

Biography

Liana Onnen, Chairwoman, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation

Liana Onnen was recently elected Tribal Chairperson of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation (PBPB).

Prior to that, she worked for twelve years for the PBPB most notably in leadership positions that included being the General Manager of Tribal Operations and Director of Housing. She has also worked in the department of Human Resources and in administration which has given her valuable knowledge and experience.

Academically, Chairperson Onnen holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Washburn University and also attended Haskell Indian Junior College which she says could not have been done without the help of financial assistance offered by the Prairie Band Education Department.

Onnen was born in Topeka and presently resides there with her family. As a young girl she also lived on the Prairie Band Potawatomi reservation and in Kansas City, Kansas. She is married with two children.