

Title V News

Coordinator's Message

From: Fred Ryder

I have been aware lately while observing the Native American population, how they are reacting to the problems of today's world. It is still not an easy world to live in, being a young person in today's society. Different problems have to be dealt with in order to survive, let alone achieve success. It is of the utmost importance for we as parents to be actively involved in the activities of our youth. It is through the guidance and support of those who have the opportunities to be a positive influence upon our youth, that the future of our society depends. In so much, the youth of today must learn to look to the wisdom of those who have experience and knowledge that can be used in directing their energies. The future will belong to today's youth and it is up to us as adults to give to them the best opportunity to prepare themselves for that time. On the other side of the coin, it's up to the youth to listen to the wisdom and experience that is being offered. My hopes and prayers are that we all do what is needed for our tomorrows.

Statewide Title V Pow-Wow

On April 25, 1992 at Lane Community College in Eugene, there will be a Statewide Title V Pow-Wow. This will be a combination Education Fair, which will be held in the morning and in the early afternoon. The Pow-Wow will be held in the evening with the Grand Entry starting at 7:00 P.M. This will be the first attempt of the Title V Consortium statewide to direct an activity of this sort. There will be student dance presentations, raffle, concessions and craft sales. There will also be guest speakers throughout the morning sessions and awards presented to some of the Indian students of this state. This will be co-sponsored by Springfield, Eugene, Bethel, Fern Ridge, Lincoln County, Williamina Title V Programs and the Lane Community College Native American Student Association and Multicultural Center. If you would like further information and involvement in this day of activities, contact the Title V office at Siletz Schools at 444-2523.

Eagle Feather Ceremony

For the past few years, the Indian Education program in Lincoln County has arranged a very special ceremony to honor Indian students graduating from high schools in Lincoln County. The ceremony this year will be held Wednesday, May 20, 1992 at the Siletz Tribal Center on Government Hill in Siletz.

The Eagle, being a very sacred bird to the American Indian, symbolizes all that is great about human potential. Traditionally, Indian people who have achieved and surmounted obstacles, have been awarded an eagle feather.

The graduation from High School is a significant achievement and has necessitated an ability to conquer the obstacles that are part of the academic disciplines of High School programs. Therefore, it is the purpose of this special ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of Indian students and recognize their right of progression. If you have any questions, please contact the Title V office at Siletz School at 444-2523.

Oregon Indian Education Association Conference

The Oregon Indian Education Association (OIEA) is a state wide organization dedicated to the promotion of quality education services for Indian people in the state of Oregon. Every year the general body of OIEA has a conference to examine American Indian educational concerns, exchange ideas, and provide direction for work for American Indian children, families and educational institutes. The theme for this year's conference is "Changing the Winds of Time Through Education and Cultural Sharing." The OIEA Conference this year will be held at Kah Nee Ta Resort at Warm Springs April 15-17th. Lincoln County will be sending some representatives to the conference at Kah Nee Ta this year, and will be observing closely the organizational aspects of the conference. Lincoln County has the opportunity of hosting the 1993 Oregon Indian Education Conference and we will need your support next year for this special event. If you have any questions on this or next years conference, please feel free to contact the Title V office at 444-2523, or any member of the Parent Advisory Committee of the Title V Program.

Oregon State Dance Presentation

On February 21, 1992 Title V had the opportunity to take some students to Oregon State University to watch a special performance put on by a dance troop from Warm Springs called the "Younger Generation." All who watched were focused on the performance at all times. We are grateful for these opportunities to receive a lift to our cultural resurrection wherever it may occur. A special thank you to those who helped out at the last minute and supported this activity.

Tutoring

The Title V Program does have a tutorial program that is in place throughout the school district. A message from a parent in the north end of Lincoln County was most gratifying to the Title V Program. The parent spoke of the improvement of her daughter in math that was accomplished due to the efforts of the tutor. We at Title V would like to thank all the tutors who work very hard to improve the performance of students to whom they have been assigned. A word of thanks should also go to the teachers and schools that allow us to work in these programs throughout the school district.

Adult Vocational Training Student Gathering

The 6th Annual Higher Education-Adult Vocational Training Student Gathering will be held Sunday April 12, 1991 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. It will start at 12:00 noon with a potluck luncheon followed by guest speakers and student presentations.

The Tribal Education Committee sponsors this gathering so that we can recognize all our Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training students that are attending school during the current school year 91-92. This gathering provides us the opportunity to acknowledge our students for their effort to further their education; their families for their support and contribution to the students education; to give the students a chance to meet and visit with other students and the Education Committee members; provide a time for the students to introduce themselves and talk about their schooling; and to share a lunch and have a good time.

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Chemical Dependency:
All Nations Gathering

Representatives from virtually all Indian tribes and others who provide chemical dependency services to American Indians will gather at The Marc Plaza Hotel in Milwaukie, May 10-15, 1992, for the 15th Annual Indian School on Alcohol and Other Drug Related Problems.

The theme of the 15th Annual Indian School includes: general sessions for youth and adults; over 30 skill building workshops; presentations by tribal, state and federal officials; an awards banquet/dance; and social pow-wow.

A special Youth Track, free to high school students includes workshops and field trips.

For more information and free brochure, contact American Indian Training Institute, Inc., 4153 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95834 (916) 920-0731.

