

## TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

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The Adult Education Program assists with obtaining and retaining employment. The program may provide funding for special interest and General Education Development (GED) classes. The program coordinates with other service providers to establish continuity for Adult Education.

An education specialist is based in Siletz and in each tribal area office. Ongoing projects include developing individual education plans, identifying long-term goals, and planning activities to address immediate needs for tribal participants.

#### Higher Education

The Higher Education Program is a scholarship program for eligible Siletz Tribal members to continue their education beyond high school. Participants' goals include developing leadership skills and increasing employment opportunities in professional fields.

The program requires enrollment in an accredited institute and pursuit of a bachelor's degree or a two-year program that will transfer to a four-year college or university. The program is available to all tribal members regardless of geographical location.

#### Adult Vocational Training

The Adult Vocational Training Program provides support for vocational

training to enrolled Siletz Tribal members residing in the 11-county service area. The program requires a high school diploma or GED certificate and focuses on individuals with no previous training, job skills, or trade.

Training may be obtained at either a community college or a private training institute. Approval for training and financial assistance is limited by availability of funds.

#### Cultural Resources Program

The Cultural Resources Program promotes the tribe's unique cultural identity and history. Program staff work on the documentation, protection and preservation of cultural resources within the aboriginal homelands of the Siletz Tribe. This includes coordinating Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) issues on the local, regional and national level.

A language project designed for curriculum development documents alternative terms and pronunciations in various Athapascan dialects. Siletz language issues are complicated and varied dialectic inclusions are necessary. All will be included in a dictionary and curriculum, side-by-side and all treated as correct, to provide a choice of terms and pronunciations.

The Siletz Tribal pow-wows are under the direction of a pow-wow coordinator. Tribal Council annually

appoints a Pow-Wow Committee to plan and organize three pow-wows a year - the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow in August, Restoration Pow-Wow in November, and a Spring Pow-Wow. The pow-wow coordinator also gives cultural presentations and assists in other pow-wows in the community: the Siletz School Mini-Restoration Pow-Wow, New Year's Eve Pow-Wow with the Alcohol and Drug Department and the Salem area office staff.

#### Youth Services Program

The Youth Services Program focuses on the well-being of young people and advocates for the needs of youth. Tribal resources and others are used in developing positive community models. The program provides academic and leisure-time activities in a supervised setting. Young people participate in constructive pursuits after school and on weekends.

Youth Services is staffed by a coordinator responsible for day-to-day activities and for planning and developing activities and future facilities. One part-time youth leader staffs the center and is responsible for monitoring activities and assisting participants. Youth Services staff coordinate with other programs to provide services.