

Tribal Response and Resources for Human Trafficking Victims in Nebraska

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INTRODUCTION

Under the grant project OVC-2020-18412 *Improving Outcomes for Child and Youth Victims of Human Trafficking Support for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking in Nebraska*, and following listening sessions to assess the current state of human trafficking in tribal communities with each of the four tribes in Nebraska, the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition (NICWC) has created this protocol document as a reference on responding to human trafficking for tribal programs and non-tribal programs serving Native American survivors.

DEFINITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

According to the DOJ, human trafficking is a crime that involves exploiting a person for labor, services, or commercial sex.¹

- The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000² states that human trafficking involves:
 - a) Sex trafficking, which is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing, or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age³;
 - Exploiting a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether force, fraud, or coercion were used.
 - or
 - b) The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.⁴

¹ U.S. Dept. of Justice. (2018). Human trafficking defined. Retrieved from: <https://www.justice.gov/humantrafficking>

² Tribal Victims Protection Act of 2000. Retrieved from: <https://www.congress.gov/106/plaws/publ386/PLAW-106publ386.pdf>

³ 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11)(A)

⁴ 22 U.S.C. § 7102(11)(B)

Response Checklist

During the tribal listening sessions, each tribal community requested a checklist containing best practices recommendations for responding to human trafficking cases. This checklist is not exhaustive, but is meant to serve as a reference for community service providers on action steps and resources to consider when addressing human trafficking and assisting survivors of human trafficking.

SCREENING:

- **Best practice recommendations:**
 - Screen all clients or potential clients for human trafficking with regular screening/intake protocols/procedures
 - Administer the screening tools verbally (advocate/staff member asking the client the questions)
 - Screen for trafficking in a safe, private, and welcoming environment
 - Explain the purpose of the questions
 - Maintain transparency through the conversation
 - Inform youth of any limitation to confidentiality early in the conversation
 - Delay screening when the individual is in crisis
 - If the victim does not identify as a human trafficking victim on the screening tool, this does **NOT** mean that the person has not experienced human trafficking at some point. Always allow for victim to identify later and look into rescreening later on as needed.
- **Screening Tools:** (please note, this is not an exhaustive list of human trafficking screening tools; programs may implement others as needed/helpful)
 - Quick Youth Indicators for Trafficking (QYIT)
 - 4 yes/no questions
 - Best for screening with limited time, screening for homeless/runaway youth, initial screener and can then follow up with more thorough assessment
 - Link to copy for printing:
https://vcrhyp.org/client_media/Trafficking%20and%20Exploitation%20Tools/QYIT%20-%20Covenant%20House%20NJ.pdf
 - Adult Human Trafficking Screening Tool
 - 8 questions
 - Link to screening tool and guide for use:
https://nhttac.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/2018-07/adult_human_trafficking_screening_tool_and_guide.pdf
 - Note: the Screening Tool is located on **pages 16-17** to print/utilize
- If the screening/intake does indicate that the client has experienced human trafficking, follow up with next step, RESOURCES/NEEDS

RESOURCES/NEEDS:

- If client identifies a human trafficking victim (either through screening or self-identification), ask **“What additional resources or information can I assist you with today?”**
 - Sometimes individuals may not know what types of resources and information are available, so consider naming some options or reframing the question, such as **“I can help you identify some resources or information that could be helpful for you. Let’s talk about what you need right now and I can share about some possible ways we could get support around those needs.”**
- Additional resources/needs could include (but not limited to); note, you can verbally ask the client if they need assistance with each area listed:
 - Mental Health Services
 - Health Care Services (i.e. physical health needs)
 - Substance Abuse Services
 - Housing/Shelter
 - Transportation
 - Domestic Violence/Human Trafficking/Sexual Assault/Intimate Partner Violence Advocacy Services
 - Legal Assistance
 - Youth Services
 - Other Social Services/Needs
- Based on the resource needs identified by the client, please reference the tribal resource list on the following pages, sorted by category for available resource options in your area. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. If you have additional resources you would like to add, please contact Misty Flowers at misty@nicwc.org or Kirby Williams at kwilliams@netav.org.
 - For additional human trafficking-related resources in Nebraska, please reference the [NebraskaPATH Service Provider Directory](#), on the “Our Publications” page on the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence https://www.nebraskacoalition.org/get_informed/publications/resources.html

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS:

- If you are unsure of how to proceed with a human trafficking case, please contact:
 - National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888)
 - StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE; 1-844-762-8383)
 - National Center for Missing and Exploited Children [NCMEC] (1-800-LOST; 1-800-843-5678)

These phone lines are available 24/7 to victims/survivors, family members of survivors, and advocates who need guidance and assistance.

