

McKinney named TPEP coordinator; plans collaboration with other groups

By Patti McKinney, TPEP Coordinator

My name is Patti McKinney. I am the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) coordinator for the Siletz Tribe.

It is an honor to be a part of the Tribe and the Siletz Community Health Clinic. My office is located in the Behavioral Health Department.

My role as a Tobacco Prevention and Education coordinator includes:

- Collaborating with diverse partners, such as Tribal, community and state agencies
- Promoting healthy environments and communities, such as housing, work sites and events, so everyone who accesses the buildings and events can do so without exposure to second-hand smoke. TPEP support includes tobacco prevention signs, information and policies that protect Siletz Tribal properties and buildings.
- Reducing the influence of tobacco product marketing by providing evidence-based information to key stake holders
- Providing the quit line number (800-QUITNOW or 800-784-8669)

to clinic staff and encouraging people to access their medical provider for cessation guidance

- Providing commercial tobacco-free policy support for the Siletz Tribe by providing updated information about the risks of secondhand smoke and the populations that are vulnerable, including infants, children, pregnant women, Elders and people with diabetes, COPD (cardio pulmonary obstructive disease) and asthma
- Providing TPEP quarterly meetings with an Advisory Coalition. I invite collaborative partners within our Siletz Tribal programs, Lincoln County agency partners and the community to provide their valuable expertise and information. One way to do that would be to join the TPEP Advisory Coalition.

For more information, please contact me at 541-444-9659 or 800-648-0449, ext. 1659; pattim@ctsi.nsn.us; or Siletz Community Health Clinic/Behavioral Health Department, P.O. Box 320, 200 Gwee-Shut Road, Siletz, OR, 97380.



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Patti McKinney at the smoke-free campus of the Siletz Community Health Clinic



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L E T L O V E

The Siletz Tribal Change Team will host a Live and Let Love event at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Feb. 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We also will host an event at the Salem Area Office on Feb.13 from 5-7 p.m.

The Change Team works to improve the services utilized by the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgendered, queer (LGBTQ) and Two-Spirit community. The team also works to create awareness, provide education/resources and change the culture of the Native community to be more accepting of LGBTQ/Two-Spirit individuals.

The Live and Let Love event includes:

- Viewing a video created by Basic Rights Oregon on Native Two-Spirit individuals
- Viewing a video clip featuring Change Team members created by the Ford Foundation
- Recent achievements/accomplishments of the Change Team
- Upcoming goals for 2013
- Exciting news and requests for support from the Tribal community

This event is a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share with others.

For more information, contact Kurtis Barker at 800-922-1399, ext. 1247, or 541-444-8247.

Medicare Part B and Part D recipients should turn in 2013 information

2013 Medicare premiums have changed. If you have not turned in your 2013 Medicare insurance and prescription plan updates, please get those in immediately.

If you no longer have a premium, it is important that you also send us this information. Failure to provide us with your current information may result in removal from the program.

You can fax your information to 541-444-6978, attn: Wendi; mail it to SCHC, attn. Wendi, P.O. Box 320, Siletz, OR 97380; or e-mail wendis@ctsi.nsn.us.

If you have any questions, please contact Wendi Schamp at 541-444-9670 or 800-648-0449, ext. 1670.



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Pow-wow drum practice to take place at Tribal housing in Lincoln City

Pow-wow drum practice will take place Feb. 28 at 5:30-6 p.m. in the community room at Neachesna Village, 4675 NE Johns Ave. in Lincoln City, Ore.

If you have questions, contact Rusty Butler (Siletz Tribal Prevention coordinator) at 444-8618 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1618; or Tiffany Stuart (Siletz Tribal Head Start teacher) at 541-994-0400.