



## **EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS (EBCI) GRANDFACTS**

### **EBCI FACT SHEET FOR KINSHIP/GRANDFAMILIES**

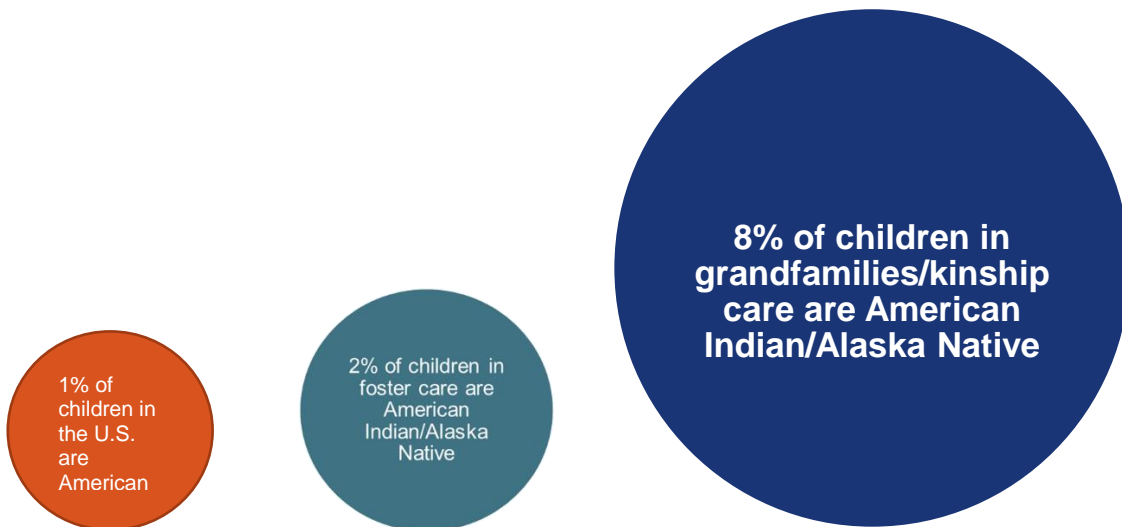
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## **American Indian and Alaska Native Children Disproportionately Live in Grandfamilies**

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### **Kinship/Grandfamilies Data**



The data presented in these graphics is from the [United States Census Bureau](#), the [Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center](#), and the [Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System \(AFCARS\)](#).

## Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Programs That May Help

Tribal programs that provide support, resources, and assistance to kinship/grandfamilies can be found by contacting Foster Care Licensing Coordinator Lisa Young at [lisayoung@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:lisayoung@ebci-nsn.gov) or Family Safety Worker Nicolas Squirrell at [nicosqui@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:nicosqui@ebci-nsn.gov).

Kinship relative definition: (A) a person who has reached the age of eighteen who is related by blood or marriage to a child, including but not limited to grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, in-laws, niece, or nephew, first or second cousins, or stepparents; or (B) a person who provides parenting to a child in the traditional Cherokee way; or (C) an individual with a substantial relationship to the child.

*“This speaks to the [Cherokee] culture—Cherokee people didn’t need to be blood related to be family.”*  
-Lisa Young

### Services for Grandfamilies/Kinship Families

#### EBCI Kinship Navigator Program

- Website:** Coming soon
- Phone:** (828) 359-1520
- Email:** [lisayoung@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:lisayoung@ebci-nsn.gov) or [nicosqui@ebci-nsn.gov](mailto:nicosqui@ebci-nsn.gov)
- Service Area:** Anyone caring for an EBCI child. Also serves kinship families residing on tribal trust land.
- Description:** The Kinship Navigator Program for the EBCI offers families caring for their relatives services and support. They offer licensing to families and act as a point of contact to assist families in connecting to resources. A big part of their program is caregiver and kinship trainings. The EBCI parenting curriculum is described below.

#### EBCI National Training Development Curriculum (NTDC)

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- Service Area:** Anyone caring for EBCI children can request to take the course. *Note: Foster care payments are only available to those caring for children under the custody of EBCI.*
- Eligibility:**
- Description:** This curriculum was developed in collaboration with several tribes and adapted specifically for Eastern Band of Cherokee Indian kinship families to address their specific needs. It is set up with a series of themes that build on the principles and teachings of each lesson. Themes include building resilience of caregivers and cultural humility, which are two of the most popular themes. Other themes include changes in kinship parenting, trauma-related behaviors, trauma-informed parenting, impact of substance abuse, foster care means to support (adapted for kinship), and sexual trauma. Families can take the training at their own pace, and it is available both in person and online. The curriculum offers kinship families an easier path (than the traditional foster care licensing) to obtaining a kinship care license if they choose to care for their relative children.

