

# Owens Valley Career Development Center

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## OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Owens Valley Career Development Center is a Native American organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations that promotes self-sufficiency through education, community enrichment and cultural empowerment



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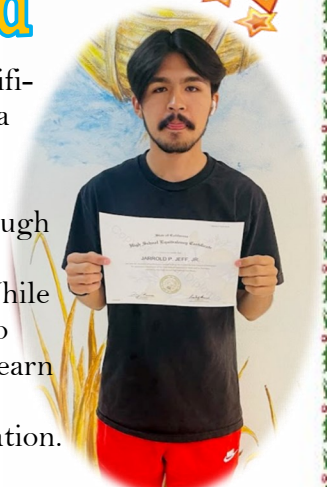
#### REMINDERS

- ◆ Support Services are due every Wednesday by 12:00 P.M. Remember to fill out the Budget Sheet in the back for anything other than Gas/Childcare/Clothing Allowance.
- ◆ Every Monday - 12 Steps to Wellbriety SUD/Garden Group (See Calendar)
- ◆ Every Wednesday - 12 Steps to Wellbriety AOD Class (See Flyer)
- ◆ Every Wednesday - Adult Education Hot Topics (See Flyer)
- ◆ Every Friday - Parent Connection by appointment only
- ◆ **December 1st - MERS/Work Participation Hours/Support Services DUE**
- ◆ December 5th - Tribal Café (See Flyer/Calendar)
- ◆ December 6th - H.A.A.N.D. (See Flyer)
- ◆ December 7th - Financial Empowerment - Common Cents (See Flyer)
- ◆ December 8th - The Family Cultural Enrichment Series - Traditional Hand Game Class (See Flyer)
- ◆ **December 9th - Last Day to turn in MERS/WPH**
- ◆ **December 12th - MERS LATE**
- ◆ December 12th - Tribal Café (See Flyer/Calendar)
- ◆ December 13th - Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred (See Flyer)
- ◆ December 13th - The Family Cultural Enrichment Series - Hand Decorating Game Class (See Flyer)
- ◆ December 14th - Financial Empowerment - Common Cents (See Flyer)
- ◆ December 19th - Tribal Café (See Flyer/Calendar)
- ◆ December 19th - Raising Readers - Winter Wonderland Gathering (See Flyer)
- ◆ **December 23th - CHRISTMAS EVE - HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**
- ◆ **December 26th - CHRISTMAS - HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**
- ◆ **December 30th - NEW YEAR'S EVE - HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED**

### Congratulations

## Jarrold

Jarrold Jeff earned his GED certificate. He attended classes at Santa Rosa Education Department & worked hard to get through the program. Jarrold's progress through each test was marked with high practice & official test scores. While working on his GED Jarrold also passed the DMV written test to earn his driver's permit. He is a great example of hard work and dedication. Congratulations Jarrold!



# CASH AID CORNER

## ONGOING

- **Monthly Eligibility Report (MER)**
  - Due by the **10<sup>th</sup> of EVERY month.**
  - Answer all questions
  - Incomplete MERs will be immediately returned to you requesting missing documentation.
  - Any MER received after the 10th of the month without a Good Cause Statement on why it is late will not be considered for on-time cash aid processing and will automatically be processed as late cash aid.
  - **REMEMBER...If the 10th of the month falls on a weekend, the MER is due the Friday before.**
  - Attach **ALL** necessary documents including income verification such as check stubs, child support payments
  - Sign and Date page 2: Applicant and significant other if applicable
  - On-Time Cash Aid - 1st of each month.  
Late Cash Aid - 10th of each month
- **Weekly Work Participation Report**
  - Due by the **10<sup>th</sup> of EVERY month** with your MER
  - Must complete no less than **28 hours** for One Parent & **32 Hours** for Two Parent a week of combine work activities (hours may be shared by both adults on the case)
  - Participation in Prevention Activities is Mandatory
  - If you are unsure of what qualifies as Work Participation Hours, please speak with your Case Counselor immediately!
- **Supportive Service Request Forms**
  - Due on Wednesdays **before** 12 noon
  - Complete Budget Worksheet in the back of Supportive Service Request Form for all requests **EXCEPT** Gas Allowance & Childcare.
  - Submit all necessary supporting documents: receipts, quotes, childcare time-sheets
  - All requests will be reviewed for approval!



**REMINDER!**  
**If you DO NOT have DIRECT DEPOSIT Your PAPER Check will be mailed. We are NO longer giving out paper checks in the office**



## Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits

Have you recently lost a job or had your hours reduced by your employer due to the COVID-19 pandemic? OVCDC may be able to help you meet your emergency needs.

In order to be eligible, families must meet the following criteria:

- Be an American Indian/Alaska Native family residing in Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Mono, Tulare or Ventura counties.
- Have monthly income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	3,398
2	4,578
3	5,758
4	6,938
5	8,118
6	9,298
7	10,478
8	11,658
9	12,838
10	14,018

- Provide verification of the need being requested. Examples include:
  - Short term mortgage or rental assistance
  - Costs for virtual learning for employment or school
  - Emergency energy assistance

Please visit our website to download a TANF intake application or call your nearest OVCDC office for further assistance.

