



Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

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Miami Tribal Family:

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma currently has a Tribal-State Agreement in place with the state of Oklahoma. Through this agreement, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma has the ability to fund those homes interested in serving as foster care and adoptive homes. During the past year, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma's Indian Child Welfare program has grown in many ways. The Indian Child Welfare caseload has doubled from the previous year. Therefore, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma is seeking individuals and families that are interested in caring for children on a temporary or permanent basis.

In order to be eligible to serve as a foster parent or adoptive parent, you must meet the following criteria:

- you must complete a Miami Tribal homestudy with a Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare worker
- you must submit a signed release for a criminal background check to be completed on all persons residing in the home
- you must submit a completed and notarized financial statement form, as well as the past two income tax forms for your household
- you must complete and submit a physical examination and be free of any physical or mental illnesses that would deem you unable to care for children
- you must provide six written references, four of which can be contacted
- you must submit tribal enrollment cards, drivers licenses, social security cards, birth certificates, marriage licenses, as well as divorce decrees for all persons residing in the household
- you must submit proof of vehicle access, as well as proof of a valid driver's license and auto insurance
- you must have a safe home with adequate living space for the child(ren)

Once the above items have been completed in full, the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma will determine whether approval shall be granted based on the information received.

If you are interested and believe you meet the above listed qualifications, please contact the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma Social Services Department @ (918) 540-2514.

Sincerely,

Callie Lankford, MSW
Social Services Manager