

Tule River Tribal TANF

December 2022 Newsletter



MERRY
CHRISTMAS!

**OVCDC Offices will be closed on the
following days in December 2022**

Friday, December 23

Monday, December 26

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Parents!
Need help with

AERIES?

Aeries is a student information system used by PUSD and BUSD

Schedule an in person appointment now

Contact:

Carla Carothers



Phone:

782-8211

Email: ccarothers@ovcdc.com



-Create Log in

-See assignments

-Check Grades

-Stay in the loop



Be proactive with your child, stay informed!

Owens Valley Career Development Center
Presents a Family Formation Event

Addressing Family Violence & Abuse Classes



NAFFA restores the vision of families by
Uplifting ◊ Encouraging ◊ Assisting ◊ Teaching

Addressing Family Violence & Abuse has been created to offer a more in-depth and focused resource for families and communities facing this devastating problem.

The classes defines domestic violence and abuse, identifies contributing factors, and provides ways to address and overcome the effects of abuse and much more. The program offers hope and healing to individuals caught in the cycle of abuse and violence.

NAFFA's programs have strengthened families, restored self-worth to parents, and helped create safe and happy homes for children since 2002.

Location of Training:

191 W. Poplar Ave.
Porterville, CA 93257

Time & Date:

Every Thursday from
10am—12pm starting
January 12, 2022

For more information contact:

Kristin Nunnelee @ knunnelee@ovcdc.com, 559-738-8248

Linda Serrato @ lserrato@ovcdc.com, 559-791-9271

Tracy Mills-Salazar @ tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com, 559-791-9271



Open to Porterville & Tule River Families
Limited space is available.





Tulare County Family Literacy & Porterville Prevention
A Family Formation Event

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION



HIGHER EDUCATION

Join us as we hear from

ADVANCED CAREER INSTITUTE

and

MILAN INSTITUTE

HEAR ABOUT

Career opportunities in Class A CDL training to begin a career in trucking, ag transportation or welding at Advanced Career Institute!



Advanced Career Institute

MILAN
MILAN INSTITUTE
MILAN INSTITUTE OF COSMETOLOGY



HEAR ABOUT

Career opportunities in cosmetology, medical assistant, aesthetician, cosmetology, dental assistant, massage therapist, medical assisting and more at Milan Institute!

DECEMBER 7, 2022
5:00 PM, VIRTUALLY



Contact Natalie Jones:



559-782-8211



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Porterville, CA 93258



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SKILL DEVELOPMENT THAT
**STRENGTHENS
& ENCOURAGES**
FAMILY FORMATION

MONTHLY WORKSHOPS
START AUG. 2022-JUNE
2023

WORKSHOPS
OFFERED

VIRTUAL & IN
PERSON

TIMES WILL VARY

WORKSHOPS
OFFERED BUT
NOT LIMITED TO

- > FAMILY CHALLENGES
- > HEALTH & WELLNESS
- > FINANCIAL GUIDANCE
- > CREATIVE IDEAS FOR
PLANNING STRUCTURED
FAMILY TIME
- > LIFE SKILLS



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
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Parent and Child Learning

AN OVDC FAMILY FORMATION ACTIVITY



Meetings are in-person
at Porterville Site and
Virtual

Tuesdays
at 10:00—11:30 a.m.

12/6/22 to 05/23/23



December Date:
12/6

Join us as we delve into parenting topics specific to infant/toddler and pre-school youth. Parents / caregivers will receive educational, engaging, and fun activities which will support parents as they teach their child.



191 W Poplar
Porterville, CA 93257

Phone: 559-791-9271

Tulare County Family Literacy

Sign-up with Tracy Mills-Salazar
tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com

Kristin Nunnelee
knunnelee@ovcdc.com



NEED A TYPING CERTIFICATE

CONTACT: NATALIE JONES

Adult education can assist you in gaining a typing certificate, other certificate, or any educational needs for your personal or educational goals.

