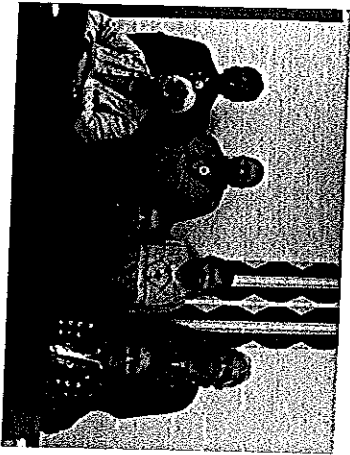


Our Clan Mothers

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Overview of Clan Mothers

Since January 2001, the Ho-Chunk Clan Mothers have been in place. Comprised of female Ho-Chunk Elders, the Clan Mothers represent seven members of the twelve clans of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and also they symbolize (exemplify) the three main spirituality practices of the Ho-Chunk People – Traditional Ceremonies, Native American Church and Christian Church. With the upmost respect for each.

In confidential meeting the Clan Mother's, the young, Ho-Chunk woman and their parents and/or guardians form a familiar bond-daughter, granddaughter or niece-and Ho-Chunk teachings, values and customs are shared. This concept is not new. The Clan Mother's revive an age-old tradition of our elders teaching our young. These teachings are not only informational but come from the heart of each elder.

The Clan Mothers:

- Are positive role models;
- Meet with female clients based on need; distinguish Clan identity, and female roles and responsibilities
- Provide Ho-Chunk kinship knowledge, and create a bond between client and the Clan Mother

- Provide a sense of family support;
- Establish the client's identity as a Ho-Chunk woman, which elevates her self-esteem
- Create self-respect
- Offer a source of spirituality; and assist in her chosen spiritual path;
- Are educators – to the young, and non-Ho-Chunk parents/guardians, and non-Ho-Chunk parents;
- Provide cultural in-service training/orientation, upon request; to the Ho-Chunk Nation and other agencies.

Intake/Request Process

The Black River Falls – Department of Social Services Child and Family Services (CFS) office is the contact for all referrals/requests to the Clan Mothers Program. The Intake Specialist can be reached at (715) 284-7749 or (888) 343-8190

- The CFS Intake Specialist documents all information received.
- The provided information is screened an assigned to the Clan Mothers – Clan Mothers Coordinator
- The Clan Mothers Coordinator will follow up case appropriate services/meetings.

Eligibility

The Ho-Chunk Clan Mothers provide services to enrolled members and their children who are eligible for enrollment with the Ho-Chunk Nation

Eligibility for services program depends on the specific program guidelines. Referrals are made to the Case Management Coordinator to facilitate the optimum services needed to assist and maintain our young women and their families.

Staff

The Ho-Chunk Clan Mothers Program has a Clan Mothers Coordinator, one Case Management Coordinator, and five Clan Mothers on the panel.

Myrtle Long:

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