The curriculum allows providers to be flexible with the families they work with, offering them an opportunity to build relationships and connections.

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## RESOURCES

### Social and Support Services

#### Analenisgi Recovery Center

- Website:** <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/analenisgi/>  
**Phone:** (828) 497-9163; (828) 497-6892  
**Description:** Provides adult outpatient and recovery center services with an emphasis on Cherokee history, arts, crafts, and the unique healing aspects of Cherokee culture.

#### Cancer Support Group

- Phone:** (828) 497-0788  
**Description:** Provides counseling and support services to cancer patients that may include supplies, travel, and meals.

#### Car Seat Program

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/tsalagi-public-health/>  
**Phone:** (828) 359-6216  
**Eligibility:** EBCI enrollment card must be presented.  
**Description:** Provides up to two car seats per child at a fraction of the cost.

#### Child Advocacy Heart to Heart

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/heart-to-heart/>  
**Phone:** (828) 359-6313  
**Description:** Assists victims of child abuse and their families throughout the child's involvement in the prosecution process.

#### Child Support & Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/tanf/>  
**Cherokee Phone:** (828) 497-4317  
**Snowbird Phone:** (828) 479-1000  
**Eligibility & Service Area:** Serves families who are enrolled members of EBCI or other federally recognized tribes and live on the Cherokee Indian Reservation in parts of Swain, Jackson, Cherokee, Graham, and Haywood counties in Western North Carolina.

In addition to being an enrolled member and living on the Qualla Boundary, you must have at least one minor child in the home.

### Domestic Violence

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/domestic-violence/>
- Phone:** (828) 359-6830
- Description:** Assists individuals with situations involving domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and dating violence by offering services to empower the victim and break the cycle of abuse.

### Family Safety Program

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/family-safety/>
- Phone:** (828) 359-1520
- Description:** Provides child and adult protective services to the children and families in the Cherokee community.

### Family Support Services—Snowbird

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/family-support-services/>
- Phone:** (828) 346-6975; (828) 359-6092
- Description:** Assist residents of the Qualla Boundary with public and social welfare issues such as child custody, family problems, and financial hardships.

### Handicapped & Elderly Living Program “H.E.L.P.”

- Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-education/handicapped-elderly-living-program/>
- Phone:** (828) 359-6925
- Eligibility & Description:** Provides home repair services to Senior citizens (59 ½ and older) who are enrolled members of the EBCI. Enrolled members who are 59.5 or younger with a medical and/or mental disability may also apply for assistance with home repairs. Applicants under 59.5 years of age are required to provide a copy of their Social Security Disability Statement.

### Juvenile Services

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/juvenile-services/>
- Phone:** (828) 359-6832
- Description:** Ensures the safety of the community and the well-being and safety of the youths under the juvenile services care, holds juvenile offenders accountable to victims and communities, and assists youths in developing competency and character to aid them in becoming successful members of society.

### Kanvwotiyi Treatment Center Snowbird

- Website:** <https://cherokeehospital.org/locations/the-kanvwotiyi-residential-treatment-center/>
- Phone:** (828) 346-6000
- Description:** Provides residential treatment in the Snowbird Community.

### Public Health & Human Services

- Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/>

**Cherokee  
Phone:** (828) 359-6882

**Snowbird  
Phone:** (828) 346-6991

**24/7 Public  
Health  
Emergency  
Phone:** (828) 359-6180

**Description:** Programs designed to improve individual—and community—quality of life.

### Public Safety

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-operations/emergency-services/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6431

**Description:** Provides emergency services and can provide emergency assistance to the EBCI communities and visitors.

### Qualla Housing Authority

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-housing/qualla-housing/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6320

**Eligibility &  
Description:** Provides affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

### Senior Citizens Program

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-education/senior-citizens-program/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6860

**Eligibility &  
Description:** Provides assistance to older persons and persons with disabilities in order to live with dignity and choice in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

### Sequoyah Fund

**Website:** <https://sequoyahfund.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-5005

**Service Area:** Serves the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians on the Qualla Boundary and throughout the seven westernmost counties of North Carolina.

**Description:** Provides loans (business, home repair, etc.), financial literacy, training programs, and more. The fund also provides youth programming with the Youth Entrepreneurship Camp and Kituwah Savings Program.

### Supplemental Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/supplemental-health-insurance/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6194; (828) 359-6183

**Service Area:** Within the five-county service area.

**Eligibility &  
Description:** Provides free guidance to EBCI elders and disabled members to make them aware of all alternative resources that are available to them.

