

Health Department



Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls



The CARE Program would like to thank everyone who supported our MMIWG events in May. On May 5 we joined My Sisters' Place in honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls by bringing awareness to the cause and creating a display of red dresses at Newport City Hall. Some of the red dresses were also placed around Siletz. On May 6, the CARE Program hosted a gathering at the Siletz Rec Center, with drumming, singing and dancing. The purpose was to dance for those who are missing and cannot dance. We would like to give a special thanks to the men and women who volunteered to drum and sign at these events. We could not have done any of this without you.

Thank you!



June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

The National Center on Elder Abuse describes elder abuse as: "intentional neglectful acts by a caregiver or "trusted" individual that leads to or may lead to harm of a vulnerable elder." There are several different types of elder abuse and the perpetrators can exist in different forms. Elder abuse is one of the many forms of domestic violence. Abuse can happen to any older person, by a loved one, a hired caregiver, or a stranger. Abuse can happen at home, at a relative's home, or in an eldercare facility.

There are many types of abuse:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual
- Abandonment
- Financial
- Neglect

Watch for these signs of abuse:

- Seems depressed, confused, or withdrawn
- Isolated from friends and family
- Has unexplained bruises, burns, or scars
- Appears dirty, underfed, dehydrated, over- or under medicated, or not receiving needed care for medical problems
- Has bed sores or other preventable conditions
- Recent changes in banking or spending patterns

Lincoln County General Information & Abuse Helpline

Local: 541-336-2289 Toll free: 800-282-6194

Spiritual Message to America:

"We pray that children will honor and respect their Elders— that is where the wisdom comes from. This respect will not allow forgotten Elders."

More than 1,200 Elders from 105 tribes across America contributed to this message, created at the National Indian Council on Aging's Year 2000 Conference

