



Owens Valley Career Development Center
 Tribal TANF Program
 P.O. Box 2895
 Lake Isabella, CA 93240



Owens Valley Career Development Center - Intertribal Family Services Organization

Lake Isabella Tribal TANF Program Newsletter

SERVING THE NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN BORON, CAL CITY,
 KERN RIVER VALLEY, MOJAVE, RIDGECREST, & ROSAMOND

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Core Values

- **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.

Owens Valley Career Development Center

OVCDC is a Tribal organization providing Career Education, Family Literacy, Indigenous Language, Early Head Start and Temporary Assistance services to 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.



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.

Vision Statement

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

CASH AND CORNER

2023 MER DUE DATES:

Tuesday, Jan 10th

Friday, Feb 10th

Friday, March 10th

Monday, April 10th

Wed, May 10th

Friday, June 9th

Monday, July 10th

Friday, Sep 8th

Friday, Nov 10th

Thursday, Aug 10th

Tuesday, Oct 10th

Friday, Dec 8th

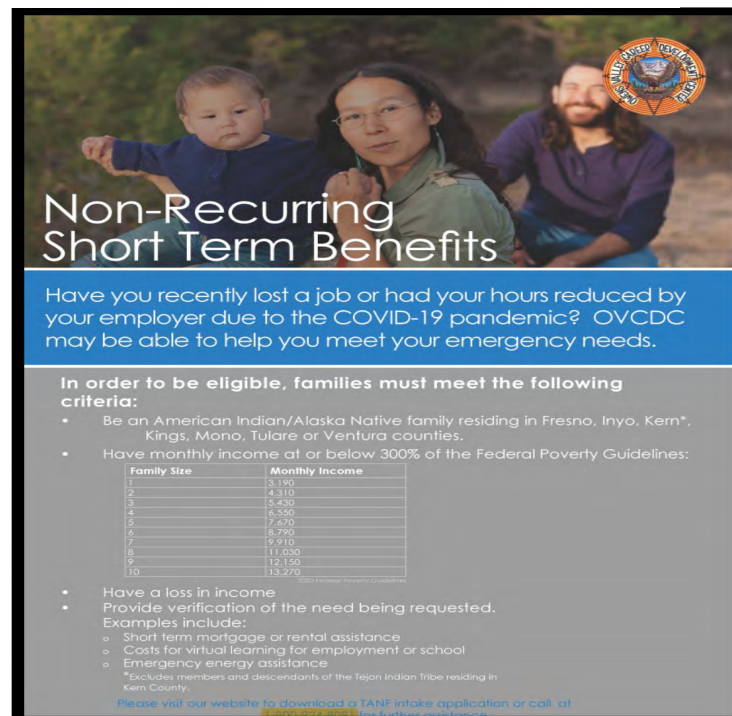
TEAMWORK

makes the dream work...

Youth & Family Services

East Kern Family Resource Center

East Kern Family Resource Center is a regional Service facility based in Mojave, California that assists individuals and families in Eastern Kern County Communities—from the desert to Tehachapi. Some of these services include: Differential Responses, Case Management, Play and Learn Services, Summer Bridge, Referrals, Food Pantry access, Utility Assistance, and access to an emergency clothing closet.



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	3,195
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

- 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.

