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## SAVE THE DATE



#### TRIBAL ELECTION DAY- FEBRUARY 5TH

In-Person Voting 10AM - 4PM At the Siletz Tribal Community Center.

#### COMMUNITY MEETING - MARCH 3RD

The Portland Area Community Meeting is scheduled for March 3rd via Zoom. This meeting will be dedicated to primarily LISTENING to Tribal Member concerns and bringing updates. More information coming





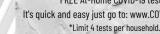
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Have you signed up for your free **COVID-19 tests?** 

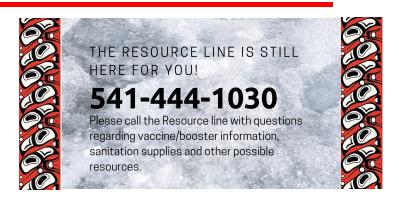
## **COVID**tests.gov

Sign Up Today!

Residential households in the U.S. can order their FREE At-Home COVID-19 tests. It's quick and easy just go to: www.COVIDtests.gov



#### **PAO** Announcements



## The "Mesh" Exhibit at Portland Art Museum



The "Mesh" exhibit at the Portland Art Museum features work from four emerging and contemporary Native artists whose multidisciplinary work touches on current social issues including the ongoing fight against racial injustice and

conflicts over Indigenous land rights. At the same time, through photography, painting, sculpture and mixed media they celebrate the ongoing presence of Native American art and culture and remind us that art is an essential form of activism.

For more information please visit the Portland Art Museum's website: www.portlandartmuseum.org



### 477—Self Sufficiency Program

#### 477 Self Sufficiency Mission Statement

To assist eligible clients in attaining self-sufficiency. The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program will serve the following groups as they work towards this goal:

- Siletz Families
- Native American
- Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian

The available components through the Program are cash grant services, emergency utility assistance, job training, job retention services and supportive services.

The Program Manual lists

all available components in detail and the requirements of each. All components of the  $477\ SSP$  are available on a budgetary basis.

Contact a Tribal Services Specialist for more information about current components that are available.



# 477-SSP Programs For Enrolled member of Federally recognized tribes or descendary

#### Are you looking for work?

Why not sign up for CORE Services

- Job Referrals
- Resumes
- Cover Letter
- · Employment Counseling/Coaching
- Job Search Assistance
- Mock interview

#### Once you secure employment, apply for Direct Placement Within 7 days of hire date.

#### Support Services for:

- Required tools
- Uniforms / Clothing / Boots / Shoes
- Licensing fees
- Transportation Assistance



## Apply Today in your Area Office Must meet eligibility criteria and services are available on a budgetary

Call your local office:
Portland: (503) 238-1512
Siletz: (541) 444-2532
Eugene: (541) 484-2434
Salem: (503) 390-9494





# Your Success is Important to Us!

If you have questions or to apply, please call the Portland Area Office (503) 238-1512 and speak with Anna Renville ext. 1412 or Tamra Russell ext. 1411.

## 477—Self-Sufficiency Program

## **477-SSP February Meeting Information:**

Zoom information will be emailed directly to current 477 clients

The 477 SSP program will be hosting monthly trainings. We will send out post cards with more information on how to gain access through zoom.

This will be mandatory for all enrolled SSP clients, unless you have been excused by your case worker.

If you have any questions please make sure to contact your Tribal Service Specialist (TSS).

Anna Renville <u>annar@ctsi.nsn.us</u> (503) 238-1512 x 1412

Tamra Russell <u>tamrar@ctsi.nsn.us</u> (503) 238-1512 x 1411

## **Education & Youth Update**



Contact Katy Holland to sign up:

katyh@ctsi·nsn·us or call 503-238-1512 ext· 1418·



Join us on Thursday, February 17th at 6pm via Zoom to discuss how to start your own business, how to support a small business, and other business topics with guests from:

- The Oregon Native American Chamber (ONAC)
- $_{\circ}$  Our Native American Buisness Network (ONABEN)
- Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC)



#### CONTACT YOUR AREA EDUCATION SPECIALIS

TO SIGN UP AND GET A ZOOM LINE

Portland Area (503) 238-1512

Siletz Area (541) 444-8373 alissal@ctsi.nsn Salem Area (503) 390-9494 sonyamj@ctsi.nsn.t Eugene Area (541) 484-4234 candaceh@ctsi.nsn.

## **Education & Youth Update**

# Scholarship Season Is Upon Us!

From January 2022 through the end of March, is the absolute best time of the year to be applying for college scholarships (many close at the end of March).

