

January 2025



Northern Ponca Housing Authority

**NPCHA office will be
closed January 1st in
observation of New
Years Day
and
January 20th in
observation of
Martin Luther King
Day**

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The new year stands
before us, like
a chapter in a book,
waiting to be written.
We can help
write that story by
setting goals.

***Start your new year out right.
Remember with paying your
rent on time all year you will
be rewarded with December
2025 rent forgiveness***

**NPCHA is no longer
able to take PayPal
payments. Please
use our online
payment portal.**

2025

Become more self-sufficient this New Year, focus on learning basic life skills like basic repairs, managing finances, and developing a "fix-it" mindset, allowing you to rely less on external services for everyday needs.

Financial Literacy:

Budgeting: Track your income and expenses to make informed financial decisions.

Debt management: Create a plan to pay down debt

Emergency fund: Start saving for unexpected expenses

Personal Skills:

First aid: Learn basic first aid techniques

Basic sewing: Repair clothes and mend small tears

Basic car maintenance: Learn to check tire pressure, fluids, and perform simple maintenance tasks





Free Income Tax Preparation Services:

Low-income individuals/families and senior citizens (60 & over) benefit from this area wide tax program. Family Service Coordinators are trained to help prepare tax forms and/or answer tax questions. All offices are equipped to e-file. Coordinators also assist with Homestead Exemption preparation. No self-employed or farm returns are prepared. Taxes are prepared at the Pender, Creighton, South Sioux City, Fremont, and Norfolk locations. Please contact the office closest to you to schedule an appointment. Contact

Information

Eligibility & Application:

We do NOT provide tax assistance to self-employed persons or farmers. The following items are required to allow our volunteers to complete your return.

Copy of past tax return

Social Security Card for you

If filing jointly, Social Security card for you and your spouse

W-2's for you and your spouse from every employer during the year

Norfolk Family Services
1405 Riverside Blvd
Norfolk, NE 68701
Phone: (402)371-0377

Creighton Family Services
808 Chase Ave, PO Box 652
Creighton, NE 68729
Phone: (402)358-5297

South Sioux City Family Services
2120 Dakota Ave, Suite A
South Sioux City, NE 68776
Phone: (402)494-8312



Main Office
2401 Lake St.
Omaha, NE 68111
Off: (402) 934-7921
Fax: (402) 934-7928

Omaha Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition

Tax preparation will resume at the end of January 2025. Taxes are prepared by appointment only. Our appointment calendar will be available here on January 6th, or you may call 2-1-1 starting January 6th for scheduling assistance.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is for low-to-moderate income taxpayers, typically those earning \$65,000 a year or less.

Ponca Behavioral Health Services

Offers drug and alcohol counseling; individual and family counseling; and youth prevention services in Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Niobrara, and Sioux City (IA).

Contact Information

LuAnne M. Even, Psy.D, Chief Behavioral Health Officer

Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center

2602 J ST

Omaha NE 68107

Phone: 402-734-5275

Third Floor Fax: 402-933-9657

Other Sites:

Lincoln Office:

531-248-3030

Norfolk Office (also serves Niobrara and Sioux City):

402-371-8834



Service Days, All Locations: Monday – Friday 8:00AM to 4:30 PM

Ponca Express Rural (Norfolk and Niobrara)

1-877-769-3111

Ponca Express Metro (Omaha, Lincoln, and Sioux City)

1-855-766-2239

Winter Safety Tips for Homeowners & Renters

With winter around the corner, AMERIND is committed to sharing knowledge, helping you to identify risks and remove hazards. Your safety is important to us at AMERIND and prevention is the key. Download our flyer at AMERIND.com.



Freezing Pipe Safety

- ▲ **Keep a steady drip.** Maintain a continuous drip of water from one faucet in your home, preferably a sink farthest from where the water comes into the house.
- ▲ **Open your cabinets.** Keep cabinet doors open under sinks.
- ▲ **Insulate your pipes.** Use heat tape, foam, or rubber insulation to protect your pipes.
- ▲ **Outdoor faucets.** Cover hose bibs with hose bib cover.
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Fireplace Safety

- ▲ **Clean your chimney** at least once a year.
- ▲ Always use a **fireplace screen**.
- ▲ **Use a metal container for ashes** and make sure ashes are cool before putting them in container.



Space Heater Safety

- ▲ **Follow the 3-Foot Rule.** Avoid placing a space heater within 3 feet of anything flammable; (curtains, papers, furniture, etc.).
- ▲ **Do not leave your space heater unattended.**
- ▲ **Plug your space heater into a wall outlet.**
Do not use an extension cord!



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