

Preparing for change to ICWA



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Interested parties, such as Health and Human Services, CPS and youth workers, met in Warm Springs October 26 to discuss potential changes to Indian Child Welfare Act.

The Indian Child Welfare Act has been the law for 44 years.

Passed by Congress in 1978, ICWA provides statutory protection to tribal families: Essentially, the law provides a framework for keeping tribal children connected to their Native cultures, and seeks to preserve the future of tribal nations.

The possibility that aspects of the law may change, or be overturned, raises concerns and the need to be prepared.

Last week, the Confederated Tribes Health and Human Services held a discussion session regarding the future of ICWA. Present were people who work in children and youth services from the tribes and the region.

A sign of the significance of the ICWA development: A second discussion, hosted by the Oregon Department of Human Services, is scheduled for this Wednesday, November 2 at Willamette University, also available for virtual attendance.

The state Human Services department is inviting tribal community members and students from schools across the state to come and join the discussion.

These kinds of meetings are also happening across the U.S., as the future of ICWA is the subject of a U.S. Supreme Court hearing coming up this month, raising the possibility the act may be modified, or overturned in part or in whole.

In 1978, when Congress passed the law, the issue to be addressed was that generations of tribal chil-

dren across the U.S. had been removed from their families and communities, often placed permanently without connection to the Native culture and families.

Two years ago, the Oregon Legislature passed the Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act.

This created a state-based Indian Child Welfare Act that aligned with the federal law, while also honoring the unique needs and experiences of tribal nations in Oregon.

The Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act was strengthened during the 2021 Legislative Session. However, if provisions of the federal law are overturned, this would affect the state law as well.

The constitutionality of the federal act is challenged by the case of *Haaland v. Brackeen*. Oral arguments in this case are scheduled

before the U.S. Supreme Court on November 9.

The situation is complex, and this complexity is the reason for the discussions happening with tribes and the states. The November 2 panel discussion with the Oregon Department of Human Services is titled 'Complex Conversations: Tribal Rights Are Human Rights – Protecting Oregon's Indian Child Welfare Act.'

As an example of concern that is raised by the U.S. Supreme current consideration of the law: "If the Supreme Court rules ICWA unconstitutional, it could have devastating consequences for Native children, families and tribes while simultaneously putting the existence of tribes in jeopardy," according to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Employment with the Confederated Tribes

The following are positions recently advertised with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

For information, contact the Human Resources office, located in the tribal administration building, 1233 Veterans Street, Warm Springs.

Staff are available to answer questions related to the application process and can be reached at 541-553-3262 or hr@wstribes.org

Tribal Member preference is exercised in hiring processes as defined in Tribal Personnel Policy PER 202.

Chief of Police. Carpenter.

Vocational Rehabilitation counselor. Vocational Rehabilitation office manager. Vocational Rehabilitation director.

Maintenance worker. Secretary. Administrative forester. Soil scientist/watershed planner. Prevention intern (limited duration).

Surveillance observer (part-time). Compensation and benefits administrator. General staff technician (limited duration). Tribal Court administrator.

Archaeologist II. Fisheries Biologist II. Fisheries Biologist III. Information/referral driver. Senior Program community

health representative.

Cook. Payroll specialist. Travel accountant. Warehouse assistant (Finance Department). Restoration field crew member (limited duration).

Water technician (limited duration). Director of Information Systems. Children's Protective Services specialist. Community Health Nurse.

Air quality specialist. Elder consultants/Early Childhood Education (limited duration). Hydrologist. Registered Dietician.

Public administrator. Fire/Medic. Assorted work experience jobs (limited duration). Assorted work experience jobs for youth (limited duration).

Jobs with Indian Head Casino, Plateau

The following is a recent list of job openings with **Indian Head Casino**. For details see the website: indianheadcasino.com

Tule Grill attendant. Cage cashier. Cage main bank cashier. Cage supervisor. Coffee station attendant. Cook. Count team member.

Custodian. Executive chef. Kitchen steward. Lead cook. Lounge bartender. Player's Club ambassador. Players' Club/Player development supervisor.

Revenue auditor. Security officer. Server. Slot keyperson. Table games dealer. Tule Grill cook.

The following are jobs advertised recently with the **Plateau Travel Plaza** (see the casino website for details on applying):

Store cashier. Store supervisor. Custodian. Deli cook. Host cashier/server. Line cook. Security officer. Security supervisor.

Fall Fitness Challenge

Warm Springs Recreation is hosting the November Fitness Challenge. Registration and entry fees are due by 5 p.m. this Friday, November 4.

To get signed up, contact: Joseph Arthur at Warm Springs Recreation, 541-553-3243. You can pick up or drop off the application packet at the Community Center.

This Friday as the Fitness kickoff, Recreation will host the Poker Walk at the Community Center walkway.

The goal of the Fitness Challenge is to encourage people to be active, enjoy a variety of exercise during the month of November, as a competition, and continue to be active throughout the year.

Entry fee is \$5. A t-shirt is another \$10. Additional t-shirts are \$10. Cash or money orders only. Some of the rules:

Participants must be 18 years or older. Five members to a team, one person being the captain. The captain will be responsible for fees, contact information, collection of registration forms, timesheets, and weekly fitness sheets being turned in.

Any person may participate who is affiliated with the Confederated Tribes by enterprise, employment and departments, BIA, IHS, committees, etc. Each team will be responsible for keeping time of exercise done. All forms sheets will be due by December 2.

Members Art Show at Museum

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Tribal Member Art show opens this month, on Tuesday, November 15. The show will be on display into mid February.

The museum again this year will combine the tribal member Adult and the Youth Art Show into one exhibition. Only the adult entries are judged.

Come and enjoy many generations of beautiful artistry in paintings, drawings, mixed-media,



beadwork, weavings, video, photography and more, in two categories: Traditional and Contemporary Art.



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