

**Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
Tribal Court Appointed Special
Advocate (CASA) Program
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"Speaking for Children/Youth"**

Each year, approximately 780,000 children in the U.S. are caught in the court and child welfare maze because they are unable to live safely at home.

Approximately 13,965 children in the state of Oregon have been in foster care at least once during the past year.

Currently, there are approximately 87 Grand Ronde children in foster care. Half of those children are wards of the Tribal Court right here in the Grand Ronde Community.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Court is looking for committed, caring volunteers who want to help these children by advocating for the child. The Tribal Court CASA Program will train all volunteer advocates. Give these children a voice during this difficult time, help these children to receive the services they need, stay connected to their culture and find safe permanent homes.

If you would like more information on how to volunteer and better serve our Tribal Children, please detach and complete this form and return it to: Tribal Court Programs Specialist, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. For additional information, call 503-879-4623 or e-mail: Julie.boekhoff@grandronde.org



- please send me a CASA Advocate Application
 please send me more information about the Tribal Court CASA Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PSU sponsors suicide prevention poster contest

Our Healing Feathers Project, a suicide prevention awareness and wellness program at Portland State University, is sponsoring a poster contest for Native American/Alaskan Native junior high and senior high school students attending Oregon, Washington and Idaho schools.

The theme is "Breaking the Silence" and entrants are asked to create posters that encourage young people to step forward and help their friends who may be expressing suicidal thoughts or have threatened to commit suicide.

Posters must be 8.5-by-11 inches and can use photography, pencil, charcoal, paint and digital mediums. Applicants must be enrolled in sixth through 12th grades and be of Native descent.

First-place winner receives a \$100 gift certificate, second gets a \$75 gift certificate and third receives a \$50 gift certificate.

Entries should include a separate piece of paper with the entrant's name, age, address, Tribal affiliation, e-mail address, school and phone number. One entry per student is allowed.

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, May 16, and entries should be mailed to Healing Feathers Program, c/o Dean Azule, Native American Student & Community Center, 710 S.W. Jackson St., Portland, OR 97217.

For more information, contact Azule at azuled@pdx.edu or call 503-725-5348. ■

Eugene Tribal Wellness Program meets

The Eugene Tribal Wellness Program meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the satellite office at 711 Country Club Road, Suite 1A.

All fitness levels are welcome. The program covers strength, cardio and stretching, and discusses strategies for healthy living at home.

The program is free to Tribal members and their spouses.

For more information, call the Eugene satellite office at 541-484-7085. ■

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

to visit and participate in some of our annual events

Veterans' Powwow
July 8, 9, 10

Competition Powwow
August 19, 20, 21

