DRUMBEAT NEWSLETTER



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August 2021

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August Highlights

We are saddened to announce the 2021 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow has been canceled due to ongoing concerns with the Covid-19 pandemic. Please join us on August 14th, 2021 for a virtual Pow-Wow event.

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Most Often Requested Numbers **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians** Siletz Tribal Housing Department 800-922-1399 541-444-8322 Elders Program **Portland Area Office** 503-238-1512 541-444-8220 **Eugene Area Office Enrollment** 541-484-4234 541-444-8258 Purchased Referred Care (PRC) Chinook Winds Casino Resort 800-628-5720 888-244-6665

Siletz Community Health Clinic

800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health

800-600-5599

800-452-7823

Website - www.ctsi.nsn.us

Chemawa Health Clinic



Community Health News

be prepared

ALERT

make a plan build a kit stay informed

Cecilia Tolentino, CHA 503-390-9494 X1854 Ceciliat@ctsi.nsn.us Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM

Build a two-week emergency kit for your home and make smaller kits for your car and work. Make a plan with your family now so you're prepared when disaster hits.

Emergency management officials recommend preparing to be on your own for two weeks in case first responders can't get to you. Bridges could be knocked down, cell service could be nonexistent, and first responders will need to prioritize who they aid.

Kits should include:

- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- nonperishable food
- medical equipment, medications, and a spare pair of glasses
- first aid supplies
- personal hygiene items
- toilet paper
- warm clothes
- sturdy shoes
- extra batteries
- fire extinguisher
- NOAA alert radio
- flashlight
- can opener
- tools
- ID and important documents
- cash
- comfort and entertainment items

Family Emergency Plan forms included



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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USDA DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR AUGUST

Siletz

Monday	August 2	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday	August 3	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	August 4	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday	August 5	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday	August 6	9:00 am - 3:00 pm



Salem

Monday	August 23	1:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Tuesday	August 24	9:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday	August 25	9:00 am - 6:30 pm
Thursday	August 26	By appointment only

Salem Warehouse: 503-391-5760
Call the Salem Warehouse only on Salem distribution days/times specified.

Joyce Retherford, FDP Director joycer@ctsi.nsn.us 541-444-8393



Sammy Hall, Warehouseman/Clerk sammyh@ctsi.nsn.us 541-444-8279

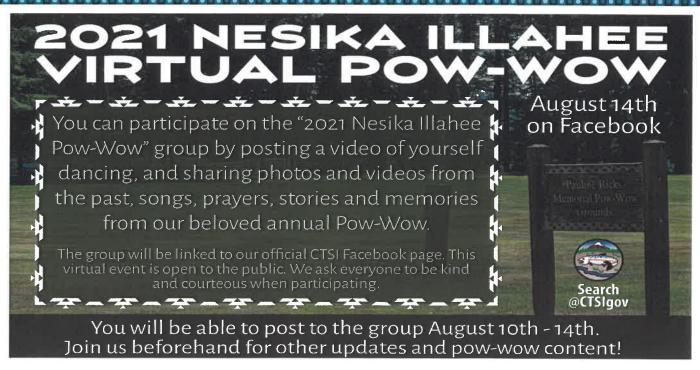
Siletz: 541-444-8306 -OR- Salem: 503-391-4296

We hope you are all having a fantastic summer..... remember, we do not count per capita payments as income unless it is received monthly. If you are a Siletz Tribal member, we will not count per capita payments as income so you will still be eligible for food in the month of August.

We would like to see more people sharing their recipes on our Facebook page.



at "Siletz Tribal FDPIR" and share your recipes.



477 – SELF SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM - Angelica Espino, TSS

The 477-Self Sufficiency Program (SSP) is open and providing essential services to eligible families and individuals residing in the CTSI 11-County Service Area. Due to Covid-19, all tribal offices are closed to the public. We are still accepting applications and conducting appointments over the phone and through email.

If you recently lost your employment due to Covid-19 and need assistance to meet your basic needs, please contact your local CTSI Tribal Office for an application. Additional eligibility criteria apply. SSP staff will reach out to you by phone or email. You can also email 477SSP@ctsi.nsn.us for more information. Please include your name, phone number and the city/county you reside in.

For Siletz tribal members we offer:

Pre-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Pre-TANF), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance for Single Adults (GASA), Emergency Assistance, and Diverted Services.

