

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 1-800-600-5599, 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.

The following article is written by Lisa Brown, Prevention Coordinator

Expanding Your Horizons 2001

Career Conference for Girls, Grades 6-12
April 21, 2001, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lewis & Clark College

Why should you attend?

- To learn about many different jobs
- To meet cool girls and women from all over Oregon
- To have fun
- To talk to amazing women: band director, veterinarian, engineer, biologist, geneticist, pilot, auto mechanic, crime scene investigator, and more ...

Fliers and registration forms are available; contact Bonnie Randolph at 503-916-5840, ext. 328. For more information or special needs, please contact Nancy Huppertz at 503-691-1166. Cost is \$4 for youth; adults are free.

EYH conferences are designed to help girls overcome educational disparity in mathematics, science, computers, and technology. Women role models from a wide range of occupations will speak to girls about their jobs and emphasize the importance of taking higher-level math and science classes to broaden occupational choices throughout their lives.

If you would like info on upcoming conferences and other "girl" stuff, contact Annette Klinefelter, program director of the Girls' Initiative Network, at 503-493-3955 or e-mail her at www.girlsinitiativenetwork.org.

"What is "Prevention?"

People often ask, "What is Prevention?" I understand the confusion because many people think of "prevention" as a concept. It is much more than that. An important part of the Siletz Tribal Prevention Program process was developing "The 4 Healing Principles" by members of the Prevention Planning Group.

The principles are printed here for your review. Prevention is an important part of the process to ensure a healthy, positive future for our tribal membership. Education, knowledge, and traditions are essential tools that I use in my process of sharing.

Prevention is the elder in your community who takes the time to read to a child in the Head Start classroom. It's the lady at the store who takes the time to ask a third-grade student how her day has been. It can be represented in a story that can create a picture. Please contact the Prevention Program if you have ideas or stories about how prevention happens in your community.

The 4 Healing Principles

1. Healing from problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs comes from within ourselves, our tribe, and 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.

Model Drug Dealer Liability Act

The Model Drug Dealer Liability Act (DDLA) provides a means for parents and others to obtain monetary damages from drug dealers for the injuries caused by drugs to their families and communities. The Model DDLA has been adopted by 13 state legislatures throughout the United States.

Under its "market liability" provisions, the DDLA provides for civil liability for any drug dealer in a community for the injuries to others by drug users of the same type of drug, during the time period the dealer was dealing in the same community. Under "market liability," a plaintiff need not prove that the particular defendant drug dealer was in the "chain of distribution" to the user who caused the injuries.

The act is model legislation of the American Legislative Exchange Council, a bipartisan organization of more than 2,500 legislatures nationwide. For more details, go to <http://www.modelddla.com/>. This Web site is dedicated to all drug babies whose suffering is an American tragedy, to all families who have lost their children to illegal drugs, and to all those who have suffered as a result of the consequences of illegal drugs being distributed by drug dealers in America.

Upcoming Conferences

Portland Convention Center, May 3-4
Youth Violence Prevention, July 9-12
Chaperones Needed!

Youth Wanted

We need tribal youth to be presenters at conferences. Please apply with the Siletz Tribal Prevention Program if you are interested or know a youth who might be able to travel to conferences to represent the Siletz Tribe.

The Siletz Tribal youth will teach a workshop that shows other youth and adults how to make a four directions key chain. They will share the meaning and symbolism behind the key chain (respect, diversity, honoring our bodies/mind/spirit by not using alcohol/drugs, respecting the earth/sky, etc.).

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www.zapbac.com

It's about using and not using tobacco,
how to avoid it and how to quit.