

Program Services Directory



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Residential Youth Treatment Center

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Clinical Manager: Monte Ring

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Nanitch Sahallie, chinook for "to look upward," opened its doors to the Pacific Northwest Indian Community in April 1989. Nanitch Sahallie is an intensive substance abuse treatment center for Native American youth, ages 12 - 18 years old. The program is operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon and is located in Keizer, Oregon.

Nanitch Sahallie has two programs of treatment. The first is intensive residential treatment and the second is a transitional living component.



Clinical Manager Monte Ring

Intensive Residential Treatment

Nanitch Sahallie provides a 30 to 90 day, depending on a client's need, intensive residential treatment program. Treatment services include 1:1 counseling, family counseling, aftercare services, support groups and recreation, cultural and education components. The treatment program centers around the 12 step approach to recovery.

The purpose of the intensive residential treatment

program is to provide clients with an awareness and understanding of the effects of alcohol and substance abuse on themselves, their families and communities. The clients are also provided skills to use in group settings, awareness of feelings, anger management, and coping skills.

Family counseling activities work with families on a 1:1 and group basis to provide awareness of substance abuse and the dysfunctional family, enabling and co-dependency, signs of relapse and to identify family support resources in their respective communities.



Nanitch's newest Clinical Technician

Penny Morgan

Caring for people has always come naturally to Clinical Technician Penny Morgan, sometimes too naturally. And, when you are talking about caring for troubled teenagers, finding someone who truly cares can be difficult "It might sound insignificant but, we're talking about kids who might be suicidal or runaways and I think its important to show them that you really do care about them and more importantly that you are sincere," said Morgan.

Morgan, who started working for Nanitch Sahallie as a Home Living Attendant, is embarking on a new career as the Tribes' first ever Clinical Technician. The title of Clinical Technician won't be hers for long as she is in training to become a full time counselor. "Our Director wants me to spend some time with each component so that I become familiar with all aspects of the treatment process," explained Morgan.

"Penny was born to do this job," said Nanitch Sahallie's new Clinical Manager Monte Ring. "I think one of the things that contributes to her usefulness is her willingness to do anything at anytime to help someone."

Ring went on to say that Morgan's people skills allow her to be effective with the clients. "I've never seen a client leave her in anything but a positive manner. I've used her in crisis situations where people were to the point of becoming volatile and watched her become a calming influence. It's really something to see."

Program Director JoAnna Rogers sees the same qualities in Penny as Monte Ring does. "She's eager and she is dedicated and that's why the staff counts on her and depends on her because they know she's responsible. More importantly the client's really respond to her."

Rogers sums up what she thinks about Penny by saying "her most outstanding quality is that she is totally dedicated to the recovery of the chemically dependant person."



Tribal Education Program director Dean Azule

Education:

Director: Dean Azule;

This program was established to provide educational assistance to eligible Tribal members who are wishing to pursue a 2 or 4 year degree program, or a vocational training program.

Currently, there are four programs that fall under the Education Program's umbrella. All programs provide limited assistance and services for Tribal members who wish to pursue training or educational programs. The age range varies dependant upon program and assistance.

ADULT EDUCATION: This program provides basic skill development for review or academic improvement. Classes include: GED and Adult High School Completion, Employment enhancement, and self improvement, Community interest workshops or seminars, and special interest classes. This program has a residency requirement, applicants must reside within the six county service area. Only tuition, books and fees' assistance is provided. All applicants must be 16 years or older.

ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING:

This program provides training and educational assistance for members who have little or no employment skills. Members can obtain assistance to pursue a two-year degree or certification or licensing programs that enable employment. There is an "income and need" criteria and all applicants are required to file a Financial Aid Form for the respective school year. This program also has a residency requirement.

HIGHER EDUCATION:

This program was designed to target members who are wishing to pursue a four-year bachelor degree program. Applicants must meet all admissions requirements and standards to community college and university programs. They can begin their schooling at a community college, but all course work must be applicable and transferrable to a four-year college or university. Applicants must file an F.A.F. and apply for all possible financial aid from their respective schools. There is no residency requirement for this program.

JOM PROGRAM:

This program can provide limited assistance to students who reside within and attend the Willamina and Sheridan school districts. All applicants must be enrolled in the JOM program, they must be enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, they can be members of Tribes other than the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. The program provides assistance to 3 and 4 year-old enrolled children to 12th grade children. Services include: tutorial assistance, home/school liaison, leadership enhancement activities, field trips, parent training and limited school supplies.

Eligibility criteria will differ from program to program. Some programs will have specific deadlines for applications. Information and application packets can be obtained by calling the Tribal Education Program. (503) 879-5211.