

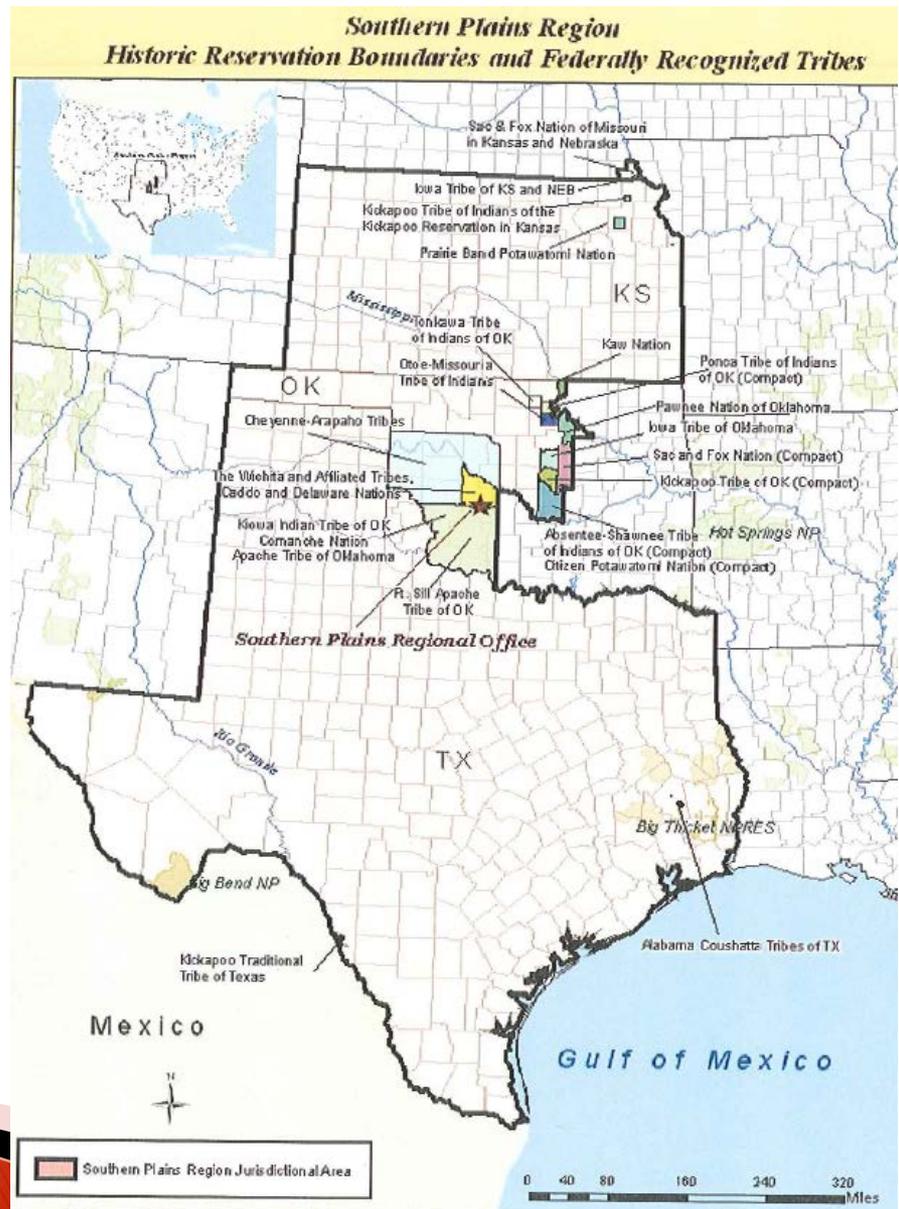
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Southern Plains Regional Office



National Budget Meeting – FY 2019

SOUTHERN PLAINS REGIONAL OFFICE JURISDICTION



Regional Demographics

- ▶ Total Agencies \ Field Offices: 5
 - ▶ Total Tribes: 24
 - ▶ Total Reservations: 20
 - ▶ Total Acres: 479,015.38
 - ▶ Total Tribal Enrollment: 119,327
 - ▶ Total Programs Funded: 41
 - ▶ Total Employees: 225
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Agencies