### Soco Creek Village Apartments

**Phone:** (828) 497-0066

**Description:** Offers a community of affordable apartment homes in Cherokee.

### Syringe Services Program

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/syringe-service-program/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6879

**Description:** Provides comprehensive harm reduction services such as providing participants with sterile syringes and clean injection equipment. Provide a safe, non-judgmental environment for anyone participating in the program, and develops meaningful relationships with participants in hopes of nurturing the need to recover.

### Tribal Food Distribution

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/tribal-food-distribution-program/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-9751

**Eligibility & Description:** Distributes nutritious foods to eligible households living within the four county areas of the Qualla Indian Boundary (lands in Jackson, Swain, Cherokee and Graham counties) and fall within United States Department of Agriculture regulations.

### Unity Treatment Center

**Website:** <https://www.ihs.gov/nashville/healthcarefacilities/unity/>

**Phone:** (828) 554-0500

**Description:** Provides a long-term intensive residential treatment program for youth ages 13 to 17 years old.

### W.I.C. Women/Infant/Children

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/wic-program/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6237

**Description:** Provides supplemental nutrition services for women, infants, and children.

## **Culture and Recreation**

### Co-op Qualla Arts and Crafts

**Website:** <https://quallaartsandcrafts.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 497-3103

**Description:** Provides a year-round market for Cherokee handicrafts, to promote high standards of workmanship and design, to help craftspeople solve their problems, and to secure better prices for their craftwork.

### One Feather

**Website:** <https://theonefeather.com/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6262

**Description:** Provides Eastern Band of Cherokee news, sports, and events.

### Parks & Rec

<b>Birdtown Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 359-6890
<b>Big Cove Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 497-7172
<b>John Crowe Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 359-0149
<b>Painttown Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 359-3345
<b>Snowbird Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 346-6961
<b>Wolfetown Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 359-4823
<b>Big Y Gym Phone:</b>	(828) 497-9649

### Qualla Library

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-education/qualla-boundary-public-library/">https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-education/qualla-boundary-public-library/</a>
<b>Cherokee Phone:</b>	(828) 359-6725
<b>Snowbird Phone:</b>	(828) 346-6971
<b>Service Area:</b>	Serves enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, residents of the Qualla Boundary, and the surrounding Swain and Jackson Counties.
<b>Description:</b>	Provides excellent service and convenient access to resources to meet educational, informational, and recreational needs.

### Youth Center

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-education/ Cherokee-youth-center/">https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-education/ Cherokee-youth-center/</a>
<b>Cherokee Phone:</b>	(828) 359-8113
<b>Snowbird Phone:</b>	(828) 346-6900
<b>Description:</b>	Provides programming for all young people.

## **Education**

### Agelink—Cherokee Boys Club

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="https://www.cherokeeboysclub.com/agelink/">https://www.cherokeeboysclub.com/agelink/</a>
<b>Phone:</b>	(828) 497-67-26
<b>Age served:</b>	6 months to 5 years

**Description:** Provides childcare and other early childhood programming primarily to parents and guardians who are employees on the Qualla Boundary but any family may apply.

### Cherokee Central Schools

**Website:** <https://www.ccs-nc.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 554-5000

**Age served:** Kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade

### Education & Training

**Website:** <https://ebcihighered.com/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6650

**Description:** Assists those in the community to set high educational goals and achieve those goals.

### Graham County Indian Education

**Website:** <https://cherokeepreservation.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 479-9820

**Description:** Works as a liaison between the community, school, tribal programs, and the home to support children in their pursuit of goals.

### Hope Center—Cherokee Pre-K

**Website:** <https://ccs-nc.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 554-5101

**Age served:** 4 years of age by August 31<sup>st</sup>

### Cooperative Extension

**Website:** <https://ebci.ces.ncsu.edu/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6930

**Description:** Offers extension courses in 4-H youth development, agriculture, community, food safety and processing, soil, water, and air and many more.

### Kaleidoscope Dreams Daycare

**Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/kaleidoscope1999/>

**Phone:** (828) 497-4946

**Age served:** 6 weeks to 12 years

**Description:** Provides daycare and after-school care in Swain County.

### New Kituwah Academy

**Website:** <https://ebcikpep.com/nkaelementary/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6101

**Age served:** 0-5 (early childhood program)  
Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Adult immersion



**Description:** Provides a nurturing learning environment in a language immersion setting where students, staff, families, and the community work in partnership to rekindle the language and to instill pride in being “Kituwah First.”

### Oconaluftee Job Corps

**Website:** <https://oconaluftee.jobcorps.gov/>  
**Phone:** (828) 497-5411  
**Location:** Cherokee, NC  
**Description:** Provides education, training, and job placement for young people aged 16-24.

