walk throughs, and banning patrons from the facility.
- As the Executive Director, I am responsible for the dayto-day management of the Office of the Commission including financial planning, billing, record retention, personnel, and logistics. I'm also a liaison between government agencies and the operation and for LE's Compliance Department and issues concerning the Office of the Commission.



Justin Pendarvis Executive Director

Service to the Tribe: 8 years 5 months



Angeline Botone Internal Auditor

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 2 months





Paula Pewo Vendor Licensing Specialist



Service to the Tribe: 12 years 8 months



Leslie Halsey Background Investigator

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 2 months





Regina McCarty
Background Investigator

Service to the Tribe: 5 years 3 months





Shannon Wetselline Compliance Officer (GRC)

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 11 months





Alix Hubbard Compliance Officer (COK)

Service to the Tribe: 9 years 6 months



Chelsea Farley Administrative Assist./LASO

Service to the Tribe: 5 years 4 months



GAMING COMMISSION

- I attended the 2024 National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGCR) Spring Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- I recently completed the National Tribal Gaming Commissioners and Regulators (NTGCR) Virtual Academy.
- I recently completed the Washita Valley Leadership Program that was held at Caddo Kiowa Technology Center Campus in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

2. Administrative Assistant/LASO: Chelsea Farley

- Mrs. Farley aids with the day-to-day operation of the Office of the Commission including keeping track of schedules, filing processing payments and deposits, and assisting the Commissioner and other staff as necessary.
- Mrs. Farley is the Local Agency Security Officer (LASO). She is the primary liaison between the tribe and the National Indian Gaming Commission and is responsible for coordinating tribal compliance with all federal and state laws and regulations concerning Criminal Justice Information and Criminal History Record Information (CJI and CHRI).
- 3. Mrs. Farley attended the 2023 Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulatory Association (OTGRA) Fall Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Mrs. Farley has continued to attend virtual webinar trainings presented by the NIGC pertaining to criminal justice information (CJI) and criminal history record information (CHRI).

3. Internal Auditor: Angeline Botone

- Ms. Botone is responsible for following NIGC audit checklists to ensure the casinos are compliant with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA)
- Ms. Botone attended NIGC Advanced Internal Audit Workshop in Thackerville, Oklahoma.
- Currently Ms. Botone is conducting her regular scheduled audits for the fiscal year.

4. Compliance Officers: Alixandrea Hubbard and Shannon Wetselline

• Ms. Hubbard and Ms. Wetselline typically split the responsibilities of compliance between the two casinos. They are responsible for testing electronic game software for compliance, breaking seals in sensitive areas of a slot machine, overseeing the installation and replacement of games as well as reviewing policies and procedures for compliance issues, conducting facility inspections and noting any violations and relaying information to the operation for correction.

- Ms. Hubbard attended the 2023 Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Regulatory Association (OTGRA) Fall Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Ms. Hubbard and Ms. Wetselline attended the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) Conference and Trade Show in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- For the year the following has taken place on the casino floors:
 - More than 1,315 seals were broken for repair, replacement of parts, etc.
 - 605 games were replaced, converted, and/or removed.
 - More than 2,480 pieces of software was tested.

5. Background Investigators (Employee Licensing): Regina McCarty and Leslie Halsey

 Ms. McCarty and Mrs. Halsey are the first line of defense against those that would put the integrity of the casinos at risk from the inside. They conduct comprehensive background investigations on every employee to ensure that those people working for the Delaware Nation are not a risk to the gaming enterprises or the general public.



 Ms. McCarty and Mrs. Halsey both have continued to attend virtual webinar trainings presented by the NIGC pertaining to criminal justice information (CJI) and criminal history record information (CHRI).

6. Vendor Licensing Agent: Paula Pewo

- Ms. Pewo is responsible for conducting background investigations on all gaming vendors and non-gaming vendors as required by the NIGC and/or the Delaware Nation/State of Oklahoma Compact.
- For the year Ms. Pewo has processed approximately 313 files which are primarily renewals and new applications.

HOUSING

MISSION

Housing Department's mission is to assist low income Native American families with affordable housing and other housing needs.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As the new director of Delaware Housing, it is my goal to ensure that the Housing Department functions effectively while upholding the guidelines for each program available to our citizens and participants. Even though I have worked in this department prior to this position, I have taken every opportunity to attend trainings that focus on the responsibilities of a director.