ANADARKO

- ▶ KIOWA
- ▶ COMANCHE
- ▶ APACHE
- ▶ FT. SILL APACHE
- ▶ CADDO
- ▶ DELAWARE
- ▶ WICHITA & AFFILIATED

CONCHO

- ▶ CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO

HORTON

- ▶ IOWA TRIBE OF KS & NE
- ▶ KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KS
- ▶ PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI
- ▶ SAC & FOX OF MO

PAWNEE

- ▶ KAW
- ▶ OTOE-MISSOURIA
- ▶ PAWNEE
- ▶ PONCA
- ▶ TONKAWA

Field Office

SHAWNEE

- ▶ ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE
- ▶ CITIZEN POTAWATOMI
- ▶ IOWA TRIBE OF OK
- ▶ KICKAPOO TRIBE OF OK
- ▶ SAC & FOX NATION OF OK

Regional Office

- ▶ ALABAMA-COUSHATTA TRIBE OF TX
- ▶ KICKAPOO TRADITIONAL TRIBE OF TX

2019 Funding Request: ↑ 8%

Southern Plains Region 8% Increase = \$41.22 M

Top 3 Priorities & Requested Increases (Millions)

TRIBAL PRIORITY PROGRAM	2016 ENACTED	2019 INCREASE	TOTAL REQUESTED
Scholarships & Adult Education	\$2.39	\$15.46	\$17.85
Social Services	\$1.99	\$12.88	\$14.87
Indian Child Welfare	\$1.07	\$12.88	\$13.95

Priority #1

Scholarships & Adult Education

- ▶ Issues regarding Education continue to remain the same:
 - Rising tuition costs
 - Increase # students applying for Scholarships/AE
 - Not enough tribal funding to support students
 - Students are forced to take out student loans or drop out altogether

In the state of Oklahoma, the average cost for tuition (excluding fees and other costs) for a full-time undergraduate student in 2016–17 school year was almost \$5,000. At that rate and at the current enacted funding level for this program within the SP Region, only 0.4% (500) of the region's current tribal members (119,327) would receive one year's worth of tuition only.

Scholarships & Adult Education

- ▶ Increased funding is needed to meet the pressing Indian educational needs beyond the elementary and secondary levels
 - Request of \$17,85 Million will:
 - Provide up to \$2,500 per student
 - Serve estimated 7,140 Indian students
 - provide 6% of current regional tribal enrollment with opportunity to offset cost of HE
 - 24 Tribal communities will benefit when tribal members use acquired education/skills to strengthen tribal economies and meet specific community needs within the Southern Plains Region.

Priority #2

Indian Child Welfare

- ▶ Issues for Indian Child Welfare Programs remain the same:
 - Requirements of federal, state and tribal laws involve an immense amount of time and attention;
 - Result has been an increased caseload and associated responsibilities to tribes without increasing necessary resources;

The enacted funding for the Southern Plains Region in 2016 was \$1.067 Million, averaging \$44,458 for each of the 24 tribes in the region. This amount does not fully fund the salary of even ONE case worker.

Priority #2

Indian Child Welfare

- ▶ Increase in funds are needed for tribes to hire and train adequate staff and to reduce the staff to client ratio;
 - Our Request is an additional \$12.88 Million to serve 2,040 more ICW cases
 - To Adequately operate one ICWA office staffing one employee = \$109,543;
 - X 24 tribes = \$2.63 Million
 - Increase ICW case workers: 5 staff x 24 tribes = 120 case workers x \$28.15/hr @ 2,080 hrs + \$11,527 fringe = \$8.41 Million;
 - Provide \$900 per ICW case for case management costs: 2,040 clients x \$900 = \$1.84

- ▶ 24 Tribal communities within the Southern Plains Region will benefit by an increase in funding, which will:
 - allow tribes to hire and train an adequate number of staff thereby reducing the client to staff ratio (120 workers x 17 clients = 2040)
 - expand capabilities to further intervene in involuntary court proceedings.
 - allow tribal ICW office to operate more effectively to fulfill its supportive, supplemental and substitute care services.

Priority #3

Social Services

- ▶ Issues for Social Services create unhealthy tribal communities:
 - Tribal Social Workers manage caseloads that are double and sometimes triple the national standard of the client to staff ratio (15:1);
 - High unemployment rates increase the need for extended services for many clients;
 - Limited resources reduces the amount of assistance to needy families

The enacted funding for the Southern Plains Region in 2016 was \$1.99 Million, averaging \$83,000 for each of the 24 tribes in the region. This amount may fund salary/fringe and barely equip ONE Social Worker.