- Plan to take time to apply to scholarships that are available at the schools you are applying to.
- Check out the Tribe's web site under Education Services/scholarships for a list of potential scholarships:

www.ctsi.nsn.us

 If graduating from an Oregon High School please visit

www.Oregonstudentaid.gov and find out about Oregon scholarship opportunities, especially the Promise Grant for Oregon High School students. For more information please contact Katy at: katyh@ctsi.nsn.us



Schools not only provide the education that Oregon's children need to succeed, but also provide mental health services, nutritious meals and access to health care. If we work together to prevent the spread of COVID-19, it ensures kids will remain in school this winter season. It's important to get vaccinated, wear face coverings, and be sure indoor spaces are well ventilated. Learn more at:

www.oregon.gov/readyschools

#ReadySchools #Oregon #Oredu



Siletz Tribal Funding is once a year. The deadline to have your Higher Education Application in is **June 30, 2022**.

Remember to complete your FAFSA/ www.fafsa.ed.gov

Information can be found on the Tribe's website: www.ctsi.nsn.us

#### Scholarships at a Glance

- Oregon Community Scholarships: Verl & Dorothy Miller Vocational Scholarship, Howard Vollum American Indian Scholarship and many more on this site: www.Oregoncf.org/Scholarships
- Oregon Student Assistance Commission: www.getcollegefunds.org.
- www.OregonStudentAid.gov (Includes Oregon Promise Grant)
- Cobell Scholarships www.CobellScholar.org
- American Indian College www.collegefund.org

And so many more...

## **Education & Youth Update**

## Siletz Tribal JOM Supplemental Education Program:

Helps to fund K-12 Native American students who are attending a public school in support of their intellectual growth, vocational goals and cultural enrichment. The program also advances the participant's physical, social and emotional growth. Applications can be found on the CTSI web page at www.ctsi.nsn.us. Contact Katy by email at katyh@ctsi.nsn.us or by calling the Portland Area Office (503) 238-1512 ext. 1418.



## iletzTribal Youth Activity Fund

is available to enrolled Siletz Tribal

Youth to fund a variety of programs such as: sports, music, camp, science, cultural supplies/materials, shop, lab fees, extra curricular and more. Download the Youth Activity Fund Application online at www.ctsi.nsn.us.





## We're Back!

Calling all Gamers, K-12

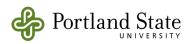
**CTSI** 

**Minecraft Gathering** 

FEBRUARY 19, 2022 at 11:00 am

#### **Contact:**

elizabethm@ctsi.nsn.us for registration



## Portland State University: Offering Mentoring Program To Incoming Students

Portland State University Update for Native students: The NA-TIONS mentor/mentee program is currently accepting applications for next year. If you are considering applying to PSU you can apply and connect with the Native American Student Services coordinator Trevino Brings Plenty (Trevino@pdx.edu) about any questions regarding this program.

## **Education & Youth Update**

# Spring Break STREAM Send-Home Activities

Spring Break STREAM Kits are designed to enhance learning and prevent learning loss during Spring Break.

Completed applications must be received by the following deadlines: March 2, 2022 by 4:30 PM. Microsoft form must be completed by March 4, 2022 @ 4:30 PM.

Contact the Education Specialist in your service area to request an application.

Candace Hill
Eugene Area Office
(541) 484-4234
CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us

Katy Holland Portland Area Office (503) 238-1512 KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us Sonya Moody-Jurado Salem Area Office (503) 390-9494 SonyaMJ@ctsi.nsn.us Jeff Sweet Siletz Area (541) 444-8207 JeffS@ctsi.nsn.us

This program is funded by BIA CARES funding. Education kits will be issued on a first come first served basis, as resources are available.

#### Siletz Education Programs Serving Our Tribal Members

- ♦ Higher Education: Assists Tribal Members to attend college towards their Bachelors Degree—up to five years of educational support funding. Each year the deadline to apply is June 30th. Applications to apply for Federal student Aid (FAFSA—required) opened October 1, 2021.
- ♦ Adult Vocational Training Program: Supports Tribal Members for up to two years of specific vocational training. Download applications at http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/uploads/downloads/Education/Grants/CTSI-AVT-Application.pdf
- Adult Education Program: For Siletz Tribal Members 16 years or older who are not already enrolled in a formal education program. This program can assist with GED, certificate and licensing programs, classes and more. The programs primary purpose is to improve and maintain employment status of all of our Tribal Members. No deadline applies to this.

