Warm Springs Community Counseling

Meet the Staff of the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center

Caroline Cruz, BS, CPM, CPS, GH Health and Human Services, has 26 plus years experience working in the total continuum of care with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (AT/OD) and related fields. She has experience in community prevention, community mobilization, treatment, training, curriculum development, grant writing, administration and consultant work. Caroline is the general manager for human services for her Tribe, overseeing the following programs: Child Protective Services, Community Counseling Center, Community Wellness Center, Community Health and Education Team, Senior Services, Vocational Rehabilitation and Social Services. As a national trainer, Caroline has trained with Development Research & Development, Training Peer, Native American Center for Excellence (NACE) and various Tribal, government and state agencies. Caroline is an enrolled member with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon.

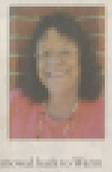
Shilo Tippett, Ph.D. (Wasco/Tingit) is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Acting Director at WSCC. She is an enrolled member of the CTWS and of the Sealaska Corporation in Alaska. She is the daughter of Nez Perce and Warm Shore of Warm Springs and the wife to Greg Tippett of Oklahoma. Dr. Tippett received her BA degree from the University of Oregon in 1997 and her MS and Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in 2006. She completed internship and postdoctoral training at the Seattle VAMC in 2006 and 2007. Prior to returning to Warm Springs, she worked as a staff psychologist at the Seattle VAMC specializing in the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder among returning Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans. She is licensed in the state of Oregon and provides psychotherapy to individuals with a variety of issues to including posttraumatic stress disorder, major depression and substance use disorders. Her specialty areas include the treatment and recovery of Native American Stress Disorder and related issues. Her theoretical orientation is psychodynamically oriented, cognitive-behavioral and her clinical interests include individual, group, couples, and play therapy.

Vincent G. Wahahmun, MSW, CADC-II, Enrolled Tribal Member of Warm Springs Tribes. Mr. Wahahmun obtained a Bachelor of Psychology degree in 1997 from Oregon State University and a Master of Social Work from Portland State University in 2012. He has been a CADC-II (Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor) since 1999. He is family/friends have been going into NARA Treatment Center a minimum of twice a year to inform Clients about the importance of their culture and traditions and assist them with their grief and with recovery skills. They have visited state correctional institutions in Oregon and assist Native American inmates (men and women) too, when requested. All rewarding work.

Carolyn Shinn has been with the counseling center since 1996 and has been living in Warm Springs since 1986. She currently attends the front office staff at WSCC. She completed two years of college and one year of business school. She completed correspondence business school in 1973. Carolyn and her husband have 5 children and 3 adoring grandchildren.

Cyrilla Mitchell, BA, is an enrolled Tribal Member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oregon. She is currently the Outreach Coordinator for WSCC and has been working in that position a little over a year. Before coming to WSCC, she worked for the Warm Springs Tribal Court as the Tribal Youth Coordinator for 4 years. She graduated from Madras High School in 2004 and went on to Haskell Indian Nations University to pursue a higher education degree. She played on the Women's volleyball team for 3 years at HINU and graduated with an AA in Physical Education and Sports Medicine in 2007. Her hobbies include playing volleyball, boxing videos, her employment and supporting her little brother on all his sports and activities that he is involved in. Fun facts about Cyrilla: Lover Dove Hope, collecting lip gloss, lover Zebra Print and collecting shoes.

Rachel K. Mary, CPS is the adopted daughter of Richard and Vivian Mary of Warm Springs. Her daughter to the late Carrie Mae Jackson of Fort Klamath, Oregon, and the late, Bobby Townsend of Fort Bidwell, Calif. She is the single parent to three daughters, two sons and two grandsons. She works full-time at WSCC as the Suicide Prevention Specialist and is also on the "on-call" Crisis Response Team. She attended Central Oregon Community College in earn her A.A.O.T. in Psychology, and OSU-Cascades working on her Bachelor degree in Criminal Psychology, at OSU-Cascades in Bend. She's a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) in Jefferson and Crook counties. Rachel also serves as a Dakota 2 Light Facilitator to raise awareness of the prevalence and recurrence of child sexual abuse. She's a Mom's Banana Bo Educators Facilitator, the Prineville Indian Housing Facilitator, facilitates the Women's Talking Circle at the tribal correction facility, is spokesperson (GPR Operations, personals, relief) and volunteers for the WSCC office and Red Cross in Disaster Relief. She enjoys spending time visiting her Dad, 97 Prairie Canadian. She enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, and learning new skills and insights from the community.



