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Flagging opportunities

TERO is working with A Plus Flagging Inc. on ODOT projects. They are seeking certified flaggers and anyone interested in becoming a certified flagger. A Plus Inc. will train and certify you! If you or anyone you know is interested, call TERO at 503-879-2188. ■

Construction workers needed for work on upcoming projects

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is seeking construction workers who are CTGR Tribal members and enrolled members of federally-recognized Indian Tribes to participate in a workforce that is being prepared for deployment on construction projects. Projects are located on the Grand Ronde Reservation and on ODOT projects in various locations in northwestern Oregon.

TERO is looking for workers in the following job classifications:

- Carpenter
- Laborer
- Equipment operator
- Cement masons
- Truck driver
- Electricians
- Ironworkers

In addition, TERO is also seeking experienced Native American highway traffic control flaggers for assignments to projects. A limited amount of training positions in construction trades are available to candidates that meet apprenticeship requirements.

- · Immediate need and assignments!
- Laborers
- Concrete form setter
- Concrete finisher

For an application to be considered for these opportunities or for more information, go to www.grandronde.org/tero or e-mail tero@ grandronde.org or call 503-879-2188. ■

'We love the IYG program'

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• And more knowledgeable about sexually transmitted diseases.

Parent participation was "minimal," the summary said, with about a third of parents responding to a survey at the end of the course.

Of those parents responding, 65 percent said that the "It's Your Game" curriculum helped facilitate conversations about sexual health with their children. Sixty-one percent believed the schools were doing a good job educating students on sexual health and prevention.

Native American students, 36 percent of the total number of students participating, generally responded more responsibly after the course.

- 57 percent of American Indian/ Alaska Native students reported being more likely to abstain from sex in the next six months while 37 percent of others indicated they intended to abstain;
- 39 percent of AI/AN students reported their intent to use birth control, while 24 percent of others intended to:
- 71 percent of AI/AN youth reported handling stress well, compared with 44 percent of others;
- And 79 percent of AI/AN students reported being likely to get more education after high school while 64 percent of their non-Native peers indicated they were likely to.

Exit questions showed an increased willingness to resist peer pressure, to share ideas that "really

matter" with parents or guardians, and to discuss sexual health questions with their parents or guardians.

All female students and 75 percent of male students were confident that they could resist pressure to have sex at the end of the program.

Thirty-six percent of participating students and 61 percent of females intended to use birth control.

In other findings, 29 percent of eighth-graders said that they had already experienced sexual intercourse, including 36 percent of male students and 21 percent of females.

Fifty-five seventh-graders and 55 eighth-graders took the survey at the beginning of the project and 67 students, all eighth-graders at that point, took the survey at the end of the project. Just less than half of the students taking the course were female.

"We love the IYG program!" said Program Lead Amber Mercier. "During the 2013-14 school year, we served 138 youth and saw great improvements when the entry and exit surveys were compared. Youth enjoyed the computer lessons and the role plays they were able to participate in. This program makes an uncomfortable topic a little easier to talk about."

Funds for the project were awarded to the Grand Ronde Tribe by the Administration of Children and Families to prevent teen pregnancy. The Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program administered the grant.

ENROLLMENT ORDINANCE OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Tribal Council, in consultation with the Tribal Attorney's Office, adopted, on an emergency basis, proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance at the July 2, 2014, Tribal Council meeting.

The primary purpose of the proposed amendments is to amend the Loss of Membership provisions in the Ordinance to provide that decisions regarding disenrollment, other than voluntary relinquishments, be made by the Enrollment Committee rather than Tribal Council. Among other things, the amendment provides that if the Enrollment Committee decision is to disenroll, then the member will be provisionally disenrolled. During the appeal process, the member will continue to receive health care and certain housing benefits. All other rights and benefits will be suspended. Suspended monetary benefits will be separately accounted for and held by the Tribe through the appeal process.

The amendment applies to loss of membership cases for which Enrollment Committee recommendations have been made, but have not yet been acted upon by the Tribal Council. The Enrollment Committee's decision may be appealed to the Tribal Court. The proposed amendments also include minor technical (i.e., typographical, housekeeping) modifications.

The Tribal Council invites comment on the proposed amendments to the Enrollment Ordinance. For a copy of the proposed amendments, please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at 503-879-4664. Please send your comments to the Tribal Attorney's Office, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 or by e-mail to legal@grandronde.org.

Comments must be received by August 31, 2014.

Elder Bingo postponed

There will be no Elder Bingo until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Elders' Activity Center. For more information, contact Elder Activity Assistant Daniel Ham at 503-879-2233. ■

Help needed identifying plots

The Facilities Department is asking for help identifying veteran's plots. If your family member's or friend's plot is a veteran and we do not have a veteran's flag present on holidays, please inform us.

We will do our best to mark all plots of veterans. Contact Adam Leno at 503-879-5525 or adam.leno@grandronde.org. ■

