

## **Kaw Nation Kicks Off “Children Are Our Priority” Campaign**

“There’s no greater joy than the sound of happy children...” are the words being heard throughout the community on local radio stations. The spots, featuring a message recorded by Chairwoman Jacque Secondine-Hensley, are part of the Kaw Nation’s recently campaign entitled “Children Are Our Priority” The purpose of the community wide campaign is to increase collaboration among public and private entities to strengthen the response to children’s issues.

According to Aimee Turner, Kaw Nation Child Support Services director, the campaign is designed to promote and protect children and to address the ongoing issues faced by children in today’s ever changing society.

According to Turner, the Child Support Services program launched the campaign with a “back to school supply drive” in September which received overwhelming community support. “We were amazed at the public’s outpouring which enabled us to donate an enormous quantity of supplies to all the schools in our area,” she said.

“The support from the community proved that we can do more if we work together,” Turner said. “From the school supply drive, the ball really got rolling and we are now launching a full campaign that focuses on protecting and promoting children’s rights and family responsibilities.”

As part of the campaign, Kaw Nation has issued a Proclamation designating September through December 2016 as “Children Are Our Priority,” developed public service announcements, and committed to collaborating resources of all tribal programs to address the issues of families in need.

“Historically, the Kaw have always placed a heavy emphasis on protecting our most precious and vulnerable citizens - our children. Our efforts in this campaign are reflective of Kaw values, said Chairwoman Hensley. “As a Nation, we are working every day to insure we are providing the best services possible for children.”