

## ADDITIONAL PETITIONS YOU MAY NEED TO FILE:

- ◆ If you are seeking spousal or child support
- ◆ An order restraining the party not granted possession of the home from cancelling utility services to the residence for 60 days.
- ◆ An order requiring the person you received a PFA against to seek counseling or other services to aid in cessation of abuse.

The Sac and Fox Nation's Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program was established for various tribal justice systems and Indian victim services programs to prevent and assist Native American men, women and their children victimized by Domestic Violence.

The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska recognizes the need for accessible, local, victim services that are tailored to meet the needs of the rural community. These services will increase victim safety and give the ability to access services that provide shelter, counseling and advocacy. The Tribe plans to set a standard for the surrounding counties to include a cooperative effort among tribes and other law enforcement entities in combating violence within our tribal communities.

The plan will include the protection of victims, services networking, police procedures in responding, preparation of evidence, imposing stricter penalties within the tribal code, and strengthening a systematic approach to victims affected by abuse. This systematic approach will require each department's cooperative efforts to assist families and in linking services to benefit the victims; including the children. The Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska wants to send the message



### DVSA PROGRAM SERVICES

- ◆ 24 hour hotline
- ◆ Safety Planning
- ◆ Crisis Intervention
- ◆ Personal Advocacy
- ◆ Medical Advocacy
- ◆ Court Advocacy
- ◆ Law Enforcement/Police Advocacy
- ◆ Emergency Accommodations
- ◆ Shelter
- ◆ Supportive Counseling
- ◆ Support Groups
- ◆ Child/Youth Advocacy

### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

*We strive to deliver trauma-informed, culturally relevant, survivor-centered services. We vow to show you respect, give you dignity and show compassion. Our services are free and you are voluntarily choosing to enter this program. All information surrounding your case*

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## Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program

## Tribal Court Protection Orders



## Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri In Kansas and Nebraska

305 N Main Street Reserve KS 66434

## WHAT IS A PROTECTION ORDER?

A Protection From Abuse Order (known also as a PFA) is a civil court action that is intended to bring about a cessation of the abuse of the plaintiff or minor child(ren) of the parties.

## QUALIFICATIONS TO APPLY FOR A PFA

In tribal courts, a PFA can be filed against anyone you have a relationship with (family, friend, acquaintance, romantic or platonic). The application for a PFA must be filed by or filed against a Native American to be heard in tribal court.

## REASONS ONE WOULD FILE A PFA

A person was threatening to cause or attempted to cause serious physical harm to you or your child (including your home, animals, property), you or your child were being harassed by said person, you or your child were being stalked by said person, you or your child have been sexually assaulted or they threatened to sexually assault you. A person engaged in any sexual conduct with a child under 14 years of age.

**In an Emergency call 911!**

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A PFA

You may obtain an application (called a petition) for a temporary PFA from the Tribal court clerk's office located at 305 N. Main Street Reserve, KS 66434 or you can obtain an application online at

<https://www.sacandfoxks.com/sites/default/files/documents/Protection%20from%20abuse%20order.pdf>

You can obtain a petition online 24/7 or from Tribal court Monday-Friday 8 am-5 pm. Petitions can be filed Monday-Friday 8 am- 5 pm at the tribal court clerk's office.

The court clerk must verify your petition by witnessing your signature.

The court clerk will present your petition to the judge.

If a temporary order is granted, it is valid until the next available court date. The clerk will provide you with that date at the time you file. You must appear for all hearings for the PFA in order for it to continue.

*If you have questions about filling out a PFA or would like assistance...*

**PLEASE CALL:  
(785) 742-4710**

## WHAT CAN HAPPEN UNDER A TEMPORARY PFA

The court is empowered to order any or all of the following things;

- ◆ Restraining the parties from abusing, molesting or interfering with the privacy or rights of each other or of any minor children
- ◆ Granting possession of the residence or household to one of the parties. If you are cohabitating and both are on the lease or mortgage the judge will decide who gets temporary possession. If only one is on the lease/mortgage; the property will remain in their possession.
- ◆ Awarding temporary custody and establishing temporary visitation of minor children
- ◆ Ordering law enforcement to remove a party from the residence

## POSSIBLE ORDERS UNDER FINAL PFA

All of the above orders can happen plus:

- ◆ One party could be responsible for providing suitable, alternate housing for such party's spouse and/or children
- ◆ Awarding costs and attorney fees to either party
- ◆ Making provisions for possession of personal properties of either party and ordering an officer's assistance if necessary.