**CEP Mission Statement**

To promote and encourage self-sufficiency through education and increased career opportunities for Native Americans. We are dedicated to assisting students in achieving their educational and career goals, including career training, upgrading current job and life skills, and/or transferring to a four-year university. While striving to preserve, enhance, and promote indigenous culture, we encourage an attitude of lifelong learning and community service.

**Other OVCDC Programs:**
- Tribal T.A.N.F.
- Tuniwa Nobi Family Literacy Program
- Nüümü Yadoha Language Revitalization Program

Career Education Program serves both Inyo and Mono County communities

**Services Available:**
- Computer access at 2 locations in Bishop and Big Pine
- Career assessment
- College placement testing
- Assistance with career & educational plans
- Job search & referrals
- Assistance with résumé writing
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - assistance with application process
- Supportive services for qualifying individuals (tuition/books & fees)
- Tutoring and tutoring referrals
- Scholarship information
- Readiness assessment for on-line education

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Assisting Native Americans in Pursuing their Educational and Career Goals
Owens Valley Career Development Center

The Career Education Program offers assistance with post-secondary education for qualifying Native American students. We focus on enrollment at Cerro Coso Community College for Native students of Inyo and Mono Counties, with a special emphasis on the educational needs of Tribal TANF families. As can be seen in the listings to the right, we also offer outreach to students before, during, and after their community college years.

OVCDC Career Education Program works in collaboration with Cerro Coso Community College (CCCC) and Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Services Offered

Assessment
- Academic placement testing
- Career assessment
- Computer skills testing

Transition Program
- Adult basic skills
- Basic computer skills
- Referral for GED services
- Workshops in critical thinking, lifestyle choices, financial literacy, life planning, goal setting, and more

Post-Secondary Prep
- Career exploration workshops
- College and Career information, including Career Technical information
- Collaboration with high school counselors and Title VII Liaisons

Career and Technical Education
- Cooperation with local community college for certificates and degrees in technical education fields
- Assistance in locating out-of-area & online programs in technical education
- Student orientation workshops
- Book lending library

Higher Education
- Academic guidance/counseling
- Assistance with financial aid
- On-line class facilitation

Job Placement Assistance
- Job Search Skills workshops
- Assistance with internships, work experience placements
- Job fairs and conferences
- Job search; résumé assistance; mock interview practice

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