We also offer the following programs to any Native American (enrolled in a federally recognized tribe or descendant of a federally recognized tribe):

Classroom Training, Direct Placement, and On the Job Training. Other services such as Work Experience and On-the-Job Training may be available on a limited basis.

Participants in 477 - Self Sufficiency Programs must meet the eligibility requirements.

Core Services

Need assistance with finding a JOB???

Core Services is what you need.

Services:

Job Referrals, Resumes, Cover Letter, Employment Counseling/Coaching, Job Search Assistance, Mock Interviews

Support Services:

Interview Clothing, Transportation Directly tied to a job opportunity





Emergency Assistance: Siletz families or single adults may be eligible for support services to prevent eviction or utility shut off. Income guidelines apply.

Direct Placement: Support services (work clothing, tools, transportation assistance etc.) for eligible Native Americans that recently gained employment. Must apply within 7 days of hire.

Classroom Training: Financial assistance (tuition, stipends and support services) to eligible Native Americans attending GED, Higher Education or Vocational/Occupational Training.

Diverted Services: This service is available to Siletz tribal members who have been employed for a minimum of 45 calendar days, are below 185% of the federal poverty level, and are at risk of losing their employment.



Important 477-SSP Dates to Remember:

August 5th: Monthly Report Forms, Self Sufficiency Activities, Timesheets, and Job Search Forms are due

For More Information Contact:

Tribal Service Specialist:
Angelica Espino
Phone: 503-390-9494 ext. 1853
Email: Angelicae@ctsi.nsn.us

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Classroom Training

For federally recognized Tribal members and descendants

GED / Adult Basic Education

- Assistance with enrollment
- Tuition assistance
- Support Services for books, supplies, fees, etc.
- Classroom-training stipend (limited to 15 paid hours each week)

Higher Education Assistance:

- Assistance with enrollment
- Tuition assistance
- Support Services for books, supplies, fees, etc.
- Education stipend (limited to 15 paid hours per week)

Vocational Education / Occupational Training

- Vocational degrees / certifications from accredited institutions
- Pre-apprenticeship / apprenticeship programs
- Occupation specific certifications / trainings

Apply Today!!

Must meet eligibility criteria and services are available on a budgetary basis.



CTSI - Salem Area Office

Marion, Polk, & Yamhill County
3160 Blossom Dr STE 105
Salem, OR 97305

For more information call Angelica Espino

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FINAL 2021

ELDERS FIREWOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT

Cut and Split Firewood Available for Pickup Limited Delivery Available in the Greater Siletz Area Limit ½ Cord per Elder Household, While Supplies Last



Stay in your vehicle - we will load!



Virtual

Culture Nights

While tribal offices remain closed virtual culture nights will focus on gathering, storing, and preparing materials for traditional arts and foods. All Siletz Tribal members and their families are welcome to log on to these virtual events.

Upcoming Dates:

August 25, 6-7 pm: Ocean Spray and Bear Grass

September 29, 6-7 pm: Acorns

Contact Nick Viles, nickv@ctsi.nsn.us or 1-800-929-1399, x1757 for login information

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments



477-Self Sufficiency Program Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund School Clothing / School Supply Program

The 477-Self Sufficiency Program (477-SSP) received limited funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The funding allows the Program to provide limited non-recurrent short-term benefits for eligible Siletz Tribal member households. The 477-SSP will provide a one-time allowance for clothing and school supplies for children returning to in-person classes for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Eligibility Requirements Include:

Application for Assistance;	
Siletz Tribal member household – Verification required;	
Reside in the United States;	
State issued identification for head of household;	
Receive regular Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) or USDA Commodities -	Verification re-
quired;	
Provide verification children are included in benefit group;	
School age children in Kindergarten through 17 years of age;	
Valid email address for head of household.	

The 477-SSP will accept applications from <u>July 1, 2021 – August 20, 2021</u>. All pending documentation must be submitted by August 31, 2021. If approved for services, the 477-SSP will issue a \$300.00 clothing allowance for eligible children and \$50.00 school supply allowance for eligible children.

Applicants will be served based on completion date. Once the funding allocation has been reached, additional households will be placed on a waiting list. You will receive all correspondence from the 477-SSP via email. The Program will issue payments twice per month until funds are expended or the application deadline is met.