One of the first duties as the director was to complete the Self-Monitoring Evaluation required by NAHASDA. This evaluation went well and provided suggestions to make our IHBG assisted activities successful and sustainable. I have also worked closely with the Executive Committee and Administration to make sure that all program guidelines and applications were updated. Please feel free to call or email me should you have any questions about the programs offered below.

Respectfully,

Summer Dutton

PROGRAMS:

LOW RENT PROGRAM AND LEASE TO PURCHASE PROGRAM

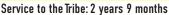
This program assists low-income Native American families with safe, decent and affordable housing with Delaware Nation citizens receiving preference. Eligible applicants are pulled from our waiting list when a unit becomes available. It is imperative for Delaware Nation citizens to apply and be added to the waiting list, if determined eligible. Household size listed on the application is an important factor used to determine if an available unit meets the applicant's household requirement.

TRIBAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Delaware Nation Housing Department continues to assist enrolled Delaware Nation citizens nationwide with the Tribal Rental Assistance Program. This program is to assist low-income eligible families with first time move in costs. Eligible applicants shall be assisted with these funds to pay security deposits, first month's rent, and utility deposits as long as funds are available.



Summer Dutton Director







Billie Hensley Housing Specialist

Service to the Tribe: 6 months





Taylor Kopepassah Intake Clerk

Service to the Tribe: 7 months





Roger Birch
Force Account Foreman/
Inspector

Service to the Tribe: 20 years 11 months





Jace Gonzales Force Account Laborer II

Service to the Tribe: 9 years 2 months



Jerald Walker
Force Account Laborer I

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 7 months



Program funds may not assist in paying existing utility bills or rent. All approved applicants must meet the 80% United States National Median Income Guidelines and must have a minimum annual income of \$15,600. Eligibility requirements and application are on the Delaware Nation website.

TRIBAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance	
14	\$13,178.90	

HOUSING

SELF-GOVERNANCE ARPA HEATING AND AIR UNIT REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT ASSISTANCE

Eligible tribal citizens 18 years and over who have proof of home ownership for their primary residence must complete an application to qualify for this assistance. This assistance is available nationwide. If proof of home ownership cannot be provided, the applicant will not be eligible for the assistance, no exceptions. Once the application and required documents are received the vendor will have to be added to the Delaware Nation's approved vendor list before payment can be processed. Quotes for new units or repairs totaling more than the \$5,000.00 limit will require the tribal citizen to pay the overage prior to Delaware Nation's payment. Reimbursements may be given for purchases made on or after June 1, 2021 with appropriate documentation (an invoice showing paid-in-full). Eligibility requirements and application are on the Delaware Nation website.

SG HEATING/AIR REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM		
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance	
	as of 4/30/2023	
22	\$84,239.54	

ELDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM

Assistance with the Emergency Repair Program is available for enrolled Delaware Nation Elders and Delaware Nation Citizens who are disabled or handicap that live within the state of Oklahoma. This program is to assist enrolled elders or citizens who are home owners and are considered low-income according to the 80% United States National Median Income Guidelines. Repairs must be deemed an emergency according to guidelines that are set in the Emergency Repair Program Policy.

Applicants must provide proof of ownership by submitting a warranty deed with a completed application. Payments will be made to vendors only; no payments or reimbursements will be paid to applicants. Eligibility requirements and application are on the Delaware Nation website.

ELDER EMERGENCY REPAIR PROGRAM		
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance	
3	\$3.222.58	

Natural Disaster

The General Welfare Natural Disaster Assistance Program is a one-time submission per person per fiscal year to provide nation-wide assistance to enrolled Delaware Nation Citizens who have been impacted by a natural disaster. Eligible tribal citizens 18 years or over must complete the application to qualify for this assistance. Non-Delaware Nation Citizens may apply if the have an enrolled Delaware Nation minor citizen in the home. Eligibility requirements and application are on the Delaware Nation website.