### Qualla Boundary Head Start

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/head-start-early-head-start/>  
**Dora Reed Center Phone:** (828) 359-6590  
**Big Cove Center Phone:** (828) 359-3034  
**Age served:** 6 weeks to 5 years  
**Description:** Provides early childhood education and support to parents.

### Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

**Website:** <https://ebci-tero.com/>  
**Phone:** (828) 359-6421  
**Description:** Works with Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians citizens and local Indian applicants to encourage work with certified economic entities who do work on the EBCI tribal trust lands (Qualla Indian Boundary).

## Legal and Court

### Legal Assistance Office

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/attorney-general/civil-law/>  
**Phone:** (828) 359-7400  
**Description:** Expands access to justice for the Cherokee community through direct legal representation, community outreach, and advocacy.

### Prosecutor’s Office

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/attorney-general/criminal-law/>  
**Phone:** (828) 359-6207  
**Description:** Prosecutes criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases in the Cherokee Court and prosecutes in federal court qualifying criminal cases occurring within the jurisdiction of the tribe.

### Tribal Court

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/government/judicial/>  
**Phone:** (828) 359-1068

**Description:** Hears criminal, civil, domestic violence (civil and criminal), small claims, juvenile, traffic, family safety, child support and drug court cases, with sessions nearly every day.

### Cherokee Justice Center (Jail)

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/government/judicial/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6691

## Medical and Dental

### Children's Dental

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/childrens-dental/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6197

**Description:** Works with daycare centers and schools to provide information in an age-appropriate format and provides dental screenings in the daycare centers and schools on the Qualla Boundary.

### Diabetes Program

**Website:** <https://cherokeehospital.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 497-1991

### Pediatrics—Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority (CIHA)

**Website:** <https://cherokeehospital.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 497-9163

**Description:** Provides accessible, quality-focused, patient- and family-centered healthcare, while responsibly managing the tribe's resources.

### Women's Wellness

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/tsalagi-public-health/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6240

**Description:** Provides quality health, wellness, and disease prevention services to eligible women with emphasis on breast and cervical cancer screening and early detection.

## Other Community Services

### Animal Control

**Phone:** (828) 359-2380

**Description:** Provides animal control services and adoption program.

### Emergency Preparedness

**Website:** <https://phhs.ebci-nsn.gov/preparedness/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-1500

**Description:** Prepares for and responds to public health emergencies and threats.

### Enrollment

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/enrollment/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6465

**Description:** Provides enrollment services and a Cherokee genealogy research service to search for records prior to the 1924 Baker Roll.

### Recycling and Sanitation

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-housing/infrastructure-and-public-facilities/>

**Phone:** (828) 359-6143; (828) 359-6140

**Description:** Provides collection, handling, processing, and disposal of all solid waste generated on the Qualla Boundary. This includes household garbage, recycling, commercial waste, food waste, and bio solids from the tribal waste water plant.

### Transit

**Website:** <http://www.cherokeetransit.com/community.html>

**Cherokee  
Phone:** (828) 359-6300

**Snowbird  
Phone:** (828) 346-6743

**Description:** Provides EBCI public transit services.

## **Emergency Numbers**

### Police Departments

**Cherokee Police Phone:** (828) 359-6600

**Swain County Sheriff  
Phone:** (828) 488-0159

**Jackson County Sheriff:** (828) 586-8901

**Cherokee County Sheriff  
Phone:** (828) 837-2589

### Fire Departments

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-operations/emergency-services/>

**Cherokee Fire Phone:** (828) 359-6584

**West Swain Fire  
(Bryson City) Phone:** (828) 488-9134

**Sylva Fire Phone:** (828) 586-1020

**Service Area:** Qualla Boundary and the surrounding communities.

**Description:** Provides emergency services.

### EMS Department

**Website:** <https://ebci.com/services/departments/department-of-operations/emergency-services/>

**Cherokee Tribal EMS Phone:** (828) 497-6405 or 911

**Swain County EMS Phone:** (828) 488-6021 or 911

**Jackson County EMS:** (828) 586-7000 or 911

**Service Area:** Qualla Boundary, the surrounding communities, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

**Description:** Responds to and addresses all emergency and non-emergency calls. Provides pre-hospital instruction and community education.

### Local Hospitals

**Cherokee Indian Hospital:** <https://cherokeehospital.org/>

**Phone:** (828) 497-9163

**Swain Community Hospital (Bryson City):** <https://www.myswaincommunity.com/>

**Phone:** (828) 488-2155

**Harris Regional Hospital (Sylva):** <https://myharrisregional.com/>

**Phone:** (828) 586-7000

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