

# ESSENTIAL LIFE SKILLS



Choctaw Nation will use its Victim Services Set Aside program funding to provide assistance to qualified adult, youth, and child victims of all types of crime.

## ELIGIBILITY

Choctaw Nation VSSA Essential Life Skills program advocates will carefully screen each client who is seeking assistance. Specifically, Choctaw Nation's screening process is as follows:

- Families/Individual must be victim of a crime.
- Victims must have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) of a federally recognized tribe
- Must live within Choctaw Nation 10 ½ county service area
- Families/Individual must be willing to participate in Life Group Sessions and home visits and follow up calls to be completed with an advocate



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Victim Services Set-Aside

## REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Choctaw Nation VSSA Essential Life Skills program staff will complete the following steps at the time of intake with the victim:

- Request documentation to begin eligibility
- Release of information/confidentiality explained and reviewed; release signed for Choctaw Victim Services, Choctaw Housing Authority, Choctaw Career Development, Choctaw Community Based Social Workers, and other offices (if applicable)
- Actual Intake Form and General Assessment Completed  
-Staff will facilitate a general assessment with the victim to establish what referrals need to be made in order to best serve the individual based on their victimization and unique needs

## AVAILABLE ASSISTANCE

The type of assistance provided will be determined based on the individual victim's needs and type of victimization(s). The following services are available:

- Parenting education
- Financial literacy
- Resume building and interviewing techniques
- Chromebooks to assist with pursuit to re-enter workforce or pursue higher education
- Support groups/life group sessions
- Travel vouchers (for fuel)
- Vouchers for haircuts
- Walmart gift cards (for school clothes and interview outfits)
- School supplies

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