

# Memo

**To:** Janis Jimmie  
**From:** Sam Valentine  
**CC:** Tina Scott  
**Date:** April 05,2007  
**Re:** Review of Non Offender Care Giver Training

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The Child Advocacy Center has utilized project PONY to conduct non offender care giver training. An independent contractor was used to conduct a survey of the family member who attended the training. The contractor who was selected was a Choctaw speaking health care provider. The results of the survey indicates that 15 family members were initially enrolled in the twelve week program with 11 completing the training. Included in the number who completed the program were 10 birth parents and 1 community volunteer. All participants were enrolled tribal members.

Marital status was varied for those reporting, 4 were single parents, 2 were married, 2 widowed, and 1 divorced. All reported an annual income below \$30,000 with 7 below \$20,000. Only 4 of the participants reported having completed High School. The average household contained 2.9 children.

Pre and post questioning was used to determine the impact of the training on participant's knowledge and feelings of security for them and their children. Eleven questions of this type were used in the survey and all responses showed some or significant improvement in the knowledge of feelings of security for participants.

A group of six questions were used to determine the participants feeling about the quality of the program as it might have impacted their lives. These questions were overwhelmingly in the affirmative in their response.

### Conclusions

This survey was an evaluation of the first efforts of Project PONY at training non-offender care giver. The goal of these training efforts is to improve the safety of the environment where children both previous victims and at risk children are housed. Lessons were learned by both the staff and participants that will help in future sessions. The survey response indicates that families did find the training to be valuable in improving their knowledge about protecting the safety of their children. It is significant to note that the survey was conducted several days after the training was completed. In addition the surveys were administered by a third party many times in the participant's home. This fact should improve the accuracy of the response and willingness of the participant to be honest. The feedback is very positive and clearly indicates that the training effort has had a positive impact on these parents. I will recommend to the CAC staff that we make an effort at tracking the children from these households to determine if any of the at risk children of previously victimized children return to the system. This will be our best indicator of the effectiveness of this training effort.

# Memo

**To:** Janis Jimmie  
**From:** Sam Valentine  
**CC:** Maurice Calistro, Tina Scott  
**Date:** October 30, 2007  
**Re:** CAC Survey Review

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I have conducted a review of the survey result of the survey administered by the Child Advocacy Center with participants of training for non offender caregivers. My findings were as follows:

1. The surveys were conducted with representatives of 21 families in Choctaw Communities.
2. 90% of the surveys were conducted using Choctaw Language.
3. 94% of those surveyed were female.
4. The mean number of children in each household surveyed was 2.7 children per household.
5. 67% of those surveyed were the birth parent of the effected child.
6. 100% of those participating were Native American.
7. 77% of the participants were divorced, single, widowed or separated.

8. Only 35% of the participants owned their own home.

9. 76% of those surveyed made less than \$20,000 annually.

Note: 120% of the National Poverty Guidelines for a family of 3 is \$20,604

10. Thirteen questions in the survey were concerning life improvements following the training. Of the thirteen questions over 75% received positive responses.

11. Questions involving improvement in parenting skills and dealing with stress and decision making all had positive responses.

12. There were three questions dealing with the activities of Project PONY specifically. Over 50% of these responses indicated the Project PONY had provided an impact on the families who were served.

### Summary

The training that was reviewed served 21 families. The surveys were conducted by Choctaw speaking Tribal Members who were not staff members of the CAC. The total result of the survey strongly indicates that the training has been effective in improving the life skills of the parents and family members involved. The program needs to monitor these families to be sure that there are no new cases of victimization in these households.