

# Children and Family Services

Warm Springs Children and Family Services has a total of 31 employees, serving in the various components of CFS program. Here is an introduction to the CFS staff, and their roles at the department.

## CFS Center (Shelter)



The shelter is licensed by the Confederated Tribes, and is operated 24 hours a day/365 days a year. The shelter is certified to house up to 14 youth

between the ages of 0-17. There is a CFS center supervisor, six full-time Protective Care Provider positions, and one part-time Protective Care Provider. The shelter has three dif-

ferent shifts during the 24-hour day: the morning and afternoon shifts typically have two staff working, with the CFS Center Supervisor assisting during these two shifts.

There is an overnight shift with one staff worker on this shift. The CFS Center is designated to house youth up to 30 days while a foster home is being sought for the youth.

Protective Care Providers Maria Machic-Holliday and Susie Thompson, Center Supervisor Reggie Clements, and Protective Care Provider Terrance Shuey (from left).

## Special Programs

This component of Children and Family Services consist of the following positions:

Family Intake Coordinator, Foster Care Certifier, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Specialist, Service Coordinator, Family Preservation Coordinator, and a CFS Assistant.

These staff deal with other aspects of working with the community, youth, foster parents, and parents, for example: Child abuse/neglect investigations, cultural connection classes for the youth, parent support group, independent living services, assisted guardianship, foster care certification, in home services with families, etc.



Family Intake Coordinator Mariam Tias, Family Preservation Coordinator Merle Kirk, Foster Care Certifier Emily Courtney, In-Home Assistant Alley Jackson, ILP Coordinator Charlieann Herkshan, and ICWA Specialist Siagigi Hintsatake (from left).

## CFS Specialists (Caseworkers)

The child protection component of Children and Family Services consists of a Supervisor, three CFS Specialists and one transitional caseworker.

These staff deal with the children who have been placed in the temporary custody of CFS, while the parent is court-ordered to complete certain stipulations to regain custody of their child or children.

These caseworkers are basically a "surrogate" parent for the duration while the child is in the temporary custody of Children and Family



Case workers Martha Johnston (left) and Penny Danzuka

Services. The staff works with the parent or parents at least weekly, providing support and services for reunification to occur.

## Early Childhood Education hosting parenting classes

Early Childhood Education is hosting a series of 12 classes for Nurturing Parenting starting this Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m.

The classes will be Wednesdays at the Early Childhood Education Center.

The classes are designed for parents, grandparents and care providers of children 0 to 8 years old.

The sessions will explore the latest parenting techniques, how to set limits, using positive approaches to discipline and how to pre-

pare children for school success. Nurturing Parenting class is free. To register call 553-3242.

### Public Notice

IRRIGON PARK – BOAT RAMP AND DOCK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - IRRIGON, OREGON

The Irrigon Marina Launch Ramp will be closed to boaters for approximately 160 days, beginning December 1, 2014 for the construction of a new Launch Ramp and Dock. The next adjacent launch ramps are at Patterson Ferry Road, Umatilla Marina and Boardman Marina. If you have any questions regarding this closure, please call Irrigon Park District Marina Office at 541-922-4933 between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

## Administrative Team



Limited Duration Worker Dinah Belgard, Quality Assurance File Clerk Roberta Tufti, Fiscal Officer Laurie Danzuka, Program Assistant Pam Fuiava, Assistant Director Elizabeth Hisatake, Director Shelia Danzuka, Billing & Data Coordinator Minnie Wallulatum, Receptionist Christine Johnson, and Secretary Nancy BlackWolf.

The Children and Family Services Administrative Team provides support to the staff, clients, foster parents and the community, while maintaining the organizations daily functions.

## Family Preservation Program

One of Children and Family Services' program goals is to intervene immediately to stabilize the family system, and address and correct the behaviors that are creating harm to the child/children and disrupting the family.

The Family Preservation Program (FPP) empowers families to properly care for their children, while maintaining the safety of the child in the home.

The Family Preservation staff assist families in coping with problems that interfere with successful parenting, and help families to find and use resources and supports.

The Family Preservation Program is not designed to "fix" everything in the family, but to help the family learn the skills necessary to provide a safe and caring environment for the child.

Family Preservation Programs are comprehensive, short-term, intensive services for families delivered primarily in the home, and designed to prevent the unnecessary out-of-home



In-Home Outreach Assistant Joni Wallulatum, Caseworker Marie Kay Williams, Specialist Johnathan Courtney, In-Home Outreach Assistant Jaycelene Frank.

placement of children, or to promote family reunification.

The Family Preservation Program provides intensive structured services for families referred by Child Protective Services, Early Child Education, and Head Start. Services include crisis intervention, family unity meetings, parenting skills training, child development education, assessment of the safety of the children, and brief family counseling for such issues

as domestic violence, drug abuse, mental illness, maladaptive coping strategies, relationship problems, and poor communication skills.

The Secretary/Treasurer Jake Suppah implemented the Family Preservation Program in-order to provide more services to community members, children, and grandparents, as well as create more resources and collaboration between all departments for the well-being of the tribe.



## Re-certification for the Tribal Connect (Tribal Lifeline) program is effective today!!

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Only one customer per household can obtain the Lifeline service benefits
- Re-certification forms will be available at our office or sign up booths held during this re-certifying period
- Important, you may need to find out if your apart of the Tribal Connect (Tribal Lifeline) program. Call our office immediately
- The Tribal Connect credit is now \$0.00 for your basic phone access
- The DEADLINE date to re-certify in the Tribal Lifeline/Tribal Connect program is NOVEMBER 25, 2014

If you fail to re-certify for your benefits by 11/25/14 you will be dis-enrolled from the Tribal Connect program. Which will result in an increase on your monthly bill. Please re-certify today and keep all your benefits from this great program.

Contact us for more information or visit us to resign:  
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