

## PARALEGAL SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE

The Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court is pleased to announce that paralegal services are now being offered at the Sac and Fox Nation Justice Center. This service is to help alleviate the pressure placed on the prose litigants, litigants who may not be able to afford the luxury to hire legal assistance. Without the aid of legal expertise, litigants often enter the judicial system unprepared for the complicated process and may leave dismayed by the results. In recognition of this problem, the Sac and Fox Nation Tribal Court and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services have been in collaboration to provide the tribal members with a paralegal to offer

assistance to prose litigants in preparing their legal documents and understanding the judicial process.

The paralegal provided through Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is on-site three (3) times a month to assist enrolled tribal members with preparation of legal documents, help in understanding the judicial process, assisting court administration in issuing Orders and Decrees, directing litigants to outside organizations for further assistance, preparation of wills and referrals for further legal advice.

Contact the Court Clerk's Office at 918-968-2031 for dates and times.

## Office of Environmental Services



## Secrets Hidden Deep

By: Dale Miller-Water Quality Specialist Office of Environmental Services

### What do we want to find in our waterways?

Many wonderful things can be found in our rivers, lakes, and ponds. Different species of fish from miniscule minnows to fabulous paddlefish. The ever present turtles, from behemoths like alligator snappers, to the tiny red sliders. Singing frogs that serenade the night, or booming bullfrogs that plunk around in the dark. All these and many more are what we want in our healthy waterways.

### What else can we find in our lakes, rivers, and ponds?

How about trash ranging from pop bottles, to tires, and even whole cars. There may be a lot of things in the water and or under it that are hidden from sight, but effect all who use these waterways. We should also think about the future users of our waterways, our children's children... We are very lucky to have so many opportunities and varieties of waterways to enjoy.

### Where does this trash in our waterways come from?

Many times its friends, family, and yes even us that is responsible for the trash in our environment. Empty bottles, left over disposable plates, wrappers from food, and much more are lost or left improperly disposed of at many waterway areas. How many of us have seen a lonely can or bottle floating down a river, in a pond, or across a lake? There is a lot more waste that cannot be seen that sank or dissolved

into the waterway.

Then, there are the intentional dumping of refuse, junk, and waste of all types. These so called "Midnight dumping" sites can affect the water system greatly. These conscious choices are done more for convenience of the illegal dump site, or the inconvenience or lack of the proper dump sites. Excuses like they couldn't get to a proper site due to the site being closed after 5pm, it's too far away, or the site is not open on weekends. These reasons and many more are used to justify possibly contaminating, and or ruining a waterway for generations to come. If you see illegal dumping on Sac and Fox Nation lands you can contact the Sac and Fox Nation Police Department to report the issue.

### What can you do to care for your waterways?

Start by always properly cleaning up after your trips to the waterways. Fishing trips generate waste just like a lake-side birthday party and must be properly cleaned up. Place a roll of trash bags into your vehicle to make cleanup much easier. Think ahead and plan for disposal of items you brought with you, like the water bottles, candy, snacks, etc... to the waterway. Last, but not least, pick up any trash you can even if you didn't bring it. Many of the items could even be recycled. That trash you picked up might save the waterway for the next generation. We all want to enjoy how beautiful nature can be.



### Indian Child Welfare Department

Located at  
**Shawnee Multi Purpose Building**  
 215 North Harrison Ave  
 405-275-1262

### SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

January 2014

Beer and Liquor . . . . .	\$162.81
State Tobacco Rebate . . . . .	\$208,341.23
Motor Vehicle. . . . .	\$2,691.00
Sales Tax. . . . .	\$14,906.81
Treasury. . . . .	\$180.00
Oil & Gas. . . . .	\$742.14
Gaming . . . . .	\$124,771.98
<b>TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$351,800.97</b>

## ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

**A MEMBER OF THE TAX COMMISSION STAFF WILL NOW BE AT THE SHAWNEE MULTIPURPOSE CENTER TWICE A MONTH. THE TAX COMMISSION WILL BE THERE ON THE FIRST (1st) AND FOURTH (4th) THURSDAYS DECEMBER ONLY. WE WILL BE ABLE TO BETTER SERVE TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING IN THE SHAWNEE AREA WITH MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND ANY OTHER SERVICE THAT WE CAN ASSIST YOU WITH.**



