

# ODA visits Siletz Dental; opens communication, potential collaboration

Representatives from the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and a lobbyist from Grand Ronde met with providers from the Siletz Community Dental Clinic and Tribal Council Health Representative Gloria Ingle on Sept. 29.

Connor McNulty, ODA executive director, says he wants to avoid conflicts seen in other states by opening lines of communications with Oregon Tribes. Specifically, he wanted to hear about our processes here and the challenges we face, and offer future support to optimizing the oral health of the community.

Justin Martin, Tribal outreach project consultant, stated one such example is legislation that will offer a full-ride tuition to Native applicants interested in attending dental school at OHSU in return for their work at a Tribal service site after graduation.

Other topics of discussion included improving Medicaid's open card acceptance in the dental community, how to better introduce non-Tribal providers and staff to American Indian culture, OHSU dental student rotations through Tribal clinics and reducing anxiety that may have been caused by historical trauma and subsequently passed down to current patients.

After the meeting, they were given a tour of the dental clinic and introduced to the dental staff.

"We look forward to working with you in the future!" concluded Jennifer Lewis-Goff, ODA government affairs director.



Courtesy photo from Siletz Community Dental Clinic

Misty Reed, Dr. Jeremy Vistica, Teresa Carpenter, Gloria Ingle, Bobbi Foley, Dr. Gordon Stanger and Alison Noble

## Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

### Attention Siletz Tribal Artists

The Pow-Wow Committee is once again having a logo contest for the upcoming pow-wow in August 2018. All Siletz Tribal artists are encouraged to submit a pow-wow-themed logo.

The winning logo artist will receive a cash prize of \$300 and a professional banner with your logo. The winning artist also will have his/her logo highlighted on Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your artwork to the cultural education director's office at the Tribal Community Center or mail it to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

All entries must be received no later than Feb. 23, 2018.

### Royalty Crown Proposals

The Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for 2018-2019 royalty crowns. Proposals are being accepted for Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Proposals for a crown are required to include art design, size of the crown and a bid for the crown or crowns of your interest. Proposals can be submitted for individual crowns, two crowns or you can submit a bid for all three crowns.

Crown proposals must be turned in to the committee no later than Feb. 23, 2018.

Proposals can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549,

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230.

## "Ch'ee t'u"

### Siletz Basketry Class

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments

#### Siletz

Tribal Community Center  
Dec. 4 • 5-7 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
Dec. 5 • 5-7 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office  
Dec. 11 • 5-7 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office  
Dec. 12 • 5-7 p.m.



Come and learn how to make Siletz baskets.

All ages welcome.

Young people under 10 years old need an adult to accompany and assist them.

The Siletz Culture Department will provide round reed material and instructors. If you have your own materials, please bring them.

Contact: Bud Lane at budl@ctsi.nsn.us; 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320.

## Help with home heating available through LIHEAP

### What is LIHEAP?

- LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills.
- LIHEAP can help you stay warm in the winter. By doing so, you can reduce the risk of health and safety problems, such as illness, fire or eviction.

### What assistance does LIHEAP provide?

- Heating assistance
- Crisis assistance (shut-off or final notice)

### Enrolled Siletz Tribal Member

The applicant, or a child residing in the household, must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.

### Residence Location

The residence must be located within the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area.

### Income Eligible

The applicant/family must meet the annual income guidelines as determined at the time of intake.

### When can I apply?

- Oct. 1 – Siletz Tribal elders and disabled Tribal members
- Nov. 1 – Other Siletz Tribal households

### Program Keypoints

- LIHEAP is divided into two categories: 1) Heating; 2) Crisis. The maximum award is \$700 per household.

- Not all households will qualify for the maximum amount. Awards will depend on family size, income and need.
- When making your appointment for assistance, please be sure to have all necessary documentation beforehand or be able to get required documents before your appointment.
- Required documentation includes, but is not limited to:
  - Social Security Cards for **all** household members (**no exceptions!**)
  - Most recent utility bill
  - Current income documents – for each adult household member (e.g. Social Security award letter, unemployment printout, pay-stubs, etc.)
- If you need documentation from other departments, please be sure to make requests from those departments prior to your appointment.

### Household incomes not to exceed:

1	\$23,095
2	\$30,201
3	\$37,308
4	\$44,414
5	\$51,520
6	\$58,626
7	\$59,958
8	\$61,291
9	\$62,623
10	\$63,956

Contact your service area for walk-in and appointment times available.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to call Casey Godwin, Emergency Energy Assistance Program coordinator at 541-444-8311 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1311.

## January 2018 Community Meetings

Here is an early heads-up for your 2018 calendar! The dates for this winter's Planning Department Community Meetings are:

Eugene – Jan. 11  
Siletz – Jan. 18

Salem – Jan. 25  
Portland – Jan. 31

We expect to follow the usual agenda, with a light soup dinner at 5 p.m., presentations beginning at 5:30 p.m., with open discussion to follow.

We plan to be done around 7 p.m., but are always happy to talk longer if you'd like. We look forward to seeing you there again.