

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

SILETZ TRIBAL CITIZEN ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

Roles and Responsibilities

- ← The board is guided by a staff coordinator.
- ← Board members are appointed by a staff advisory group and sworn in by a Tribal Court judge.
- ← The staff advisory group is appointed by Tribal Council. A Tribal Council member serves as an advisory group member.
- ← The staff coordinator assumes responsibility for maintaining records, scheduling board meetings, board member rotation, scheduling training, and other administrative duties as assigned.
- ← The tribal whipman and whipwoman are included as board members for all meetings when they are available.
- ← A roster of at least 10 trained and sworn-in board members is maintained for rotation to allow for exclusion when a conflict of interest is identified, i.e., a close family member is referred as an offender.
- ← At least one staff representative is present at all meetings. The staff representative is responsible for the following:
 - Serve as meeting chairperson.
 - Provide introductory comments.
 - Monitor board questioning.
 - Facilitate the setting of realistic and just consequences.
 - Serve as the timekeeper for meetings.
 - Ensure that the offender and family have contract assignments clearly explained.
 - Facilitate negotiation process.
 - Maintain documentation.
 - Close each meeting with a summary statement.

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The Indian Health Service (IHS) uses census to identify specific reservations in need of housing assistance.

3. Make Government Work for You. It's a good way to tell our tribal leaders

What is CAB?

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These articles describe the juvenile diversion program called the Community Accountability Board (CAB). The Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs has listed CAB as a scientifically proven prevention program. The program specifically focuses on juvenile crime prevention. It's goal is to keep juvenile offenders out of the court system while still holding them accountable to the tribal community. An additional goal is to involve the community in addressing juvenile delinquency.

Community Accountability Boards are groups of three to five community volunteers who meet with juvenile offenders eligible for diversion. The CAB determines the reasonable requirements that the tribal community can expect as a consequence of delinquent behavior. CAB members also serve as role models for the community.

The Umatilla County Juvenile Department developed the CAB program. Subsequently, other counties and tribes have adopted the program and report positive outcomes in juvenile diversion. The Lincoln County Juvenile Department has indicated its support for this program. Larry Ballinger will serve as liaison between the agency and the Siletz Tribal CAB program. Ballinger has agreed to assist with the Siletz Tribal CAB training, serving in an advisory capacity to board members.

who we are and what we need. The numbers are used to help determine the distribution of almost \$200 billion in federal funds and even more in state funds each year. We're talking about hospitals, community centers, roads, and school lunch programs.

Thirty-one percent of American Indians and Alaska Natives live below the official government poverty level, according to the 1990 census.

Craig Whitehead and Robert Kentta were consulted regarding the cultural relevance of this program to the Siletz tribal community. They both state that this program fits the model they have been trying to develop for several years, and are enthusiastic about the program's implementation. Officer Norman Counts and former Chief Judge John Roe also were consulted and both indicate interest and support.

Once approved by Tribal Council resolution, staff from the Umatilla County Juvenile Department will travel to Siletz and provide a three-hour training session for interested and eligible Siletz tribal CAB members. The training will require travel and lodging expenses, but no fee for the training session. The Law Enforcement Committee has received information about the CAB program. Harold Shepherd has stated that a tribal juvenile crime code needs to be written and approved prior to utilizing CAB in the Tribal Court system. He has agreed to begin that process.

The Lincoln County Juvenile Department has indicated that it would use the CAB for Siletz tribal youth who are under its jurisdiction. If you have any questions concerning this program please feel free to call Tracy at 541-444-2532, ext. 333, or Janet at ext. 282.

4. Reduce Risk for Business. Because accurate numbers help businesses reduce financial risk and locate potential markets, businesses are better able to produce the products you want.

In order to succeed in the 21st century, Indian-owned businesses will need to have the facts about consumer markets and labor supply.

(see Census on page 7)