

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Rental Assistance Program Update

by Angela Martin and Marci Simmons

We are preparing the annual update of our Rental Assistance Program's active waiting list.

These updates are for existing applicants to update and submit to our office by Aug. 2, 2005. If an update is not received by this deadline, the active applicant will be placed in inactive status.

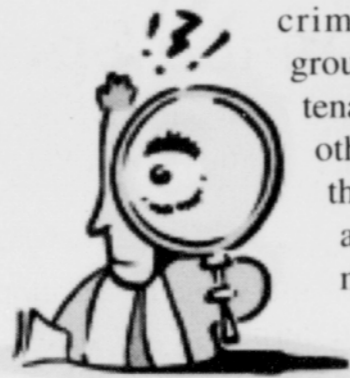
A complete application consists of the following:

- The 10-page application (three pages of information from applicant with certification, three pages of authorizations for the release of information, the things you should know, and the Siletz Tribal Housing Department's grievance/complaint process). Make sure each adult household member signs necessary forms.
- Social Security card copies for each household member. If a household member does not have his/her Social Security card at the time of application, a copy of the application to the Social Security Administration can be



temporarily used until the card is received.

- Verification of income (pay stub copy, a statement from employer/source, award letter, benefit letter, etc). If the applicant has no income, then a survival statement must be completed.
- Verification of residence (a copy of a bill, identification card, or other source that shows the household member's name and physical address).



We complete criminal background checks and tenant checks from other housing authorities for each adult household member. Therefore, our receipt letters for returned applications may take up to 30 days.

Applicants can call us at 541-444-8314 or toll-free at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1314, during business hours – Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – to inquire about their status.

## July USDA Distribution Dates

### Siletz

Monday July 4	Holiday
Tuesday, July 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday, July 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday, July 8	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Salem

Monday, July 18	1:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 20	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



June was a very busy month for the USDA program. Our program director was out for a couple of weeks. I would like to thank Michele Louvet-Rowan in Human Resources, Nancy McCrary and Heather Hunt in Programs, and Jaimee Crowe in the Self-Sufficiency Program for all the assistance they gave to help me out.

Also a **big thank you** to Alan Werder, our new WEX worker, and Daniel Brown for volunteering in the Siletz warehouse. I don't know what I would have done without you guys.

Also, thank you to Roger Rilatos, who stepped up and delivered the truckload of food to Salem for us. It is nice to

know that when times are tough, we have people who are willing to help.

The fresh produce is a big hit with our clients. In May, we distributed 1,234 pounds of fruits and vegetables in the Siletz and Salem warehouses. This spring, we will add some seasonal produce, like peaches and corn on the cob, to our shopping lists.

**Happy meals!**



Teacher Robin with Tyson Rilatos (above) and Ayla Ben (right)



## Business and You!

by Rosie Sufficool, STBC Business Information Counselor

### Is Your Business a Success?

How can I tell if my business is a success? For many business owners, this can be a difficult question to answer.

Being successful in business can mean different things to individual owners.

Some owners think that if they are making a lot of money, they are successful. Others may base their success on the number of jobs they are able to provide for others, or the kind of service their business can provide and how it helps people.

For most people, "success" is a combination of things that make people feel happy and fulfilled. Being able to provide a good source of income for their families, doing something they enjoy, helping others, mentoring employees, or passing the business on to their children can all be very important reasons for being in business.

But statistics show that successful long-term businesses have a lot of factors in common, including:

- Being ethical and fair in their business practices
- Providing excellent customer service
- Using good money management
- Going the extra mile to make sure the customer gets what they need
- Creating a team environment and respecting the job done by employees
- Always looking for ways to improve products and services
- Being a part of the community and sharing their time and talents with those in need

So the next time someone asks you if your business is a success, think about the kind of business owner you are – and the kind of business owner you would like to be. The rest is up to you!

If you have questions about business or would like to see a specific business topic discussed in this column, please send an e-mail to me at [rsufficool@stbcorp.net](mailto:rsufficool@stbcorp.net).

## Highlights from Siletz Tribal Head Start Transition Ceremony in Siletz



Teacher Robin with Joseph Brandt (above) and Julia Trachsel (right)



David Butler, Teacher Robin, and Raylene Butler