Glenda M. Gibson is the Secretary for the CORBALIS Counseling Center. "After been years with the Oregon City Municipal Court as a Deputy Court Clerk, I returned home back to Warm Springs to build my home that I am now living in with my husband David and two beautiful dogs."

Shanna Quenipanza, is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and is an Army Veteran. She has worked as the WSCC Meth Prevention Program Assistant since September 2012. Prior to coming to WSCC, she worked at the Finance Department for 12 years. She is the mother of 3 boys ages 19, 13 and 6.

Kayla Cuny, M.Ed. is a Mental Health Counselor. She is an Oglala Lakota from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. She received a Bachelor's Degree in 1989 from South Dakota State University in Child Development with a minor in Speech Pathology. She received a Masters of Education degree in Counseling, Guidance and Personnel Services from MSU in Bozeman, South Dakota in 1992. She has twenty-two years of experience working as a School Counselor. Her primary services include going into the schools and working with children in need of counseling services.

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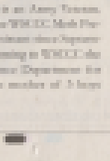
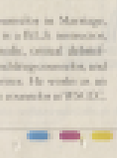


Rick Rondeau, AA, BS, M.Div., She has served for 40 years and counting. He has three children and three grandchildren. Rick earned his A.A., B.S., and M.Div. degrees and has worked for 10 years as a Presbyterian Minister, Pastor, Counselor in Marriage, Grief and Family. He is a B.L.S. instructor, EMT intermediate medic, critical debriefing training, alcohol and drug counselor, and spiritual partners advisor. He works as an alcohol and drug abuse counselor at WSCC.



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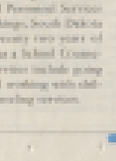

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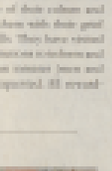
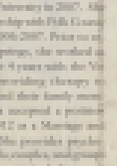
Sheila M. Dorando, MFT, is a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) at WSCC. She is married to Orvie Dorando of Warm Springs. Sheila received her BA in Sociology at Willamette University in 1999 and her M.S. from George Fox University in 2007. She completed her internship with Falls County Mental Health in 2006-2007. Prior to returning to Warm Springs, she worked as a Therapist for over 4 years with the Vet Center program providing therapy to Combat Veterans and their family members. Mrs. Dorando accepted a position with WSCC in 2012 as a Marriage and Family Therapist. She provides psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and groups with a variety of concerns including posttraumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, family systems issues, and substance use disorders. Her theoretical orientation is based on Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Systemic Family Therapy and her clinical interests include individual, group, couples, and play therapy.

Micie Adams, Secretary III, is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. She is a Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute Bloom. Her mother was the late Myrtle Adams. She has worked as an administrative support staff person for the Community Counseling Center for nearly 5 years. Her main job duties include implementing the new electronic records system, coordinating psychiatric client appointments and medications bills, and other office duties. She received her Certificate of Completion in Integrated Computer Applications from Business Computer Training Institute in Salem, Oregon.



Rowena Jackson, AA moved from Warm Springs to Hoopa in May of 1998. In June of 1998 she had her fifth child, and was enrolled in college. She graduated in June 2001 with and AA in Business and in June 2002 received her AA in Computer Profile. 2001-2008, she worked in the Health Education/Family Specialist for Hoopa Tribal Head Start. In 2008-2010 she worked with Hoopa Tribal Administration Personnel Department as the Personnel Specialist. In 2009 The Hoopa Tribal Council created her as Women Medical Center as the Human Resource Director. Rowena moved back to Warm Springs March of 2010 and has been employed with the Community Counseling Center as the Meth Prevention Coordinator. She also is currently part of the WS Native Aspirations Coalition and started a Youth Leadership. In her free time she likes watching her kids in sports. Since 2007 her son has been involved with wrestling and has gone to the State finals in California, placing second, fourth, and eighth, as the Oregon State finals placing 6th, and West Coast Regional placing 6th. Her daughters have been active in playing volleyball, and in High School 2009 they played for the North Coast Shoshone tribal team. Since the summer of 2011 she has watched her new grandsons in wild horse races, wild colt races, cow riding and bull riding. In November 2011 her youngest daughter graduated early from high school then had a baby on December 2, 2011. Besides work and youth leadership, she is doing volunteers it takes to help her children succeed in college and sports.

