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Featuring the Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation and the Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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WHAT DOES SELF SUFFICIENCY LOOK LIKE?

- Skills to support living wages
- Ability to improve employment status
- Healthy and united families
- Educational success
- Stable homeownership or market-rate rental situation
- Ability to access physical and mental health services as needed
- Strong and living cultural practices

TODAY'S FEATURED GUESTS

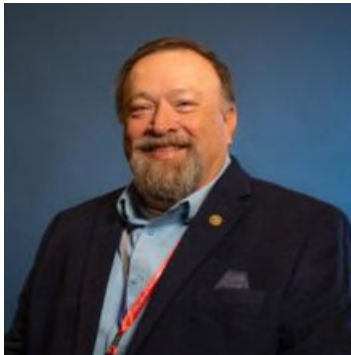


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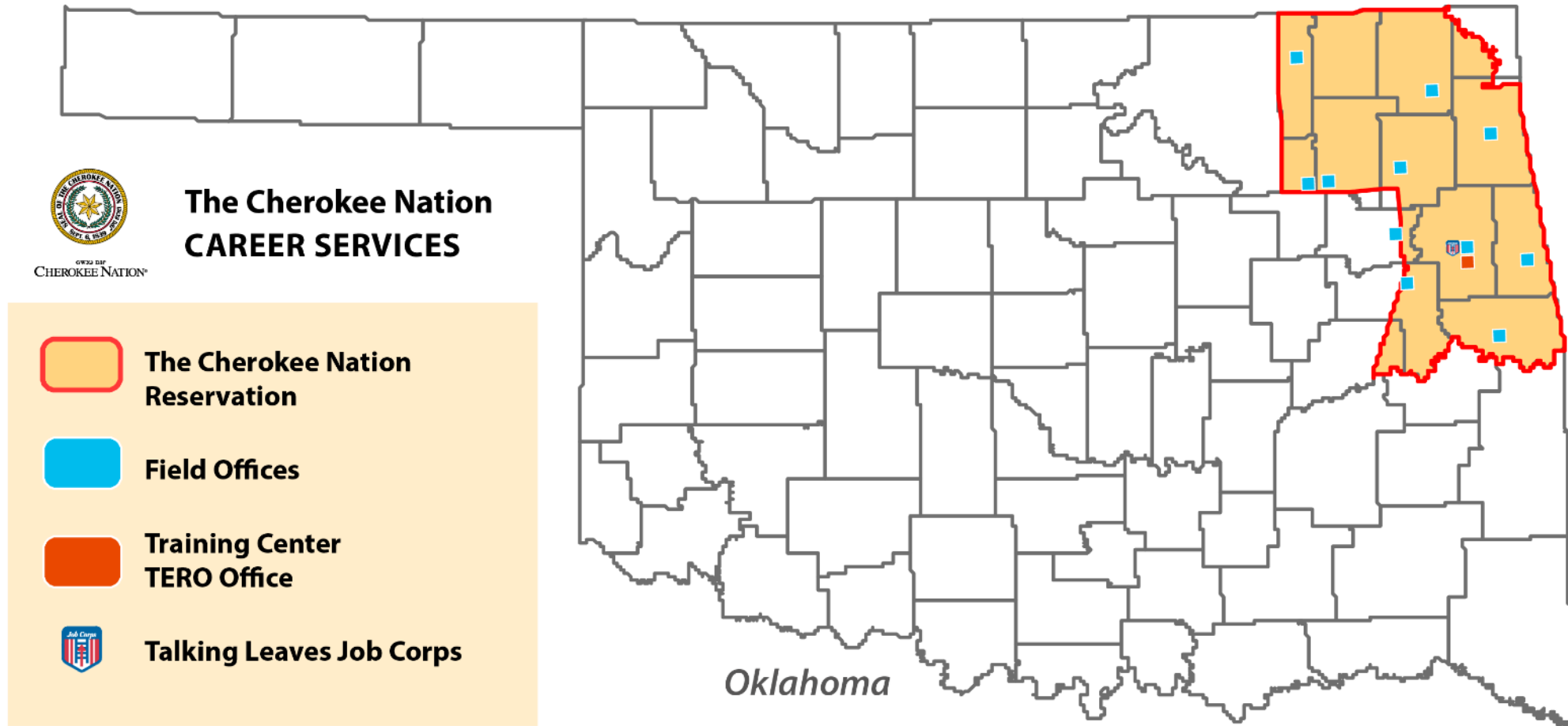


Housing Authority of the Cherokee Nation

ABOUT US

- The Cherokee Nation is the largest of three federally recognized Cherokee tribes.
- Its reservation covers all or parts of 14 counties in northeast Oklahoma, 7,000 square miles, and serves more than 200,000 Native Americans.
- The number of enrolled Cherokee Nation citizens is more than 478,000.