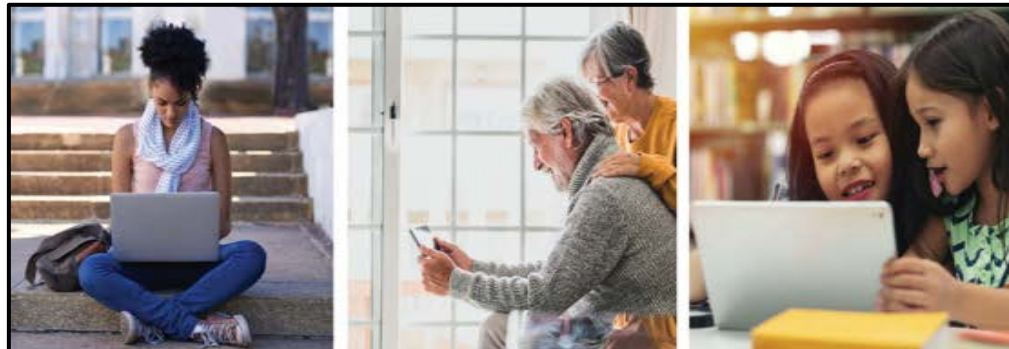
Must have current prevention application on file

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AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school break fast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

1

Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in

2

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

LEARN MORE

📞 Call 877-384-2575, or

🌐 Visit fcc.gov/acp



FUTURE GENERATIONS

OY'OY RUNNING GROUP

EVERYONE WELCOME
Come out and improve your
wellness with Coach Jose Rios

SATURDAYS AT 9AM
Meet at the Towanits Education Center

Monday-Friday 10am-5pm*
Come Join Our Yowlumni Language Classes

Yolowinxma mai payenmi-Come and learn

Cha min hupush- It's your choice

In Person and Virtual Classes Available

- Themed Lessons
- After School Lessons
- Stories with Pam
- Games
- Learn With Pitelsini Josie and Fatima
- Facebook Group with Pitelsini Denise at Tule River Yokuts Language Page
- Saturday Once-A-Month Class to be posted

304 N. Reservation Road
Porterville, CA. 93257
559-853-6097
*Schedule will be updated at a later date

Must Wear Mask

Please Join Us Weekly
Starting 3/8/22 in person

Social Distancing Required

MIND

BODY

EMOTION

SPIRIT

Tuesday Night Talking Circle
5:30p-6:30pm
Justice Center Room 138
Temperature Check and COVID
Screening before entering.

(Adult Group Only)
Tule River Behavioral Health
Substance Abuse Program

Sponsored by
Cal WORK's Grant
& Youth Tree
Grant

Contact Information Lisa Graham @ 559.791.2543

Friday Women's Circle

Gai Via

Tule River Strong

EVERY FRIDAY
12:00 - 1:00

Please check in at the front desk!
Mask Required

Adult Class
Justice Center
Rm 138
lunch will be provided

WOMEN EMPOWERING
WOMEN
MOTIVATIONAL TECHNIQUES
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
WELLBRIETY
SPIRITUALITY
LIFE SKILLS
HEALING

Sponsored By Tribal Opioid Response Grant
Contact us for more info at (559) 791-2543



Tule River TANF Prevention Calendar

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Green Prevention Activities	Blue Family Literacy	Red Language		1	2	3
4	5	6 Porterville High Native American Club	7 Pioneer Middle School Native American Club	8 Balance in Life Monache High Na-	9	10
11	12	13 Vandalia Elementary Native American Club	14 Elders Alzheimer's Event	15 Balance in Life Citrus High Native American Club	16	17
18	19	20 Family Story Night	21	22	23 Holiday	24
25	26 Holiday	27	28	29	30 Holiday	31

Activity Information:

Youth Leadership
4:30-5:30

Balance In Life
11:30-6:30

Native American Clubs:
-Porterville High School 1:15pm
-Pioneer Middle School 11:05am & 11:45am
-Monache High School 1:15pm
-Vandalia Elementary 12:25pm & 12:45pm
-Citrus High School 1:07pm



Site Manager: Frances Sandoval

Site Project Coordinator: Vincent Burrough, Carla Carothers

168 N. Reservation Rd., Porterville, CA 93257

559-782-8211

DECEMBER 2022



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MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

To view Family Literacy's
Flyers & Calendars visit:
<http://bit.ly/FLflyers>

Adult Education Appts Available M-TH contact Natalie Jones

1
Pville/Tule: Mending
Broken Hearts 10a-
12p
V/Pville/Tule:
Bookclub 7-8pm

2
3

Visalia: Seasonal
Gathering 10am-1pm

4

5

6

7 V/PVLL/TULE:
Higher Education
5-6pm
Visalia: Parent Ed.
Gatherings 10a-12p

8
Pville/Tule: Mending
Broken Hearts 10a-
12p
V/Pville/Tule:
Bookclub 7-8pm

9 V/PVLL/Tule:
Book Club
Movie Night
5:30pm

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Office Closed

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26 Office Closed

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Balance in Life 10-
11am

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Office Closed

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Happy Holidays!



