

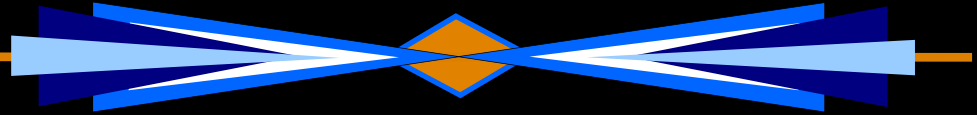
Owens Valley Career Development Center



Gateway to Opportunity:
Improving Parental Employment
And Family Well Being Outcomes

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OVCDC Mission Statement

The Owens Valley Career Development Center is a dedicated American Indian organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations. Whereby, providing the opportunity for improvement in the quality of life by focusing on education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving and promoting our cultures in the spirit of positive nation building for Native people of today and generations of tomorrow.

Core Values

Compassion – We will deal with each individual and the communities that we serve with compassion.

Self-Sufficiency – We will promote and encourage self-sufficiency through education and increased opportunities for Native Americans and above all, do no harm

Respect - We will deal with every client, community member, tribe, Board member and employee with respect at all times.

Native Culture – We will strive to preserve, enhance and promote indigenous Native American culture and traditions.

Integrity – We will operate in an ethical manner with integrity and honesty at all times.

Sovereignty – We will respect tribal sovereignty.

Generosity – With our clients and tribal communities we will give back and share, practicing the principle of reciprocity

OVCDC Tribal TANF Service Delivery Area



Cash Aid Program Key Elements

- Eligibility limited to families with children in the home.
- Time Limit – Lifetime limit of 60 months for employable adults.
- Household must include an enrolled member or descendent of a Federally recognized tribe or the California Indian Judgment rolls.
- Requirement of 24 hours per week of approved work activities for employable adults.
- Program focuses on work, self-sufficiency and personal responsibility.

Services Provided

- Monthly cash assistance.
- Referrals to employment, education and training providers.
- Supportive Services – child care, transportation, job skills training, drivers license fees, vehicle repair, non-felony fines, business start up expenses, etc...
- Incentive Payments – Clothing allowances for school children attending school, payments upon successful completion of educational goals, payments for maintaining unsubsidized employment, etc...

OVCDC Prevention Program

The Owens Valley Career Development Center offers prevention services for our TANF cash aid clients and Native American communities within our service areas. The focus of the prevention program is to provide educational workshops and activities that will strengthen life skills, healthy decision making and reinforce the Native American culture towards self-sufficiency and stronger family bonds.

TANF Purpose 3: Prevention of Out of Wedlock Pregnancies

- Educational Activities
 - Tutoring services
 - High School graduation activities
 - Education/Career Counseling activities
 - Family Literacy Services
 - Early Childhood Education (ECE)
- Youth Development/Leadership Program Services
 - Pregnancy prevention workshops
 - Alcohol and drug prevention services
 - Leadership development programs
- Culturally Relevant Activities
 - Indigenous language and cultural activities

TANF Purpose 4: To encourage the maintenance of two parent families

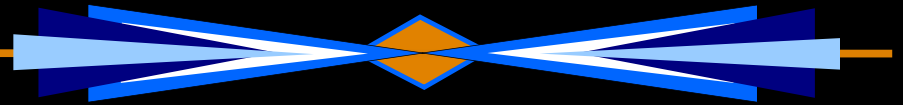
- Family Formation educational activities
- Healthy relationship activities
- Alcohol and drug prevention activities
- Life skills activities
- Domestic violence prevention activities
- Fatherhood services
- Marriage promotion services
- Parenting education activities

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