

## CPS hosts conference at Kah-Nee-Ta

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Tribal and state child welfare workers attended the recent Indian Child Welfare Act conference at Kah-Nee-Ta. The conference was hosted by the Warm Springs Children's Protective Services (CPS).

In attendance were about 175 people from the nine Oregon tribes and state Department of Human Services.

The conference each year is hosted by one of the nine recognized tribes of Oregon.

The purpose of the conference is to assist the Oregon Department of Human Services, and the nine tribes' child welfare programs, with establishing or enhancing working relationships for the benefit of Native American children and their families.

The conference focuses in particular on circumstances of administering the Indian Child Welfare Act, and compliance to the act's provisions.

Most often, the working relationship between the state and the tribes involves state employees becoming familiar with the tribes and their resources, as well as having working knowledge of meeting Native American children's needs.

Added importance exists, as there are differences among the tribes, and issues of jurisdiction.

For example, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Burns Paiute tribe have exclusive jurisdiction, and are able to assume jurisdiction and

provide case management services to Native American children who are tribal members or eligible for tribal membership.

The other seven tribes have concurrent jurisdiction, and the state of Oregon has to assume case management responsibilities for children.

### Tribal hospitality

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was very well received by the numerous guests, as noted by some of their comments of hospitality, the richness of our tribal culture, heritage and traditions.

People who attended also said they were looking forward to returning to Warm Springs for vacation, or hoping the conference is held in Warm Springs again in the future.

During the conference, Warm Springs CPS presented a half-day experiential workshop session at the Museum at Warm Springs. Lunch was provided by Portland State University Rural Training Grant staff. Each group in attendance had the opportunity to tour the museum with a CPS staff member.

CPS hosted the welcoming at the opening of the conference, on Sept. 26, followed by workshops held through out the day.

Many of the CPS staff were presenters, along with various state Human Services workers. CPS presented t-shirts to all registered participants that day before breaking for lunch.

During the early evening, the participants were ushered onto to school buses and then transported to the Simnasho

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Longhouse, where two CPS staff members gave a crash course session on tribal etiquette and conduct when going into the Longhouse, mealtime, and some tribal history.

A traditional style dinner was cooked and presented. After the dinner, the Wasco Dance Group performed. Also, Quartz Creek drummed and performed single, various style dances as well.

Workshops were conducted the next day. Overall, CPS is very proud of having hosted this conference with the assistance of State of Oregon DHS.

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## General Council Meeting

There will be a General Council meeting of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs on Monday, Oct. 15.

Dinner at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be at the Agency Longhouse.

Agenda items include the 2007 supplemental budget, and the 2008 proposed operation budget.

## Bottle drive to help team travel to tournament

There is an on-going bottle drive fundraiser benefiting the Rez Express, the All-Indian high school boys basketball team representing Warm Springs.

Proceeds go toward travel expenses for the team to travel to the 2008 Native American Basketball Invitational Tournament in Phoenix.

For donations, and pickup,

please contact Sammi O'Reilly, Val Squiemphen or Rita Squiemphen.

The fund-raiser will be on-going through July of 2008.



# 2007 Thirty-Ninth Annual COWDEO

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