

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

The Iowa Tribe was relocated to Kansas from Missouri under the provisions of the Indian removal act in 1837. Subsequent treaties in 1854 and 1861 further reduced the Iowa land holdings to the “Diminished Reserve.” Today, the Iowa reservation consists of 12,000 acres that are almost evenly divided between the states of Kansas and Nebraska. The reservation includes parts of Doniphan and Brown counties in Kansas and Richardson County in Nebraska.

The Iowa Tribe owns 2,707 acres within the reservation and has 3,040 enrolled members.

The Iowa Tribe has a successful farming business with 1,077 acres planted in row crops. Portions of the remaining acres are held in CRP programs with the balance in pastures, woods, and hay ground which supports the 150-cow/calf operation.

The Iowa Tribe owns and operates Casino White Cloud and Grandview Oil Service Station. The Iowa Tribe employs 186 people. Casino White Cloud is the largest employer on the reservation, employing 136 people.

As a sovereign nation, the Iowa Tribe has their own police and fire department, tribal court, health clinic, community health representatives, a Senior Citizen Center, and meal site for seniors with a delivery program.

Annually, the Iowa Tribe sponsors the Fourth of July “Chief White Cloud Rodeo,” the fourth Saturday in August “Demolition Derby, and the third weekend in September “Iowa Tribe Powwow.”

Social services are provided to both tribal members and other Native Americans residing in the service area through Native American Family Services located in Hiawatha, Kansas. At present, there are 500 enrolled members residing in the service area. Scholarships are available to tribal members upon graduation from high school, in the amount of \$1,500. Last year the tribe funded nine scholarships. The tribe also makes Adult Higher Education Grants available for tribal members. A burial assistance fund provides \$2,000 to assist families with funerary and burial costs.

Other services offered to reservation residents include a sanitation service route plus 28 miles of paved roads, and 14 miles of public water systems all built and maintained by the Iowa Tribe.

United Tribes of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska, a consortium of the Iowa and the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, administers a Summer Youth Work Program, a commodity program, as well as a Low Income Energy Assistance Program. The offices of the United Tribes are located on the Iowa Reservation Complex.