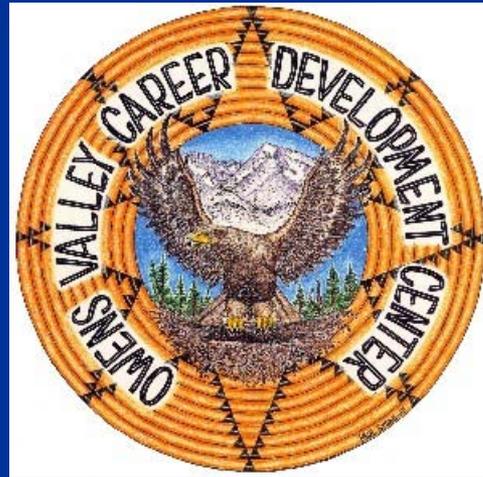


Owens Valley Career Development Center  
TANF Purpose #3 and #4  
Program Development



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# OVCDC

- Tribal organization started in 1977 based in Bishop, CA
- Governed by the Owens Valley Board of Trustees consisting of:
  - 5 member Bishop Tribal Council
  - 1 member Big Pine Tribe
  - 1 member Lone Pine Tribe
- History of providing adult, vocational education, family literacy services in the Owens Valley
- Began TANF services in 2001 in Inyo County
- Currently providing TANF services in five California Counties

# Mission Statement

- Owens Valley Career Development Center is a consortium of Sovereign Nations advancing quality of life for Native people through education and self-sufficiency, protecting, preserving, and promoting our cultures through nation building, today and tomorrow.

# TRIBAL TANF

- Created in Landmark Welfare Reform Legislation of 1996 to fix a broken system
- Allowed Tribes or Tribal Organizations to administer their own TANF programs specific to local tribal and Native American needs

# The Four Purposes of TANF

- #1-To provide assistance to needy families so that their children may be cared for in their own homes – Cash Aid
- #2-To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage – Cash Aid
- #3-To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies – Prevention
- #4-To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families – Prevention

# Core Components

- Cash Assistance Program – Monthly cash assistance; Supportive Services; performance incentives; Post employment retention services – Purposes #1 and #2
- Prevention Program – Coordinate and fund activities for families including cultural activities, language, education, recreational, employment and education related to purposes #3 and #4

# Service Delivery Principles

- *A system of independence not dependence*
- *A system of empowerment not one of enabling*
- *A system that demands personal responsibility and accountability*
- *A system that is client and community centered*

# Prevention Program

This unique program focuses on the provision or funding of service activities to prevent negative outcomes. All projects must have a Native American cultural component and meet at least one of the following purposes of TANF:

- #3-To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies.
- #4-To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

# Prevention Program

- A key component of OVCDC's Tribal TANF program
- Focus on providing and funding services for eligible individual and families to assist future generations of Native Americans to achieve self-sufficiency
- Research reflects early intervention to learning, behavior and emotional issues lead to better outcomes
- Services provided by staff, Tribes, tribal organizations, community and contractors

# Prevention Program Eligibility and Service Population

- Reside in service area and meet one or both of the following
  - Income not to exceed 300% of the Federal Poverty Level
  - Meet the “At Risk Youth” definition
    - Living in high crime rate areas
    - Living on or near reservation or rancheria lands
    - Previously involved in juvenile justice system
    - Living in unstable school districts
    - Being a member of a low-income family
    - Having low academic skills
    - Having parents who are not high school graduates
    - Being single-parent children
    - Living with a caretaker relative
    - Having low self-esteem

# Program Design

- Program/services integrates Native American cultural component
- Program/services integrates a TANF purpose service component
  - #3-Prevention/reduction of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
  - #4-Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families

# TANF Purpose #3 Program Examples

- Teen pregnancy programs
- National teen pregnancy day activities
- Youth peer presentations
- Family planning workshops
- Adult pregnancy programs
- Adult relationship programs
- Adult marriage programs

# TANF Purpose #3 Data Sources and Outcomes Examples

- Establishment of baseline
- Data Sources
  - Public health data
  - Indian Health Services data
  - School district data
  - Census data
- Outcomes
  - Teen pregnancies
  - Single parent pregnancies

# TANF Purpose #4 Program Examples

- Family formation based language programs
- Family formation based literacy programs
- Family formation based recreational programs
- Family formation based
- Fatherhood programs
- Caretaker relative programs
- Family formation equestrian project

# TANF Purpose #4 Data Sources/Outcome Examples

- Establishment of Baseline
- Data Sources /Outcome
  - Child welfare services data
    - Foster care entries
  - Court/Probation data
    - Juvenile justice system entries
  - Census Data
    - Single parent family data
    - Divorce rate data

# Challenges

- No single source of baseline data for outcome measurement
- Use of multiple sources of data
- Annual outcome measurements are needed to compare
- Requires automated system to track participants by activity and over time for analysis
- Quantitative outcomes available only after some maturation of program

# Challenges

- Programs are unique to each community; multiple approaches necessary; utilization of assessment surveys and focus groups
- Service and TANF purpose most effective if related
- Collaboration and partnership a must for success

# Prevention Proposal Process

- Contact site Project Coordinator explain your idea for activity or event as soon as possible to perform eligibility and administrative actions – 90 days
- Fill out an project application for funding. The following is needed to complete the application:
  - Why is the assistance needed?
  - Type of Funding Requested
  - Amount of Funding Requested
  - Description of the service activity and target population – Must meet a TANF Purpose
  - Must provide TANF Purpose Service #3 and/or #4
  - Must have a Native American cultural component
  - Cost must be reasonable and necessary to provide the service
  - Location and time/date of event or activity
  - Project Budget: Itemized list of all expenses, including funding obtained from other sources
  - Project providers are independent contractors subject to IRS requirements for compensation

# Post Activity Requirements

The following must be submitted 10 days following the event or activity:

- Photos of the event
- An acknowledgement letter describing the outcome of the event or activity
- Completion of required reporting (Proof of attendance, data reports, other)
- Full accounting of all expenditures including receipts
- OVDC Tribal TANF will not assist in the future with individuals that do not adhere to these guidelines

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**Thanks - Q & A**