

Visalia Newsletter

March 2023



1401. W. Caldwell Ave., Visalia ** 559.738..8248
www.ovcdc.com

TANF Reminders:

- Each blank on the form must be completed in blue or black ink with information or n/a (not applicable).
- MERs turned in late or incomplete may result in a late cash aid payment.
- Work Participation Form must include verification of hours completed.
- Supportive Service requests will not be processed or may be denied until MER has been turned in, forms will be mailed if needed.
- A completed Monthly Budget Worksheet must be submitted with any Supportive Service Request.
- Completing a Financial Literacy Workshop is required for requests - please ask your Family Advocate for details
- Address/Contact information change should be updated within 10 days of change.
- Make sure to carefully read OV CDC mail, it may have pertinent information regarding your cash aid case,
- Report Cards - continuous eligibility requirement not just for incentive processing.
- Forms can be found in the TANF office lobby.
- All cash aid & childcare checks are mailed. No exceptions.

New Staff Alert:

Julie Aparicio joins the Visalia Team as the new Language Program Assistant. She is a member of the Gila River Indian Community.

"I am excited to start this new journey and learn more about our culture to grow our community for many more generations."








Visalia Site Calendar of Events March 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Ledger Family Literacy Language Prevention	Proposals FAMV-001-23: AE/Book Club FAMV-007-23: Interactive Lit FAMV-004-23: Fam Violence LTC-001-23: Lang/Cultural Unity		Proposals LTC-003-23: Preserving Cultural Traditions PP-004-23: Balance in Life VP-004-23: Life skills for Success VP-007-23: Healthy Family Habits			
			1 5:30-7:30p: Cul- tural Unity: Dreamcatcher	2 4-6p: Wuk- chunni Classes (in-person) 7p: Book Club (virtual)	3 10-12p: Ad- dressing Family Violence Office Closed @ 12p	4
5	6 11-1p: Wuk- chunni Classes (virtual)	7 11-1p: Language and Culture En- richment •Breaded Eating Workshop 4:30p: Building a Healthy Fam- ily Lifestyle Ori- entation	8 10-11A: Balance in Life (virtual) 5:30-7:30p: Cul- tural Unity: Dreamcatcher	9 4-6p: Wuk- chunni Classes (in-person) 7p: Book Club (virtual)	10 10-12p: Ad- dressing Family Violence	11 7-12p: Resource and Cultural Expo
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Sopiinn upihsh (Third Moon/ March) Virtual Language Classes are open to all communities			1 Cultural Unity-Dreamcatchers 5:30-7:30pm	2 Wukchumni Language 4pm-6pm (In Person)	3 Employee Appreciation OVCDL Closed at noon	4
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Visalia OVCDL Site 1401 W. Caldwell Ave. Visalia, CA 93277 Phone: 559-738-8248		Porterville OVCDL Site 191 W. Poplar Ave. Porterville, CA 93257 Phone: 559-791-9271		Tule River OVCDL Site 180 N Reservation Rd. Porterville, CA 93257 Phone: 559-782-8211		Tulare County Language Coordinator: Crystal Ruiz Email: cruiz@ovcdc.com; Phone: 559-738-8248 Ext. 420 Program Assistant: Julie Aparicio Email: japaricio@ovcdc.com; Phone: 559-738-8248 Ext. 414 Language Teacher: Juanita Henson Email: jhenson@ovcdc.com; Phone: 559-738-8248 Ext. 417 Language Teacher: Jennifer Malone Email: jmalone@ovcdc.com Language Teacher: Katie Icho Email: kicho@ovcdc.com
"Preserving and Revitalizing Our Native Languages"						