**SAC AND FOX NATION RAP ASSISTANCE APPLICATION**

FAX: 918-968-4207  
 PH: 918-968-3526  
 EXT: 2000 & 2001  
 RAP APP  
 Form#2011-01

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL SECURITY # xxx-xxx-(\_\_\_\_) SFN ROLL # \_\_\_\_\_

**Sac and Fox Nation tribal membership will be verified by the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department**

Please List Statement of Need: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Provide the Following:**

The bill you are requesting assistance with & proof of residence if the bill is not in your name.

Type of Assistance Requested (Please Check All That Apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Energy	<input type="checkbox"/> Elders Lawn Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Dental
<input type="checkbox"/> Hardship	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Appliance	<input type="checkbox"/> Dentures
	<input type="checkbox"/> Vision	<input type="checkbox"/> Orthodontic
		<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Aid

\*\*NOTE\*\*

You must receive an award letter **PRIOR** to receiving any Health services requested above. If you receive services prior to an award letter being issued, you are responsible for the charges.

CLIENT'S STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

I hereby authorize the Sac and Fox Nation RAP Department to make any necessary inquiries relating to my account's which the RAP Department may be considering making payment on my behalf. I understand that I have the right to a hearing of any action of the Sac and Fox Nation, which I consider improper, and also any unreasonable delay in decision. (Request for fair hearings may be made in writing to the Business Committee of the Sac and Fox Nation, 920883 S. Hwy. 99 Bldg. A, Stroud, OK 74079) I understand that any person who knowingly, willfully and fraudulently provides false information for the purpose of obtaining benefits which he/she is otherwise ineligible to receive; may be subject to prosecution to the fullest extent to the appropriate Tribal statutes.

DATE _____	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR GUARDIAN _____	GUARDIAN FOR _____
	PERSON ASSISTING WITH APPLICATION _____	RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT _____
DATE _____	RAP SPECIALIST _____	

Approved by BC October 2014

## Indoor Air Quality

by: Phillip Mee-Air Quality Specialist

### Introduction

The Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Grant Project, is a new grant project that is funded by the EPA: CAA section 103. I came on board as the Air Quality Specialist on March 3, 2015 working for the Sac and Fox Nation's Office of Environmental Services. I graduated from Saint Gregory's University with a Bachelor of Science in Nature Science, in 2012. I am new to this field and project and will do a lot of training on IAQ. I hope for the project to have lots of success for years to come, which we have submitted a proposal to hopefully secure another year of service.

### What the Project is about

The Indoor Air Quality Project is used to help identify concerns and problems that are related to the quality of the air in buildings that are occupied, and to provide building owners and homeowners information on ways that they can prevent or remediate problems with indoor air quality (IAQ).

Some common IAQ issues are, molds, pollen, dander from pet fur and second-hand smoke. Ways to improve these issues are to. Fix water leaks and ventilate areas that hold moisture to help keep mold away. If you see mold, it can be

cleaned with no more than one cup of bleach mixed with a gallon of water. Never mix bleach with ammonia. Open windows or run air conditioning or ventilation systems to bring in fresh air. Clean to get rid of dust and pet fur. Do not smoke indoors or in other areas with poor ventilation.

### Project Goals

The goals are to be able to inspect tribal buildings and tribal member's homes for indoor air quality (IAQ) issues. To educate the Nation's employees and tribal members on the related health effects from the different types of indoor air pollutants and how it can be prevented or remediated. Provide building owners and homeowners with the basic information on what can affect the quality of air that circulates around them and to make healthier home and work practices.

If anybody has concerns about their indoor air quality, please feel free to contact me at the Office of Environmental Services at, 918-968-006, to set up an appointment for me to come out and help assess the issue. For more information on Indoor Air Quality, here are a few websites to visit as well. [www.epa.gov/iaq/science/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/science/index.html) and [www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution/airquality/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution/airquality/default.htm)