For more information please contact Katy at the Portland area office by calling or by email; katyh@ctsi.nsn.us.

Please visit our Tribal webpage at: https://www.ctsi.nsn.us/tribalservices/education/

## **Education & Youth Update**



If you would like to sign up for February's JOM Youth Activity, please call or email Katy Holland at the Portland Area Office: katyh@ctsi.nsn.us or call: (503) 238-1512 ext, 1418. These activities are fun for the whole family to do together!



## Siletz Tribal Members **Online Academic Support**

- \* 24/7 On-Demand Access to Online **Professional Tutors**
- \* All Subjects and Grade Levels- From Kindergarten through College/University
- \* Individualized Help in All Subjects
- \* SAT & ACT Prep; College Course **Level Help and More**
- \* All Tribal Students Eligible to Apply, Regardless of Residence.

Contact your local Education Specialist to sign up: Siletz & Out-of-Area Salem Sonya-SonyaMJ@ctsi.nsn.us Alissa- AlissaL@ctsi.nsn.us

Portland Katy- KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us Eugene Candace- CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us

Please Note:
On-line tutoring access is funded with US CARES Act Funds; Students
MUST complete a COVID-19 Tutoring Application to register. Tutoring
hours are available on a first come first serve basis as resources are available



Online Academic support is available for Siletz Tribal Members!

## **Home Visiting Program**

This is the time of the year you may find yourself inside the house more often, due to weather. It's fun to have a few new ideas for playing with your infant or toddler. Here are some ideas you may wish to try:

#### Baby Ball Drop:

Take an empty box and cut some holes big enough for some small balls to fit through. Let your child have fun drop-

ping the balls in the holes. If you don't have any small plastic toy balls, other small toys could work as well. Your child may have fun seeing what will fit. If you happen to have some PVC elbow shaped pipes, you can tape those to the inside of



a plastic bin or a box and let your child

drop the balls through the pipes. Of course, if you have a little one, they may just prefer to sit



in a box full of plastic balls!

#### Sticker Shape Fun:

Draw some large shapes on a piece of paper. Give vour child some stickers and let them place the stickers on the



shape. Younger toddlers will probably put the stickers anywhere on the paper. You can encourage older children

to try and put the sticker on the shapes outline. Depending on your child, the stickers and colors you have you can make it more complex by put the correct colored sticker on the same colored shape.



Home Visiting provides parenting and life skills for successful and positive parenting. Home Visiting is for American Indian/Alaskan Native families in the 11 county service area who are expecting or have an infant under one. For more information and eligibility requirements please contact Lori Christy, Home Visitor at (503) 390-9494 or loric@ctsi.nsn.us.

## **Behavioral Health Program**



#### Not all talks are easy:

During the winter months, people can become depressed, or suffer seasonal affective disorder. Winter holidays can be stressful, to the point of being overwhelming for folks. And remember, even too much eustress, or stress caused by happy events, can be overwhelming. In the midst of holidays and winter, some people start having thoughts of ending their lives. If you or a loved one has these thoughts, please know that you are not alone. Many people have these thoughts from time to time, and what is important is to take action against them.

It's hard, but, talking openly about suicide saves lives. Don't be afraid to ask, are we talking about suicide?

What to do about suicidal thoughts or risk:

- 1. Call the national suicide prevention line: 1-800-273-8255
- Text NATIVE to 741741 to speak with an Indigenous person trained in suicide prevention.
- 3. Call a crisis line:

24/7 county suicide prevention lines: Multnomah County: 503-988-4888

Clackamas County: 503-655-8585

Marion County: 503-585-4949

Reach out to family, seek the services of a counselor, talk to someone trusted.

#### A February haiku by the MHS:

Winter has been here,

But we shall be in the clear,

Spring is coming near.

Email Mental Health Specialist Rachel your own haiku and she'll put it in her newsletter, first-come first-served.

rachelz@ctsi.nsn.us

### **Behavioral Health Program**

Don't forget...Mental Health Specialist Rachel, is always accepting new clients! Call and schedule an appointment, and she can help you learn skills to get you where you want to go.

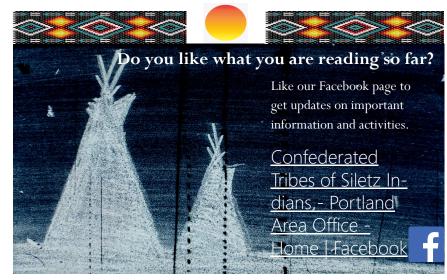
#### **Traditional Coping**



For the people of the Siletz tribe, our Elders are an ever-important resource to utilize. Chances are, they have experienced most, if not all, of the stressors we're facing, and quite possibly they have experienced some suicidal thoughts at some point in their lives. Elders can explain how they managed to walk away from those thoughts. Smudging, talking circles and sweat lodges are traditional methods of health and healing for the Siletz people also. Let's do our best to live life in a healthy, good way!