- If the case involves an active threat to you or the victim, or to report a human trafficking case to law enforcement, **call 911**.

- Tips for law enforcement can also be directed to the National Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888)
- For tips to Nebraska State Patrol (for cases on non-reservation land) call the Nebraska Human Trafficking Tip Line (1-833-757-5665; 1-833-PLS-LOOK).
- If you have a case involving a child/minor, it is best practice to call the Nebraska Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline 1-800-652-1999 (on or off the reservation)

Tribal Resources List

The following resources are available from tribal nations, tribal-led organizations, and/or have programs specifically to serve Native Americans in Nebraska. Resources are sorted by category of need and include service area/location and contact information. Please reach out to specific resources for more information or to provide assistance/referrals for clients you are working with.

Human Trafficking Shelters

Omaha Metro Area

- Heartland Housing Sanctuary Program
 - 24-Hour Shelter Phones:
 - 402-597-1009
 - 402-672-8608
- Magdalene Omaha
 - Phone: 402-934-8599

Tribal Domestic Violence Programs

Tribal Domestic Violence Program	Service Location	Does the Program have a shelter?	Available Services	Contact Information
Omaha Tribe Domestic Violence Program	Omaha Tribal Reservation (Macy, NE and Walthill, NE)	Yes, but it is not fully open as of April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Transportation • Safety Planning • Protection Order Assistance • Other Advocacy Needs 	Phone (8am-4:30pm): 402-846-5280 ext. 2312 After hours: Macy Police, 402-837-5907 or 402-837-5906
Ponca Tribe Domestic Violence Program	Ponca Service Delivery Area (INCLUDE COUNTY LIST)	No. Will assist with shelter referrals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Transportation • Financial Assistance • Clothing Assistance • Safety Planning • Protection Order Assistance • Trauma-Informed Support Groups • Resource Referral • Other Advocacy Needs 	Lincoln: 531-248-3030 Omaha: 402-734-5275 Norfolk: 402-371-8834 Niobrara: 402-857-3391 Sioux City: 712-258-0500

Santee DTSU	Santee Sioux Nation Reservation	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Transportation • Safety Planning • Resource Referral • Other Advocacy Needs 	Phone: 402-857-2342
Winnebago Tribe Domestic Violence Intervention Program	Winnebago Tribal Reservation	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy • Transportation • Safety Planning • Protection Order Assistance • Trauma-Informed Support Groups • Resource Referral • Other Advocacy Needs 	Winnebago Domestic Violence Intervention Program <u>Crisis Phone:</u> 1-402-922-3850 <u>Phone:</u> 1-844-823-6240 Winnebago Police Department Victim Advocate 402-878-2245 Winnebago Tribal Court Victim Advocate Project 402-878-2570
Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition (NUIHC)	Omaha City Metro Area, Lincoln City Metro Area, Sioux City Metro Area	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy 	Project Beacon: 402-346-0902
Nebraska Tribes Addressing Violence Coalition (NETAV)	Statewide	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for service providers • Education for community (including youth) • Technical Assistance • Resource Networking 	Website: netav.org Phone: 531-205-6837

Tribal Youth and Family Programs and Services

Omaha Tribe Area Services:

- Omaha Tribe Social Services
 - Services: Child family services, child protective services, ICWA resources, family/cultural support
 - Phone: 402-837-5331

Ponca Tribe Area Services:

- Ponca Tribal Youth Program (TYP)
 - Project Venture: an outdoor, experiential youth development program for 5th-8th grade Native American youth
 - Children in Needs of Supervision (CHINS): intervention services for Native American youth (age 18 and under) involved or at risk of “status offenses” (i.e. truancy, running away, etc.) or arrest, probation, parole, etc.
 - Tribal Youth Reconnection (TYR): program for 14-18 year old “at risk” Native American youth to help connect them and their families with their tribal culture.
 - Phone:
 - Norfolk: 402-371-8834
 - Lincoln: 402-438-9222
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Assistance:
 - Services: foster care placements, pre-adoptive/adoptive placement, etc.
 - Phone: 402-371-8834 ext. 123

