



# Against the Current

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### “When the Deer Rut”

# Quick Current

# Family Resource Center

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The Against The Current Newsletter is produced by the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa Office of Public Information. Please contact Tobias Grant, Public Information Director for information and to submit stories or announcements for the community. 402-837-5391 ext. 373 tobias.grant@theomahatribe.com

Information from the ONFRC website.

We are excited to announce that the Omaha Tribe will integrate with the Omaha Nation Family Resource Center (ONFRC). According to their website ONFRC is a private, non-profit organization owned and operated by the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska.



Vision Statement of ONFRC states: Empowering our Omaha children and families to live a sacred life. It is the vision of the ONFRC that: Every Omaha child, youth, and family member will recognize, understand, and take their place in our great Tribal Circle, make their way across the Four Hills of Life in a sacred manner, will recognize and focus on their Spirit's innate strengths, abilities, and potential within.

Omaha Community Enrichment. Program design and methodology. The ONFRC operates under the belief that it must serve all Omaha children, youth, and families of our tribal communities. The programs, services and activities provided within the boundaries of the Omaha Reservation must be grounded in and reflect the beliefs, teachings, and traditions of the Omaha Nation. By doing so, the ONFRC will work to create a response in addressing the following areas of community concerns: Substance abuse, trauma and effects of trauma, family violence, sexual assault/ abuse, family preservation, youth development.

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# Omaha Language & Culture Preservation Department

Information is from the ONFRC website.

**The Omaha Language & Cultural Preservation Department (OLCPD) will increase the Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> language learning opportunities and accessibility within the community as well as to the broader population. The OLCPD focus is to increase the vitality of the language by encouraging the daily use of the Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> language. While preservation through print, digital and cultural media methods are invaluable, this project seeks to provide for the continuation and promulgation of Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> language by developing and implementing specific strategies designed to create greater opportunities for Omaha Tribal Citizens to learn and to use the Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> language as a daily living language. Currently we are focused on program building of staff and identifying language/cultural resources.**



Pierre Merrick & Dwight Howe

Photo submitted by Dwight  
Howe

**We have identified language stakeholders and are meeting with select programs as we go. We want to identify tribal programs' needs and support existing language efforts. By the end of year 1, the OLCPD will have developed a Strategic Plan. The department will have developed a Centralized Language Storehouse function that supports ongoing language preservation efforts in the community. Omaha Language Technical Plan will be incorporated into the Strategic Plan as a separate long-term strategy.**

**The project proposed, will make use of this newly established resource to plan for, implement and build capacity for the use of the Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> language in the daily lives of Omaha tribal members. By developing an Objective Work Plan in year 1, we hope to increase the number of Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> speakers by creating a strategic plan in year 1, beginning implementation of that strategic plan in year 2 and focusing on capacity building in year 3.**

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# Shonga Ska

Information from the ONFRC website.



Photo is from the Shonga Ska webpage at ONFRC Website

The Shonga Ska Initiative is sponsored by the Omaha Nation Family Resource Center, which seeks funding for the development and implementation of this innovative, culturally specific equine-assisted diversion program for youth who are members of the Omaha Tribe. The Shonga Ska Project (White Horse) builds on strong traditional cultural values of a Great Plains horse culture as a means to teach and sustain positive traditional values and pro-social, pro-cultural behaviors to prevent youth crime and truancy. The program based on traditional cultural spirituality, practices, and values, and it will be developed and implemented by Omaha tribal members. The Project staff will provide a combination of Omaha culture, equine therapy through the use of EAGALA techniques, and education on trauma.

## Goal:

The goal of this innovative approach is to engage early adolescents in a pro-social, pro-cultural and activity-oriented prevention program that teaches interpersonal skill-building, dealing with trauma, and strengthening cultural identity and cultural values. The concept of a positive, activity-oriented ongoing diversion program is aimed at competing with early truancy and associated unresolved trauma on the reservation.

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**Shonga Ska Project is an equine assisted after-school/summer program for youth ages 11-18 years old. We partner with Umonhon Nation Public School and Walthill Public School during the school year. Youth Prevention Center in the summer. Using a combination of Equine Techniques, Umonhon Traditional values, pro-social, pro-cultural behaviors to prevent and deter substance abuse and juvenile delinquency. Throughout the program youth will learn information about horses and caretaking importance of them. They will complete activities and exercises with horses to build positive pro-social attitudes and behaviors. Youth may receive incentives for their attendance, participation and improvements. Thanks.**

Submitted by Keisha Bailey



# Homeless & Runaway Youth Program

Information from the ONFRC website.



The Umo<sup>n</sup>ho<sup>n</sup> (Omaha) Youth Basic Center Program (UYBCP) initiative is funded through a grant from the Administration for Children and Youth. Through this grant, the Family Resource Center seeks to invest in our homeless and runaway youth and those at risk of homelessness. Addressing the needs of homeless and runaway at-risk youth presents two unique and important challenges.

