

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



Down Payment Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) has 2010 Down Payment Assistance available for applicants with moderate to low incomes. Although the budget for Tribally funded Down Payment Assistance has been committed for 2010, HUD funds may be available for qualified Tribal applicants whose gross household income either meets, or is less than the guidelines below:

Family size / Gross income	
1	\$39,900
2	\$45,600
3	\$51,300
4	\$56,950
5	\$61,550
6	\$66,100
7	\$70,650
8	\$75,200

Please call Nancy Holmes, Homeownership Coordinator, at 503-879-2445, to pre-qualify for HUD funded assistance.

Units available now!

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority is accepting applications for Rental Housing Units in Grand Ronde

1-5 bedroom sized units, many upgrades, parking/storage close to Tribal services.

The units include washer/dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, in-floor radiant heat, private patio and great views. If you work for the Tribe or casino, you pay no State Income Tax!

The following screening criteria is required for the Market Rate Units: Credit history, landlord history, criminal history, income (at least 3 times monthly rent). One adult member of the household must be an enrolled CTGR Tribal member.

HUD assisted rental applicants must meet low-income and other federal requirements.

Call GRTHA for applications or for further information at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2401 or 503-879-2401.



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Parents are paramount in raising children

In an effort to inform and assist the Grand Ronde community at large, *Smoke Signals* publishes a monthly article addressing various mental health issues written by a member of the Behavioral Health Department at Health & Wellness. They welcome e-mails, letters and questions from people with mental health-related questions at tom.bender@grandronde.org.

By Tom Bender

Tribal Mental Health counselor

There's a wonderful movie called "Life as a House" about a poignant and tumultuous relationship between a father and son.

The father has been diagnosed with cancer, which he is keeping secret. After being absent from his son's life for many years, he informs his ex-wife that their out-of-control child will be spending the summer with him on the coast helping him build his dream house.

The 16-year-old is full of anger and pain, and screams at his father to leave him alone, and "stay out of my business!" The father comes back, "Every part of your life is my business!"

It seems to me our children are having a rough go of it. They are learning about life while negotiating their way through a minefield of gangs, school violence, substance abuse, computer games, unwarranted school promotions, depression, teen suicide and more. Nowadays, it is a truly noble and sometimes daunting task to raise a child.

Like the father from the movie, every aspect of your children's lives is your business. Our children might not like or agree with this; they might resent us for "butting in" or being too strict, but dissatisfaction is part of being a child.

I sometimes hear parents refer to one of their children as "their best friend." When I hear this, I find myself wondering if the parent needs to learn more about healthy boundary-setting.

If a mother or father is a best friend to their child, the parent may be missing important signs that the

child is struggling or needing help. It also may point to the parent's own unhealed childhood wounds that need to be addressed.

Gibran wrote:

"You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth."

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;

For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable."

How does one become the "stable bow"? Parents often come to family counseling because a child is acting out. The mistake that many parents make is in thinking that since the child is the one with the problem, all they need to do is drop the youth off for therapy once a week.

But families are systems. Each member is both an individual and part of the greater whole. Often, a child develops behavior problems because he or she is mirroring difficulties in the family. In other words, when a child is acting out, it is not just about the child, but reflects a greater family issue.

When it comes to counseling, it is crucial to have family involvement. Therapy will help without parental presence, but the results may be limited. Why? Because our children do not exist in a vacuum. They need the support of the ones whose love they want and need the most.

The trueness of the arrow's flight will be reflected in how involved the parents are in the lives of their children. ■

Attention College Students!!!

Tired of waiting in line at the computer lab? This is your chance for a FREE computer system!

The Tribal Higher Education programs will be distributing surplus computers from Tribal Information Systems for Grand Ronde Tribal member college students.



Students must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- Attending college as a full-time student
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Completed at least one college academic year with at least 36 credits
- Must not owe a debt to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde on behalf of Education
- Be an enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal member
- Cannot have been awarded a computer system or laptop through a previous Tribal Higher Education drawing

All eligible applicants' names that are received by Friday, October 29, 2010 will be placed in a pool and selected in a random drawing. The random drawing will take place on Monday, November 1, 2010.

Please contact Higher Education at 1-800-422-0232 ext 2275 for an application.