LOCATION: NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA



OVERVIEW OF SELF SUFFICIENCY INITIATIVE



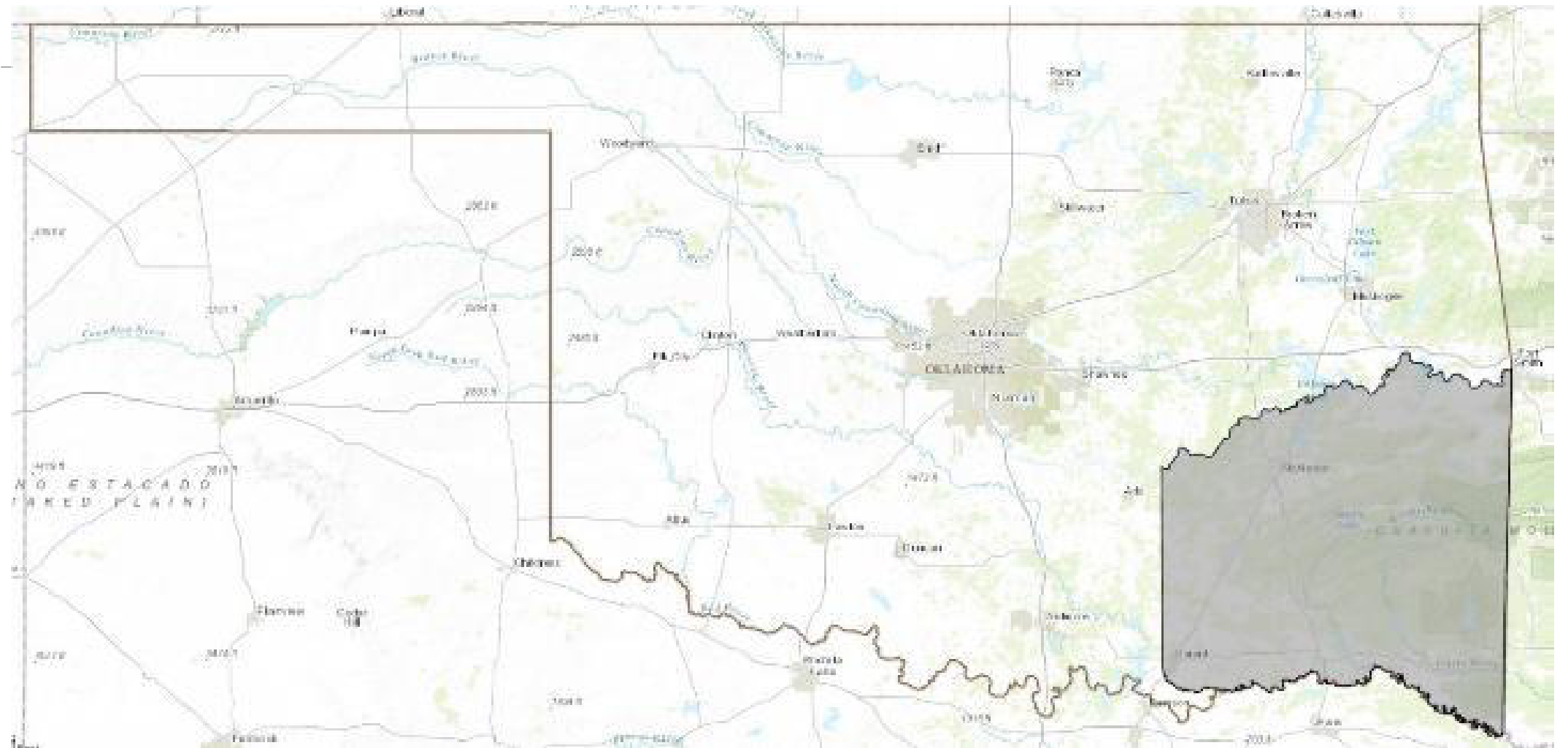


Housing Authority of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

ABOUT US

- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma participated as the first tribal Promise Zone, ConnectHome Pilot Community, and the first tribal EnVision Center.
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is the third-largest Indian nation in the United States, with over 225,000 tribal members and 12,000-plus associates.
- Service area includes 10 ½ counties covering nearly 11,000 square miles (slightly larger than Massachusetts) and serving more than 50,000 Native Americans.

LOCATION: SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA



OVERVIEW OF SELF SUFFICIENCY INITIATIVE



ORIGINS

- When did these efforts begin?
- Pressure on waitlist
- Limits to number of residents served
- Increase ability of residents to reach potential
- Create generational change
- Increase strong and healthy cultural traditions



APPROACH

- Changes to policies
- Changes to perspective
- Intentional and intensive connection with families
 - Gadugi Portal
 - Service Coordination
 - Wraparound Services
- Assess efforts regularly – allows you to adjust and plan growth

CREATING BUY-IN

- Close collaboration with tribal leadership
- Meetings with the board
- Meetings with the public
- Ensuring that families participating have support
- No Surprises - Clarity on requirements and exceptions
 - Seniors and persons with disabilities are not limited in rental assistance.
 - Opportunity to extend rental assistance limit if needed.
 - Rental limit is not for Housing Authority-owned housing.



FUNDING

- Tribal funds
- Federal funds
- Program income
- Funding over time



RESULTS

- Reduced waiting list
- Served more residents
- Expanding homeownership
- Improved income
- Increased school attendance
- Increased use of social service programs and opportunities for training and education
- Decreased police and social service intervention



FUTURE PLANS



FIRST STEPS

- Understand where you want to be, your goals, as a first step.
- Allow plenty of time for planning.
- Review your policies.
- Ask Tribal Council for feedback to make sure planning addresses their concerns and goals too.
- Review how residents access services and strategize to decrease barriers.
- Reach out to your Area ONAP.

QUESTIONS?

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