

Portland Service Availability

The General Manager will be reviewing the following programs with the Urban Indian Council and other Portland area Indian organizations in an attempt to determine what services are available to our tribal members who live in the Portland area.

THE URBAN INDIAN COUNCIL, INC.
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Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Organized in 1971 and incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in 1973, The Urban Indian Council, Inc. is a multi-service organization which provides human resource assistance to Indians in the Portland Metropolitan Area. Governed by policies determined by The Council, Urban Indian Council staff executes The Council's decisions through the Executive Director and four corporate subdivisions: Employment and Training; Community Services; Administration for Native Americans; and Health.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
2731 N.E. Hoyt — Phone (503) 235-2311

The goal of Employment and Training is to assist Indians to become self-supporting and self-sufficient members of the Portland community through education, employment training and job placement services leading to high quality jobs. The department works toward its goal through the following interdepartment programs.

JOB PLACEMENT: Direct referral to current openings for job-ready participants. Placements are made with public and private sector employers and include professional, skilled and semi-skilled positions. Our goal is twofold: to provide personalized assistance to job seekers leading to high quality jobs, and to provide a professional employment referral service to our many employer contacts in the public and private sector. Job referrals are made only after careful evaluation and assessment of the job applicants' skills and knowledge.

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING: OJT for individuals requiring hands-on experience to compete for available openings in public and private sector. Contracts can be made for six months (UIC paying one-half and employer paying one-half of the salary) with placement guaranteed at the end of the contract.

JOB SEARCH WORKSHOP: A two week workshop that programs participants for job hiring process. Curriculum includes interviewing skills, resume preparation, job availability. Participants stipends are provided.

WORK EXPERIENCE/TRIYOUT EMPLOYMENT: Short term subsidized placements to assist participants who have had little contact with the job market to establish work habits and experience.

HIGHER EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Provides counseling for career development and financial aid for higher education and vocational training.

GED PROGRAM: Contract with Portland Community College provides instructor and volunteer tutors in classroom settings to assist students in successful completion of GED. After graduation, students are referred to other UIC Counselors for additional training or job referrals.

CORRECTIONS: Assistance to offenders/sex-offenders in accessing services described above and in complying with conditions of probation/parole plans.

INTER-TRIBAL DAY LABOR: Maintains a pool of qualified temporary workers to fill the demands of a variety of businesses which contract with Day Labor for work assistance. Developed in 1979, Day Labor provides daily work for companies, daily pay for employees, and often, employers hire their temporary worker into permanent positions. Work referrals are on a first-come first-served basis. Check-in time for available work is 6 a.m. Monday through Friday.

INTER-TRIBAL FIREFIGHTERS: An organized group of men and women trained in forest fire suppression. On call May through November, 24 hours a day. Inter-agency fire fighting crew out of Mount Hood National Forest. Organized in 1982 by the Inter-Tribal Day labor staff and the Mount Hood Fire Management staff. They are paid volunteers who fight forest fires primarily in the western United States.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Department dedicated to removing poverty and improving living conditions of Indian people in the Portland Area. At present, the department administers a variety of programs:

EMERGENCY FOOD BASKETS: A three day supply is given to those persons or families that meet eligibility requirements. The baskets may be obtained twice in six months with some exceptions.

CLOTHING ROOM: Clothing and other miscellaneous household items are available to those in need. Donations are also accepted.

DISCOUNT LETTERS: A 25% discount from normal fares is provided by Greyhound and Trailways for those who are unable to pay the full fare.

ID LETTERS: A notarized identification letter can be obtained to help obtain permanent identification, check cashing, etc.

MIKE ALLARD MEMORIAL FUND: In memory of Michael William Allard, The Urban Indian Council established a memorial fund to honor his commitment to assist Native American people experiencing distress in the Portland area and to provide a community resource that lessens the pain of the urban environment. This memorial fund continues to provide direct cash assistance to those in need for utilities, transportation, etc. Donations are accepted.

YOUTH PROGRAM: The youth program organizes seasonal sports activities for young Indian people, and serves as a recreation source and problem solving referral service. The youth program provides these services from a separate location at 3529 S.E. Yamhill. For more information call 232-0558.

