

## Ask Raven

Raven will answer your questions about problems associated with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Look for boxes in tribal offices with Raven's picture. You can leave your questions for Raven in these boxes. Those suitable for Siletz News will be answered here. If you want a confidential answer to a question, please leave an address and Raven will contact you.

**Dear Raven: My 16-year-old son is using drugs, drinking, and skipping a lot of school. His father and I both think he needs to go to a treatment center. Can I make him go? Concerned Mom**

Dear Concerned Mom: Concerned parents often ask this question. Few substance abuse treatment programs in the country are locked facilities, so if you insist your son be admitted to a treatment facility, he can walk out the door at any time.

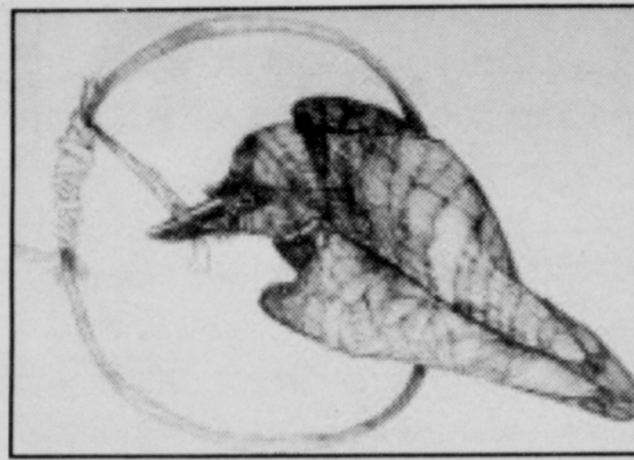
As the parent, however, you have the authority to insist that your son get treatment, even when he is resistant. Most programs that serve adolescents have staff who are trained to work with resistant youth and with time are able to establish a positive therapeutic relationship.

I encourage you to have your son assessed by a certified counselor to see if he meets the criteria for residential treatment. If he does, that counselor will help you find the best resource available for your son and will help you as a parent find the strength to do what you need to do so that your son gets help. Best wishes. Raven

**Dear Raven: People in this town (Siletz) are fed up with the kids who are out on the streets at night raising hell. They are the kids whose parents don't seem to care about what they are doing. What is being done about this? Fed Up**

Dear Fed Up: A lot of people have been expressing the same concerns you have about young people out at night in the Siletz community. These concerns have been discussed with tribal law enforcement officers at the Meth Task Force meetings.

As a result of community concern, Chief Denis Bosque reports that he has made curfew a high priority. He has scheduled an officer seven days a week who will be on shift past curfew hours. Officers will be active in keeping all



youth who are under age 18 off the streets. When they are found to be out past curfew, they will be taken home and delivered directly to their parents/guardians.

If you see a situation of concern, please call 911 and the police will respond. Also, please consider attending the Meth Task Force meetings. The meeting schedule is listed below. Raven

### Announcements

If you think your child may be at risk of alcohol, tobacco, or other drug problems and/or juvenile delinquency behaviors, please call Delina or Crista at 1-800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286.

One of them will talk with you about risk factors and those things that help protect your child from developing these problems. They will help you develop a prevention plan that will support you as a parent and provide your child with support for making good choices.

### Meth Task Force Meeting

Oct. 6, 2004 – Noon

Siletz Tribal Housing Department  
Conference Room

### Male Volunteers Needed

Men! We need you to volunteer, even once a year, to chaperone a youth prevention activity. We currently have only one male staff person who chaperones. Without more help, we will have to limit overnight activities for boys and young men.

We will be glad to talk with you about the kinds of activities you are willing to chaperone. All volunteers need to have a criminal background check, so please contact us now if you have any interest!

### Area Office Services

A vacancy currently exists in one of the two counselor positions that serve the three area offices. If you have any questions about services, please call the Siletz office at 1-800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286.

## Siletz Tribal Alcohol & Drug Programs

Prevention, Outpatient Treatment, and  
Women's Transitional

Siletz: 1-800-600-5599 or  
541-444-8286  
Eugene: 541-484-4234

Salem: 503-390-9494  
Portland: 503-238-1512

### Elder Council Meeting

Oct. 9, 2004 – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

## Computers and Training Available

### Desktop Computer Program

Once again, the Tribal Council has allocated funding to purchase desktop computers for tribal member households.

Over the past two years, the tribe has supplied 1,992 tribal households with computers. Most tribal households have received one, but a few households were unable to apply in the first two years.

If you are interested in receiving a desktop computer and you have not received one previously, please call Darlene Carkhuff at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1201, or 541-444-8201 for an application.

The eligibility criteria is:

- You, your household, or address have never received a computer previously
- You complete a desktop computer application
- You provide a utility bill in your name (first and last name as it appears on the tribal roll) at the physical address where you reside

For non-tribal households who have legal custody of tribal children, you can apply through an NIC application. In addition to the above requirements, the non-tribal custodial parent must supply a copy of verification of custody (through divorce decree, adoption, state certification) of the tribal child.

### Laptop Computer Program

For the first time, Tribal Council has allocated funding to purchase laptop computers for students attending a higher education or AVT program. In order to be eligible, the students must provide proof of:

- A completed laptop computer application
- Verification that you currently are enrolled full time in a higher education or AVT program
- Verification of successful completion of two prior terms in college. Each term must be a minimum of 12 credit hours per term with a 2.0 GPA. Unofficial transcripts are fine.
- Verification through a utility bill in the student's name at the physical address where he/she resides

### Online Computer Training Program

The next logical step in this technology program is the opportunity to take online computer classes at your own pace and in your own home.

The tribe has purchased a limited number of training subscriptions to a company called MySkillSource. More than 200 different types of computer programs can be learned.

In order to enroll, you must be an enrolled tribal member, have Internet access (the tribe does not provide Internet access), and you must send an e-mail to tinar@ctsi.nsn.us.

You will be registered for the classes and notified about how to access the program. From there, you just log on when you have time and decide which programs you would like to learn.

Class opportunities include Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and many other popular software programs. Again, you work at your own pace and individual modules allow you to return to the program for a refresher.