



PONCA TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

Greetings,

Although this is a difficult time in your life, the advocates at the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska's Domestic Violence Program would like to extend a warm welcome. This letter is put together with the purpose of explaining the role of an advocate and the resources we can provide. While this letter is to assist you in better understanding our role to help you, it does not have an exhaustive list of information, so please feel free to ask your advocate any questions you may have, or to clarify anything you need more information on. Your advocate will be sharing much of the program information with you verbally, but we want to ensure you feel empowered to ask questions or let us know if you feel overwhelmed.

Our role as an advocate is to help you navigate through the resource system and provide peer support. While we cannot give medical or legal advice, we will try our best to point you in the direction where you can find the answers you are seeking. We cannot make decisions for you, but we are here to listen to your thoughts and help you make a plan that best fits your needs. **Our services are completely free and confidential**, so no matter your situation or income, we will provide you with services that best fit your needs. Depending on your situation and/or available funding, we can often provide you with transportation, or assist you in finding transportation if we are unavailable to do so.

We can accompany you to court hearings, mediation and/or other meetings you may need our support in. We can also help take notes, and if you need something explained to you we can try our best to bridge any gaps. We understand it is not always possible to set up appointments, but if it is not an emergency, it is best practice to set up a time to meet with us. If you need/would like to meet with one of us, please call us at the office number listed below that is closest to where you live. We will check our schedules and see you as soon as possible.

Please feel free to reach out to us when you have questions or need support. We are here for you and will do all that we can to help.

Sincerely,

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