

THREE LITTLE WORDS

By: Walt Klamath, Outpatient Counselor

Have you ever been stranded somewhere, maybe a flat tire, stuck in the mud or snow, car wouldn't start (maybe a dead battery, forgot to turn lights off), or maybe missed a bus or ride? When someone was called for help, do you remember how you felt when the party called replied, "I'll be there". These three words tell the whole story. They say in part "I love you, you are important, I care for you".

I personally did not think much about these words. Like most people, I have said them many times without ever thinking of what was being said. Some one mentioned this to me not to long ago, and it was kind of an awakening.

I advocate for our people that are incarcerated. Many times when I go to visit them, they will talk with me for awhile, then will tell me that they have to appear in court on a certain date. They will ask if I could be there with them. I reply, "I'll be there". The whole atmosphere changes immediately. I cannot do a thing for them, I don't know anything about the law or how to even address the court in the correct manner. Just the fact that someone will be there in their corner is reassuring to them.

Sometimes their family and friends that care for them seem to have given up and will not come to court with them, maybe ashamed, or sometimes don't seem to care.

Even if we can't do anything for the situation that people will get themselves into sometimes just circumstances, not only from the legal standpoint but in all of our daily living. Sometimes we need a little support, Some comforting thoughts from someone.

Think about these words, when anyone needs help, or asks for help. Sometimes it is difficult to be non-judgmental, just lay aside all thoughts of who's to blame or what should have been, and reply, "I'll be there". It makes a difference.



Adults served 1994

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During the calendar year of 1994 the adult D&A services in Siletz served 78 persons.

40 of these were Siletz Tribal members 10 were of other Tribal affiliation, or significant others of Tribal members. 28 were of close social economic ties with the Siletz Community. These were primarily DUII clients.

Of the 40 Siletz Tribal members, 21 were referred to Inpatient Treatment. Of these, 10 successfully completed.

This is a brief rundown of one segment, the adult section, of the Tribal Alcohol and Drug Program. There are three other members of this program besides myself: Janet Dair, she works with youth and adult clients and Frank Petersen who works with all Indian youths. Our program is quiet busy all year long.

LINCOLN COUNTY FACTS

DID YOU KNOW.....

25% of all Lincoln County youth ages 12-17 come in contact with the Juvenile Department; of those, 50% are documented as coming from homes with alcohol and other drug problems. (Lincoln County Juvenile Department Director, 1991)

80% of all families coming in contact with Children's Service Division in Lincoln County have alcohol or other drug problems. (Children Services Division Director, 1989)

The Lincoln County Department of Corrections estimates 90% of their probationers have alcohol or other drug-related problems. (Community Corrections Director, 1990)

Up to 80% of all crimes committed in Lincoln County involve substance abuse in some form. (Lincoln City Police Department)

Lincoln County is considered to be the largest producer of methamphetamine in the state.

It is estimated that 25% of students in grades 7-12 have some degree of harmful involvement with alcohol and other drugs. (Oregon Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs)

At least 10% of the workers in Lincoln County are alcohol/drug dependent. (Alcoholism in the Workplace, Krames Communication)

HIP REPORT by Howard P. Roy

FmHA Housing Preservation Grant

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon are submitting a pre-application for the housing preservation grant to help alleviate the sub-standard housing conditions of low income and very low income recipients residing in the Lincoln county area of Oregon. The total grant amount of \$100,000.00 shall be used in conjunction with the HIP program and clients shall be ranked and rated accordingly. All interested parties have the opportunity to make comment and review on the statement of activities until February 17, 1995. Please refer comments to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, HIP program P.O. Box 549 Siletz Oregon 97380. You may also call at (503) 444-4305.

The application deadline for FY95 funds will not be extended. Any applications received after January 15, 1995 will be referred to FY96 funds. There will also be updated information required to keep your file active. Acceptance and Non-Acceptance letters will be sent out no later than February 9, 1995 for FY95 funding allocation awards.

A special thank you to Micheal Elkins construction for a job well done on the completion of new roofs on the homes of two tribal elders Hellen Orton and Maxine Rilatos. Let it be known these were not HIP projects however the HIP Committee was kind enough to act as contracting officers on these projects. Also a special thanks to Don Bellinger for his assistance in repairing these roofs through sleet, snow, rain, and wind.

We would also like to thank Skookum Builders for their work on the category 'B' project for one of our most prominent elders Alton Butler. The HIP Committee has done an outstanding job in 1994 and should be commended for a job well done. The HIP Committee for 1994 is Committee Chairman June Austin, Committee Council representative Jessie Davis, Committee members Gladys Staggs, Lei-Lani Cordova, and Cheryl Ben. Through networking of programs the HIP program provided services to Tribal members in the amount of \$59,785.00 above and beyond the allocated budget. We are looking forward to increasing that amount in the coming year. The HIP program is dedicated to constant never ending improvement.

Congratulations Graduates!!

Congratulations are in order for Alison Jones and Dale Robertson, who are both graduating approximately 5 months early from high school. Dale is the son of Angella and Robby Robertson, and resides in Doniphan, Missouri. Alison is the daughter of Tina & Jack Retasket and Mike & Denise Schuster, and resides in Siletz, Oregon. Dale is scheduled to work this spring, and plans on entering vocational school in September to become a CPA. Alison is planning on working this spring & summer, and entering college in the fall to take English courses leading to a writing career.

CONGRATULATIONS DALE & ALISON