Portland Area Office Virtual Appointments Only (503) 200-4340

Salem Area Office Virtual Appointments Only (503) 200-4340



## **Virtual Culture/Language Nights**

# CULTURE NT

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME

### **Upcoming Dates:**

February 9 at 6 pm: Hazel



Late-March or Early-April: Virtual Peeling Party schedule is weather dependent-email for details

March 9 at 6 pm: Maple Bark April 13 at 6 pm: Shellfish

**Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments** Contact Nick Viles at nicky@ctsi.nsn.us or x1757 to sign up



Log in on the CTSI website to get more information about classes and to get access to study materials.



## **College Internship Program**

### 2022 College Students Summer Internship Program



Students attending college can apply for the Tribe's 2022 College Students Summer Internship Program. To be eligible, you must be at least a half-time student attending a two-year or four-year college and in good academic standing.

Applications will be mailed to known students, but if you do not receive an application, please contact Assistant General Manager, Lisa Norton, or the Education Specialists at any Tribal area office to request an application.

The purpose of the program is to provide funding for a paid internship to tribal students to gain work experience in their field of study that will help them be competitive in the job market after graduation. There are 10 slots available paid at tribal minimum wage and for up to 350 hours. Students will be responsible for securing their own placement. We are available to assist, but ultimately it is the student's responsibility to locate and develop a placement. There are a limited number of placements available with the Tribe. Due to COVID, at this point, most Tribal placements will likely be remote.

Students selected for the program must complete an orientation, criminal history background check and drug screening

(Note: The Tribe does not recognize Oregon laws allowing the use of medical or recreational marijuana).

Placements can begin in June, but must be completed by Sept. 30, 2022.

Students should send a completed application and an unofficial copy of transcripts to:

#### By Mail

**CTSI** 

Attn: College Internship Program PO Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549

By Fax 541-444-2307

By Email

collegeinterns@ctsi.nsn.us

The deadline to apply for the program is **4:30 PM** on **March 31, 2022**. If you have questions about the program, please contact Lisa Norton at the above email address or by calling (541) 444-8210.

## **Tobacco Prevention Program**

#### **FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH**

So how does smoking affect the Heart? Lets start this conversation off with one (1) of the seven thousand (7,000) chemicals found in cigarette smoke, "carbon monoxide".

## CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



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#### What is carbon monoxide (CO)?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. CO, tar and nicotine are the main constituents of tobacco smoke. All represent some risk to your health. Carbon monoxide mainly affects the lungs, heart, and blood vessels.

# If I cut down on smoking, will this reduce my breath CO by an equivalent amount?

Probably not. A smoker may smoke fewer cigarettes, but will require the same amount of nicotine. Thus, you may smoke a smaller number of cigarettes more aggressively. As a result, you may continue to receive a similar amount of CO.

## How does carbon monoxide (CO) harm my body?

When tobacco smoke is inhaled into the lungs, CO passes through the lining of the lungs into the blood, where it becomes attached to the hemoglobin (Hb) - the oxygen carrier on red blood cells. These red blood cells normally carry oxygen, however, their chemical attraction to CO is greater than oxygen. So, any CO in the blood pushes out oxygen, forming Carboxyhemoglobin (%COHb), thus putting extra strain on the heart.



## Heart problems caused by carbon monoxide

**Heart:** To compensate for the shortage of oxygen, the heart has to work harder to get enough oxygen to all parts of the body. The heart itself gets

## **Tobacco Prevention Program**

less oxygen, increasing the risk of heart **Carbon Monoxide** does travel damage. Carbon hand smoke, so please

**Circulation:** COHb causes the blood to thicken and the arteries to get coated with a thick, fatty substance. This causes high blood pressure and circulation problems, with increased risk of stroke and heart attack.

**Carbon Monoxide** does travel through 2nd hand smoke, so please be aware and be safe when around others.

Health is wealth!



Commercial Tobacco Quitline 1-800-QUIT-NOW AI/AN Line now available (option 7) 1-800-784-8669

## **Happenings in PDX**



Roll out with your friends and loved ones to our monthly Gay Skate Session, held the 3rd Monday night of the month from 7-9 PM. Everyone is welcome at this all-ages event at Oaks Bottom.

