Project PONY Schedule

All Pearl River Community sessions are held at the CCAC in Pearl River. Thursday sessions will be held at Bogue Chitto Facility Building for Bogue Chitto and Tucker Residents.

Tuesday sessions – 12:00p – 1:00p

Thursday sessions – 6:00p – 7:00p

Fourth Quarter

August 5, 2008

September 30, 2008

To

First Quarter

October 14, 2008

December 31, 2008

To

Second Quarter

January 13, 2009

March 31, 2009

Third Quarter

Fourth Quarter

Maximum eight participants per session.

From the Project PONY staff...

Every child should be happy!

In the Choctaw home it is not unusual that a child abuse victim also suffers the effects of domestic violence, drug or alcohol abuse within a family. These negative influences rob them of the encouraging home life a child needs. But every child deserves a good home where they are cared for, loved and feels secure to discover and reach their maximum potential.

It is our personal desire to help create a healthy community for the Choctaw child to live and grow. The overall goal of Project PONY is to offer the caregiver an opportunity to work through their own concerns so they can support and protect the abused child.

By offering a curriculum of child abuse educational topics and support to the non-offending caregiver, we hope to help re-build the families who lives have been shattered by child abuse –

One Brick at a time!

Thank you for taking part in this effort!

The Staff at Choctaw Children’s Advocacy Center

Rebuilding the Choctaw Family -

“ONE BRICK AT A TIME”

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Made possible through a Grant to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Programs

Award # 90CA1733/03
I once had a home that stood straight
and tall,
A solid foundation built with bricks
and all.
This home had withstood so many a
storm.
But the last disaster was not of the
norm.

As the storm slowly passed and a
new morning dawned,
I thought all was gone, but I was
so very wrong.
The foundation I found was still
standing intact,
Although shaken a bit, I found only
a crack.
Three walls remained with missing
bricks just a few,
The fourth wall was crumbled and
would need to be new.

The process would be slow but the
reward would be mine,
For with courage and strength,
I’m rebuilding my family –

Project PONY
ONE BRICK AT A TIME
By Elizabeth Neview

The Project to Protect Our Native Young
(PONY) was developed to offer services to
the non-offending caregiver of children
alleged to be abused. The program is
funded by a grant from the Administration
for Children and families, Children’s Bureau
– Child Abuse Prevention (CB-CAP)
programs.

Studies show that non-offending parents of
children who are sexually abused suffer
distress when the abuse is discovered.
Studies also show mother of sexually abused
children experience greater levels of
depression than mothers whose children are
not abused.

It is known that an abused child’s ability to
cope with being victimized depends upon
the caregiver’s response to the discovery of
abuse. It is also known that psychological
stress can affect a parent’s ability to provide
the type of support that is needed to
decrease the negative effects of abuse upon
a child. Thus, it is very important to provide
an opportunity for the non-offending
caregiver to work through their concerns
about the abuse event. Then they can be
well prepared to support their child
effectively with abuse-related issues.

The supporters of Project PONY recognize
that in the Choctaw community, physical
and sexual abuse indicates a need for
interventions with a family. Therefore, the
educational and support services provided
by Project PONY are offered to any family
impacted by any type of child abuse.

Project PONY Curriculum

Week 1: “One Brick at a Time”
(Introduction to the program)
Week 2: “The Healing Journey”
(Speaker – Non-offending parent)
Week 3: “The Path Begins Here”
(Speaker – Survivor)
Week 4: “Stretch Marks on my Sanity”
(Self care – NOC needs)
Week 5: “Bring in the Mop!”
(Crisis-Stress management)
Week 6: Open
(Or Alternate Activity)
Week 7: “Recipe for a Healthy Child”
(Child Development/Discipline)
Week 8: “It Takes a Village”
(Sex Offender Dynamics)
Week 9: “How the Snake Acquired their
(Sex Offender Dynamics)
Week 10: “Protectors of the Village”
(Criminal investigations)
Week 11: “Protecting the Gift”
(Healthy Relationships)
Week 12: “It’s a celebration!”
(Family Day/Night Activities)