

Happy Retirement, Verdene!

Congratulations and farewell ... we'll miss you!

If you haven't already heard the news, our community health advocate, Verdene McGuire, retired last month. Her last day was June 15 during our Wellness Day event here at the office.

We want to take the opportunity to say how much Verdene will be missed and recognize her for her hard work and commitment to her job, her co-workers, Tribal members, Siletz elders, clients and the Portland community.

Verdene has many talents she takes with her into retirement. Those talents will be both missed and certainly unmatched.

A majority of our community knows that Verdene is our resident "beader," among other things. One of the unique talents that made our office a special place is her extensive and creative knowledge of beading and leading the Portland area in making dentalium necklaces for gifting at many different events within our Tribe and the community.

Verdene has contributed so much of her time for the betterment of our

Siletz Tribal community and the Native community of Portland. In addition to her regular job responsibilities, Verdene voluntarily took on being the key staff person to coordinate our monthly elders potluck, and coordinating and teaching at Portland's monthly beading groups.

Verdene served on the City of Portland's Park and Recreation NACAC group (Native American Community Advisory Council) and as an alumnus of Portland State University, she would volunteer to help PSU's Native Student and Community Center with its special events.

Verdene is well-known for her great work with the Tribe's Diabetes Program, Healthy Traditions, Garden Club, Annual Wellness Day, Fitness Challenge, arranging transportation for Tribal members, her work with our Tribal Head Start program and making sure Tribal members were current with the Tribe's Purchased Referred Care and prescription programs.

We would like to specifically mention that Verdene will be remembered best for her monthly diabetic luncheons with all of the wonderful and healthy recipes she



Photo by Andrew Johanson

Verdene McGuire

cooked and the encouragement she gave to those who have or are at risk for diabetes.

There's so much more we want to mention about Verdene's contributions to our community and her position with the Tribe. There's one common thread to all of it – Verdene worked hard and dedicated

herself in the vein of teamwork, relationship building and getting the job done.

We thank you, Verdene! We wish you only the best as you enter a new chapter in your life. We will miss you greatly!

With love,
The Portland Area Office

Dental Walk-In Clinic

1. Dental and Optometry a. First No-Show

Patient will receive a letter providing notice about the no-show appointment and their requirement to utilize the department's Walk-In Clinic for appointments. Walk-in availability is first-come, first-served. Patient will be required to utilize the Walk-In Clinic for six months, after which patient will be able to return to scheduling appointments.

The Dental Clinic will see walk-in patients every other Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. with check-in by 3:30 p.m. Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Services offered at the walk-in clinic include denture/partial adjustments and chairside relines, fillings, first step root canal, extractions and exams.

Walk-in dates

July 9 and July 23
Aug. 6 and Aug. 20

Excluded visit types: Partials, dentures, crowns, implants and hygiene appointments will need to be addressed during a regularly scheduled appointment with your primary dentist.

In the **Siletz Clinic's Optometry Department**, after one no-show patients will not be able to schedule appointments for six months. Patients will have access to our walk-in clinic

on the last Thursday of the month from 8:15-11:15 a.m.

Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis on the following dates: July 25, Aug. 29 and Sept. 26.

Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP)

STVRP is here to assist members of **ANY** federally recognized Tribe to overcome barriers to employment. We work with individuals who have disabilities and are living within the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians 11 county service area.

Examples of Services:

- Guidance and Counseling
- Referral to Services
- Employment Services
- Resume Writing
- Interviewing Techniques
- Job Coaching
- Culturally Relevant Individualized Services
- Evaluations and Assessments
- Training Placement Opportunities
- Adaptive Equipment



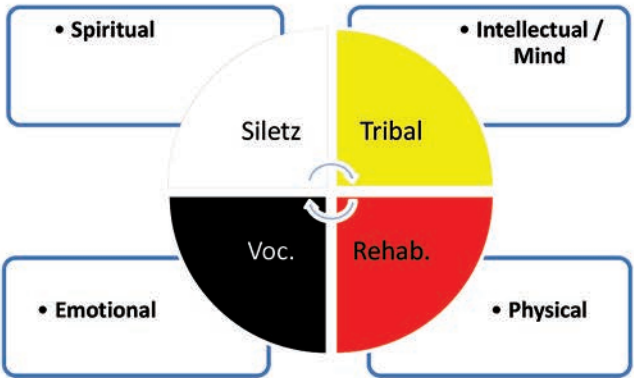
For more information about the STVRP, please inquire at 1-800-922-1399. Services are provided in ALL area offices, however, to inquire about services, ask to be transferred to the office nearest you listed below.

EUGENE AREA OFFICE	SALEM AREA OFFICE	SILETZ ADMIN. OFFICE
2468 West 11 th Eugene, OR 97402	3160 Blossom Dr NE, Ste 105 Salem, OR 97305	201 SE Swan Ave Siletz, OR 97380

EUGENE – JERAMIE MARTIN, Program Director

SALEM - DANA RODRIGUEZ, Program Aide; Toni Leija, Counselor/Job Developer

SILETZ – RACHELLE ENDRES, Counselor/Job Developer



After-hours crisis line now available at 541-444-8286 or 800-600-5599

Because mental health and relapse crises do not always happen during business hours, Siletz Behavioral Health has arranged a collaboration with an after-hours crisis line called Lines for Life.

On weekends and during the weekday hours of 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., the number to the Behavioral Health front desk is forwarded to Lines for Life, where you will be connected with a live mental health counselor.

The counselor will do everything he/she can to help de-escalate, advise and support.

Afterwards, this information can be shared with our mental health counselor so follow-up care can be provided.

Of course, if there is an emergency and you fear that you or someone else is in imminent danger, please call 911. That's always the fastest way to get help.