Learn visit our website to download a TANE intake application or call at

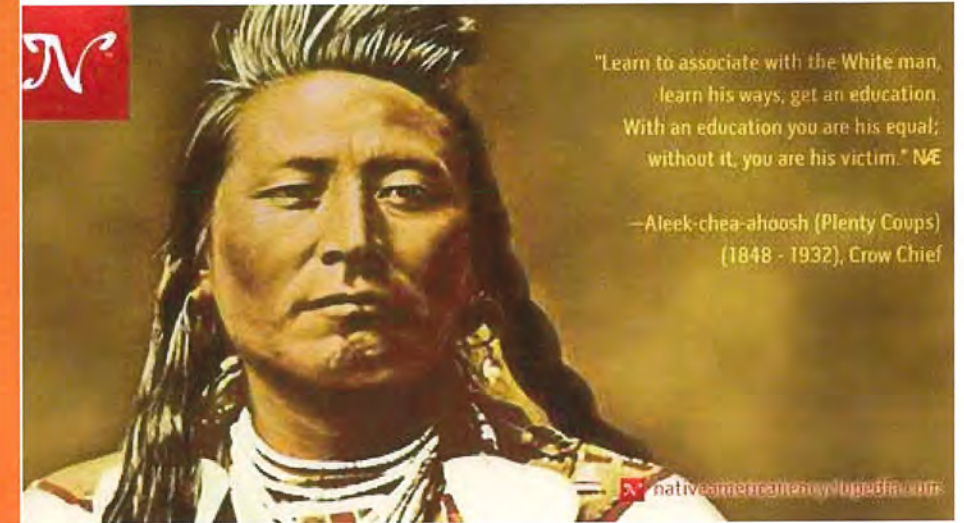
Joe Martin
Adult Education
Instructor

New 2023 Hours:
Tues/Thurs/Fri: 8:00 am-
12:00 pm
Mon/Wed: 12:00 pm-4:00
pm

Phone: (760) 379-4770
ext. 316

Email:
jmartin@ovcdc.com

Owens Valley Career Development Center



Adult Education

OVCDC Family Literacy—Lake Isabella

Office Location

6404 Lake Isabella Blvd
Lake Isabella, CA 93240

- Study for GED test, high school diploma, and college coursework
- Assistance with FAFSA and enrollment for college, university and vocational schools.
- Preparation for written part of DMV test.
- Learn life skills for personal growth.
- Improve employment skills in computer software navigation and keyboarding.
- Develop and increase historical knowledge through cultural projects.



IS YOUR PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD BECOMING A BARRIER FOR EMPLOYMENT?

DO YOU NEED TO KNOW....

- How to obtain your record(s)?
- If / When you are eligible to expunge?
- What expungement does?
- How to reduce a felony to a misdemeanor?
- How to complete the necessary forms?
- How to file forms with the court?

THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS
How to Remove Criminal Convictions from your Record

1st & 3rd FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
10:30 - 11:30 AM
VIRTUAL
Zoom link will be provided

PLEASE RSVP IN ADVANCE AT:
(661) **336-6912**

YOU WILL NEED
A copy of your Minute Order from court or DOJ Rap Sheet. Ask the criminal court clerk's office for a complete print-out of all of your criminal convictions.

Facilitated by:
Kern County Law Library
in partnership with
America's JobCenter of California

*Must be registered in CalJOBS to participate
www.caljobs.ca.gov

The AJCC & WIOA are an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

PAKA'ANIL

Family Formation by Preserving Our Language & Culture

LANGUAGE LESSONS
tū meedak=good morning
tū tudaal=good day
tū tugaal=good night

Betsy is a fluent native speaker who enjoys sharing her knowledge with others.

If you're looking to learn, refresh or start from scratch, contact the language team.

Tuesday & Thursday
3 pm - 4 pm

Virtual via WebEx
In-person inquire with teacher

Contact the Language Dept. at (661)323-1086 or email mortega@ovcdc.com, rrodriguez@ovcdc.com

Visit www.ovcdc.com for more information

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Strengthening Family Formation through Family Wellness Night

Family Night is BACK IN EAST KERN

We are joining KRV on their health journey learning how to manage stress and time, how to teach children basic life skills, and keeping our traditions alive with medicine plants.

Every third Thursday of the month through May 2023.

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Join us virtual on Webex and in person

To RSVP SCAN QR code or contact Natasha at Lake Isabella office at (760) 379-4770. Email: Nmarzett@ovcdc.com



Paka'anil		Betsy Johnson
Eating -tukat		2-23
Come eat!	<u>tukaqiima!</u>	tik ah gee ma'!
Go eat!	<u>tukala!</u>	tikah la!
Let's eat!	<u>tukamaluuts</u>	tik ah ma luuts
I'm hungry.	<u>anamuugaa-ki.</u>	ah nah moo gaa-key
Go wash!	<u>maitala!</u>	my tah la'!

