



Dr. Wiley Harwell holds a painting given to Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray that was painted by Osage artist Joe Don Brave.

From left are: Neil Cornelius, CEO, Osage Million Dollar Elm casinos; Connie Caudillo, training specialist, Osage Million Dollar Elm; John Shaw, director, training and development, Osage Million Dollar Elm; Kim Pearson, training specialist, Osage Million Dollar Elm; Osage Nation Principal Chief Jim Gray; Kyle Revard, training specialist, Osage Million Dollar Elm; Dr. Wiley Harwell; Dina Dixon, training specialist, Osage Million Dollar Elm; Jim Ekart, table games training specialist; and O.J. Littlecook, table games training specialist.

Osage Nation recognized for raising awareness of gambling issues

(TUSLA, OK) – The Osage Nation was recognized recently for its exemplary work in training all casino employees on how to identify problem gamblers.

“I am grateful for the outstanding work the Osage Nation has done through its training of employees to identify the signs and symptoms of problem gamblers,” said Wiley Harwell, executive director of the Oklahoma Association of Problem and Compulsive Gambling. “The Osage Nation has set an example for other tribal gaming businesses in Oklahoma to address this issue.”

Chief Jim Gray emphasized the importance of what the Osage Nation is doing to recognize that gambling can become a problem not only with its casino guests, but also with members of the tribe.

Approximately 65 percent of callers to the Oklahoma Problem Gambling Hotline say that a casino was the referral source for the call, Harwell said.

“The goal of the our training program for employees is to provide resources to anyone in need of help,” said John Shaw, manager of training and development for Osage Million Dollar Elm casinos. “Employees are educated through problem gaming training to identify the signs and symptoms of problem gamblers. Management is committed to addressing this issue and employees understand the important role of providing assistance to any guest or co-worker.”

In addition to the Oklahoma and National Problem Gambling Helpline, the Osage Nation has a new 800 number 800-411-8526 at the Osage Nation Counseling Center.

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