

Tribal vocational rehabilitation program here to help

The Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation program (STVRP) is here to assist members of any federally recognized Tribe (living within the Siletz Tribe's service area) with overcoming impediments to employment. We work with a diverse population of individuals who have disabilities ranging from cognitive impairments to physical limitations.

If you have a documented disability that creates limitations or prevents you from doing the work you desire or are qualified for, we would like to assist you. We can help with obtaining and maintaining employment and developing skills.

We focus on motivation, identifying your abilities, skills that lead to successful employment and the development of self-advocacy.

You should have a strong desire to work and be willing to work collaboratively with STVRP staff to provide you with the services needed to overcome

your disability. Your personal goal should be self-sufficiency and to live a healthy sustainable lifestyle.

STVRP also assists transitioning students with disabilities. The ideal age for a student to start working with VR is two to three years before graduation and until age 22 or graduated from high school.

Our program can provide vocational guidance and counseling, assist with identifying employment goals, employment retention and advocacy within the academic environment.

Students with a documented disability or who are on an Individualized Education Plan – IEP or on a 504 Plan are encouraged to participate in STVRP.

Examples of services provided by STVRP include:

- Guidance and Counseling
- Referral to Services
- Employment Services

- Portfolio Building, Resume Writing, Interviewing Techniques, Job Coaching
- Culturally Relevant Individualized Services
- Evaluations and Assessments
- Training Placement Opportunities
- Adaptive Equipment

For more information about the STVRP, call 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532. We also maintain resource and employment boards, so please stop by if you're interested. You can speak to VR staff in the following locations:

Salem Area Office
3160 Blossom Drive NE, Suite 105
Salem, OR 97305



Siletz Administration Building
201 SE Swan Ave.
Siletz, OR 97380

Salem – Dana Rodriguez, Program Aide; Toni Leija, Counselor/Job Developer
Siletz – Jeramie Martin, Counselor/Job Developer

Changes in how we mail Siletz News

The Siletz Tribe now mails one copy of *Siletz News* to each physical address instead of one copy to each Tribal member age 18 and older.

If you find that you need more than one copy in your household, please email your name and address to pias@ctsi.nsn.us and you will start receiving a second copy.

Thank you!

Reminders

Culture Camp: July 11-13

Registration forms are available on the Tribal website or at your area office.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

The Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow hiring date is Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Siletz Tribal Community Center on Government Hill. Jobs to be filled – security, maintenance and kitchen positions.

Run to the Rogue: Sept. 8-10

Registration forms are available on the Tribal website or at your area office.

For questions or more information, contact Buddy Lane at 541-444-8230; 800-922-1399, ext. 1230; or buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Over-Income Grant Program opens

The Over-Income Rehabilitation Construction program funds over-income families with a \$5,000 grant for construction rehabilitation on the primary residence they own.

The over-income grant is for eligible applicants and is limited to one grant per person/address/household. If you have received services for the following programs you are not eligible for five years: Down Payment Assistance, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program, NAHASDA Elders Replacement Program, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program for Elder Tribal Members, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program for Disabled Tribal Members, Homeownership Program/Mutual Help and BIA Self-Governance.

Rehabilitation refers to repairs or renovations to the home, but does not include appliances, saunas, hot tubs, swimming pools, driveways, fences, etc.

Over-income refers to Tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). These are listed below:

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\$36,792	42,048	47,304	52,560	56,765	60,970	65,174	69,379

Applications, including proof of current annual income, enrollment and proof of homeownership with the Tribal member's name on it, must be submitted to the Housing office by **July 31, 2017, at 4:30 p.m.** Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

Qualified applicants will be placed in the lottery drawing, which will be held in August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

If you would like an application or have any questions, call Jeanette Aradoz at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316.

Student Laptop Program

The Central Administration office will accept applications for the Student Laptop Program beginning Aug. 1, 2017. **Early applications will not be accepted.**

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 consecutive quarters/semesters (six credit hours or more) of higher education/AVT program with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Proof of residence is required.

Applications are available on the Tribe's website or by contacting Danielle Payne or April Middaugh at 800-922-1399 or direct at 541-444-8200 or 541-444-8201.

Desktop Computers – The Desktop Program remains suspended for this calendar year.

Call the Shellfish Safety Hotline before harvesting - 800-448-2474

The Oregon Department of Agriculture's shellfish biotoxin hotline is toll-free and updated immediately when shellfish toxins reach the alert level. The hotline is your best source for up-to-date clam, crab and mussel closure information.

Gathering basket-making materials

Summer is coming and hazel sticks are 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 email budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Just a reminder – basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion. Due to our changing climate, these times may vary.

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

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