

Who does Victims of Crime Services help?

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs has had a crime victims assistance program since about 1987. This department is now called Victims of Crime Services, or simply VOCS.

Recently at a public gathering a tribal member expressed concern or outrage that VOCS had helped a non-tribal member with a restraining order.

Who can access services at VOCS, and what services does VOCS provide?

VOCS provides 24-7 emergency services and assistance to person crime victims who are in crisis immediately after their victimization.

Person crime victims include those victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and assault and battery. It does not include property crimes such as malicious mischief, vandalism, theft, or house fires (unless the police or fire departments suspect the crime of arson).

Additionally, VOCS does not provide criminal defense

services.

The responding VOCS victim advocate will make a quick needs assessment, and determine what is needed for the victim's immediate safety.

Safety plans are made depending upon the victim's unique circumstances. Frequent emergency VOCS services can include emergency shelter, food and supplies, transportation, or a restraining order.

The victim advocate usually provides information, referrals, and or emotional support to the person crime victim in crisis. Sometimes the victim is met at a hospital emergency room or at the Warm Springs Police Department.

VOCS offers its victim services to all person crime victims regardless of race, gender or tribal membership, since a majority of funds for the VOCS department come from federal grants that require non-discrimination.

After the crisis stage of victim assistance is completed,

VOCS victim advocates will often assist the victim with more

long term assistance, which can include restraining orders or other court hearings, crime victim's compensation applications, being a liaison with the tribal prosecutor or police, referrals to other social programs, and victim's support groups.

Community awareness radio public service announcements, posters, newspaper articles, and community presentations are another service of the VOCS department.

For more information about the Victims of Crime Services department or crime victims services available on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation, you can contract the VOCS program at phone number 553-2293, or call 911 if you have an emergency.

The mission of VOCS is to assist person crime victims on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. VOCS is partially funded by an Office of Victims of Crime's grant, and the Family Violence Prevention Services Act grant.

Births



Sterling S. Kalama Jr.

Sterling S. Kalama Sr. and Eileen M. Frank are pleased to announce the birth of their son Sterling S. Kalama Jr. on July 11 at St. Charles Hospital in Bend. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and measured 21 and 1/4 inches long.

He joins sisters Aiyana, 8, and Noelani 3.

Paternal Grandparents are the Late Roland Kalama Sr. and Edith Albert Kalama.

Maternal Grandparents are Elvis Frank and the Late Carol Ann Burke and Bertson Simtustus.

Scott Jeffrey Fluhr

Glenn and Lynn Fluhr of Grass Valley are pleased to announce the birth of their son Scott Jeffrey Fluhr, born on July 26, 2009.

Scott joins two brothers, Zachery, 10, and Aaron, 2 and 1/2 years old.

The grandparents on the father's side are Warren and Judy Fluhr of Grass Valley.

The grandparents on the mother's side are Herb Graybael and Earlynne Squiemphen of Warm Springs.

Nathaniel Robert Lee Billingsley
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Tisha Laura-Jo Minson of Madras are pleased to announce the birth of their son Nathaniel Robert Lee Billingsley, born on August 4, 2009.

Grandparent on the father's side is Brenda Billingsley of Madras.

Grandparents on the mother's side are Pamela Minson of Springfield, and Gary Minson Sr. of Madras.

Alisha Marie Yallup

Yolanda K. Yallup of Warm Springs is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter Alisha Marie Yallup, born on August 13, 2009.

Grandparents are Michael and Yvette Leccy of Warm Springs.

Her aunts are Alisha Sara Yallup, Kamala Tewee and Karlen Yallup.

OSU Ext. seeks host families for visiting students

The OSU Extension Office again this year is seeking host families for Oregon State University graduate students coming to Warm Springs on Thursday evening, September 10 to Sunday morning, September 13.

The OSU College of Forestry students are coming as part of a field study course on

"Communities and Natural Resources" to learn and participate in community service projects at Warm Springs and Wallowa County.

Host families will be responsible for providing a bed for each student, three breakfasts, and one dinner for two or three students (or more if desired) for

three nights.

A stipend of \$150 will be provided for host families to help defray costs. Host families are encouraged to interact with the students and share family life. For more information, contact Shawn Morford or Minnie Yahtin at the OSU Extension Office at 553-3238.

More letters of apology

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 6-20-09 by being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and therefore receiving a liquor violation. I apologize to V.S. and my tribe. This will not happen again. I am not of age and understand the consequences of my action. **Clarissa Wolfe.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law of "harassment" on or against D.H. Jr. I had been drinking alcohol that evening of 4-16-09. I would like to apologize to D.H. Jr. for the broken law. It would never have happened either, D. I'm a good tribal member—just a bad choice of words I used. This pertains to case no. CR303-09 and violation of law and order code or ordinance

305.185(1) and (3). This is a good learning experience for me also. Thanks. **Dennis L. Smith Sr.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 7-18-09 by carrying concealed weapons in the Warm Springs community. I apologize to the Warm Springs community. I will try my best for it to not happen again. **Jerritt Smith.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law June 6, 2009 by being under the influence of alcohol and being under the age of 21, also causing a disturbance in public. I apologize to officer S.H. I learned from my actions and it will never happen again. **Justin Gilbert.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on 5-31-09 by having drug paraphernalia on me. I apologize to my S.O. and all the officers that were there. In the future I will behave myself. **Michael Meanus.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 3, 2009 by using false identification. I apologize to B.C. I'm sorry for messing up my kids Fourth of July. Sorry to all affected. **Tina V. Spino.**

I am sorry I broke tribal law on July 10, 2009 by assault, escape, disorderly conduct, recklessly endangering, cruelty to animals. I apologize to the officer. I will do better. **Michael Turley.**

Community activities and events calendar

Friday, August 28

This Friday is the last day of the **Place for Kids Club** summer program.

The school year program will start up again on September 9.

At 10:45 a.m. the Senior Center will have enhanced fitness class and at noon there will be Body Flex class at the Community Center.

The **Kalama Heritage Festival** will be this Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Park at the Port in Kalama, Wash. For more information call Bill Nahalea at 206-299-2662.

Saturday, August 29

The Museum at Warm Springs **Living Traditions** program will feature Oral History & Family Trees Saturday & Sunday from noon 4 p.m.

The Madras **Saturday Market** will be set up in Sahalee Park on Saturday and runs from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. Local vendors,

live local music and food. For more information about Saturday Market or if you are interested in being a vendor contact Ann at 489-3239.

The ASC Team and The Tribal Council Office are accepting **school supply donations** for the 2009-2010 School Year.

A complete school supply list is available on the 509-J school district website.

The **Kah-Nee-Ta employee shuttle** is running daily leaving the Family Resource Center at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

The shuttle leaves Kah-Nee-Ta to return to Warm Springs at 3:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 30

The Museum at Warm Springs **Living Traditions** program will feature Oral History and Family Trees today from noon 4 p.m.

Monday, August 31

At 10:45 a.m. the Senior Center will have enhanced fitness class and at noon there will be Cardio class at the Community Center.

Tuesday, September 1

There's a HOPE Program Diabetes Class from 10am-noon Tuesday; classes are open access, stop in anytime for 30 minutes or less.

Today at noon there will be Body Flex class at the Community Center.

The Warm Springs Music Project is meeting each week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Family Resource Center. From 5 til 9. Anyone interested in music is invited to attend.

Wednesday, September 2

The Recreation Department will be taking kids to the Oregon State Fair. Cena has more information at 553-3243.



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