

Isaac DeAnda: Wanted to see his kids grow up

By Andy Taylor

Isaac DeAnda moved to Siletz with one goal in mind – family. Upon arrival from Fresno, Calif., life on the reservation was a major culture shock that reverberated with his wife, Sheila, and their five children. Searching for a place to go where he could live for family rather than family live without him, Isaac made the decision to become closer to his culture and part of the Siletz community.

Isaac and Sheila assumed that when they moved to Lincoln County the cost of living would also go down, but they soon realized they were mistaken. This reality check was presented in the form of what Isaac described as “a small house that was overcrowded.”

With their household growing and the financial hardship of paying rent in another place, they applied for a tribal apartment and moved in. This gave them

a fourth bedroom, space they desperately needed. At this time, Isaac worked at Georgia-Pacific in Toledo while his wife took a job with Siletz Tribal Head Start as a teacher’s aide.

Isaac never intended to be a homeowner again. The thought just didn’t cross his mind. He didn’t know how long they would stay here or if it would even work out. Uprooting the whole family is a hard thing for everyone and two of his kids were already adults.

But his wife knew better. When the opportunity presented itself, Isaac and Sheila applied for a newly built home using the Home of Your Own (HOYO) program through the Housing Department.

The HOYO program is intended to help low-income Siletz Tribal members who want to become homeowners but are not lendable or do not have the down payment. Annual household income, family

composition and completion of financial education classes are all contributing factors of qualification.

If you’re selected, you have the option of leasing the home for a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 36 months. Once your lease is finished, you can purchase the home through a bank loan or financed by the tribe.

Once the homes were completed, the DeAnda family moved in. Soon after, Isaac was hired in the Housing Department as an occupancy specialist.

“Working for the tribe and getting into housing is one of the best things I’ve ever done. It took the weight off of other distractions so I could put more focus on my family,” he said. “Just get on the list! There is no harm in applying, it will help you.”

With the ability to dedicate his evenings and weekends, Isaac didn’t miss another one of his kids’ games. He has the ability



Photo by Andy Taylor

Isaac DeAnda

to attend community events and be a bigger part of his grandchildren’s lives as well. Isaac and Sheila are now empty nesting and he says, “We’re just enjoying life. We don’t really have any future plans other than that.”

CTSI Jobs Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

477 Self-Sufficiency: Employment/training and cash assistance services

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) offers a wide variety of employment/training and cash assistance services for Siletz Tribal members and members of other federally recognized Tribes. The services we provide are for those who reside within the Tribe’s 11-county service area.

For Siletz Tribal members, we offer Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance for

Single Adults (GASA) cash grants for those who are low-income. We also offer Non-Needy Care Taker Relative (NNCR) cash assistance for those who care for grandchildren and are over-income.

Are you facing an eviction or utility shut-off? The program offers Emergency Assistance that remains open all year. The program seeks to prevent eviction or utility shut-off, but cannot be used for deposits or move-in costs.

We provide employment/training and education services for members of any federally recognized Tribe. We currently have funding and open slots for Work Experience (WEX), On-the-Job Training (OJT) and Classroom Training (CRT).

The program can assist with basic education assistance, one term of higher education or vocational training services. Funds can be utilized for tuition, fees and/or provide a stipend.

Have you recently gained full-time permanent employment? The program can assist you, if hired within seven business days, with the tools and clothing needed for your new job. Other eligibility criteria apply.

Are you employed and at risk of losing your employment? Contact us to see if you qualify for Diverted Services.

To apply, contact one of our Tribal service specialists located in each Tribal area office.

A Community Response to Childhood Trauma

What can we do?

Please join Siletz ICW, the CARE Program, Diabetes Program and Healthy Traditions for a discussion on: Adverse Childhood Experiences, and how we can reduce the effects of trauma by creating safe environments.

Tribal Community Center

April 10 ~ 5:30-8:00pm

Dinner Provided

For more information please call Lisa Norton, ICW Program Administrator: 541-444-8272
Or Kim Lane, CARE Program Coordinator: 541-444-9679

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Siletz Community Center • 10 am - 4 pm

FREE FOOD!

The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage (STAHS) Board would like to invite Tribal families to share their family regalia & traditional arts with the community. You can have your items photographed for your own use and safekeeping with STAHS.

If you would like to reserve a FREE table, call or email us!

FREE Community Event!



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