Visalia Office
1401 W Caldwell Ave
Visalia, Ca
559-738-8248

Porterville Office
191 W Poplar Ave
Porterville, Ca 93257
559-791-9271

Tule River Office
168 North Reservation Rd
Porterville, CA 93258
(559) 782-8211

Visalia: Parent Ed.
Gatherings 10a-12p

Tulare County
Family Literacy Staff

Family Literacy Coordinator
Natalie Jones

Program Assistant
Kristin Nunnelee

PACILA Instructor
Yaynicut Franco

PACILA Instructor
Tracy Mills-Salazar



Christmas Word Search

G Q C E L V E S Z L I G H T S
D C Z L F J S R V N U L B Z B
C E L E B R A T E W M J E Y F
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P F Z E H J T G C O O K I E S
G R A N C R A I R I W B I H C
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T N G E P Q I C O P Y Z S H E
D G A R J W D E Q E Y P E B S

Decorations

Celebrate

Lights

Giving

Candy Canes

Ornament

Presents

Dinner

Christmas

Reindeer

Family

Wreath

Mistletoe

Cookies

Elves

Santa



REMINDERS!

ALL checks will be mailed out to you every Friday.

If you do not have Direct Deposit. It is recommended that you establish some form of direct deposit to avoid any delay in receiving your payments. If you have questions or need assistance setting up a direct deposit please contact your Family Advocate. If you are already receiving payment by Direct Deposit this change should not affect your case.

All MER's must be submitted by the 10th of every month

When submitting paperwork please check for signatures & complete in ink, and make sure each blank on the form is filled out

Please tape all receipts to a piece of paper (no overlapping) write your name on each paper and what the receipts are for

Any supportive service request must be submitted by Wednesday at noon with all back up documentation attached in order to be processed in a timely manner

Please provide 24 hour notice when requesting documents from your file or for a benefit summary

Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation

Tule River Staff



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

Or Contact us:

1-800-924-8091

Employment and Job Descriptions:

hr@ovcdc.com

RFP's and Contracts:

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**



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 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,248
2	\$1,664
3	\$2,080
4	\$2,496
5	\$2,912
6	\$3,328
7	\$3,744
8	\$4,160
9	\$4,576
10	\$4,992

- Have a loss in income
- 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

*Includes members and dependents of the Tribal Indian Tribe residing in Kern County.



Tule River Tribal TANF



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Office hours: 8am to 5pm

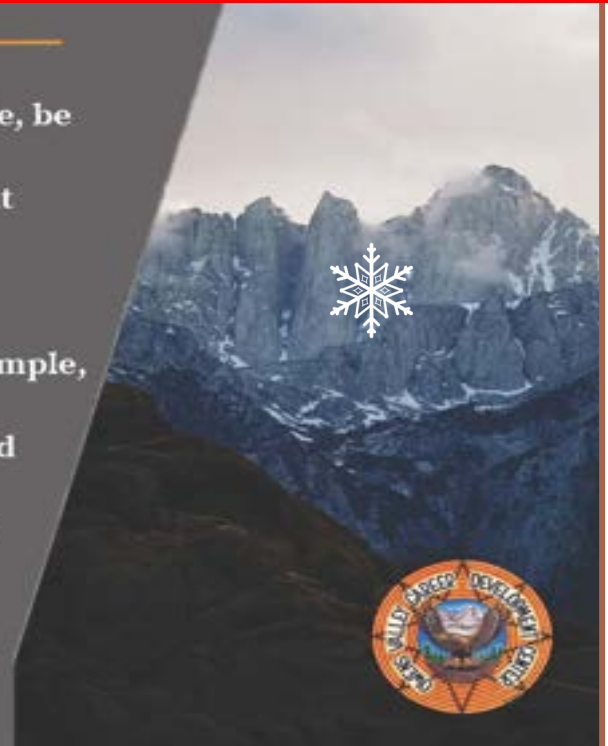
Monday thru Friday

www.ovcdc.com

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- **Professionalism**– We will maintain a positive attitude, be supportive and strive to exceed standards.
- **Integrity**– We will work in an ethical and transparent manner at all times.
- **Teamwork**– We will work unselfishly to create a collaborative culture.
- **Leadership**– We will have the courage to lead by example, work through adversity and inspire others.
- **Respect**– We will respect all individuals, cultures and traditions.
- **Compassion**– We will engage with every participant and community with compassion.
- **Native Culture**– We will honor and promote the sovereignty, culture and traditions of all Native American Tribes.



Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

Owens Valley Career Development Center envisions a future where all Native American communities are culturally revitalized, empowered and self-sufficient.