Santee Sioux Nation Area Services:

- Santee DTSU
 - Phone: 402-857-2342
- Warrior’s Lodge
 - Services: youth programming and prevention, sport-focused programming, youth center
 - Phone: 402-857-3338

Winnebago Area Services:

- Winnebago Youth Crisis Intervention Center (YCIC)
 - Services: Mental health, crisis intervention, emergency youth shelter
 - Phone: 402-878-2046
- Winnebago Human Services
 - Services: Human Services, Social Services, Child & Family Services, Preserving Native Families Unit
 - Link to Website with Phone numbers: <https://winnebagotribe.com/human-services/>

Statewide Tribal Services:

- Bluebird Cultural Initiative
 - Services: Cultural services, community support, youth groups
 - Website: bluebirdculturalinitiative.org

- Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition (NICWC)
 - Services: Parenting classes, ICWA assistance/advocacy, youth empowerment, education/training
 - Website: nicwc.org
 - Phone: 855-280-2526

Tribal Health Resources

Omaha Tribe Area Services:

- Carl T. Curtis Health Center
 - Phone: 402-837-5381

Ponca Tribe Area Services:

Omaha Area

- Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 402-733-3612

Norfolk Area

- Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 402-371-8780

Lincoln Area

- Lincoln Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 531-248-3030

Santee Sioux Nation Area Services:

- Santee Sioux Nation Health Clinic
 - Phone: 402-857-2300

Winnebago Area Services:

- Twelve Clans Unity Hospital
 - Phone: 402-878-2231

Statewide Tribal Services:

- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition (NUIHC)
 - Services: mental health, general physical healthcare, substance abuse treatment
 - Locations:
 - *Omaha*: 2226 N St, Omaha, NE 68107; Phone: 402-346-0902
 - *Lincoln*: 2331 Fairfield Street, Lincoln, NE 68521; Phone: 402-434-7177
 - *Sioux City*:
 - Action Taxi; Phone: 712-252-4777
 - Jackson Recovery Center; Phone: 712-234-2300

Tribal Mental Health Resources

Omaha Tribe Area Services:

- Carl T. Curtis Health Center
 - Phone: 402-837-5381

Ponca Tribe Area Services:

Omaha Area

- Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 402-734-5275

Norfolk Area

- Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 402-371-8834

Lincoln Area

- Lincoln Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 531-248-3030

Santee Sioux Nation Area Services:

- Santee Sioux Nation Health Clinic
 - Phone: 402-857-2300

Winnebago Area Services:

- Twelve Clans Unity Hospital
 - Phone: 402-878-2231
- Winnebago Youth Crisis Intervention Center (YCIC)
 - Services: Mental health, crisis intervention, emergency youth shelter
 - Phone: 402-878-2046
- Winnebago Public Health, Behavioral Health Department
 - 402-878-2911
 - After Hours: 712-259-3263

Statewide Tribal Services:

- Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition (NUIHC)
 - Services: mental health, general physical healthcare, substance abuse treatment
 - Locations:
 - *Omaha:* 2226 N St, Omaha, NE 68107; Phone: 402-346-0902
 - *Lincoln:* 2331 Fairfield Street, Lincoln, NE 68521; Phone: 402-434-7177
 - *Sioux City:*
 - Action Taxi; Phone: 712-252-4777
 - Jackson Recovery Center; Phone: 712-234-2300
- Morningstar Counseling
 - Services: In-person and telehealth mental health counseling
 - Locations:
 - *Lincoln:* 2641 S 70th St., Ste A, Lincoln, NE 68506; Phone: 402-327-9711
 - *Beatrice:* 500 Market St., Ste 2, Beatrice, NE 68310; Phone: 402-540-2303