First, how to locate, identify, interact with, and support youth and engage with the community. Many of the outreach strategies that have been perfected in urban centers have limited effectiveness in rural communities. To address this, UYBCP staff will be creative in their approach to youth outreach, relying heavily on canvassing of our tribal communities, holding community events, and in peer networking to establish useful avenues-to-service.

Second, the role of tribal sovereignty and extent of cultural experience and strengths in designing youth housing initiatives. Currently, the vast majority of un-housed youth that receive aid within the Omaha Reservation are forced to have their housing needs met through off-reservation, non-tribal resources when accessible and available. Although this is not ideal for any group, in particular, for a tribal community with an ethos for cultural and family unity, it is paramount. This challenge stands at the heart of the need for this Basic Center Program: to keep our tribal youth connected to their culture by keeping them within the community and near their relations.

Serving tribal youth under the age of 18, the UYBCP will focus on the ACYF's four outcome areas:

- 1. Social and Emotional Well-Being:** Youth will be connected to culturally relevant trauma-informed, system of care providers to assist and promote positive physical health, substance abuse treatment, mental health, personal safety (e.g., identify potential trafficking situations), and reduce sexual risk behaviors they may face.
- 2. Permanent Connections:** Youth will experience positive ongoing attachments to families, tribal communities, schools, and other social and cultural networks.
- 3. Education or Employment:** Youth will connect to school or vocational training programs, improve interviewing and job attainment skills, and obtain and maintain employment.
- 4. Safe and Stable Housing:** Youth will transition to safe and stable housing that appropriately matches their level of need after leaving a UYBCP to include: moving in with positive family relations, when appropriate, or other permanent supportive housing, residential treatment center, or substance abuse treatment facility.

# The Domestic Violence Program

This program is funded through a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women. The Omaha Tribe's Domestic Violence Program (DVP) primarily serves Native American survivors of the many forms of domestic violence, including their dependent children as well as older adults (Elders). The DVP serves as the tribal centerpiece for developing a direct response for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. A comprehensive approach has been developed to address these issues by improving the DVP's current domestic violence services and overall family support systems by addressing the need for emergency shelter, emergency support, counseling, treatment and recovery assistance, and family preservation services for domestic violence survivors residing on the Omaha Reservation.



The DVP has a single major goal and five (5) supporting objectives. These include:

**Goal:** To provide a full spectrum of services for Native American survivors of domestic violence residing on the Omaha Reservation including shelter care, counseling, and emergency support services.

**Objective #1:** To hold regular meetings with the Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) to discuss activities and to negotiate ongoing planning meetings;

**Objective #2:** To maintain the Laura's House emergency shelter in order to take in survivors of domestic violence;

**Objective #3:** To provide essential trainings for partnering programs, professionals and the community;

**Objective #4:** To maintain an 800 hotline to respond to domestic violence concerns and situations.

**Objective #5:** To consistently initiate a series of community-based domestic violence awareness and prevention activities.

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# TURKEY DAY GIVEAWAY

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 6:00 - 10:00pm

### We're getting ready for Thanksgiving by giving away more than **\$38,000 IN CASH!**

A guest wins a prize ranging from \$800 to \$1,500 every 10 minutes. And, at 10pm, one lucky guest will win a \$10,000 payout. Claim one free drawing entry daily on our kiosks and earn additional entries now. Guests joining us for dinner on drawing night will also receive 20 free bonus entries per person.

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# TURKEY TIME KIOSK GAME

Every Monday in November  
8:00AM - Midnight



Earn just 10 points for the day to unlock this game on our kiosks. Then, choose one of the turkeys on the screen to claim a Free Play prize - or \$500 in Cash!

Every Wednesday in November  
1:00 - 5:00pm

## Bountiful Blessings Hot Seats

Every 15 minutes, a guest playing slots with a Club Blackbird card will win \$50 in Free Play!

# THURSDAY Play 'N Win

EVERY THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER  
2:00PM TO MIDNIGHT

Get \$5 in Free Play for every 25 points you earn!

## Saturday Multiplier

EVERY SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER  
2PM - 2AM

### EARN 5X POINTS

## SUNDAY MULTIPLIER

EVERY SUNDAY  
IN NOVEMBER  
8:00AM - MIDNIGHT

### EARN 6X POINTS!



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JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CHILLS THRILLS AND FUN AS WE SHARE SOME SPOOKTACULAR STORIES INVOLVING BIG FOOT, DEER WOMAN, THE LITTLE PEOPLE AND OTHER CULTURAL TALES OF THE UMONHON TRIBE.

