*Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians*

# Healthy Family Healthy Child Project

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# Objectives

- Prevention of child abuse and neglect through early intervention.
- Promote interagency communication to support families and children.
- Support families before they get to the point of crisis.
- Provide families with support, and encouragement to promote positive life choices and healthy families.
- Encourage client strengths-based communication.

# Project Goals

- Sustain current activities including Wraparound meetings, MDT meetings, and Positive Indian Parenting meetings.
- Develop and implement a “One-Stop-Shop” intake system.
- Further expand on Wraparound services to our area offices , in Portland, Salem, and Eugene.

# Challenges

- Travel
  - The closest area office is Salem which is a 3 hour drive round trip, and the furthest office in Portland is a 6 hour drive round trip.
- Isolation
  - The Siletz area is very rural and most resources are approximately 15 miles away. Tribal members do ride free on the public transit, but the time spent on the bus is very lengthy. Leads to needing to schedule meetings around the bus schedule.
- Personnel changes
  - Project Manager position has changed three times in the last year, were without a manager and social service advocate for several months.
- Resources
  - Housing for homeless families is very limited in Lincoln County especially.
  - Several year waitlist for Tribal Housing and Housing Authority.
  - Only 2 shelters in entire county
  - Lack transitional living centers and many families are sent to larger cities for treatment.
  - Minimal employment opportunities, especially in Siletz.
  - Minimal childcare resources in Siletz, only one child care center.

# Successes

- Obtained Technical Assistance with NICWA and held Positive Indian Parenting "Train the Trainers" Event.
  - Have now held three Positive Indian Parenting classes (Two in Siletz, one in Salem, Oregon).

- Positive Indian Parenting classes have been well-received
  - Quotes from evaluations:
  - "Every class was awesome! I learned a lot about ways of parenting. I definitely learned skills I will use for life."
  - "[I learned that] bad habits like spanking and yelling can be changed. I can tell stories as lessons to my kids."
  - "[The guest speakers were] very inspirational and empowering."
  - "I wish I would have taken the classes when my children were young!"

- Parenting classes Statistics (for two classes)
  - 90% of class participants attended 6 or more classes.
  - 90% indicated that they learned something new.
  - 100% indicated that the teachers were knowledgeable on their topics.
  - 100% said that they would recommend the class to their family and friends.
  - 100% said that the class was culturally appropriate.

# Successes, cont.

- Client successes since September
  - 4 current clients have found employment
  - Many wraparound clients have participated in Positive Indian Parenting Classes
  - One reunification has occurred.
  - Some visitations between parents and their children have increased and become more consistent with communication between programs
  - 6 clients completed A&D treatment.
- Positive quotes from Wraparound meetings
  - “I haven’t felt this good in 15 years”
  - “My outlook on life has changed a lot.”
  - “They don’t need a sick mom like that.”
  - “My addiction was so powerful, I just need to be proactive.”
- More support from other programs.
  - Obtained referrals from 477-Self Sufficiency Program, Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Alcohol & Drug Program, and Indian Child Welfare.
  - Wraparound has become a process for clients to participate in on their TANF and GA case plans.
  - Wraparound has been suggested to families during Tribal Court hearings.

# A Look Around Siletz

Siletz Tribal Dance House

Siletz River

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Administration Bldg.

Clinic

# Positive Indian Parenting

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# THANK YOU!

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