

*the Chickasaw Nation
Head Start and Child Care
Chickasaw Language Initiative*

As an employee of the Chickasaw Nation Head Start and Child Care Departments, you are invited to participate in an exciting new initiative that hopes to provide the tools needed to make introducing the Chickasaw language in our classrooms a priority.

What will I learn in the program?

Employees will learn basic Chickasaw words such as colors, numbers, animals, and greetings.

When is the program?

Beginning January 10, 2008, the class will meet from 2 pm to 4 pm every Thursday afternoon at the Chickasaw Library System in Ardmore (Behind the Two Frogs Grill).

How long is the program?

The class will meet 8 times with a total of 16 hours of classroom instruction.

What percentage of my EIP can I assign to the program?

Up to 25 percent

How will I meet my EIP for the program?

You must attend all 8 classes or complete the make up work required for a missed class and pass all of the simple pop quizzes given at the beginning of each class. (If you pay attention and try, you will pass the quizzes! 😊) Anyone who misses more than three classes will not receive the maximum credit for the course. Upon meeting all criteria, you will receive a completion certificate that can be submitted with your EIP.

Who is teaching the class?

Michelle Wilson & Valorie Walters will be facilitating the class with the assistance of Chickasaw Fluent Speaker Vera Tims who will make sure that everyone learns the appropriate word pronunciations.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Anyone who works in the Chickasaw Nation Head Start or Child Care Departments is eligible to participate in the program.