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM		
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2024	
18	\$54,000	

DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE:

The down payment assistance program is to serve low-income Native American families with preference given to enrolled Delaware Nation members with a subsidy towards down payment and closing cost making home purchasing more affordable. The subsidy is a maximum payment of \$6,000 given at the time of closing. This program is intended to serve first time homebuyers. Eligibility requirements and application are on the Delaware Nation website

DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COST PROGRAM		
Number of Citizens Assisted		
	as of 4/30/2024	
2	\$12,000	

GENERAL WELFARE UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR RENTERS PROGRAM

General Welfare Utility Assistance for Renters Program Delaware Nation Housing Department assists enrolled Delaware Nation citizens nationwide with General Welfare Utility Assistance for Renters Program. This program is a one-time application per household for Delaware Nation Citizens. These funds are used to pay utility bills for tribal citizens. Eligibility requirements and the application are on the Delaware Nation website.

GENERAL WELFARE UTILITY ASSISTANCE FOR RENTERS PROGRAM		
Number of Citizens Assisted	Total Amount of Assistance as of 4/30/2024	
100	\$25,863.05	

FACILITIES

Facilities department is committed to providing quality maintenance and operational support for Delaware Nation. The facilities staff have a service approach to maintenance providing timely response consistent with staffing and workload.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Sanitizing offices

- Sweep
- Mop
- Dust
- Disinfect

Ensuring all areas are safe and hazard free Maintaining security and fire alarm systems in all buildings

- Fire Extinguishers
- Fire Suppression System
- Smoke Alarms
- Emergency Exit Signs
- Door locks etc.

Maintain and oversee the outside property of all buildings

- Removing debris
- Mowing, planting & maintaining flower beds
- Hanging Christmas lights, etc.

Maintain Tribal Vehicles

- washing & detailing
- oil & fluid changes
- winterizing
- oversee scheduled maintenance appointments

Biding and Overseeing Large repairs

- building renovations
- heating and air equipment
- roof repairs
- plumbing problems
- electrical issues, etc.

Assist with Tribal events

 packing and moving equipment to event location and back to the Tribal Complex

Collaborate with other departments to assist as needed



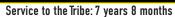
Kandess Botone *Co-Director*



Service to the Tribe: 3 years 5 months



Jamie Beaver Co-Director







Eric Lopez <u>Facilities Tech</u>



Service to the Tribe: 13 years 7 months



Michael Miller Facilities Tech

Service to the Tribe: 5 months





Jarus Smith Facilities Tech

Service to the Tribe: 2 years



Jason Mendoza Facilities Tech

Service to the Tribe: 1 month



ELDER MOWING PROGRAM

The Delaware Nation Facilities Department helps maintain the yards of fifteen (15) Delaware Nation elders. To qualify for this service, you must be an enrolled member of the Delaware Nation, 60 years of age or older and within a 40-mile radius of the Delaware Nation Complex.Services begin in May and run into August. Facilities hires Summer Helpers each year, ages 16 to 21 years of age, who assist with this project. This gives our youth a chance to add work experience to their resumes, the ability to serve Elders and lets them earn money over their Summer break.

FACILITIES



Basic Electrical. The Facilities staff have began replacing existing light fixtures with LED Panel light fixtures. This will save the tribe thousands of dollars in labor. The new light fixtures have a life expectancy of 20 years.



The staff share their knowledge with a hands on approach



Event Set Up. The facilities department enjoys being able to help make Delaware Nation Events a success. The staff is always willing to help do what ever may be needed to have successful events



Facilities Staff pictured with the 2023 Summer Youth Workers

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

PROGRAM:

Delaware Nation is currently in our 5th year of our 5-year grant for providing Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services. Our department serves 8 counties: Blaine, Caddo, Cleveland, Grady, Kiowa, Logan, McClain, and Oklahoma.

MISSION:

Our mission is to develop specialized services for American Indians with documented disabilities prepare for, seek, obtain and maintain gainful employment. This is accomplished by developing an Individualized Plan for Employment (IPE) and providing guidance for each participant to reach each step of their plan in order to reach the employment goal.

SERVICES INCLUDE ASSISTANCE WITH:

- Counseling & Guidance
- Evaluations
- Education/Training
- Employment Assistance
- Transportation Assistance
- Clothing Assistance



Rachel Allen Director

Service to the Tribe: 13 years 6 months



Shay Castillo Administrative Assistant/VR Technician (OKC office)

