

Children's Protective Services gives preview of new building

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Spilyay Tymoo

Warm Spring's community members were invited last week to view the current building and staff at the open house of Children's Protective Services. Everyone received a tour of the building, information, a t-shirt, and a preview of their new building, which is currently in the early stages.

Children's Protective Services is made up of 23 staff members, 16 of which administer the CPS program, and eight to administer the CPS center. The majority of the staff have started from the ground and

worked their way up to various positions within CPS, as they strive to promote in-house promotion and recognize staff.

Long-time employees of this department include: Patricia Tanewasha, at CPS since 1993; Jeri Smith, at CPS since 1982; Hazel Wahpat, at CPS since 1999; and Margie Kentura, at CPS since 1999.

Rebekah Main is the Children's Protective Services director and oversees the entire program, including all supervisors and staff. There are two members of her staff that report directly to her: Charlene Stacona-White, who supervises the administrative operations;

and the Protective Care Supervisor, which is currently a vacant position. This person supervises the Protective Care Providers of the CPS center.

Cecelia Collins is the Family Intake Coordinator; she does joint investigations with Warm Springs Police Department regarding child abuse reports. Collins also facilitates family unity meetings and oversees ICWA cases that come from the State of Oregon and other states.

Bernaidine Jackson-Spino is the Foster Care Certifier; she certifies foster homes and completes home visits where children are placed. She recruits new fos-

ter home candidates, and assists Tribal Court in conducting adoption assessments.

There are three CPS Specialists who work with clients assigned to them, these client services are administered by these three ladies as stipulated by the Tribal Court. Specialists include Roberta Tufti, Elizabeth Hisatake, and 15-year employee Pat Tanewasha.

There are two CPS Assistants, who assist the specialists or program staff with services for clients or the program; they are Minnie Wallulatum and Monica Frank.

Paula Kalama is the Data Coordinator and it is her job to

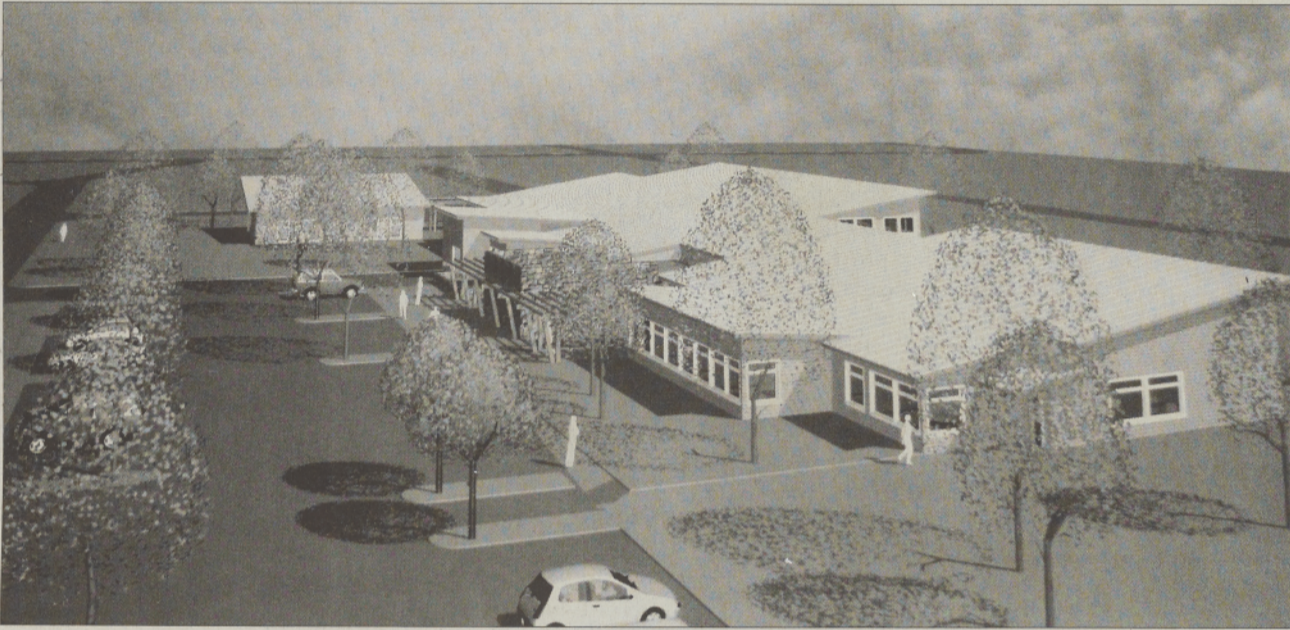
input data, statistics, medical cards, IV-E eligibility and reviews.

Service Coordinator, Marceline Medina, oversees the independent living services program and assists CPS Specialists and office administrator. She also oversees the guardianship program and special rates.

As previously stated, they department staff begin at entry level and work their way up,

learning with on-the-job training. But occasionally have new hires that come in and work. Currently they have vacant positions as CPS Specialist, Protective Care Supervisor for the center, Protective Care Provider and Secretary.

The open house was a success, and they received a lot of positive comments on the new building design.



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Aerial view of northend of new Children's Protective Services building.

Births

Justice Jadorie Allen

Jarrod Allen and Doriann Allen of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Justice Jadorie Allen, born on April 19, 2008.

Justice joins sisters Dalayna, 19 months, and Jazell Allen, 3. Grandparents on the father's

side are Orvie and Sheila Danzuka of California.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Debra and Javier Hinijosa of Warm Springs.

Great grandfather is Everett Elliot.

Warm Springs Community Library

The Warm Springs Community Library is located in the Family Resource Center.

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Library staff invites all community members to stop by and browse through the growing book collection.

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available for Internet access, as well as daily newspapers.

The library is conducting a survey to find out how to best serve the Warm Springs community.

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