By completing the application, you understand that all funds must be applied to school clothing and school supplies for the children listed on the approval notice. Completing the application is not a guarantee of services even if the application is completed prior to August 20, 2021. The application is posted on the CTSI website. Please contact the staff below to be emailed an application.

Send Applications to: 477ssp@ctsi.nsn.us Ctsi.nsn.us (Tribal Services tab, Employment & Social Services) Attn: 477-SSP For Information:

3160 Blossom Dr. NE, STE #105 Angelica Espino – (503) 390-9494 ext. 1853 Salem, OR 97305 Lori Christy - (503) 390-9494 ext. 1863

Fax: (541) 444-8334

Tribal Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

Do you have an appointment and are in need of a non-emergency medical transportation? We provide transportation to and from medically related appointments as a last resort for Siletz Tribal Members lacking transportation. In order to determine eligibility for transport services, a tribal member must call the transport hub and leave a detailed message at least 48 hours in advance. Due to COVID, approval of this service is on a case by case basis.

Transport Hub Line: 541-444-9633 Or 541-444-1030, Option 9

Jeff Green, Transportation Coordinator

HOME VISITING PROGRAM - Lori Christy, Home Visitor

Here is what families are saying about Home Visiting:

hat I like most about participating in the home visiting program is having a scheduled time to sit and talk about what's going on with our daughter. I feel like each week, each lesson is literally spot on what we are experiencing/going through. I want to thank our Home Visitor for being a constant in our lives and reminding us that we are right where we are supposed to be in our parenthood journey, thank you for not making us feel alone!

~ Gracie

fter our son was born I had post-partum depression. The reassurance and guidance I received helped me gain confidence. Overall the program has helped me be a better mom and have a sense of ease that I am doing it right.

~ Ally

really appreciate the personal interaction. Being a mom to a little one can be very hard and isolating, especially for mothers that might not have a lot of personal support. It's nice having someone who checks in with you for one, and for two the family, and for three does really well helping to connect with resources. Although most of the lessons are more like reviews, or confirmation of my parenting style, there have been a few things that I have learned and added to my daily routine. One huge help has been the supplies brought for each visit.

~ Trechia

hat I like most about participating in the Home Visiting program is the support my family is given and I've learned a lot about myself as a mom from this program.

~ Cheyenne

The Home Visiting program is open to Siletz families in our 11 county service area. We serve families prenatally until the child turns 3 years old (must begin before child turns one year). Our Home Visiting program uses the Family Spirit model and curriculum developed by the John Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and is designed to increase parenting knowledge and skills, link families to resources and provide encouragement to help parents engage in positive parenting.

For more information please contact Lori Christy, Home Visitor at 503-390-9494 ext. 1863 or loric@ctsi.nsn.us.

EDUCATION NEWS - Sonya Moody-Jurado, Education Specialist



EDUCATION NEWS

Hours are: Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

EDUCATION PROGRAM COMPONENTS

-Higher Education -Adult Vocational Training (AVT) -Adult Education -Supplemental Education (JOM) -Tribal Youth Employment & Education (TYEE)

<u>JOM</u>

Each year students will have to fill out a new JOM application. You can call me to request an application, or they are available on the Tribal website. http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/uploads/downloads/
Education/JOM-Application.pdf

School Supplies

The deadline to sign up for schools supplies is August 6, 2021.

Please call or email me to get an application. 503 390-9494, or sonyamj@ctsi.nsn.us

HIGHER EDUCATION/ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The deadline for Fall Term 2021 was June 30, 2021. This deadline was for the academic school year 2021-2022. The deadline for the next funding year will be June 30, 2022.

Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) open October 1, 2021.

Virtual College Night

On September 23, 2021-6:00 pm, Come join us to meet college advisors, learn how to apply to college and for scholarships.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education program is for Siletz Tribal members, 16 years or older, who are not already enrolled in a formal education program. The Adult Education program can assist with the following: Obtaining GED, certificates, or otherwise raise levels of educational achievement through adult classes, improve employment status through education, training, and pursuit of special interest classes. There is no deadline to apply for classes. For an application, please call me at (503) 390-9494.

