



# Spencer Busick

CHICKASAW NATION

## About Me:

I am from Oklahoma City and call Durango, Colorado home. I am the first college graduate in my family. I graduated from Fort Lewis College and currently am a master's student with Western Colorado University's Rural Community Health program. I am interested in addressing mental health stigma and other barriers. I also have interests in sustainability, agriculture, and related mental health concerns. I currently researching the effects of climate change threats on mental health outcomes among agricultural producers.

## Personal/Professional Goals:

My main future professional goal is to be accepted into an accredited doctoral program in clinical or counseling psychology. In the meantime, my goal is to gain additional experience in the field and in research. I am considering pursuing a certified addictions counselor license so I can start to gain clinical experience. My personal goals are to learn Spanish and Chickasaw. I would also like to travel more to experience new places and cultures.

## Request for SIP Members

I could use help with networking for research recruitment. Specifically, I would like to include more perspectives from Indigenous agriculturalists in my surveys and interviews because . I am also exploring accredited doctoral programs in clinical or counseling psychology. Advice on programs to consider and professional experiences within the field that would make me a stronger candidate would be helpful.

## Quote

"If you got big dreams but you got big doubts Well, you're doing it right"

-Rodney Atkins