# Owens Valley Career Development Center



OVCDC is a Tribal organization providing Career Education, Family Literacy, Indigenous Language, Early Head Start and Temporary Assistance services in seven California Counties: Inyo, Mono, Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno and Ventura. We are a dedicated Tribal Organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations providing the opportunity for improvement in the quality of life by focusing on education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving and promoting our cultures.

For current OVCDC Employment Opportunities,  
RFP and Contract Opportunities Visit:

[www.ovcdc.com](http://www.ovcdc.com)

Or Contact us:

**1-800-924-8091**

Employment and Job Descriptions:

[hr@ovcdc.com](mailto:hr@ovcdc.com)

RFP's and Contracts:

[contracts@ovcdc.com](mailto:contracts@ovcdc.com)



Indian preference shall apply pursuant to the prevailing Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance and the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act 25 U.S.C § 45, § 46, & §§ 450, et seq, see also 25 CFR 276.13 and other relevant laws.

Follow us on  
**facebook**



## ABALONE BEAD CLASS

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED OUR ABALONE BEAD CLASS IN OCTOBER!

HERE ARE A FEW PHOTOS OF OUR PARTICIPANTS WHO FINISHED THEIR EARRINGS AND NECKLACES.



## OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

These classes will be in collaboration with Santa Rosa Rancheria Tribal Social Services Department. 12 Steps to Wellbriety classes will be to encourage the strengthening of the family unit to promote family formation. Healing steps of the Medicine Wheel and 12 Steps concepts will be used to assist participants in living a clean and healthy lifestyle.

FAMILY FORMATION THROUGH

# 12 STEPS TO WELLBRIETY

DAYS IN DECEMBER:

MONDAYS: 1 PM - 3 PM

WEDNESDAYS: 1 PM - 3 PM

LOCATION: SANTA ROSA RANCHERIA INTER-SPIRIT BUILDING AND/OR YOKUT GARDEN

**18+ ONLY CLASS**

For more information contact  
Weliyah Baga 559-582-5555 ext 347  
wbaga@ovcdc.com

530 Kings County Dr. ste 101 Hanford, CA 93230



# CHRISTMAS

wordsearch



O	C	B	O	P	K	C	G	A	T	O	H	A	O	T
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SNOWMAN  
REINDEER  
ELVES  
PRESENT  
CHRISTMAS

PUDDING  
HOLLY  
WREATH  
SLEIGH  
TOYS



@Mypurpleclassroom

ABC

Family Formation  
Parent Connections



Get one  
on one  
support

## Parent Connections

Monthly Parent Check Ins

Kinder Ready classes

Age appropriate educational games and  
activities

Car Seat Safety & Home safety

For more information contact:

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559-582-5555

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Spots  
Limited!



Owens Valley Career Development Center



Employment Services Through  
Adult Career Empowerment

# Presents Tribal Cafe

December Dates:

5th, 12th, 19th

11:00AM-12:00PM

For more info  
contact:

Diana Montoya at  
dmontoya@ovcdc.com

559-582-5555

**VIRTUAL EVENT**

530 Kings County Dr Ste. 101 Hanford, CA 93245

\*OVCDC Covid-19 guidelines & regulations will be followed during these classes

# ADULT EDUCATION

FAMILY FORMATION THROUGH ADULT EDUCATION

- GED/HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA STUDIES
- DMV HELP
- ON GOING EDUCATION
- COMPUTER SKILLS
- CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Hanford Office  
530 Kings County Dr #101  
Monday- Thursday  
9AM-4PM  
Santa Rosa Ed Center  
Tuesdays 10AM-12Noon



For more information  
Please contact  
Tomas Tafolla

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## Fatherhood is Sacred Motherhood is Sacred

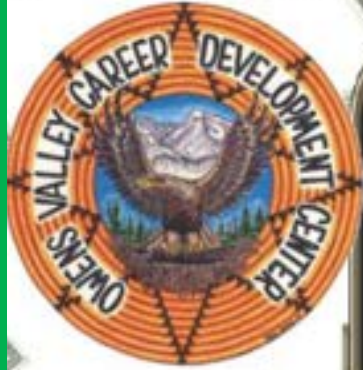
Tuesday December 13, 2022  
11:00AM  
Virtual



Cultural and Family Activities  
Restoring Hope/ Healing  
Understanding Patience & Honesty  
The Importance of Gratitude & Forgiveness

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Amanda Sosaya- Family Literacy Parent Educator- [asosaya@ovcdc.com](mailto:asosaya@ovcdc.com)

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**HYBRID CLASS!  
IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL**

# COMMON CENTS

**FINANCIAL  
EMPOWERMENT**

**A FAMILY FORMATION EVENT**

**DECEMBER DATES:  
7TH & 14TH  
4:30PM-5:30PM**



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PREVENTION THROUGH YOUTH  
EMPOWERMENT



