

Social Services

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Gagliardo said foster care parents for tribal member children are needed right now.

"We have a good foster care program," said Gagliardo. "Basically, we recruit certified Native foster care homes and even non-Native homes if they have certain ties to the Tribe. We do the placements. When a child is removed from a family, the foster care coordinator will make a placement in one of those homes or referrals to treatment centers.

"Unfortunately, we need more foster care homes," said Gagliardo. "We're hurting."

The department's domestic violence component works with victims of domestic violence to get them out of harm's way and keep them away.

"The program will assist the client to get out of the home," said Gagliardo. "Next, staff will work with the client to develop a safety plan then get a restraining order from one of the courts. We will then provide services to that person to keep them safe. So, we kind of cushion that a little bit. We make it easier for them to stay away."

Part of the domestic violence program is a new batterer's treatment component. The emphasis is on reaching both sides of the domestic violence issue.

"We have now developed a batterer's treatment program," said Gagliardo. "It is going real well. We made it through the first month, this is the second month. This is a six-month long program and it is very intensive. We are using a lot of the materials that most of the well-known state places are using."

Gagliardo said he thinks the program will be a success because it creates solutions.

Much of the program's success depends on a healthy relationship with the state social service workers who also interact with tribal member families.

In the past, Gagliardo said there had been some acrimony between the state and certain tribes in the social and community services realm. He said the Grand Ronde Tribe's Social Services department has now assumed a leadership role among other tribes and has improved the professional relationship with the state workers as well.

"There is a good partnership right now between the state and the Tribe," said Gagliardo. "We've had to work real hard over the past few years to get that going. We are leading the way for other Tribes. Grand Ronde is really taking a huge step and other tribes are watching us and falling in line with what we are doing."

Gagliardo said many tribes contact Grand Ronde to consult with department staff on how to handle their own cases.

"I think we were consistent with what we wanted," said Gagliardo of improved relations with the state and



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other tribes. "We just keep working at maintaining that line of communication. Now, when we leave a meeting with the state, even if we disagree we don't cut communication. We go back and the state is starting to do the same thing. We're not willing to give up all the services and the rights of the children just because of an argument or a disagreement. We'll figure out a way and we usually do come out somewhere in the middle."

Gagliardo said it is the goal of the department to try and learn to walk in both worlds — the Native culture and the dominant culture.

"Right," said Gagliardo. "We want a working relationship for both us and them (the state)."

Maybe the most important part of what the department does now for tribal members in tough situations is provide life skills training.

According to Gagliardo, social services programs can be well intended, but still miss the mark in helping clients who need more basic social skills.

"Maybe this person doesn't know how to ask for a job, maybe this person doesn't know how to fill out a resume," said Gagliardo. "We're starting out with the basics. We have created a life skills program that is the first place a client will start once the case manager determines which program to get them involved in. That could be employment, it could be welfare and work, general assistance, mental health, alcohol and drug or whatever we have out there. They will go through this life skills class and pickup the skills necessary to get involved with those programs. So, now the person, hopefully, has built a little self-esteem and now they are ready to work with the program."

The life skills program will focus on personal growth, stress management, job readiness, building self-esteem and personal finance.

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