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Small Business Development program report

At the March General Meeting, Elaine Moore and Sam Henny gave a presentation of 1995 services and new activities for 1996 for Small Business Development (SBD) division.

■1995 Services

They included business counseling, computer lab, computer training classes, business classes, and BIC (Business Information Center).

■1995 Location of Clients

27% Grand Ronde, Willamina, Sheridan;
43% Six County Area;
19% Remaining Oregon; and
11% Other States
SBD will work with any tribal member.

■13 New Business Startups in 1995

Most new businesses were in Salem and Portland.

■1996 Activities

Business Counseling

Counseling services include financial; loans; business plans; tax preparation; maintaining books; and marketing, which includes advertising brochures and business cards.

Computer Lab

The lab is open to everyone, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours.

Computer Training Classes

Classes are FREE to tribal members. Offered courses are:

Beginning and Intermediate Excel, Microsoft Word, Word Perfect, Windows, Graphic programs, etc. The staff offers individual help and will work with your schedule if you cannot make it to the scheduled classes.

Business Classes

You may receive 5 credits from NW Indian College. These classes are very good to take before starting your own business. They detail all the considerations and the procedures in applying for loans. This service also makes you available to ONABEN counselors.

BIC

The Business Information Center is located at the SBD office. The staff encourages people to make use of this library, which consists of business books and videos that can be checked out.

ONABEN Classes

If a tribal member completes this program, they will be reimbursed the \$100 tuition fee.

Tax Preparation Assistance

Please call for an appointment. Staff will assist you in preparing your returns free of charge to tribal members.

Business Opportunities Fair

This fair will offer information on how to start a franchise, like McDonalds and other chains.

Youth Programs

Offered through the schools.

Children's Art Show

Available to tribal children and young adults up to age 24. Art will be made into postcards, calendars, banners, and utilized as interior decor for the new health clinic.

■Proposed 1996 activities

Art Gallery

A gallery for home based craftspeople. People who do "a little" beading or "a little" painting don't really consider themselves artists, but they are. SBD needs those people. Let Sam know and she will put them on the mailing list to keep craftspeople updated.

Marketplace

The Marketplace concept is in the idea stage. It may be organized like Saturday Market in Portland.

■Native American Chamber of Commerce

Applications still needed. This is a good tool to network with other businesses.



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