

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month & National Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Child Abuse Statistics:

Three (3) million cases of suspected child abuse and neglect are reported each year in the U.S.

One (1) million of those cases are confirmed.

Three (3) or (4) children die everyday in the U.S. from child abuse or neglect.

It is estimated that 50 percent of abuse situations go unreported.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP Fact Sheet — June 2001, #23).

Child fatalities as a result of abuse and neglect has risen 12 percent during the last five years. 39 percent of child maltreatment fatalities involved children who had current or prior contact with local child protective service agencies. Of these fatalities, 76 percent involved children five years of age or younger. 40 percent of the total fatalities were children age one or younger (Current Trends in Child Abuse Prevention, Reporting, and Fatalities: The 1999 Fifty State Survey, April 2001, National Center of Child Abuse Prevention Research — Prevention Child Abuse America).

A 1999 Survey of Public Opinion and Behaviors Regarding Child Abuse Prevention done by the National Center of Child Abuse Prevention Research (PCA America) revealed:

- 50 percent of the respondents said they have seen an adult neglect a child.
- 36 percent said they had seen an adult physically abuse a child.
- 71 percent said that they had seen an adult emotionally abuse a child.
- 62 percent of those who witnessed child abuse and/or neglect reported taking action.
- 36 percent failed to take action.

Sexual Abuse Statistics

In 2002, there were 247,730 victims of rape, attempted rape or sexual assault. 2002 National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)

Of these approximately 248,000 victims of attempted rape and 91,000 were victims of sexual assault.

One out of every six American women have been the victims of an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. A total of 17.7 million women have been victims of these crimes (Prevalence, Incidence and Consequences of Violence Against Women Survey, National Institute of Justice and Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, 1998).

While about 80 percent of all victims are white, minorities are some-

what more likely to be attacked. Lifetime rate of rape or attempted rape (women): All: 17.6 percent. White: 17.7 percent. Black: 18.8 percent. Asian/Pacific Islander: 6.8 percent. American Indian/Alaskan: 34.1 percent. Mixed race: 24.4 percent.

Stopping Child Abuse Now

Physical Abuse: Slapping, pushing, hitting, etc.

Sexual Abuse: Inappropriate touching, sexual activity, involving children in pornography.

Emotional Abuse: Excessive or frequent put-downs, invalidating a child's emotions, inappropriate threats.

Neglect: Irresponsible neglect of a child's basic needs.

Protecting Children from Abuse

Do not leave young children alone or unattended. Firmly communicate expectations of physical & emotional boundaries to all adults caring for children, including family members, step-parents & babysitters.

Teaching Children Self-Protection Skills

Help children learn the difference between right and wrong touches, even from people they know. Teach children assertiveness skills, how to stand up for themselves, how to say "no," and when to flee.

Teach them whom they can turn to in times of danger.

Warning Signs of Possible Abuse

Physical: Un-expected bruises, burns, or fractures, messy appearance, loss of appetite, disturbed sleep, sexually transmitted diseases or urinary tract infections.

Behavioral: Aggressiveness, withdrawal or clinging, fear of a person or place; discomfort with physical contact, molesting other children, suicidal tendencies.

If You Suspect Abuse

Report suspected abuse immediately to your state's child abuse hotline, call 911 or child welfare services. If you need help, ask.

Foster Care Homes Needed

The Tribe's Foster Care Program is currently seeking homes in the Grand Ronde, Portland and Willamette Valley areas to provide foster or respite care services for Tribal youth 0-18 years old.

If you or someone you know is interested, has questions or wants additional information on our Foster Care Program, please contact Matt Bucknell at 1-800-422-0232 ext. 2039.



American Red Cross Child & Infant First Aid/CPR

Classes to be held at the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center. Dinner and child care will be provided.

May 4, 2004 — 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May 11, 2004 — 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May 18, 2004 — 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

May 25, 2004 — 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. — Family BBQ

To become Child & Infant First Aid/CPR Certified you will need to attend all four classes.

There will be a cost of \$5 per person to become certified.

SPACE IS LIMITED, SIGN UP TODAY.

The last day to reserve your spot for this class will be Wednesday, April 21. This class will be limited to the first 20 people to sign up.

For more information or to sign up, call Tracy Biery at 503-879-2017.

Eyvette's Cafe Is Now Open!

BROOKSIDE CAFE



Notice: Grand Ronde Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribe has obtained a LIHEAP grant to assist income eligible Tribal members with energy payments, energy emergencies and weatherization. This Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is an annual grant from the Division of Energy Assistance within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Four Tribes in Oregon operate this program and must serve all income eligible Indians on their reservation or trust lands. Outside of these lands, but within the Tribe's service area, Tribes can only serve households with adult members of their own Tribe. For LIHEAP the Grand Ronde Tribe's service area is the Tribe's typical Six County service area (Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Tillamook counties) plus Clackamas County. Tribal members in these counties will now need to contact Grand Ronde to receive assistance instead of from the community action agency in their area. The Tribal program will allow more Tribal members to be assisted than would otherwise have been possible.

There has been a great need for energy assistance especially for weatherization where the Tribe already has a list of eligible Tribal members in need. For income eligible households the program can provide energy assistance (utility bills, fire wood, etc.), crisis energy assistance, and weatherization (e.g. furnace repair).

If you are interested in obtaining services please contact Social Services at 800-242-8196 for energy assistance and the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority at 503-879-2445 for weatherization.

FREE KUNG FU CLASSES

When: Monday Nights

Where: Tribal Gym

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Age Group: Youth 10-17 boys and girls &

Adult Women (self-defense)

PLEASE have a parent there for child sign-ups.

Teacher: Master Dale Freeman