

Springfield Area News



**Alice
Werth**

As your Springfield Community Health Representative, I have had Basic Training and can provide services in the following areas:

Home health care, family home visits, information and referrals, counseling, assistance with billing and appointments, and health advocacy.

I furnish occasional medical transportation, medication pick-up and delivery, either locally or to Chemawa.

I have had training in CPR and first aid and receive ongoing training to help me in my job and service to the Siletz people. Recently I attended a workshop on Stress-Response Syndrome.

Some of the activities I've organized now and in the past are:

Three years of fitness and nutrition classes held in a local school facility.

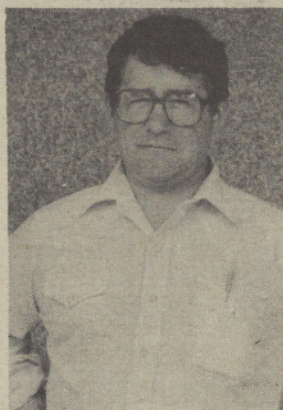
A Walking for Exercise group.

A newly organized Siletz Ladies Club (hopefully to operate as the club we remember our mothers belonging to years ago). So far we have cut a lot of quilt blocks (all donated materials).

I have also held in our area, regular, quarterly Blood Pressure Screening and nutrition presentations. This year our two priorities are Alcohol/Drug Prevention, and Maternal, Child Health. We have started planning some activities and classes in these areas.

I am always looking for new ideas and am open for Program suggestions. You may contact me at the Springfield Area office, 746-9512.

Alice Werth
Springfield Area CHR



**Kenneth
Blacketer**

Tami Brown
JTPA Counselor
Springfield Area Office

Dear Tami:

I am writing this letter to express my appreciation for the help you and your staff gave me.

In July 1982 I moved into the Eugene area. I had been without full time employment for two years. You had me placed on a job in three weeks.

In March 1983 I was hired as a part time employee by the City of Eugene.

In February 1984 I was hired as a full time employee at the Eugene Public Library.

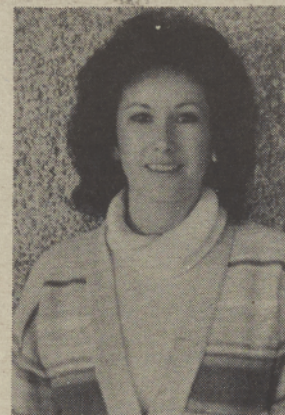
None of this would have been possible without the great job you did at the beginning.

So, thanks very much for the job you did and continue to do.

NOTE: Ken was placed in a work experience position with the Eugene Public Library in 1982. He worked part time starting in March 1983 after completing his 1,000 hours of training. Ken is currently working in a clerk position and will become Shop Steward later this year.

Ken is a tribal member, living in Springfield. He plans to attend night classes offered by Lane Community College later this year.

Sincerely,
Kenneth R. Blacketer Jr.



**Shelly
Upchurch**

Shelly Upchurch entered the JTPA program as an On the Job Training worker at Champion International in Eugene. In June of 1984, after completing her on the job training, she was hired by Champion to full time employment.

Shelley ms currently a Communications Specialist who is responsible for coordinating lumber shipments for 61 salesmen.

She previously worked at the Eugene Social Security Office and has attended Lane Community College. She spent two years studying business and 1-1/2 years studying liberal arts.

Shelly wanted to express her thanks for the help of the Springfield JTPA program and to Tami Brown for her help in finding her a job at Champion. She is a tribal member and lives in Eugene.

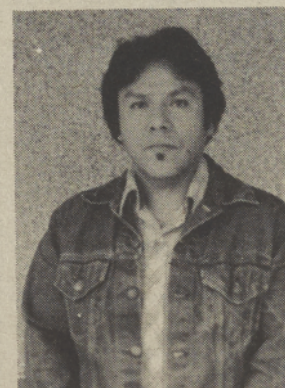


**Ida
James**

Ida James started full time unsubsidized employment for the U.S. Forest Service on May 19th. Ida is a Navajo Indian who started her training on March 19th.

Ida is doing clerical work for several departments at the Forest Service and is in charge of processing time sheets.

She plans to work in classes at Lane Community College this fall and study Office Administration. In her spare time she plays softball in the Eugene Parks women's league.



**Sam
Strong**

Sam Strong, a tribal member from Springfield, was placed in a job at Jasper Wood Treating Inc. He started in March and was hired to a full time unsubsidized position in April.

Sam works on an autoclave that treats cedar shakes and increases their useful life.

Sam would like to thank Tami for finding him a position in three weeks and for helping to remove many of the employment barriers that he faced when he came to Springfield.

JTPA

JTPA is short for Job Training Partnership Act. The JTPA program is funded by the Department of Labor and is administered by the Tribe.

There are five different areas in the JTPA program; these are: Work Experience, On the Job Training, Summer Youth Employment, Classroom Training, and Support Service.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience positions must be for non-profit agencies. The work experience position is for a set period of time and the client's salary is paid for by the JTPA program. At the end of the work experience period the client should have the basic experience needed to find a full time position. Often times clients are hired to work at the agency where they trained.

ON THE JOB TRAINING (OJT)

Those that work on an OJT position may work for either a public or private employer. OJT is similar to Work Experience in the fact that the position is only for a set period of time. At the end of that time it is expected that the client will have the necessary training and experience to find full time unsubsidized employment. Unlike Work Experience, where the full salary is paid by the JTPA program, the salary for an OJT position is paid half by the JTPA program and half by the employer. At the end of their training period, OJT clients are often hired by the company they trained for.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Summer Youth Employment positions are available on a limited basis. The employment positions are paid for by the JTPA program.

CLASSROOM TRAINING

Classroom Training helps clients to obtain the vocational training needed to find full time employment. Guidelines used to determine a client's need determine how much funding is available to that person. Qualifications in the program may provide funding for such things as tuition, books, and living allowances.

SUPPORT SERVICE

Support service is a small budget item used to help remove artificial barriers preventing a person from obtaining employment. This is a minimal service that is provided when removal of a barrier will clear the way for a person to obtain employment.

JTPA offices are located in Siletz and both area offices. Tami Brown is the JTPA counselor for the Springfield area. She may be contacted at:

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JOM

The Johnson O'Malley program in the Springfield Area is recruiting eligible Indian students that live in Linn, Lane, and Benton Counties.

To be eligible for the Johnson O'Malley program you must be of 1/4 degree Indian blood and belong to a federally recognized tribe.

For more information you can contact me at:

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