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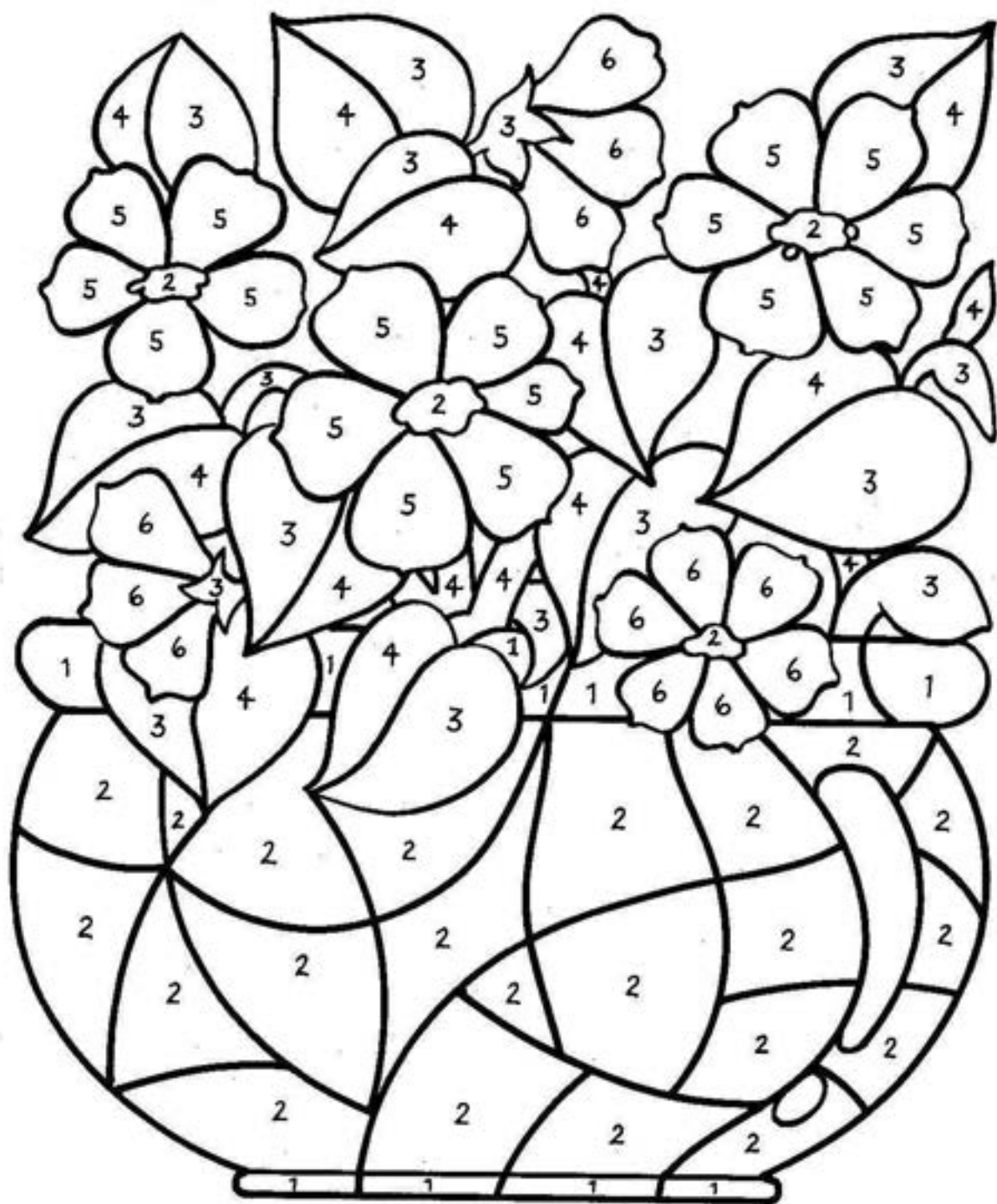
VISALIA OFFICE 1401 W CALDWELL VISALIA, CA 559-738-8248	PORTERVILLE OFFICE 191 W POPLAR AVE PORTERVILLE, CA 559-791-9271	TULE RIVER OFFICE 168 N. RESERVATION RD PORTERVILLE, CA 559-782-8211	1	2	3 VISALIA- ADDRESSING FAMILY VIOLENCE & ABUSE 10A-12PM	4
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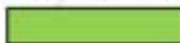

Tulare County Family Literacy Staff

Natalie Jones
Family Literacy
Coordinator

Tracy Mills-
Salazar
Parent
& Child Instructor

Vincent Burrough
Adult Ed
Instructor



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| 1 - p'achihk'ihn | 2 - awaa'it'u | 3 - miht'ech chihmihn |
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| 4 - chihmihn | 5 - t'aak'wiht'ihn | 6 - shaiyup' |

Wukchumni Language



COMMUNITY

Cultural Resource Expo

**SATURDAY MARCH 11TH
7 AM (SET UP 6:30)**

OVCDC 1401 W. Caldwell Ave. Visalia, Ca. 93277
559-738-8248

Call Nora or Leanna to reserve your spot

Clean out your closets, Everything Must Go!

