

Owens Valley Career Development Center

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**OWENS VALLEY
CAREER DEVELOPMENT
CENTER TRIBAL TANF**
IS NOW SERVING VENTURA COUNTY

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY **NATIVE AMERICAN?**

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES INCLUDE:

- Monthly Cash Assistance
- Employment Services
- Vocational Training & Education
- Culturally Relevant work activities
- Prevention Programs
 - Youth Employment Services
 - Tutoring
 - Youth Leadership Development
 - Alcohol & Drug Prevention
 - Life Skills
 - Culturally Relevant Activities
 - Language Revitalization

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Transportation Assistance
- Childcare Assistance
- Housing & Utility Assistance
- Clothing for school/work
- Tools for work

For more information please
call 1(800)924-8091



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 | 12,051 |
| 10 | 12,444 |

2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines

- 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

Or Contact us:

[1-800-924-8091](tel: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.

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CASH AID INFORMATION

All required documents for Cash Aid participants are mailed as a courtesy. It is always the participant's responsibility to make sure they submit their Monthly Eligibility Report (MER) and all other documents on time.

***Please note– Due to COVID-19, documents CAN be emailed to the case counselor or site manager. You can also take photos of your receipts. Don't forget we have a mail slot on site for you to drop off your documents as well..**

Due Date:

- All MERs are due on the **1st of the month** and no later than the 10th.
- MER's **received after the 10th are considered late** and will result in a late payment. "Lost in the mail" or "late due to mail" will not be an acceptable excuse.
- If your MER is turned in after the 10th, please remember to complete a 10-day waiver form.
- MER's **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF THE MONTH, NO EXCEPTIONS.**



***MONTHLY CASH AID DOCUMENTS ARE DUE ON:
DECEMBER 9, 2022***

REMINDERS

•If you would like to have Direct Deposit, ask your Case Counselor or Program Assistant for a form to take to your bank. This will help you receive your TANF payments in a more timely manner.

•ALL CHECKS WILL BE MAILED

•Any and all events you see in this newsletter, that are facilitated by OVCD (TANF/Family Lit./KIEC), are countable participation hours if approved to be on your FSSP. If you're not sure you've been approved or would like to be approved, please make an appointment with your Case Counselor before participating.

•Please provide at least a **24 hour notice** when requesting a Benefit Summary or any other documents from your file.

When Submitting:

- Please remember to fill your MER out completely and sign/date
- Remember to submit proof of income (if applicable)
- Contact your Case Counselor (Magdalena Rodriguez) at 805.676.0750

When Submitting Supportive Service Requests (SSRs):

1. Please fill out completely, including the amount with a description.
2. Remember you must submit receipts.
3. PLEASE print your FIRST and LAST NAME on EACH RECEIPT.



OVCDC VENTURA STAFF:

