

# CONTACT US

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***The greatest gift you can give  
your children is being a  
responsible parent.***

***Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support  
Services is a federally funded IV-D program  
that can assist with the following:***

- Establish paternity
- Locate noncustodial parents
- Establish child support orders
- Modify existing child support orders
- Enforce child support obligations

***Parents are the greatest influence...***

***Your children learn how to be husbands,  
wives, fathers and mothers, men  
and women from watching you.***

## Human Services

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CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES



Strong Parents, Strong Families  
STRONG FOUNDATION

## OUR PURPOSE

### **Child support is...**

- A way to demonstrate responsible parenting
- A way for you as a parent to contribute to your child's future
- A way for you as a parent to be there for your children
- A way to help ensure your children's needs are being met
- A way to demonstrate love and concern for your children

## OUR SERVICES

### **Our focus is on the child.**

Cherokee Nation Child Support Services strives to work in the best interest of the child. We work with all parties in a collaborative, supportive and neutral manner. Child support is more than just money; it is about assisting the family in ensuring all of the needs of the children and family are met. This may include referrals to career services for parents or counseling services for children.

We believe our children are our most vital resource for the future of our tribe. We advocate for consistent child support from the parents as it is a vital component in ensuring children are cared for, nurtured and protected. This ultimately can lead to better outcomes for our children. The program has the ability to utilize certain tools when enforcing monthly obligations.

We believe all parents have the right and responsibility to contribute support to their children. We also understand there are obstacles that can occur that may prevent parents from contributing on a regular basis. We strive to

be a program that can assist with a system of referrals to other programs and resources within the tribe or other agencies, to assist with removing any barriers so each parent can successfully make regular support payments for their children.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support Services is to partner with families and other programs to ensure the collaboration of services and resources are in place to build a stable environment for our children that will instill self-sufficiency and wellbeing.

Our goal is to strengthen Cherokee children, families and communities by ensuring a respectful, friendly environment where families can work together for the benefit of their children.

## ELIGIBILITY

Cherokee children under the age of majority living within the Cherokee Nation reservation are eligible to receive child support services. A Cherokee child under the age of majority is defined as a person under the age of 20 years old, who has not graduated from high school and is regularly attending public or private school.

We can generally assist any Native American family if they are willing to submit to Cherokee Nation tribal court and reside within our 14-county reservation. Cherokee Nation Office of Child Support Services will serve the full county in cases where the reservation takes in only a portion of the county. Some cases may be referred out for Child Support Services, but those decisions are made on each individual case and in collaboration with the applicant.