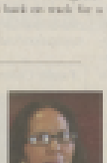


Peggy Wilson, (Warm Springs – Modoc) Parents Robert and Harriet Williams (both serenity). They joined the Sobriety in Warm Springs along with my siblings. I graduated from Chiloco Indian School, Oklahoma, attended a business school in Denver, Colorado and GOCC in Bend. I started raising my grandchildren and put my education on hold. I have worked for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs since 1974. July 1989 I started working for Community Counseling Center as the Intake Coordinator and assisted my way up to being a Substance Abuse Specialist for adults. I encourage everyone to get a real good education, find your spirituality, and raise your family with love. Work together as a Tribe to get us back on track for a better tomorrow.

Andy Leonard has worked 24 years with the Warm Springs Community Wellness Center as the Intake and Admission Coordinator for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He is currently serving in his third year at WSCC, as the Adolescent Aftercare Specialist, and is also a DJ for local youth events, high school dances and local business events. Many people in the community know him as "DJ K-9" for he has his own syndicated radio mix show at the local radio station, KWSO. He also coached basketball for the MHS basketball junior varsity team for 14 years, and was a member to the Beaver Red Sox center field major league baseball player Jacob Elsbury. He has influenced the lives of many other Native American youth in the local area, having worked with Breanna Jackson, Michael Martinez and Scott Kalama when they were growing up and they now serve with him in the helping field as prevention specialists.

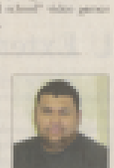
Alice M. Sampson is a Wasco/Warm Springs Tribal member and has 27 years of sobriety. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at Mayflower University and her Master's in Social Work at Portland State University. After initial counselor training in 1989 and became a Certified Alcohol and drug counselor in 1991. She has worked in Warm Springs as a counselor a total of 17 years, two years at NARA Outpatient, two years at NARA residential, and one year at Best Care Outpatient in Madras. Her goal is to continue to support our Native People to find healing and spirituality in their life.

Michael Martinez, CPS, currently serves as the Local Prevention Coordinator for Warm Springs. He is the Junior varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Madras High School, where he has been involved for six years. Believe that he coached in both the boys and girls programs at the middle school. He has coached in the Little League program for many years. This year he will also help out with the Madras High School Baseball Team. When Tim isn't working or coaching he enjoys playing volleyball and hanging out with his family.



Ramona Cochran, M.Ed, CADC-III, (Wasco/Sinapuslum) is a Mental Health Dual Diagnosis therapist. She is an enrolled member of CTWS. Ramona is the daughter of the late Alvin R. Smith Sr. and Ramona B. Blake Smith of Warm Springs. Ramona received her Master's Degree in Educational Psychology at Montana State University-Northern in 2008, she completed her internship at Fort Belknap Montana. Ramona is CADC Level III and CDC II. Ramona operates an Equine Therapy Program along with her husband Billy Cochran. Ramona had resided in Montana where she was employed as a Mental Health Therapist with supervisory experience. Ramona was a foster parent for numerous years for CTWS CPS. She has recently resided in Warm Springs area a little over two years. Ramona enjoys working with individuals, groups and families utilizing reality therapy, her clinical interests include individual, group, equine and recreational therapy. She has an open door policy, and she volunteers in helping out the Warm Springs Native Aspirations Coalition.

Anulea "Annie" Mentasa Kalama, A member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and employee of the Community Counseling Center. She is currently working on obtaining a CADC-I and her college credits towards a Mental Health degree. Through her time at WSCC she has been involved with working with the Developmental Disabilities program with the State of Oregon in getting our people volunteers with services related to housing, jobs, independent living skills, and education. Her interest lie in the Mental Health Counseling field, and she has plans to pursue a degree to be able to do this. She started at WSCC as an Intake Coordinator and moved to Case Manager. She is currently doing intakes and housing case as Electronic Records Operator. She would like to earn a degree in her chosen field (now and continue her career at WSCC.