Loving Solutions
A Parent's Guide to Raising Tough Kids, ages 5-10 years
Ralph 'Bud' Fry
Dr. Roger H. Morgan

The Manual The Hospital Forgot to Give You.

Concrete Solutions For Tough Kids

- Learn how to never argue with your child again!
- Improve school performance!
- Stop unwanted behaviors!

- Answers for parents of children diagnosed with ADD/ADHD


To help your child make better choices, join us at:

KRV Family Resource Center
6048 Lake Isabella Blvd. Suite B

Date: Monday, March 13th, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Call Wendy Beaury at 760-379-2556 ext 906 to enroll today!





Strengthening Family Formation through Family Wellness Night *(Proposed)*

Family Night is BACK IN PERSON!

We will be continuing on our health journey while learning how to manage stress and time, how to teach children basic life skills, and keeping our traditions alive with medicine plants.

Every third Thursday of the month starting in September 2022 through May 2023
5:30-7:30pm
Held at the Lake Isabella office

To register SCAN the QR code or contact Loretta at the Lake Isabella office at (760) 379-4770. Email: Lmotley@ovcdc.com



America's JobCenter



**ENVISION
PLAN
INNOVATE
CONNECT**



**CONNECTING YOUNG ADULTS AGES 18-24
TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT **NO-COST****

**Career Exploration &
Training Opportunities**

Career Assessments, Workforce Preparation, Vocational & Technical Training, Educational Planning, & Financial Literacy Training

**Networking
with Employers**

Referrals to Job Openings, Job Fairs & Employer Recruitments, Work-Readiness Workshops, Resume & Interviewing Tips, Assistance on Completing Applications

**Internships & Paid
Work Experience**

On-The-Job Training, Earn While You Learn & Entrepreneurial Development

**Additional
Services**

Online High School Diploma Program, Peer-To-Peer Support, Counseling & Mentorship, Computer Lab Access, Typing Certificates & More...



**2211 H Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301**



**Monday - Friday
8AM - 5PM**



**Call (661) 336-6460
Text (661) 742-2812**

AJCC & WIOA are an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

www.americasjobcenterofkern.com

Owens Valley Career Development Center Language Program is introducing Conversational Diné Virtual Classes through WebEx.

Let us bring the diné language to you no matter where you are!



