

Committee: Education & Culture Committee
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Cara Cowan Watts

RESOLUTION NO. 64-11

COUNCIL OF THE CHEROKEE NATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ADMINISTRATION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES: AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TRIBAL PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Cherokee people;

WHEREAS, the Cherokee Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continual government to government relationship with the United States of America;

WHEREAS, teenage pregnancy in the Cherokee Nation has been linked to increased school dropout rates, drug/alcohol abuse, STD infections, poor mental health;

WHEREAS, statistics show that Native American youth have a disproportionately higher risk of becoming pregnant at a younger age;

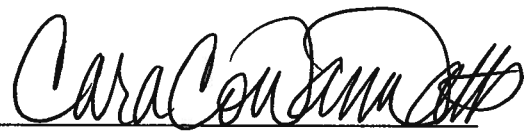
WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Prevention Services has provided a limited pregnancy prevention program in schools within the Cherokee Nation;

WHEREAS, Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Prevention Services needs to be expanded to include additional community services and to provide more services to alleviate the issues relating to teen pregnancy.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CHEROKEE NATION, that the Principal Chief (or his designee) and the Council of the Cherokee Nation authorize that a proposal be submitted to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families to provide service to enable the Cherokee Nation to reduce teenage pregnancies in order to ensure a healthy and productive Cherokee Nation.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the Cherokee Nation at a duly called meeting on the 22nd day of August, 2011, having 13 members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of 13 yea; 0 nay; 0 abstaining.



Cara Cowan Watts, Acting Speaker
Council of the Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



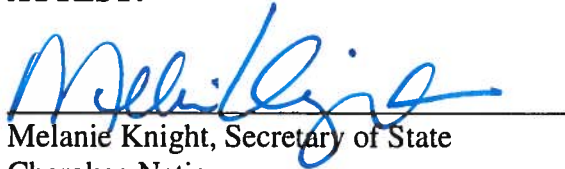
Don Garvin, Secretary
Council of the Cherokee Nation

Approved and signed by the Principal Chief this 22nd day of August, 2011.



S. Joe Crittenden, Interim Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation

ATTEST:



Melanie Knight, Secretary of State
Cherokee Nation

**ADMINISTRATIVE
CLEARANCE**

Dept/Program:

[Signature] 8/4/11
Signature/Initial Date

Group Leader:

[Signature] 8/4/11
Signature/Initial Date

Signature/Initial

Date

Finance (if needed):

Signature/Initial

Date

Government Resources:

[Signature] 8/9/11
Signature/Initial Date

Administration Approval:

[Signature] 8/9/11
Signature/Initial Date

LEGISLATIVE CLEARANCE:

Legal & Legislative Coordinator:

[Signature] 8/9/11
Signature/Initial Date

Standing Committee & Date:

Education + Culture 8/22/11

Chairperson:

[Signature]
Signature/Initial Date

Returned to Presenter:

Date

**Cherokee Nation
Act/Resolution Proposal Form**

Act

Resolution

A Resolution Authorizing the submission of a special grant application to the Administration On Children, Youth and Families: Affordable Care Act Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program For Teen Pregnancy Prevention

TITLE:

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Melissa Gower, Group Leader, Health Services

RESOLUTION PRESENTER:

Levi Keehler, Associate Director, Prevention Programs

COUNCIL SPONSOR:

Mrs. Jodie Fishinghawk Dr. Bradley Cobb
Mrs. Tina Glory-Jordan Mr. Chuck Hoskin Jr.
Mrs. Meredith Frailey Mrs. Janelle Fullbright

C. Snell

NARRATIVE:

Cherokee Nation Behavioral Health Prevention Services is applying for the Affordable Care Act Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program for Teen Pregnancy Prevention Grant from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families – Family and Youth Services Bureau.

This grant is a 48 month project divided into 2 parts. The first 12 month period will serve as the Planning Year for the project; the remaining 36 months constitute the period for project implementation. Funding is \$200,000-\$800,000 annually and we are asking for the full \$800,000 to fund our efforts. Funds will support:

- Collaborative, community planning efforts to further identify and refine needs in the area of teen pregnancy prevention and to develop capacity and infrastructure to support such a program.
- The design, implementation and sustaining of teen pregnancy prevention and adulthood preparation programs that are based on effective models (or elements of effective models); practice-based evidence, or promising practices in the community.
- The provision of culturally appropriate teen pregnancy prevention and adulthood preparation services to youth that meet the unique needs of the community.
- The design of and participation in evaluations with sufficient rigor to examine the effectiveness of teen pregnancy prevention and adulthood preparation programs adapted to serve American Indian/Alaskan Native youth.

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