Service to the Tribe: 5 years 5 months





Shellean Garcia Counselor



Service to the Tribe: 17 years 9 months



Donnie Paden Counselor

Service to the Tribe: 1 year 6 months



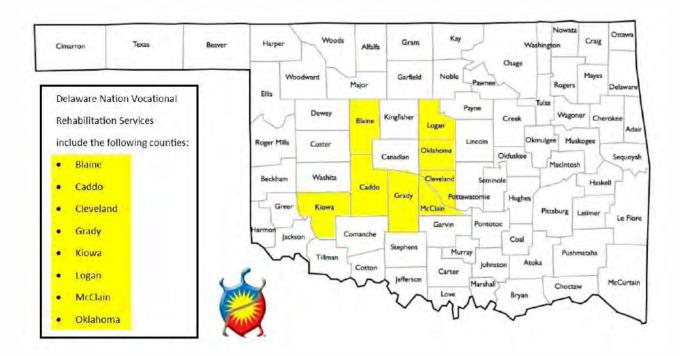
PROGRAM DATA FOR OCTOBER 1, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2023:

- Average gross earned wages at application or eligibility for those who had any: \$572/wk.
- Average gross earned wages at case closure for those who had any wages at application or eligibility: \$650.80/wk.
- Average gross earned wages at application or eligibility for all cases closed successfully: \$95.33/wk.
- Average gross earned wages at case closure for all cases closed successfully: \$355.93/wk.
- Individuals who actively participated in an Individual Plan for Employment: 18
- Individuals enrolled in a training program (some are still actively pursuing their goal): 4 or more
- Individuals who achieved a "successfully employed" outcome (in their goal job for at least 90 days, and not experiencing barriers to employment due to their disability): 6 (Four of which were Social Security Disability benefits recipients)



Scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit delawarenation-nsn.gov and find the Vocational Rehabilitation page in the Departments section.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION



Examples of disabilities may include, but are not limited to, the following: amputations, asthma, diabetes, hearing impairments, learning disabilities, mental illness, obesity, orthopedic impairments, seizure disorders, speech disabilities, spinal cord injuries, traumatic brain injury, and visual impairment.



Left to right: Shay Castillo, Donnie Paden, Shellean Garcia, and Rachel Allen

ME-MUN-SEE HAH-KEE-HAH-KUN "OUR CHILDREN'S GARDEN"



MISSION:

To ensure quality safe and secure early childhood learning in a culturally rich and diverse facility with qualified staff that nurtures, educates, and inspires children and their families with wonder, discovery, and creativity while fostering life-long learning. "Our Children's Garden" provides quality care for children 6 weeks old up to 48 months old.

STAFF TRAININGS:

New employees are required Entry-Level-Child-Care training (ELLCT), CPR First-Aid, Food Handlers, Civil Rights (CACFP), Reporting and Recognizing Child Abuse, Preventing the spread of BloodBorne Pathogens, Preventing the spread of Foodborne Illnesses, and Safe Sleep. (SIDS)

Our Children's Garden, LLC, is now a 5-STAR Facility, therefore, all teaching personnel are required 30 training hours per year for their Professional Development Ladder (PDL) and all directors or those holding a directors credential are required 40 training hours per year for PDL and Oklahoma Directors Credential (ODC).

FAMILY NIGHTS:

Our Children's Garden, LLC offers family night quarterly for parents/guardians to come learn new and different materials. 2024 Family Night topics and schedule are listed below.

- March- Reading awareness
- June- Water Safety
- September- Fire Safety
- November- Native American Heritage Month
- December- Christmas pictures/Family night with guest Santa Claus



ME-MUN-SEE HAH-KEE-HAH-KUN "OUR CHILDREN'S GARDEN"



Jennifer Adams Director/Early Childhood Research and Development Manager

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 5 months



Tammy Scriven Chicks (1-Year Old)Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 1 month



Jennifer Kionute Assistant Director/ Education Cooridinator

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 8 months





Clara Cisco Chicks (1 -Year Old) Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 5 months





Rhiannon Edmonds Cook/Nutrishionist



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 10 months



Brittney Foster Wolfpups (2-Year Old) Master



Service to the Tribe: 3 months



Service to the Tribe: 1 year 3 months





Jayla Sankadota Wolfpups (2-Year Old) Master Teach

Service to the Tribe: 1 month





Faith Herrera Hatchlings (Infants) Co-Teacher



Service to the Tribe: 2 months



Kim Estrella Wolf Pups (2-Year Old) Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 6 months



Kaylin Tartsah Hatchlings (Infants) Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 2 years 4 months



Desiree Ballejo Bear Cubs (3-Year Old) Co-Teacher

Service to the Tribe: 4 months



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