**Family
Formation:
Learning
Lifeskills
For Success**



Join Visalia OVCDC and learn ways to improve communication, money and time management, responsibility, stress management, and much more. In each session will have a craft/activity and incorporate culture.

Classes September 15, October 20, November 16th, December 15, January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15, 2023 from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. If interested please sign up with Leanna Ortega or Nora Rodriguez @ 559-738-8248 x348 and x166. Or email @ lortega@ovcdc.com

Must have a current Prevention Application and must attend 7 out of 11 sessions to qualify for an educational item



ENCOURAGING JOB PREPARATION THROUGH

BALANCE IN LIFE

VISALIA & PORTERVILLE FAMILIES

3/8/23

SIDE HUSTLE/ENTREPRENEURSHIP PT2

3/22/23

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Learn tools & skills to help you obtain employment

Cash Aid Adults Only
Porterville OVCDC 191 W Poplar Ave.
Porterville, CA 93257



10-11AM ON WEBEX
CALL SITE FOR LINK
PORTERVILLE
559-791-9271
VISALIA
559-738-8248

Building Family Formation Through Seasonal Wellness Interaction



Join Visalia OVCDC for some educational information on alcohol and fentanyl awareness. Session will include storytelling, games, activities, cultural projects, healthy food demos, and much more.

October 14, 2022 4-7pm: best costume, storytelling, fall food demo, scavenger hunt

Please contact Leanna Ortega

559-738-8248x348

Must have current Prevention
Application on file

December 3, 2022 10am-1pm: ugly sweater contest, storytelling, winter food demo, and crafts

March 25, 2023 10am-1pm, and

June 10, 2023 10am-1pm

Program Recognition

FAMILY FORMATION BY LANGUAGE
AND CULTURE ENRICHMENT

WUKCHUMNI Language Class



"We have to remember our past generations and keep our Wukchumni language going." - Che'ihmyal

TEACHERS: JENNIFER MALONE & KATIE ICHO

**VIRTUAL SESSIONS MONDAYS FROM 11AM-1PM,
THURSDAY: IN PERSON SESSION 4:00PM-6:00PM**

**CLASSES WILL BE HELD
AT 1401 W. CALDWELL AVE, VISALIA**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP FOR CLASSES PLEASE
CONTACT TULARE COUNTY LANGUAGE COORDINATOR CRYSTAL RUIZ:**

559-738-8248 EXT. 420 OR EMAIL CRUIZ@OVDCDC.COM

**Must have a current prevention application on file.*

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:

Virtual and In-Person
1401 W. Caldwell Ave.
Visalia, CA 93277

Fridays 10:00a to 12:00p

March 3, 2023 to
June 9, 2023

For more information contact:

Tracy Mills-Salazar: tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com, 559-738-8248

Natalie Jones: njones@ovcdc.com, 559-738-8248



Open to all Visalia and Surrounding
Area Families



Interactive Literacy & Cultural Activities

When:

MARCH 15, 2023

MARCH 29, 2023

Time:

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Where:

1401 W. CALDWELL, VISALIA
AND VIRTUAL BY WEBEX

*PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SENT THE LOGIN AFTER SIGNING UP



JOIN US MARCH 15 FOR

THE IMPORTANCE OF STORYTELLING

Tribal communities used storytelling as a way to pass on history, traditions, and life lessons to the next generation.

Activity is rock painting story characters.



JOIN US MARCH 29 FOR

FAMILIES STORYTELLING TOGETHER

Creating you own family story to preserve for your future generations.