- *Walthill*: 104 S. Costello, Walthill, NE 68067; Phone: 402-846-5533
- *Santee Community Health Center*: 110 Visiting Eagle St., Niobrara, NE 68760; Phone: 402-327-9711
- *Winnebago Public Schools*: 202 Osborne St., Winnebago, NE 68071; Phone: 402-327-9711
- *Little Priest Tribal College*: 601 E College Rd., Winnebago, NE 68071; Phone: 402-327-9711
- *Nebraska Indian Community College*: 1111 US-75, Macy, NE 68039; Phone: 402-327-9711
- Society of Care
 - Services: Mental health services, youth empowerment services, parenting skills, etc.
 - Phone: 402-580-1535
 - Contact form: <https://societyofcare.org/contact/>

Tribal Law Enforcement

Omaha Tribe Area Services:

- Macy Police:
 - Phone: 402-837-5907 or 402-837-5906
- Walthill Police:
 - Phone: 402-846-5685

Santee Sioux Nation Area Services:

- Santee Sioux Nation Tribal Police
 - Phone: 402-857-2527

Winnebago Area Services:

- Winnebago Police:
 - Phone: 402-878-2245

Tribal Courts/Legal Services

Omaha Tribal Court:

- Phone: 402-837-5814

Ponca Tribal Court:

- Phone: 402-371-8834

Santee Sioux Nation Area Services:

- Phone: 402-857-2812

Winnebago Area Services:

- Phone: 402-878-2570

Statewide Services:

- Legal Aid of Nebraska's Native American Program:
 - Phone: 1-800-729-9908, Monday-Friday, 9am-noon
 - Online Application: <https://lawhelpne.legalaidofnebraska.org/#/login>

Tribal Transportation

Omaha Tribe Public Transit

- Phone: 402-837-4361

Ponca Express

Service Days, All Locations: Monday – Friday

- Ponca Express Rural (Norfolk and Niobrara)
 - Phone: 1-877-769-3111
 - Rural Transportation 7:30 am-5:30 pm
 - Rural office hours 8:00 am-4:30 pm
- Ponca Express Metro (Omaha, Lincoln, and Sioux City)
 - Phone: 1-855-766-2239
 - Metro Transportation 8:00 am-4:30 pm
 - Metro Office Hours 8:00 am-4:30 pm
- To schedule an appointment:
 - Phone: 1-877-769-3111 for Ponca Express Rural (Norfolk and Niobrara)
 - Phone: 1-855-766-2239 for Ponca Express Metro (Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux City)

Santee Sioux Nation Transit

- Contact Mike Crosley
 - Phone: 402-857-3338
 - E-mail: mike.crosley@yahoo.com

Winnebago Tribal Transit

- Phone: 402-878-4225
- More info: <https://winnebagotribe.com/tribal-transit-transportation/>

Tribal Food Distribution

Omaha Nation Food Distribution Program

- Phone: 888-745-1986

Winnebago Tribe Food Distribution Program

- Phone: 402-878-2799

Santee Sioux Nation Food Distribution Program

- Phone: 402-857-2514

Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

Omaha Tribe TANF

- Phone: 402-837-4473

Winnebago TANF

- Phone: 712-203-2352

Santee Sioux Nation TANF

- Phone: 402-857-2302

Tribal Substance Abuse Programs

Omaha Tribe Area Services:

- Omaha Tribe Alcohol Program
 - Phone: 402-837-4053

Ponca Tribe Area Services:

Substance Abuse Services are part of Behavioral Health Department

Omaha Area

- Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 402-734-5275

Norfolk Area

- Ponca Hills Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 402-371-8834

Lincoln Area

- Lincoln Health and Wellness Center
 - Phone: 531-248-3030

Santee Sioux Nation Area Services:

- Santee Sioux Nation HEART Program
 - Phone: 402-857-2508

Winnebago Area Services:

- Winnebago Tribe Alcohol Program
 - Phone: 402-878-2480
- Winnebago Tribe Detox and Drug Rehab Center
 - Phone: 402-878-2911
- Winnebago Tribe Drug Dependency Unit (DDU)
 - Phone: 402-878-2440
- Winnebago ATLAS Program
 - Phone: 402-878-2162

Statewide Tribal Services:

- St. Monica's Women are Sacred Program
 - Services: residential substance abuse program for Native American women and their children
 - Lincoln Phone: 402-441-3768

Tribal Websites

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa

- <https://www.omahatribe.com/>

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska

- <https://www.poncatrbe-ne.org/>

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

- <https://winnebagoTribe.com/>

Santee Sioux Nation

- <https://santeesiouxnation.com/>