Admission tickets allow access to the Oaks Park Roller Rink for the selected Gay Skate Session date/time. Includes conventional skate rental. Tickets are available starting 21 days in advance.

February 7th—December 19th, 2022.



## **Voc. Rehab Program**

#### FEBRUARY DISABILITY AWARENESS: RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS



#### What causes RA?

Individuals with Rheumatoid Arthritis ure. (RA) may experience a reaction where <u>Autoimmune Diseases</u> their immune system mistakenly starts Conditions where the immune system attacking their joints. This is what mistakenly attacks healthy body cells. causes the pain, swelling, and stiffness of RA. If left untreated, it can also lead <a href="https://omrf.org/2012/12/11/omrf-teams-">https://omrf.org/2012/12/11/omrf-teams-</a> to permanent joint damage.

RA affects individuals physical and mental health and their response to activities of daily living (ADLs) and even their relationships.

#### **Symptoms:**

- Swollen joints
- Accumulation of fluid in the ankles
- Morning stiffness
- Joint pain
- Fatigue
- Ioint redness
- Increased eye sensitivity and dryness
- Mouth dryness
- Nodules on the skin
- Inflammation of the lungs

#### Conditions related to Rheumatoid Arthritis:

#### <u>Osteoarthritis</u>

Inflammation of one or more joints.

#### Arthritis

A joint disorder which features inflammation of one or more joints.

#### Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

An autoimmune disease, with systemic manifestations including skin rash, erosion of joints or even kidney fail-

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If you or a loved one is experiencing this chronic medical condition, then contact your medical provider. Your local Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors are available to be of service to

#### Vocational **Rehabilitation Counselors:**

Jamie Bokuro (Siletz)

(541) 444-8213

Toni Leija (Salem)

(503) 390-9494

Tamra Russell (Portland)

(503) 238-1512

## **Community Health Program**

#### **FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH**



ing lessons with your spouse, or play ball with your child. The possibilities are endless. Remember to practice social distancing, and be safe while enjoying leisurely activities.

#### Make Physical Activity Part of **Your Daily Routine**

You don't have to become a marathon runner to get all of the benefits of physical activity. Do activities that you enjoy, and make them part of your daily routine. If you haven't been active for a while, start low and build slow. Many people like to start with walking and slowly increase their time and distance. You also can take other steps to make physical activity part of your routine.

#### **Personalize the Benefits**

People value different things. Some people may highly value the health benefits from physical activity. Others want to be active because they enjoy recreational activities or they want to look better or sleep better.

Some people want to be active because it helps them lose weight or it gives them a chance to spend time with friends. Identify which physical activity benefits you value. This will help you personalize the benefits of physical activity.

#### Be Active with your circle

Friends and family can help you stay active. For example, go for a hike with a close friend. Take online danc-

## OVER THE COUN-TER MEDICATIONS PROGRAM (OTC's)

The Community health program is still distributing OTC's to Siletz tribal members. While the list of OTCs we distribute is limited, below is an example of some of the medications we can distribute (if available). For more information, please contact Andrew Johanson at the Portland Area Office (503) 238-1512.

- Ibuprophen
- Acetaminophen
- Aspirin
- allergy tablets
- Daily multivitamins
- Artificial Tears (eye lubricant)
- Alcohol swabs
- Gas drops
- Docusate Sodium (stool softener)
- Vitamin A & D ointment
- Desitin



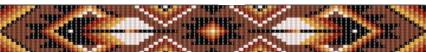
#### Resources

## Get your flu shot for FREE!

You can use your Pequot card at any CVS pharmacy and get your flu shot for free. If you have any questions please contact Pequot at 888-779-6638.









- Thermometers
- · Hygiene and sanitation items
- · Smudge kits
- · and more!

Available while supplies last

If you need assistance, call us Monday through Friday between 9am-3pm.



landline, mobile and email.



#### **Portland Area Office Staff**

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(503) 238-1512 x 1414

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rachelz@ctsi.nsn.us

Name/Program	Number	Name/Program	Number
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians	800-922-1399	Purchased Referred Care (PRC)	800-628-5720
Portland Area Office	(503) 238-1512	Angelina Artiago Portland Elders Rep.	(503) 760-3899
Salem Area Office	(503) 390-9494	Kay Steele Portland Elders Rep.	(503) 760-4746
Eugene Area Office	(541) 484-4234	NARA	(503) 224-1044
Siletz Community Health Clinic	(800) 648-0449	NAYA	(503) 288-8177