

Siletz Home Visiting Program ready to help Tribal families with young ones

The Siletz Home Visiting Program is gearing up to begin services this June.

The program has hired two home visitors who will serve the 11-county service area. Heather Butler will serve families in Lincoln, Tillamook, Yamhill and Polk counties and Jessica Phillips will serve families in Lane, Linn, Benton, Marion, Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties.

Additional staff includes Patrice Clevenger, coordinator, and Dorene Rilatos, outreach specialist and data coordinator.

Butler is from Siletz and has worked in several positions with the Tribe over the years. She is excited about working in the Home Visiting Program because she has wanted to work directly with families for a long time. She brings lots of family support expertise with her.

Phillips comes to us from Looking Glass, a youth support facility in Eugene, Ore. She has an associate degree in social work and is a registered doula, a birth coach. She is excited about this new position since she too will be able to use her many family support skills with her Home Visiting families.

Families will be very fortunate to have either of these young ladies as their home visitor.

The Siletz Home Visiting Program will begin to serve families with first births beginning in June and in July it will serve families with first births or subsequent births.

The home visitors will come into the homes either before the birth of the baby or right after to share information on prenatal care and infant care. Home

visitors will begin visiting families on a weekly basis by sharing information on Your Growing Child, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Toddler Care, My Family and Me, and Healthy Living.

Home visitors will help the family coordinate with any other service it may need. They will encourage the parents to be the best that they can and teach them how to be their child's first and best teacher.

In addition, the Home Visiting Program will bring books during each visit to each child living in the home. Children who are read to on a daily basis will be more prepared for Head Start, preschool and kindergarten.

Children who have the necessary skills to begin school on a positive note are more likely to become good students, graduate from high school and go on to higher education, whether that be college, technical school or a "learn as you go" career.

We all want strong families in our community and Home Visiting will help assure that our families are strong and supportive.

If you know someone who is expecting, tell them about this new program for Siletz Tribal members and their children. Look for brochures and welcome information at the Siletz Community Health Clinic and at all Tribal area offices.

For more information, call Dorene Rilatos at 541-444-9603 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1603; or Patrice Clevenger at 541-444-8332 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1332, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

If you are in the Siletz area, drop by our office in the old clinic building during regular business hours. We'd love to talk with you.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Heather Butler, Patrice Clevenger and Jessica Phillips of the Siletz Home Visiting Program. Not pictured: Dorene Rilatos.

Laptop computers again available for Tribal students

The Tribal Central Office is accepting applications for the Student Laptop Program beginning June 2, 2014.

This program is specifically for higher education and AVT students who meet the following eligibility requirements and have not previously received a student laptop:

- Must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member
- Must provide copy of current term class schedule of six credit hours or more

- Must provide an unofficial transcript/grade report of successful completion of two part-time or full-time (six credit hours or more) quarters/semesters of higher education/AVT program with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Proof of residence required

Applications are available on the Tribe's website (ctsi.nsn.us) or by contacting April Middaugh or Darlene Carkhuff at 800-922-1399, ext.1200

and 1201, or direct at 541-444-8200 and 541-444-8201.

Desktop computers – The desktop program remains suspended for this calendar year.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

Time to gather materials for baskets

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

June

Hazel, willow and fir sticks (until mid-June); spruce roots

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots



Honor and Celebration

The Taft High 7-12 Native Student Association (NSA) would like to invite all our Elders and Taft High alumni to join us at our annual Senior Barbeque Celebration on June 6, 2014, from 4:30-8:30 p.m.

This invitation is open to all Lincoln County 2014 Indian Education graduating students and their families. Join us in celebrating and honoring their accomplishments.

Besides food, we will have door prizes throughout the evening. If you feel like dancing or just for your enjoyment, music will be provided by a Taft alumni DJ.

This is a free event.

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**For more information, contact Juanita Whitebear
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