

Paralegal Services

In this day and time, where more and more third parties such as grandparents are raising grandchildren, guardianships are becoming more and more common.

A paralegal is available to assist filing of guardianship actions in Tribal Court under certain conditions.

The U.S. divorce rate now stands at nearly 50%. Divorce touches most everyone's life. A paralegal is also available to assist tribal members with filing divorces through Tribal Court.

Further, the paralegal can assist tribal members in answering legal questions. This service is available to all tribal members by phone at (800) 522-6170, ext. 2497 and locally at the Durant Tribal Complex.



Children & Family Services
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74702

(800) 522-6170
(580) 924-8280

We also have offices
located in:

Atoka: 580-889-1955

McAlester: 918-423-4086

Talihina: 918-567-4265

Hugo: 580-326-3362

Idabel: 580-286-2249

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Indian Child Welfare

In accordance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), our Indian Child Welfare program works on behalf of our Choctaw Children and Families. Our social workers join with state workers and the courts in working to insure safe and healthy homes for the children. This includes finding Choctaw foster and adoptive homes to prevent placement in non-Indian homes. The Indian Child Welfare program is an advocate for residents in the 10 1/2 counties and serves Choctaws nationwide. ICW offices are located in Durant, Hugo, Idabel, Talihina and Atoka.

10 1/2 County Service Area

Hughes, Coal, Atoka, Bryan,
Choctaw, Pushmataha, Pittsburg,
Haskell, LeFlore, McCurtain
and Latimer

Family Violence

This program assists Choctaw families who have been in a domestic violence situation. The Family Violence program is designed to help women and children escape a dangerous home life. This program can assist with outreach, prevention, counseling, transportation needs, and shelter. To qualify for this program one must reside within the 10 1/2 counties of the Choctaw Nation, be in a domestic violence situation (which may consist of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse), and must have a CDIB card. One must complete a domestic violence intake and one counseling session. Family Violence workers are located in Talihina, Hugo, Idabel and Durant.

Family Preservation

This is a preventative service which promotes family strength, stability, parental functions, and the protection of children. This program is designed to prevent family disruption and out-of-home placement by meeting the needs of a family in times of crisis. The goal is to empower these families to provide adequate and safe care for their children by identifying their strengths, assisting them to find solutions, and supporting self-reliance through short-term services in the home. Services should be provided for a period of approximately 90 days and should not exceed 6 months. There may be a one time assistance due to sudden crisis situations. The program services the 10 1/2 counties of Choctaw Nation and serves all federally recognized tribes. There are offices located in Durant, Atoka, Hugo, Idabel, and McAlester.