



**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CREATION, SUBMISSION, AND APPROVAL OF INDIAN
CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM CNG GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers and privileges to improve the economic, moral, educational, and health status of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Constitution, Article VI, Section 7(f), provides that the Comanche Business Committee has the authority to implement, administer, and report on progress of programs adopted by the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, some Comanche Nation tribal government departments and programs who receive only CNG funding, did not have CNG Guidelines established within, to provide employees and directors a reference or guide for client services provided to tribal members, nor a reference or guide that assisted the department or program in improving quality and performance of those client services; and

WHEREAS, CNG Guidelines are crucial for ensuring consistency, improving quality, and promoting efficiency across various fields, plus, they provide clear instructions, standards, rules, and recommendations, helping individuals and organizations achieve desired outcomes for client services; and

WHEREAS, by adhering to CNG Guidelines, directors and employees can make informed decisions, reduce errors, reduce service denials, produce more approvals, and maintain a high level of performance within; and

WHEREAS, certain departments and programs may require amendments to their CNG Guidelines in the future if services are modified, added, or removed, and any revisions or updates to the CNG Guidelines shall be processed through this same Resolution as amendments; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee hereby adopts the CNG Guidelines for the Indian Child Welfare Program that were created and submitted by March 1st, 2025 and finalized by September 2nd, 2025 by a subcommittee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that exceptions to these guidelines may **only** be granted with the written and signed approval of both the Tribal Administrator and Executive Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, an exception report for the Indian Child Welfare Program must be sent to the Comanche Business Committee each month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all prior resolutions in conflict with the adoption and implementation of these CNG Guidelines are hereby null and void.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee, acting for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation, does hereby authorize this Resolution for such intent.



CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 19th day of September, 2025, at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma, by a majority vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining, a legal quorum being present.

Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Chairman

ATTEST:

Diana Doyebi-Sovo, Vice-Chairman



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INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

CNG Guidelines

Mission

The Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Department protects, preserves, and empowers Comanche youth, families, and the community. Grounded in our Nation's values, traditions, and sovereignty, we strive to ensure every Comanche youth's safety, well-being, and cultural identity. We aim to preserve Comanche families, honor our heritage, and promote healing and resilience in our youth community.

Eligibility Requirements

These services are available for Certified Comanche Foster Homes, those currently fostering Comanche youth, those who have adopted Comanche Youth, and those completing a Safety Plan with Oklahoma Human Services (OHS). They are only available to Comanche youth in Foster Care who are enrolled or may be an eligible member of the Comanche Nation and are between the ages of 0 and 18.

For our Preventive Services, we will assist those with a Safety Plan involving OHS; documentation is required. This service aims to encourage and support the Comanche family by helping them reach their goals and preventing family breakdown, as well as preventing more Comanche Youth from entering the child welfare system.

In cases where a youth's parent or legal guardian is unavailable and formal legal documentation, such as custody orders or power of attorney, is not in place, additional documentation may be accepted to establish eligibility for services or funding. Acceptable forms may include a signed caregiver statement, school enrollment records that list the caregiver, a letter from a social service provider, or other verifiable documents that demonstrate the caregiver's active responsibility for the child's well-being. These documents must be current and indicate the nature of the caregiving arrangement. Final approval is subject to review to ensure the youth's safety and alignment with program requirements.

Service Area: Services are provided nationwide.

Maximum Amount of Funding

The initial maximum funding amount is \$1,000 per child. This amount may vary depending on available resources and whether further assistance is required.

*Please note that the program does not pay for legal fees.

Length of Services

Tribal members can receive services multiple times per year but are limited to \$1,000.00 per Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year for the Comanche Nation runs from October 1 to September 30.



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Supporting Documentation Required

- CDIB (Youth)
- Photo Identification (Parent/Foster Parent)
- Documentation for Placement of Youth
- Safety Plan Documentation
- Utility Bill
- Rental Lease Agreement.
- Invoice for Service

Preventive Services *Safety Plan Clients

- Parenting Education
- Mental Health & Counseling Services
- Financial Literacy
- Job Training
- Substance Use Treatment
- Financial Assistance
 - School Breakfast and Lunch
 - Utilities
 - Rent

Client Services

- Kinship Care Support (Relatives caring for children to keep them within the family network).
 - Financial Assistance
 - Training
 - Counseling Services
- Mental Health & Counseling Services
- Driver's Education & Transportation Assistance
- Extracurricular Activities
- Summer Camps
- Cultural & Identity-Based Support
- Educational Support
- Clothing, Shoes, and Seasonal Wear
- Bedding
- Holiday & Birthday Celebrations
- Emergency Placement Support
- Luggage or Travel Bag Set