Activity is Native book bags

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT TRACY MILLS-SALAZAR:

(559) 738-8248 * tmills-salazar@ovcdc.com or

Natalie Jones: njones@ovcdc.com

Adult Education

Do you need assistance in acquiring
your High School Diploma or GED?

How about studying for your DMV test?

OVCDC Adult Education can help with these services and
with receiving a Typing/Keyboarding certificate, Computer
Literacy skills, One-on One assistance and more!

For more information contact the Adult Education Instructor:
Vincent Burrough at 559-791-9271 or vburrough@ovcdc.com
to get started today!

Visalia and Porterville sites

Available for all times during the weekdays



Starting June 8, 2022

Tule River Indian Health Center Inc.

Behavioral Health Department

Wednesday AA/NA Adult Talking Circle

12:00pm-1:00pm at Visalia Tribal TANF

1401 W. Caldwell Ave. Visalia, Ca.

For More Information Please Contact

TRIHCI Behavioral Health @

559-791-2543

Lisa.graham@crihb.org

Rudy.pina@crihb.org





Diabetes Education Class Topics:

Porterville

03/02/2023

Tule River Gym

11am - 1pm

Fruits and sugar content

Best time of day to eat fruit

Nutritional content of different fruits

Low impact exercises

Visalia

03/09/2023

TANF

11am - 1pm





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



FREE

TAX RETURN PREP

CSET offers no-cost tax preparation by certified tax preparers for families with income under \$60,000.

FREE PREPARATION & DROP-OFF SERVICE

FEBRUARY 5 - APRIL 15, 2023

Visit us online for a detailed list of required forms.

www.cset.org/vita

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



A COLLABORATIVE OF TULARE, KERN, & KINGS COUNTIES

TAX PREPARATION & DROP-OFF SITES

Tax documents can be prepared and/or dropped off at one of our five main locations.

VISALIA

CSET Main Office
312 NW 3rd Ave
MONDAY-THURSDAY
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12-1PM

SATURDAY'S 9AM-3PM
(BIWEEKLY, See Below)

PORTERVILLE

Employment Connection
1063 W. Henderson Ave
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12-1PM

SATURDAY'S 9AM-2PM
(BIWEEKLY, See Below)

CUTLER

CSET Office
12691 Ave. 408
TUESDAYS
10:30 am - 6:30 pm
CLOSED FOR LUNCH 2-3pm

SATURDAY'S 9AM-2PM
(BIWEEKLY, See Below)

TULARE

Family Resource Center
304 E. Tulare Ave
TUESDAY-FRIDAY
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

SATURDAY'S 9AM-2PM
(BIWEEKLY, See Below)

PIXLEY

Pixel CSET Office
927 S Center St, Pixley
TUESDAY & THURSDAY
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SATURDAY SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

FEBRUARY 4, 2023, FEBRUARY 18, 2023,
MARCH 4, 2023, MARCH 18, 2023,
APRIL 1, 2023, & APRIL 15, 2023

For Questions Please Call 559-741-4640.
Drop-Off customers will be notified of when to pick up their tax documents.

Taxes will be prepared on a first-come, first-served basis; no appointments are available. Due to high call volumes, CSET will only answer questions about individual tax issues in person at tax sites.

You may qualify for the CA Earned Income Tax Credit!
Learn how at:

www.cset.org/caleitc



FILE FROM HOME

MYFREETAXES.COM

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	3,190
2	4,310
3	5,430
4	6,550
5	7,670
6	8,790
7	9,910
8	11,030
9	12,150
10	13,270

2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines

- 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

*Excludes members and descendants of the Tejon Indian Tribe residing in Kern County.

Please visit our website to download a TANF intake application or call at 1-800-924-8091 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

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, & 88 450, et seq. see also 25 CFR 276.43 and other relevant laws.

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Owens Valley Career Development Center

1401 W. Caldwell Ave.

Visalia, CA 93277

What's inside: Virtual Book Club, Higher Ed., Wukchumni Language, family activities



Improving the quality of life by focusing on education and self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving and promoting our cultures in the spirit of positive nation building for Native people of today and generation of tomorrow.