OLDER NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM: The Urban Indian Council, Inc. has provided seniors with meals and activities since 1976. Originally a Loaves and Fishes minority meal site, UIC now contracts directly with the Area Agency on Aging. Any person 60 years or older and their spouses of any age are eligible for the meal service. A contract with Tri-Met's Special Mobility Service helps us provide transportation to seniors who are handicapped or who have mobility difficulty. This service picks them up at their own home and returns them after the program is over. Activities centered around the meal site include films, arts and crafts, games, special events, and information. Referral services are now also available. This referral system came to us through the United Way organization. Location: Portland Peniel Mission, 526 S.E. Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97214. Doors open at 11:00 and lunch is served between 12:00 and 1:30, activities follow lunch. We can be contacted between 10:30 and 2:30 at the mission. The phone number is 231-9334.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AND WEATHERIZATION: LIEAP assists Portland Metropolitan Area low-income resident people meet the rising costs of home energy and heating. Generally, assistance is provided through payments to home energy suppliers. LIEAP normally operates during the winter months beginning in December through the end of April or early May.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE: Through a subsidiary corporation (Kimiwa Inc.) Urban Indian Council provides subsidized housing for low-income elderly and handicapped people. Our Summer Run housing project, located at S.E. 77th and Foster includes fifty units of single bedroom and studio apartments, recreational areas and landscaped surroundings. It is conveniently situated near shopping, medical and transportation facilities and is open to people from all ethnic backgrounds. Interested individuals should contact Urban Indian Council or Great Northwest Management, our management agent (641-5148) for additional information or applications.

ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: The Primary goal of community development is to bridge the gap between public and private agencies and their understanding of the physical, emotional and cultural needs of the urban Indian. Personal contacts with the agencies and UIC seminars provide vehicles for working together toward a greater awareness of Indian people.

RED SPIRIT CREATIONS

RED SPIRIT CREATIONS: Located at 241 NW Couch. Red Spirit Creations is a retail store owned and operated by UIC selling Indian arts and crafts, supplies and finished handcrafted items. Inventory is acquired from the original Indian artisan by purchase or consignment to the public for viewing and talking with artisans as they perform their crafts. Craft classes are offered.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Health Program, located at 1200 S.E., Morrison (230-0669), provides the community with a comprehensive program of prevention and treatment on a sliding-fee basis. The three main components are the Physical; Mental Health; the Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC).

THE PHYSICAL HEALTH PROGRAM: Provides a wide range of services from first aid and routine physical exams to blood pressure tests and treatment, cancer and TB screenings. A prevention program for children and adults includes hearing and vision exams, immunizations and "well child" tests to check on children's normal growth and development. A nurse and doctor are on duty.

THE MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT: The Mental Health Component strives to create a helping and stimulating environment so that clients reach their greatest potential and live in the most productive and rewarding manner possible. With the help of therapy, counseling and other support, each person or family learns to cope with and solve the problems of daily life.

WIC PROGRAM: WIC is a health and nutrition program that can help you and your family maintain good health. WIC provides health and nutrition information, nutritious foods needed for healthy growth during pregnancy, and early childhood plus information about other health care services. WIC is for pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants and children under age 5. To be eligible for WIC you must have a medical or nutritional problem and be low income.

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

JTPA

Workshop a success. — The JTPA program had two very successful workshops with Maria Tenoria, from the State of Oregon. The workshops were on the availability of jobs within the State system, and how to apply for them.

"Jobology" Workshop being planned. — A Jobology Workshop is in the planning stages. If enough interest is shown the starting date is planned for sometime in January. If you are interested, or know someone who is please contact Tami Brown at the Springfield area office, 746-9658.

JOM

The next JOM Parent Committee meeting will be held January 7th. Time of the meeting will be 7:00 p.m. at the Springfield Area Office.

Culture Class — The JOM Program is holding culture classes every Thursday evening at the Area Office. Classes start at 6:30, and end at 8:30 p.m. All JOM Students are welcome to attend.

HEALTH

A blood pressure screening and a nutrition presentation will be hosted by the Springfield Area Office. The nutritionist from Chemewa and the Community Health Nurse will be at the office from 2-6 p.m. on January 15th.

