

Affordable Connectivity Program can help pay broadband costs if you are eligible

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, health care and more.

Eligible low-income households can receive a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service and **up to \$75 per month for eligible households on Tribal lands**. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers if the

household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

A household is eligible for the program if the household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC or Lifeline
- Participates in Tribal-specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal

TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

- Eligible to participate in the National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision
- Received a federal Pell Grant during the current award year
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income Internet program

Two Steps to Enroll

1. Go to [ACPBenefit.org](https://www.acpbenefit.org) to submit an

application or print out a mail-in application.

2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

If you need to talk to someone about your eligibility or application status, call the ACP Support Center at 877-384-2575.

Top court will hear challenge to ICWA

From the Native American Rights Fund
WASHINGTON – The U.S. Supreme Court has announced that it will hear a challenge to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), a 44-year-old law that has long been considered the gold standard in child welfare policy. The far-reaching consequences of this case will be felt for generations.

ICWA is widely supported by an impressive array of stakeholders within and outside of Indian Country. At the lower court, 486 Tribal Nations, 59 Native organizations, 31 child welfare organizations, 26 states plus Washington, D.C., and 77 members of Congress offered support for ICWA.

These supporters recognize that ICWA is firmly in the best interests of Native children. In keeping children connected to their extended family and cultural identity, the positive outcomes are far-reaching and include higher self-esteem and academic achievement. Further, they recognize that collaboration between sovereign Tribal

nations and state child welfare systems is effective and just governance.

ICWA supporters are immersed in the historical background and present-day application of this law, which cannot be said of the few opponents who wish to overturn the law. In a coordinated, well-financed and direct attack, Texas and other opponents aim to simultaneously exploit Native children and undermine Tribal rights. Their goal – weakened protections for Native children – would be a certain outcome of dismantling ICWA, clearing the way for bad actors to grow their control of Native land, Native industry and Native futures.

Our opponents do not represent the best interests of Native children, families or peoples; in fact, they seek to undermine them. ICWA is a cornerstone to our Tribal nations and the Protect ICWA campaign will continue to defend ICWA in the interest of Native children and the future of Tribal nations.

For more information about STAHS, visit siletzartsheritage.org.

Siletz Home Visiting Program

Now serving all federally recognized and Alaskan Native families who meet eligibility criteria!

Home Visiting provides:

- Parenting and life skills for successful and positive parenting
- Support and encouragement
- Resources and referrals
- A culturally sensitive, evidence-based curriculum
- Ongoing services from prenatal until child is 3 years old
- Virtual visits currently

Eligibility requirements:

- Live in 11-county service area
- Family is expecting or has an infant under 12 months of age.
- American Indian/Alaskan Native head of household or dependent child and meet one of the following criteria:
 - Income below 300% of federal poverty level for last 30 days
 - Household resides in rural location that has limited employment opportunities
- First-time parent
- Household with at least one adult without a post-secondary certificate
- Family experienced trauma, chemical dependency or mental health barriers
- Other eligibility criteria may apply, so contact our staff if you have questions.

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Go to www.ctsi.nsn.us Home Visiting to view past success stories.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians 477-SSP

Eviction
Are you being evicted or facing homelessness?

Utility Shut-Off
Have received shut-off notice for utilities (electric, water, sewer)

Native American
Enrolled Siletz Tribal member or enrolled in a federally recognized Indian Tribe and reside in the CTSI service area.

Exhausted All Resources
You have utilized all other funding resources, i.e., Housing Department, LIHEAP, and other community agencies.

100% of Federal Poverty Level
Not sure what your poverty level is? Call one of the area offices.

Taking Action

CTSI Area Offices
Siletz Administration Office: Jamie (541) 444-8266
Salem Area Office: Angelica (503) 390-9494
Portland Area Office: Anna (503) 238-1512
Eugene Area Office: Jen (541) 484-4234
Other criteria may apply