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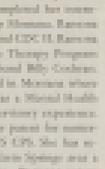
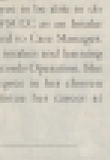


Katrina Rodgers, AAS, CADC-I, is a semi-Enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. She is currently the Adolescent Substance Abuse Specialist at WSCC. Katrina received her Associate of Applied Science in 2003 and CDI Series of completion in Addiction Studies from Central Oregon Community College in 2009, and completed internships in both Alcohol and Drug counseling and Parent Intervention Specialist in 2010 at Lorbeer Community Services northwest.

Prior to beginning work at WSCC, she worked at Deer Ridge Correctional Institute as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Katrina has been certified in the state of Oregon since 2010 and provides substance abuse school counseling to individuals. Her specialty areas include the treatment and assessment of Addiction and Domestic Violence Intervention. Her primary model of counseling is Motivational Interviewing and her clinical interests include individual counseling, group counseling, art/music therapy and therapeutic photography.



Charlotte A. Pin, BS, CADC-II, My English name is Charlotte A. Pin, my Indian name is Kiatlash and my sick name is Sugan. I was raised in the Warm Springs area called Hollywood in a two room army shack. Our home had a cow, kitchen and the big room held an altar with a Shaker cross, with a piano at the other end. Our beds (3) were then on a chair from (you would see on tv). In the 1960's, 70's and 80's I helped organized the Portland Urban Indian programs (i.e., Urban Indian Council, NARA, NAYA) and wrote the proposal for Swan Seven Lodge (now known as the Pan Nations Treatment Center). I've been in the Alcohol and Drug field since 1969 being enrolled in 1974 at the University of California at Santa Cruz. My family is Louis Pin, brother Lillian Pin, uncle shaker, and I have two daughters Elizabeth A. Wheeler, author of 3 books and audiotapes, and Johnie A. Pin who does baskets, beads and give many awards. I graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and was on the Dean's List. I told Liz my daughter "In that remembrig like a bit first!" She informed me it was an honor I was chosen to say the least. I was honored by the AIDD Coalition, NARA and special people like John Spence, Carolyn Crow with Pendleton Blankets. I am still always go to coach them they are capable of healing themselves with faith from our Creator.

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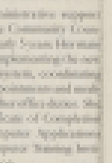
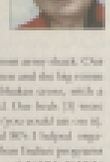
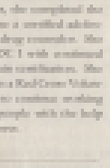


Alfredo J. Sosa, M.D. is a Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatrist that has been consulting for the Warm Springs Counseling Center since 2009. He is Hispanic, having been born in Colombia, and has extensive experience working with individuals of many diverse cultures. He graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School in 1995 and trained in general psychiatry in Georgetown University Hospital, followed by a child and adolescent fellowship at OHSU. In addition to his work with individuals of different cultural backgrounds, Dr. Sosa has extensive experience in community mental health, having worked in over five counties across Oregon. He is currently the Medical Director of Polk County Mental Health in addition to his work in Warm Springs, and he also works in Yamhill County Mental Health providing care to children and adolescents with chronic mental illness there.

Scott Kalama, AA, CPS, is the Tobacco Prevention Coordinator in Warm Springs. An avid and talented basketball player since his youth, Scott is still a very active participant this day. He's a college graduate, a Business Administration Major, has worked for the local BIA Fire Management crew and he participates regularly in Sweat Lodge ceremonies. He is also a direct descendent of Chief Kachnip, one of the signers of the Treaty of 1855 between the United States Government and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Scott is both contemporary and traditional. He's a readily available resource in the community for people to talk openly and freely in recent meth.



Marcella Hall, CADC-I, Marcella started working for Community Counseling Center in 1989 as the receptionist. She was later asked to apply for the Mental Health Children's Counselor position. She applied for the job and got it. Marcella then went to school at COCC for two years taking all the psychology classes and one semester of abnormal psychology. Later, she completed the training to become a certified adolescent alcohol and drug counselor. She received her CADC I with continued training to maintain certification. She has been trained as a Red Cross Volunteer. Her goal is to continue working and helping her people with the help of her Higher Power.



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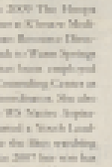

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