STUDENT INCENTIVE - SILETZ TRIBAL MEMBERS

http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/uploads/downloads/Education/Student-Incentive-Program-App.pdf

If you have completed any of these educational milestones-Headstart (Only available 1 year of Headstart), Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle, High School, Associates/Transfer Degree, Bachelor Degree, Master's Degree, or Doctorate, we have a program to recognize your educational achievement. Please call Sonya for an application for the Student Incentive Program.

JOM FAMILIES

Follow the CTSI Education department on the CTSI Youth Facebook page and in your local area newsletter for monthly youth program information.



@CTSIYouth

Email your local Education Specialist to be added to our email list.

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Education Kits

Summer Educ<mark>ation Kits are designed to enhance learning while preventing learning loss during the summer months.</mark>

CTSI wants to support tribal students by providing monthly comprehensive summer Education kits, for those whose education has been affected as a result of COVID-19.

To qualify:

- Students must be an enrolled Siletz tribal member.
- Enrolled Tribal students must be between the ages of 3 years & 18 (and returning to a school or GED program in the Fall 2021)
- Complete an application, and return to Education Specialist in your area.

Education kits will be issued on a first come first served basis, as resources are available.

If you have questions please contact the Education staff in your service area at the listed phone numbers or email addresses.

To get an application, contact the Education Specialist in your service area. **Deadlines for completed applications** are the 15th of each month (June, July & August).

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Behavioral Health - Rachel Adams, Mental Health Specialist

In the heat of summer:

Summer plans are established and the weather is being more cooperative than not. Children are embracing their freedom while parents may be struggling to keep them entertained while also working full-time. Parks with water features are a great source of entertainment. To function well, our brains need to keep cool and hydrated, so be sure to pay attention to signs of heat exhaustion, and carry a water bottle with you.



Boost your mental health in the summer to get ahead of those potential winter blues:

- 1.Exercise It can be harder to get out and be active with this heat, but it's important to find a way to boost endorphins with at least 30-45 min of cardio-type activity each day. Plan your day; are you more likely to workout in the early morning hours before it gets hot, or in the evening once it has cooled down?
- 2.It's an important time of year to stay connected with people to keep depression at bay. Try making at least one plan with friends each week, and stick to it (most people routinely want to cancel plans when it gets hot, but try and resist the urge).

3.Research says 20 minutes of sunlight a day (don't forget sunblock!) can lift your mood noticeably. What creative ways can you think of to get sun each day? Do some yardwork, perhaps, or take your dog for a walk? Try and get out in it!

Near the Portland office, check out this park with a splash pad:

Earl Boyles Park, east of SE 107th and Francis Street.

Play Area

- Engineered mulch surface
- Ramp into younger children play area
- Curb-cut into older children play area

Play Equipment

- Transfer station
- Sensory play elements

Other Amenities

Accessible spray feature

Near the Salem office, check out this park with a splash pad:

River Road Park, 3045 River RD N, Salem Oregon.

River Road Park boasts 16.1 acres alongside the Willamette River with developed walking paths, river overlook, large playground, two soccer fields, two tennis courts with pickleball lines, three basketball hoops for full court and half court play, spray fountain, reservable picnic shelter, and restrooms.

Portland Area Office Virtual Appts, M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm 1 - (503) 238-1512 X1417 Salem Area Office Virtual Appts, M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (503) 390-9494 x1864

A&D Program - Andulia White Elk, A&D Counselor

Depression and Relapse

The potential for relapse in those suffering from dual diagnosis is very high. Some people will self-medicate to treat their depression by resuming consumption of alcohol as well as using illicit substances. Initially substances may make them feel as though symptoms of depression are improving, however in the long run it only worsens. It is key for a person at risk of relapse to seek help for not only the impulse to drink or use drugs but also for the underlying depression.

Common signs of depression include:

- **1. Sleep:** The earliest signs of any mood disorder often present as sleep irregularities. Often times, people suffering from depression experience a significant loss in quality of sleep but may have either an increase or decrease in the amount of sleep.
- **2. Interests:** Often there is a gradual decrease in the level of enjoyment one experiences by doing the activities they once loved. It is often difficult to initiate these activities as well.
- **3. Energy:** Energy levels can decrease dramatically when one starts to feel depressed. Doing everyday chores or grooming can seem exhausting.
- **4. Concentration/attention:** Many who suffer from depression will immediately notice their mind wandering. They have difficulty paying attention to even the simplest of things, like watching their favorite TV show from beginning to end. It is common to see problems at work such as: inability to participate in meetings, unable to answer emails in a timely fashion, or shifting tasks.
- **5. Appetite:** Appetite changes in depression can vary from person to person. Some people see a dramatic decrease in appetite and food intake. The desire to eat can diminish and result in significant weight loss. On the contrary, some people experience an increase in appetite, especially with carbohydrate craving. As a result, some may experience weight gain.
- **6. Hopelessness or worthlessness:** Negative thoughts are a common sign of depression. Often feelings of hopelessness, worthlessness and guilt are related to an event or situation (i.e financial problems, relationship difficulties, substance use), but sometimes they are very self-focused/intrinsic with no external explanation. For example, someone who is clinically depressed can:
 - ➤ feel hopeless that depression will not improve
 - ➤ feel guilty that depression is affecting family members, or
 - feel worthless that depression has overcome their life

Having people rate their sense of worth and sense of hope is very important as a treatment provider, as it is useful to help assess the risk of suicide.

7. Anxiety: Many people experience anxiety. Some may have an anxiety disorder without a mood component. However, many times depression and anxiety co-exist. Depression can result in one experiencing significant symptoms of anxiety. It is extremely important to assess someone for depressive symptoms when evaluating their anxiety to ensure adequate treatment for both depression and anxiety disorders.

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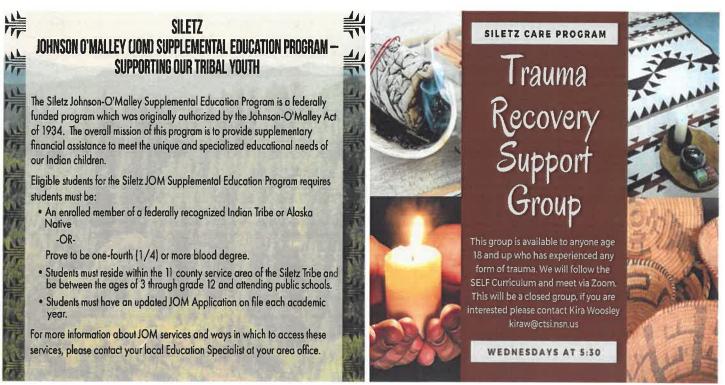
8. Thoughts of death: Sometimes life feels so difficult that people start fantasizing about what it would be like to not exist or to "go to sleep and never wake up." It is important that if these thoughts start to occur that an evaluation for depression is recommended. Thoughts of death may seem benign, but it is not uncommon that these thoughts start to become more intense. When this occurs, the risk of suicide increases significantly, and it is essential that one seeks intensive professional help. Often times when a person enters recovery and embraces a sober lifestyle, they receive an abundance of support and positive reinforcement from family, friends, mentors, and colleagues. For some, this external validation can come to define who they are, or their sense of self-worth. But once they settle down into the doldrums of regular life and all the compliments die down, depression can set in, along with a feeling of emptiness.

To avoid depression, self-worth must come from within.

Internal validation, or self-validation, means accepting one's own experience, thoughts, and feelings. It doesn't mean one's thoughts or feelings are always right. Sometimes simply acknowledging and either accepting or reframing one's own thoughts and feelings can be of utmost importance to deal with a tough situation. Self-validation can help people in recovery manage their feelings and be truthful with themselves. Honesty with oneself is a key component of sobriety.

Treating Depression

If you or someone you love is having suicidal thoughts, emergency medical treatment is advised. Others with less acute depression can seek out individual or group therapy, and if prescribed by a psychiatrist, take anti-depressants. Mild to moderate depression can be addressed through physical activity, particularly aerobic or muscular strength training, according to recent studies. Those with mild to moderate depression should also check in with their support networks. Replacing negative thoughts with positive ones as well as mindfulness can be helpful in relieving people of depression. Finally, a person suffering from depression should not expect a quick solution. Improvement will be gradual. It is important to develop a working relationship with a therapist or psychiatrist following sobriety and be open to treatment options available.



STVRP - Toni Leija, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

AUGUST AWARENESS - DIGESTIVE TRACT PARALYSIS (DTP)

Digestive Tract Paralysis (DTP) or "Gastroparesis" is a partial paralysis of the stomach or the intestines or both. In DTP, undigested food stays in the stomach for days or weeks at a time and makes a person feel nauseous and experience episodes of vomiting. It can cause a lack of appetite which may lead to malnutrition, discomfort, bloating, and/or heartburn (Cleveland Clinic & CDHF).