WHEN:

**TUESDAY OCT. 29TH • 4PM TO 9PM**

WHERE? **MACY CAMPUS**

**NICC COLLEGE AUDITORIUM AND THE EARTH LODGE**

WE WILL HAVE AN EDUCATIONAL SESSION FROM 4-5,  
FOLLOWED BY SUPPER FROM 5-6 PM  
WITH STORYTIME STARTING AT 6PM

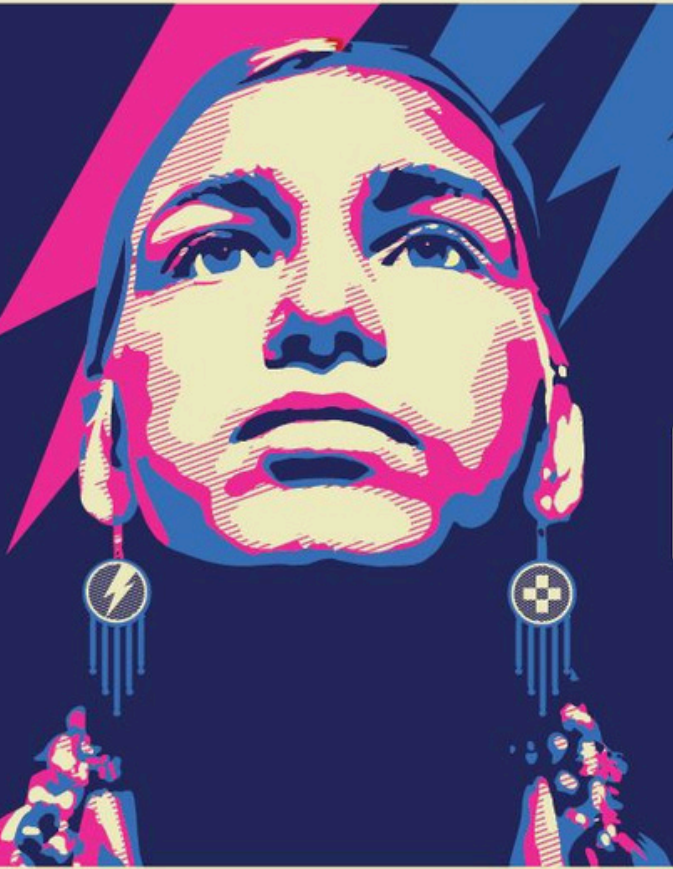
STORYTELLING WILL BE LED BY  
WYNEMA MORRIS  
AND  
VANESSA HAMILTON



PLEASE BRING YOUR POWWOW CHAIRS  
OR BLANKETS TO SIT AROUND THE FIRE!

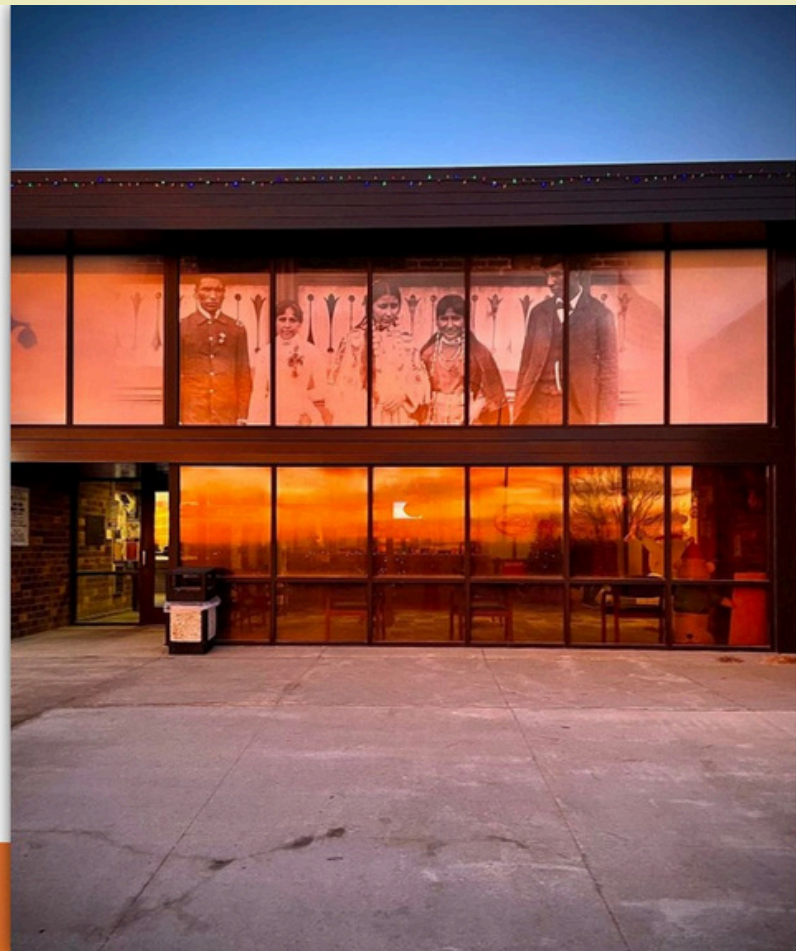






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IS OUR POWER

Natives  
**VOTE**



# Master Plan

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