## H.A.A.N.O.

Healthy Adolescents Against  
Negative Decisions

**In-person at the Hanford OVCDC office**

**December 6th, 2022 @ 4:30pm**

*This class is available for teens 13-17 years old.  
Daughters and Sons of Tradition curriculum will be used for these classes.  
There will be monthly cultural activities: supplies will be provided.*

Contact Weliyah Baga or Tomas Tafolla for more information 559-582-5555

Family Formation Through  
**RAISING READERS**

Please join Hanford Family  
Literacy for our

**Winter Wonderland  
Gathering**

Activities will include:  
Santa Letter Writing,  
Cookie Decorating,  
Hot Chocolate,  
Books, & Games

**DECEMBER 19TH  
9AM-4PM**

Spots are limited. Call staff to reserve  
yours today!

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Amanda Sosaya- [asosaya@ovcdc.com](mailto:asosaya@ovcdc.com)  
(559) 582-5555

Hanford OVCDC Adult Education

**HOT  
TOPICS**

**10AM Wednesdays  
via WebEx**

For more information:  
[Tomas Tafolla ttafolla@ovcdc.com](mailto:Tomas Tafolla ttafolla@ovcdc.com)



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The Family Cultural Enrichment Series

# HANDGAME

## DECORATING

DECEMBER 13TH, 2022  
3:30PM-5:00PM

SANTA ROSA RANCHERIA ELDERS CENTER  
166445 17TH AVE LEMOORE, CA 93245



Cultural Department will  
teach us how to  
decorate the handgame  
items and teach us how  
to play



CONTACT WELIYAH FOR MORE  
INFORMATION: 559-582-5555



OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER



THE FAMILY CULTURAL ENRICHMENT SERIES



# TRADITIONAL

## HANDGAME

### CLASS

DECEMBER 8TH, 2022  
2:00PM-4:00PM

THIS CLASS WILL BE IN-PERSON AT THE  
HANFORD OVDC SITE



Santa Rosa Rancheria Cultural Dept. will  
be teaching families how to decorate their  
handgame items and teaching families  
how to play this traditional game.



HANFORD OVDC SITE: 530 KINGS COUNTY DR. STE 101 HANFORD, CA 93230

# Hanford December 2022 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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The Family Cultural Enrichment Series  
 12-Steps to Wellbriety  
 Financial Empowerment  
 HAAND  
 Adult Ed  
 Parent Connection  
 Raising Readers

HP-001-23 - FF  
 HP-003-23 - FF  
 HP-004-23 - FF  
 HP-005-23 - PP  
 FAMH-001-23 - FF  
 FAMH-002-23 - FF  
 FAMH-003-23—FF

**LEGEND**

TANF Cash Aid / Prevention Activities

Family Literacy Activities

**PLEASE NOTE**

Career Development Specialist is available by appointment Monday - Thursday  
 Please email Diana at [dmontoya@ovcdc.com](mailto:dmontoya@ovcdc.com)

**PLEASE NOTE**

Adult Ed One-On-One is available by appointment Monday - Thursday  
 Please email Tomas at [ttafolla@ovcdc.com](mailto:ttafolla@ovcdc.com) if you are interested

				1 <b>MERS DUE</b> Book Club 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	2 Parent Connection by appointment	3
4	5 12 Steps to Wellbriety Sud/Garden Group 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Tribal Café Workshop 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	6 H.A.A.N.D Begins at 4:30 pm	7 Hot Topic 10:00 am - 11:00 am 12 Steps to Wellbriety Class 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Financial Empowerment Common Cents 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	8 <b>LAST DAY - MERS DUE</b> The Family Cultural Enrichment Series Traditional Hand Game Class Location - Hanford 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	9 Parent Connection by appointment	10
11	12 <b>MERS LATE</b> 12 Steps to Wellbriety Sud/Garden Group 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Tribal Café Workshop 11:00 am - 12:00 pm	13 Fatherhood & Motherhood is Scared Starts at 11:00 am The Family Cultural Enrichment Series Hand Game Decorating Location - SRR - Elder Center 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	14 Hot Topic 10:00 am - 11:00 am 12 Steps to Wellbriety Class 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Financial Empowerment Common Cents 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	15	16 Parent Connection by appointment	17
18	19 12 Steps to Wellbriety Sud/Garden Group 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Tribal Café Workshop 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Raising Readers/Winter Wonderland Gathering 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	20 Adult Education Santa Rosa Rancheria 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	21 Hot Topic 10:00 am - 11:00 am 12 Steps to Wellbriety Class 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	22	23 <b>Christmas Eve</b> OFFICE CLOSED	24
25 Merry Christmas	26 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> TWAS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	27 Adult Education Santa Rosa Rancheria 10:00 am - 12:00 pm	28 Hot Topic 10:00 am - 11:00 am 12 Steps to Wellbriety Class 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	29	30 <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b> OFFICE CLOSED	