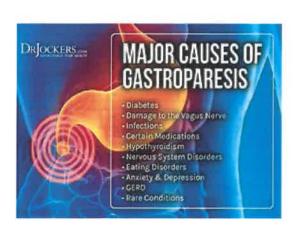
Diabetic DTP is estimated to occur in 20% to 40% of individuals with Diabetes. DTP can cause problems with blood sugar levels and nutrition. There is no cure for DTP other than to make changes to diet and take certain medications to obtain relief (Healthline).

Symptoms

- a feeling of fullness
- vomiting undigested food
- acid reflux or heartburn
- abdominal bloating or pain
- changes in blood sugar levels
- lack of appetite
- weight loss

Causes and Risk Factors

Vagus-nerve damage, stomach surgery, a nerve injury, autoimmune diseases, certain medications (i.e., narcotic pain medications) and virus infections are risk factors for DTP.



Gastroparesis Diet for Slow Stomach

Foods that are okay	Foods that are not okay
Fat-free consommé & bouillon	Soups made with cream or whole milk
Skim milk, low-fat yogurt, low-fat cheese	Whole milk products & cream
White rice, egg noodles, low fat crackers	Oatmeal, whole grain rice, cereal, bread
Eggs, peanut butter (small amount)	Beef, poultry, pork products
Cooked vegetables without skins	Raw vegetables & vegetables with skins
Hard candies, caramels, jelly, honey	High-fat desserts (cakes, pies, cookies)
Frozen yogurt, fruit ice, gelatin	Fruit preserves
Canned fruits without skins	Canned fruits with skins
Non-citrus juices	Citrus juices
Gatorade & soft drinks	Alcohol

This disorder may impact an employee's job performance due to frequently missing work because of chronic episodes of DTP or disengagement and/or isolation from family, friends, and others. An employee's level of functioning may be diminished due to limitations in interpersonal skills, work tolerance, and/or work skills. Accommodations can be made such as a flexible work schedule or working from home.

If you or someone you love has this condition and it's affecting their job performance, then contact the Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP) Counselor for your area:

Rachelle Endres – Siletz/Eugene, 541-444-8213, ext. 1213
Or

TOBACCO PREVENTION & EDUCATION - Corey Strong, TPEP COORD.



Traditional Tobacco is tobacco and/or other plant mixtures grown or harvested and used by American Indians and Alaska Natives for ceremonial or medicinal purposes.

Traditional tobacco has been used by American Indian nations for centuries as a medicine with cultural and spiritual importance. Many Tribes maintain teachings and stories on the origin of tobacco. These teachings address tobacco in its purest form, today known as the tobacco plant *Nicotiana rustica*, and may include mixtures of other native plants.

One common teaching involves the importance of having good attitudes and thoughts while working with traditional tobacco.

Traditional tobacco is a medicine, which can be used in a prescribed way to promote physical, spiritual, emotional, and community well-being. It may be used as an offering to the Creator or to another person, place, or being. A gift of traditional tobacco is a sign of respect and may be offered when asking for help, guidance, or protection. Traditional tobacco is sometimes used directly for healing in traditional medicine. It may be burned in a fire or smoked in a pipe, yet the smoke is generally not inhaled.

In many teachings, the smoke from burned tobacco has a purpose of carrying thoughts and prayers to the spirit world or to the Creator. When used appropriately, traditional tobacco is not associated with addiction and adverse health impacts.

Here are a few other examples of how tobacco was/is used for traditional purposes:

For our Hunters, traditional tobacco would be used when our people would kill an elk or deer or when we would catch a salmon or trout. Tobacco would be placed at the location or close by so we can communicate with the creator and give our thanks and appreciation "thank you for this elk or salmon as we will use it to feed our family".



For our Gatherers, traditional tobacco would be used when our people would gather supplies so that we may use them to make our baskets, or gather traditional medicines as we use it to heal. Tobacco would be placed at the location or close by so that we can communicate to the creator and give our thanks and appreciation "thank you creator for these sticks or medicines that we may use them for our baskets or medicines to help us heal".

Tobacco is a powerful medicine, keep it traditional.



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

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Your Salem Area Office Staff:

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