Priority #3

Social Services

- ▶ Increase in funding is needed to reduce the client to staff ratio
 - Request additional \$12.88 Million to serve 1440 elderly, women, children and families
 - Additional 4 Social Workers x 24 tribes = 96
 - \$134,200 (salary, fringe, vehicle, fuel, program supplies, laptop) x 96 = \$12.88 Million

- ▶ 24 Tribal communities within the Southern Plains Region will benefit by an increase in funding, which will:
 - Add 96 Social Workers x 15 cases = 1440 clients
 - Support youth and family through the Tiwahe Initiative
 - Increase delivery of services and financial assistance
 - Provide funding to purchase program vehicles to reduce the need to use personal vehicles when performing official staff duties

OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS

- ▶ Emergency Management: Tribes looking for resources to respond to emergencies \natural and man-made disasters other than FEMA;
 - ▶ Fracking activities: believed to be linked to increased earthquakes in Oklahoma;
 - ▶ JOM: Need accurate student count and increasing JOM assistance which is currently at \$66.00 per student;
 - ▶ Adult Education: Revision in regulations that disqualify Indian students living in non-service areas
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OTHER TRIBAL CONCERNS

- ▶ Discretionary vs. Mandatory: How to approach Congress & Senate on declaring tribe's funding mandatory;
- ▶ TPA: How can funding levels (formulas) be re-evaluated to address Tribal Unmet Needs;
- ▶ Sequestration/Permanent Budget Cuts:
 - Sequestered funds should be restored at the tribal level as a first priority;
 - Requiring tribes to pay for the federal government's shortfall by reducing funds and services to tribes is not an acceptable solution;

SUCCESS STORIES

Scholarships & Adult Education



240

The approximate number of students the Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Scholarship Program assists per academic year



30%

The percent increase of tribal members who received higher education assistance from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in the Fall, 2016



255

Number of students served over the last 5 years by the Pawnee Nation's Education Division

BIA funding is supplemented with gaming or other tribal funding to support these Scholarships and Adult Education programs.

SUCCESS STORIES

Scholarships & Adult Education



The Cheyenne and Arapaho Higher Education Scholarship Program assists approximately 240 students per academic year. The Executive Directors of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Executive Branch. Over half of the current Executive Staff, along with the Governor and Lt. Governor, received scholarship assistance through the Tribes' Higher Education Scholarship Program.



Dr. Kassi Roselius is a CPN tribal member who received the tribal scholarship. She recently completed her degree and has since returned to the Nation to serve as our Public Health Coordinator



Martha Only A Chief of the Pawnee Nation received her Associates of Art in American Indian Studies; she is an employee of the Pawnee Nation and is currently pursuing her Bachelor's Degree at Bacone College.

SUCCESS STORIES

Indian Child Welfare Program

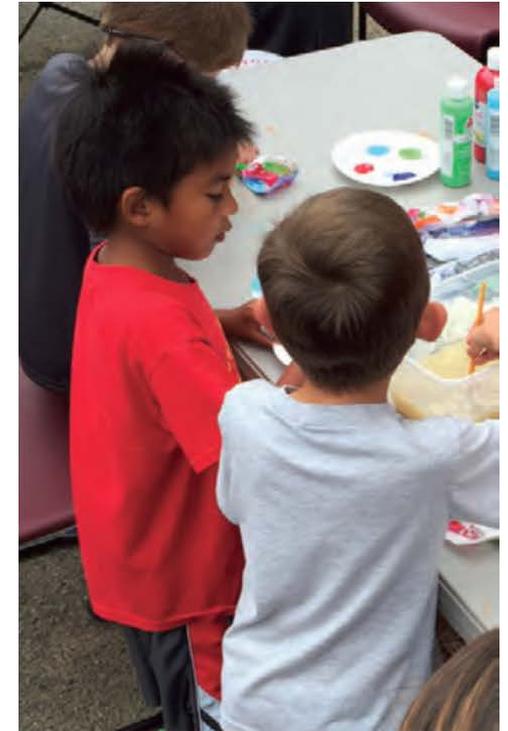


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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes host weekly 12-step meetings at the ICW office to provide support for those trying to maintain sobriety

200

The number of children, adults, and community partners who participate in this Pawnee Nation annual event, which is focused on preventing child abuse and neglect.



Pictures of children at the Pawnee Nation Indian Child Welfare 2016 Annual Children's Festival

Thank you!

