

# Social Security Administration establishes Office of Native American Partnerships

Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi has announced that the Social Security Administration (SSA) has established an Office of Native American Partnerships within the Office of the Commissioner.

This office will elevate and centralize efforts to administer comprehensive programs and policies related to American Indians and Alaska Natives. It will enhance the agency's relationship with Tribes and serve as the primary point of contact on Tribal affairs for all stakeholders.

"We remain steadfast in our commitment to reducing barriers to ensure people who are eligible for our benefits receive them," Kijakazi said. "Establishing our new Office of Native American

Partnerships strengthens that commitment by providing Tribal communities more representation and a strong advocate, messenger and facilitator within Social Security's Office of the Commissioner."

The Office of Native American Partnerships will be responsible for many functions to assist Tribal communities throughout the country. It will seek to improve services to communities by engaging in meaningful national and regional policy consultations, roundtable discussions and seminars with Tribal and federal experts.

It will also coordinate internal agency American Indian efforts, increase external program awareness to the Tribal community, help to recruit a diverse candidate

pool for hiring at all levels of Social Security and serve as the primary point of contact for Tribal government offices to foster transparency and collaboration. Additionally, the office will conduct ongoing data collection and analysis to improve outreach to Tribal communities.

Establishing the Office of Native American Partnerships supports Presi-


dent Biden's 2021 Executive Order (EO) 13985: Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities, as well as other federal guidance on coordination and collaboration with Tribal governments.

To learn more, please visit American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIAN) SSA at <https://www.ssa.gov/people/aians/>.



**Siletz Tribal Veterans**

For information and assistance from Tony Molina, Tribal Veteran Representative, call 541-270-0569 or email [tonym@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:tonym@ctsi.nsn.us)



**Senate Bill 13: Tribal History/Shared History**

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is releasing curriculum for Oregon K-12 public schools to provide "historically accurate, culturally embedded, place-based, contemporary, and developmentally appropriate" lessons about **Siletz tribal people, history, culture, homelands, and government...**

LESSON PLANS	ABOUT SB 13
Lesson plans cover a range of subjects and content areas including English language arts, social studies, math, and science. Lessons include information about tribal history, traditional homelands, culture, and art as well as modern tribal government, ecological stewardship, and cultural revitalization.	Oregon Legislature enacted Senate Bill 13 (Tribal History/Shared History) in 2017, directing ODE, in partnership with Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes, to create Native American K-12 curriculum for Oregon public schools. CTSI received grant funds from ODE that supported the development of this tribally-specific curriculum.

Lessons Available Now for Grades

K-1st Grade	2nd Grade	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade
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Find lessons at [www.ctsi.nsn.us/sb-13-curriculum](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/sb-13-curriculum)



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**CTSI 477-SSP, Tribal Services Specialist**  
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 Beginning Sept. 1, 2022

**Social Security Matters**

**OHSU Northwest Native American Center of Excellence in Portland has 2 openings**

Wy'east Program Coordinator: <https://externalcareers-ohsu.icims.com/jobs/19454/wy%27east-pathways-coordinator/job?hub=6>

Tribal Health Scholars Coordinator: <https://externalcareers-ohsu.icims.com/jobs/19456/tribal-health-scholars-coordinator/job?hub=6&mobile=false&width=1252&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-480&jun1offset=-420>

The Wy'east coordinator will:

1. Coordinate the Wy'east Post-Baccalaureate Pathway
2. Support our collaborative partners (UC Davis and WSU) and expansion of the Wy'east Pathway to their respective campuses
3. Provide continuity of support to Wy'east candidates and alumni

The THS coordinator will:

1. Manage all activities related to Tribal Health Scholars
2. Expand Tribal Health Scholars to other Tribal communities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and beyond
3. Develop and maintain Tribal Health Scholars alumni network. Additionally, they will play a critical role in other research and programmatic efforts for NNACoE.

Experience working in an academic health or research setting strongly preferred. Must have knowledge and experience working with American Indian/Alaska Native organizations and communities. This team member must live in the Portland-metro area and be able to regularly commute to our offices on the OHSU South Waterfront Campus.

Experience working in an academic health or research setting, on an evaluation team and with AI/AN communities strongly preferred. This position is remote but must be able to regularly travel throughout Oregon and Washington.