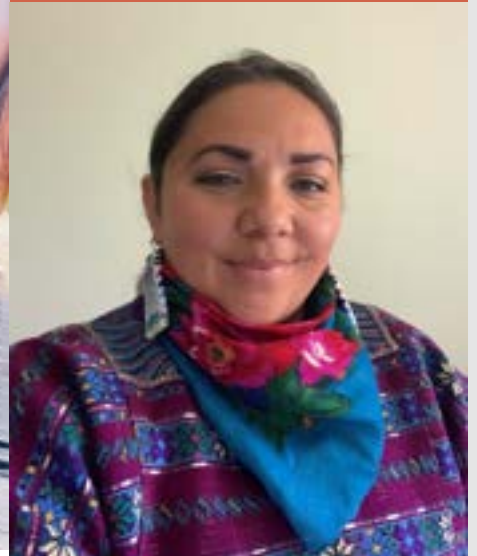


OVCDC MISSION STATEMENT

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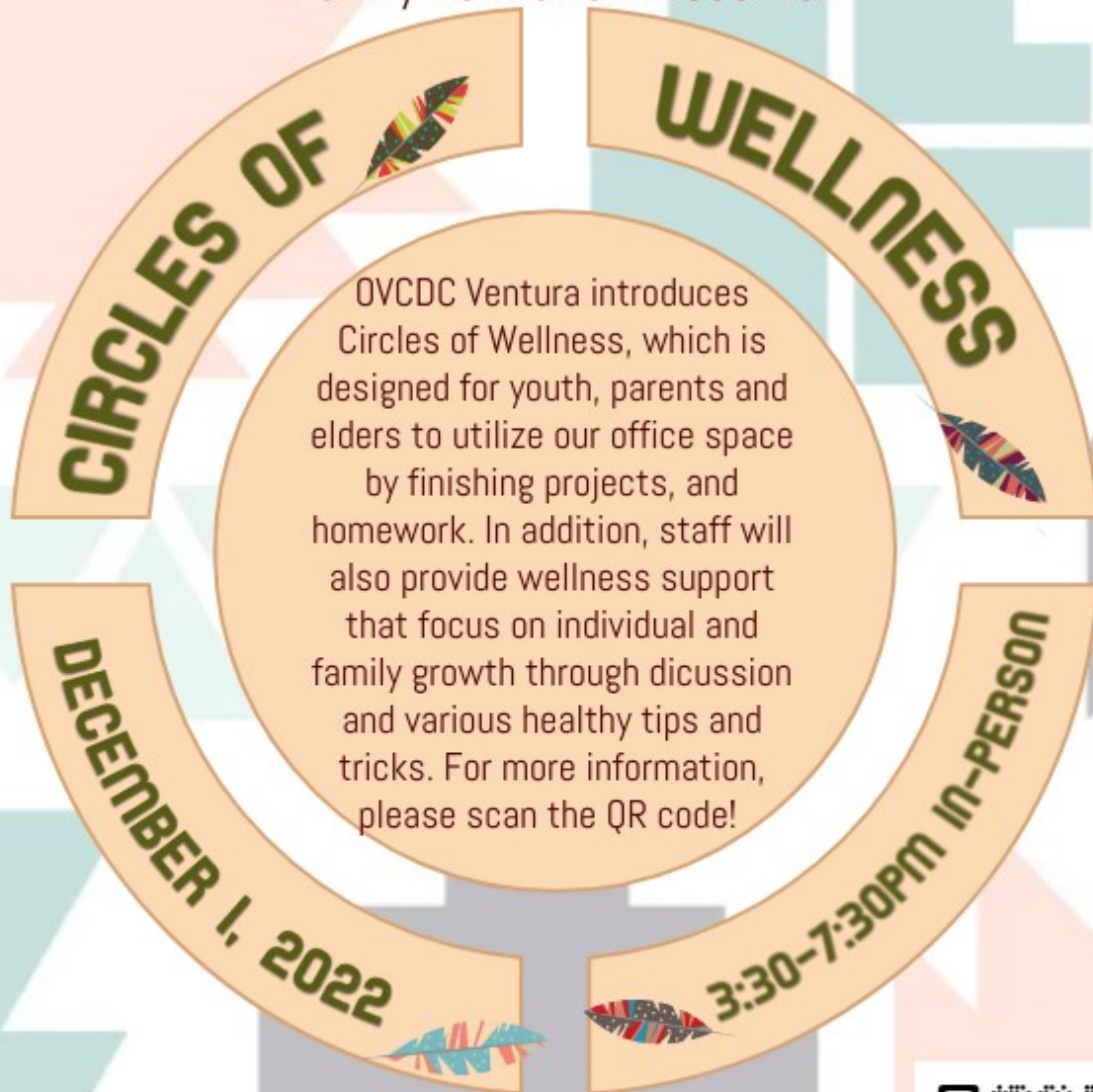


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OVCDC Ventura
Family Formation Presents:



For questions, please call our
office at (805)676-0750



OVCDC VENTURA

Family Formation via Cultural Exchange through
Language Presents:



Winter Gathering

To kick off the holiday season, join the
OVCDC Ventura staff on:

December 10, 2022

For family enriched activities, food, and
more! We encourage all participants to
wear their favorite, or creative holiday
sweater!

The location and time will be provided
at a later time.

For more information, please contact a
staff member via email or call our
office at (805)676-0750.

Scan the QR code to register!





OVCDC Ventura
Family Formation
Presents:

MOVING FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING



Please join us to
make baby
moccasins!



**HOSTED ON DECEMBER 12TH AND 14TH FROM
3:00-5:00PM VIA WEBEX**

EMAIL SGAMBALA@OVCDC.COM FOR QUESTIONS!

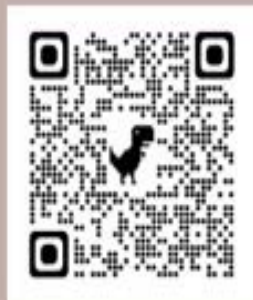
OVCDC Ventura
Pregnancy Prevention thru
Walking in Two Worlds Presents:



TIME MANAGEMENT

Learn how to manage your
time for success through
helpful tips and tricks on:

December 15, 2022 from
5:00-6:00pm via WebEx!



PLEASE CONTACT SGAMBALA@OVCDC.COM
FOR QUESTIONS!



OVCDC VENTURA FAMILY FORMATION PRESENTS:



LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

SHMUWICH CHUMASH

INTERESTED IN LEARNING
SHMUWICH?

NEED TO PRACTICE OR HAVE
SOME QUESTIONS?

JOIN OVCDC VENTURA, FOR A
SHUWICH CHUMASH LANGUAGE
CLASS ON THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 22 FROM
4:00-7:00PM VIA WEBEX!

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER!



Session:

December 22, 2022

4:00-7:00pm

via WebEx only



Please contact
smore@ovcdc.com or
call the office at
(805)676-0750 for
more information.

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Ventura Prevention Calendar



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---------|---|--|---------------------|---|
| | | | | 1 FF: Circles of Wellness 3:30-7:30 pm | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 FF: Cultural Exchange via Language Time: TBD |
| 11 | 12 FF: Moving from Surviving to Thriving 3:00-5:00 pm | 13 | 14 FF: Moving from Surviving to Thriving 3:00-5:00 pm | 15 PP: Walking in Two Worlds 5:00-6:00 pm | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 FF: Cultural Exchange via Language 4:00-7:00 pm | 23 Office Closed | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Office Closed | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Office Closed | 31 |
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