

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Tribal Prevention Plan Completed

by Tracy Molina-Easter

The Prevention Planning Partners are very pleased to present to the Siletz tribal community the Prevention Plan for 1999. We are looking forward to many positive motions to get the ball rolling toward positive change.

Having a prevention plan nudges us to really identify our goals. The reality is that the various social ills that plague our community can be cornered, if not attacked, by identifying ways to prevent those specific social problems. Having these goals assists the tribe as one entity, one powerful force, if we can come together to fight for our future generations.

This planning group is a venue for the people themselves to speak or offer alternative solutions to drug/alcohol/tobacco abuse, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, and STDs.

The group consists of Siletz tribal members and tribal employees, including representatives from all area offices.

If you are interested in becoming a prevention planning partner, please let us know. We meet just once a month in various locations. Please feel free to contact us if you would like to be a prevention planning partner, attend the meetings, or just let us know what you think.

Note: Recently we have heard some complaints concerning activities for our youth, all Siletz tribal youth. If you or your young adults/youth are interested in going on field trips with the prevention office or youth center, please contact us at 541-444-2532 or 1-800-992-1399.

Four Healing Principles

1. *Healing from problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs comes from within – ourselves, our tribe, our community. We will find the support and resources to heal, renew, and rebuild.*
2. *Our journey is linked to the past. It is with our traditions, cultural values, and today's knowledge that we will be able to restore, mend, and strengthen ourselves and future generations.*
3. *We will educate our children about the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, from the time they are in their mother's womb until they pass from this world. The health, success, and well-being of future generations depend upon the strength of our message.*
4. *Healing of the individual and tribe go hand in hand. The well-being of the tribe is inseparable from the well-being of the individual.*

SILETZ TRIBAL PREVENTION PLAN - 1999

GOAL ONE: Insure that our people shall live in peace and harmony among themselves and with all other people, according to our constitution.

Strategy A: Review and update prevention plan goals, strategies, and data yearly to assess program effectiveness. Begin 1999 prevention plan review by Sept. 15 and complete a plan for the year 2000 by Dec. 15, 1999.

Strategy B: Designate a yearly Prevention Day, the Friday before spring vacation, involving tribal communities and tribal programs, by the year 2000.

GOAL TWO: Build strong partnerships among tribal programs to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by tribal youth.

Strategy A: Provide an all-staff retreat by November 1999 that focuses on:

- < Fostering and maintaining respect for one another
- < Mediation training combining contemporary training with traditional practices

Strategy B: The Prevention Planning Group will demonstrate partnership building by:

- < Meeting monthly
- < Identifying committed partners
- < Identifying barriers to partnerships and meeting attendance

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To the editor:

Tribal member elders and family of elders, I encourage you to call the tribe's toll-free number - 1-800-922-1399 - to support a motion made by Lillie Butler.

The motion was to eliminate a fourth gaming commissioner position and the monies that were used for that position be distributed to the tribal elders, which would be an additional \$200.

This motion was made at the August General Council meeting and was approved by the tribal members who were in attendance. However, the

motions that are made at General Council are only advisory comments; the Council can choose to act or not act on a motion. If you wish to see the tribal elders receive an added benefit, then please call the toll-free number in support of the motion, or write a letter to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380.

Jessie Davis said the gaming commissioner position was needed because of gaming regulations, but the Council chose to leave the position vacant for almost a year. If the position

was vacant for almost a year, then the position is not needed. The three gaming commissioners do not work alone as they have additional support staff who work with them.

By eliminating the fourth commissioner position, \$200 additional dollars will go to the elders.

Also, there were some Council members who voted against the \$200.

Reggie Butler, Sr.