

Welcome to the Prevention Dimension

Shu'-yi'de-ghayt-nin'sh

Shu'-yi-de-ghayt-nin'sh means
We are getting well
Shu' (sounds like "shoe")
yi ("i" is a long "a" sound)
de (short "e" like in "den")
ghayt (sounds like "kite")
nin'sh (long "e")

The articles and information you see here are offered as a way to increase communication and share information, knowledge, and humor. We welcome questions, suggestions, and artwork from youth age 12 to 17.

Please contact Lisa Brown at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 238, or 541-444-8238 to turn in articles or information that may be printed in an upcoming issue of Siletz News. You also may e-mail documents of interest to lisab@ctsi.nsn.us.

MC Lyte Rocks Coliseum in Portland

Nov. 8, 2000, marked another day in history for The Girls Initiative. The United Girls Summit hit Portland, Ore., in a big way, leaving many teen-agers excited and full of hope and energy.

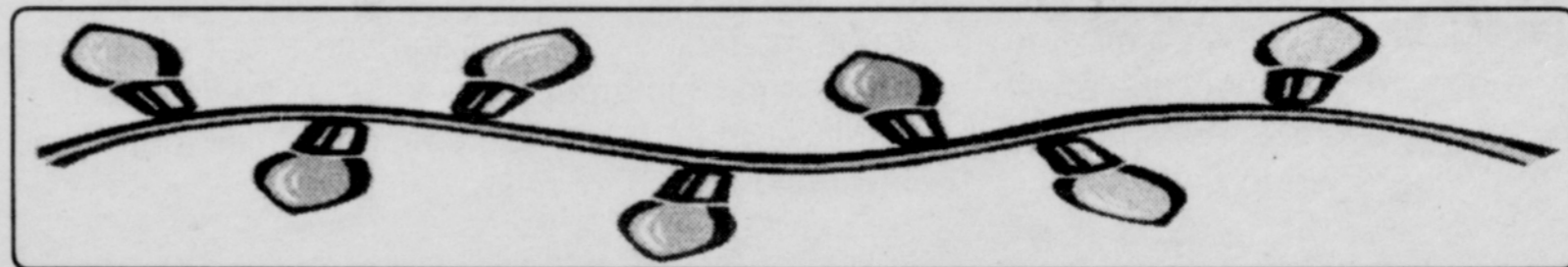
The community-based coalition of girls, young women, and their supporters united in creating social change through advocacy, education, and activism. They provide opportunities for girls to grow personally while learning how to become activists, educators, and most importantly, their own advocates.

The Girls Initiative Network provides positive social outlets to escape social ills that are pervasive in our society. It was a fantastic turnout, with special guest MC Lyte sharing thoughts on how to focus on your dreams and make them a reality. She also spoke about knowing your potential and always doing more than what is required in class or on a job because you never know how it may affect your next phase in life.

MC Lyte spoke about how important the choice is of what music we choose to



(L to r back row) Jill Dale, Courtney Gorham, Jamie Zuber,
(l to r front row) Angel Gorham, Jasmyn Whitehead, and Brittney Payne
enjoy The Girls Summit in Portland in November.



listen to. "Your body is a temple. You wouldn't put bad food into your body, would you?" she asked the group of 1,000 young ladies. "If you put bad food in your body, you would become ill."

Audience members asked her to comment on relationships. She said, "None of you out there should even be thinking about love at this time. If some guy comes up to you, tell him to go out into the world and come back when he has something to offer you, such as an education, a career, and the experience to make good decisions." She stressed the importance of education, family, and role models.

The event was a very uplifting experience for the eight youth and three adults who attended the summit. Originally, 19 girls signed up to attend. Unfortunately, the 6 a.m. departure time reduced the number to eight determined young ladies.

Special thanks to chaperones Lynn Whitlow of Siletz School (LCSD) and Jill Dale of the Lincoln County Commission on Children and Families (LCCF), who paid for the mileage to transport youth. Thanks to a generous personal donation from Siletz School Principal Jess Kennison, we had a wonderful dinner before returning home. Also, special thanks to the State Incentives Cooperative (SICA) grant that the Siletz Tribe received from the Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (OADAP), which has been used to build partnerships. This funding has allowed the opportunity to collaborate with resources such as LCSD, LCCF, and SICA, which makes these activities possible for community members.

The United Girls Summit was sponsored in part by local hit radio station Jammin' 95. The summit attracted more than 1,000 young women destined to move their futures in an upwardly positive fashion.