HOW WIC HELPS OSAGE NATION

MISSION OF WIC
To assure healthy pregnancies, healthy birth outcomes and healthy growth and development for women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk, by providing nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare and critical social services.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC?
Osage Nation WIC Participation FY 2017

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<td>Fully Breastfeeding Women</td>
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<td>Total Breastfeeding Women</td>
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<td>Postpartum Women</td>
<td>269</td>
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<td>Infants</td>
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FUN FACTS
OSAGE HAD 3,100 PARTICIPANTS IN AUGUST 2018, WHICH WAS A RECORD NUMBER. THEY HAVE STEADILY INCREASED THEIR PARTICIPATION RATES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

OSAGE SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED EBT IN DECEMBER 2017.

THE FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM HAD AN 82% REDEMPTION RATE AND SENIOR FARMERS’ MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM HAD A 91% REDEMPTION RATE IN 2018.

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Please direct all questions to NWA at 202.232.5492

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Average monthly food value per participant $46.92
Net federal food cost $1,629,488
Competitive bidding savings NA
Nutrition, client services, and program management $2,024,500
Total funds to state $3,653,988

Source: USDA 2016 WIC Participant and Program Characteristics (PC) Report. PC data allows for standardized comparisons to demonstrate overall progress. Some states collect more data than required by the PC Report and may yield different and more current results than shown.

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EBT STATUS

WIC SUPPORTS MILITARY FAMILIES

Osage Nation does not have a base in the area, however, they have had former military families on Osage WIC.

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