

POTAWATOMI CHILDREN  
NEED

POTAWATOMI FAMILIES  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Foster Parents provide a temporary,  
safe home for children in crisis.

*Evidence suggests that children do better with families within their familiar home environment. The least amount of changes for the child will be a valued benefit*

- ◆ Foster Parents work as a partner with child's case manager, therapist, attorneys, teachers, parents and medical providers.

***All children need safe, supportive home environments***

Please contact PBPN Child and Family Services if you interested in learning more about this opportunity to make a difference for a child.

785-966-8330

- ◆ ***Be a nurturing parent:*** Children need to know that they are special, loved and safe.
- ◆ ***Help a friend, neighbor or relative:*** Extend an offer to provide care for the children. Allowing the parent(s) to rest, reenergize or spend adult time together.
- ◆ ***Self Care:*** When the big and little problems of your everyday life cause you to feel overwhelmed – **Take time out to cool down.**
- ◆ ***Soothing a crying baby:*** it can be frustrating to hear your baby cry. Seek advice from other parents or community supports in ways to soothe you and your child. ***Never shake a baby – shaking a child may result in severe injury or death.***
- ◆ ***Monitor your child's television and gaming programs:*** Violent programs and games can be harmful to young children as they learn to mimic violent actions that may cause problems for interaction with peers, family members and the child's community.
- ◆ ***Report suspected abuse or neglect:***

PBPN Child & Family Services

785.966.8330

PBPN Tribal Police Department

785-966-3024

Kansas Department of

Children & Families

1-800.922.5330



**PBPN Child and Family Services**

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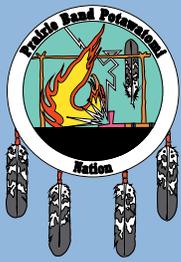
Mayetta, KS 66509

(Located in East wing of PBPN Health Center -Social Services Office)

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**24 Hour Crisis Hotline:**



“Grown men can learn from very little children for the hearts of the little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss.”

Black Elk



**PBPN Child and Family Services  
Mission:  
A belief that every child and every family has the potential to succeed, regardless of their circumstances. To protect children and strengthen families in ways that support appropriate permanency options for children, and maintain their important connections to their families and their community.**

- ◆ **Child Protective Services:** Conduct culturally sensitive abuse investigations on the PBPN Reservation.
- ◆ **Family Preservation:** Assist families in crisis by identifying resources available to assist in resolving family difficulties.
- ◆ **Foster Care Services:** Provide culturally competent social and foster care services to assist children in need of out of home placement.
- ◆ **Independent Living :** Assist youths ' 15-23 years who are in the PBPN Custody in transitioning to independent living status.
- ◆ **Adoption:** PBPN Child and Family services facilitates the adoption of PBPN youth for whom the Tribal court has terminated parental rights. Adoption placement preference is given to interested PBPN Tribal relatives and or members of the Nation .
- ◆ **ICWA:** Maintain active efforts to monitor all PBPN Tribal children who are in custody by a state social services and state courts Nationwide..
- ◆ **Foster Parent Recruitment.** Identify and recruit possible families to become a PBPN Licensed foster families.
- ◆ **Parenting Classes:** Individually tailored classes to equip parents with effective parenting strategies.

## RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF ABUSE/NEGLECT

### Warning signs of emotional abuse in children

- ◆ Excessively withdrawn, fearful, withdrawn or anxious behaviors
- ◆ Displays extremes in behavior; compliant, demanding, passive, aggressive.
- ◆ Lack of attachment to the parent or caregiver.

### Warning signs of physical abuse

- ◆ Frequent injuries or unexplained bruises, welts, or cuts.
- ◆ Hypervigilant, watchful and “ on alert, ” as if waiting for something bad to happen.
- ◆ Shies away from touch, flinches at sudden movements, or appears afraid to go home.
- ◆ Wears inappropriate clothing to cover up injuries, such as long-sleeved shirts on hot days.

### Warning signs of neglect

- ◆ Clothes are ill-fitting, filthy or inappropriate for the weather.
- ◆ Hygiene is consistently poor.
- ◆ Untreated illnesses and physical injuries.
- ◆ Is frequently unsupervised or left alone or allowed to play in unsafe situations and environments.
- ◆ Truancy or late arrival to school.
- ◆ Medical conditions not treated.

### Warning signs of sexual abuse

- ◆ Trouble walking or sitting.
- ◆ Displays knowledge or interest in sexual acts inappropriate to his or her age. Engages in seductive behavior
- ◆ .Child discloses sexual abuse
- ◆ Makes strong efforts to avoid a specific person, without an obvious reason.