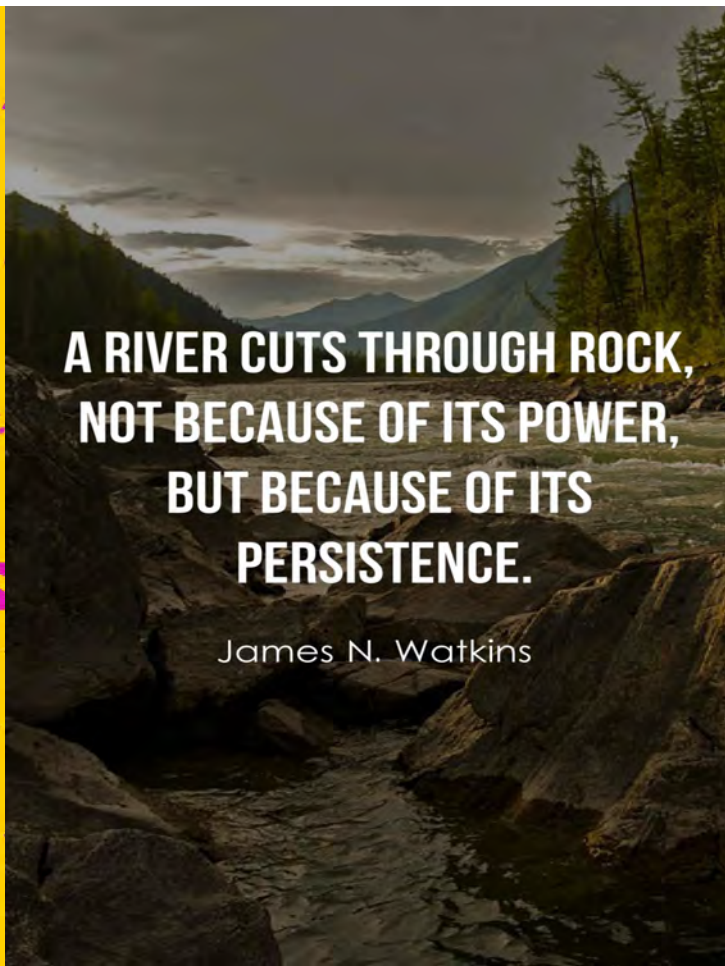
VIRTUAL DINÉ LANGUAGE

Conversational Navajo

Class starts September 6, 2022 Mondays and Tuesdays 5-6 pm

WHO CAN LEARN? YOU CAN!!!!

For more interest call KC Language Program at 661.323.1086 or mortega@ovcdc.com

After School Enrichment fun!




We Request the Pleasure of Your Company at Our

3rd ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING

for American Indian, Alaska Native, Indigenous peoples, and interested community members.

DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2023 **FREE REFRESHMENTS & FOOD**
For more information or vendor participation: Call: 661-327-4030 Email: Baihpccommunity@bakersfieldahp.org

TIME: 11:00AM-4:30PM

LOCATION: 501 40th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301 (Cross Street: San Dimas St.)

Join us as we celebrate the time of rebirth, where warmth returns, flowers bloom, and animals come out of hibernation to greet a new year.

Events Include:

- Cultural Activities
- Cultural Artifacts Displayed
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Suicide Prevention
- Learning and Healing Circles
- Youth Engagement
- Domestic Violence and Prevention
- Wellness Veteran Services





PREGNANCY PREVENTION THROUGH

AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Youth Empowerment
Tutoring
Physical Activities
Social Media Awareness
Traditional vs. Commercial Tobacco
Cultural Arts & Crafts

SEPTEMBER 2022-MAY 2023
GRADES K-5TH WEDNESDAYS 1:30-4:30PM
GRADES 6TH-12TH TUESDAYS 3:30-6:30PM
PROGRAM MEETS 2X MONTHLY AT THE LAKE ISABELLA OFFICE

This program will be IN PERSON and transportation will be provided if needed. Please call Loretta at (760) 379-4770 or scan the QR code to sign up.




Thank you to Native Star for all of your help!

Union Trades: Inyo, Mono, Kern



February 28, 2023 ; 10 am – 12 pm

Virtual Job Fair

ZOOM LINK: <http://bit.ly/3GsPltk>



- Electrical
- Carpenters
- Masons
- Painters
- Plumbers & others TBD

Join us for information on Union Trades Jobs & Training for Inyo, Mono and Kern Counties. Zoom presentations will be provided, including a time for Q & A.

For more information:
email: gjones@ovcdc.com
Ph: (760) 937-2057



Nawajo

Wóózhch'íid - March

Family Formation By Preserving Our
Language & Culture

*The baby eagles have grown big
and noisy. It is because of their
noise the month of March was
named Wóózhch'íid.*



Checkout this link
of a cultural story
by a New Mexico
Anthropologist



Virtual classes held via WebEx - Tues. & Thurs. 4 pm - 5 pm

For more information contact
Kern County Language Department
at (661) 323-1086 or email
mortega@ovcdc.com or
rgrodriguez@ovcdc.com



Get your taxes done for FREE with VITA... at AltaOne - Lake Isabella



DON'T FORGET TO ASK US ABOUT THE TAX CREDITS THAT CAN PUT MORE MONEY BACK IN YOUR POCKETS!

VITA PROVIDES FREE IRS-CERTIFIED TAX PREPARATION TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES! ARE YOU ITIN ELIGIBLE? WE ALSO OFFER ITIN ASSISTANCE!

TAXES DONE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
DIAL 2-1-1 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY!

5946 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240

Tuesdays Only
February 7th
March 7th
April 4th

10am-4:30pm



VITA
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



IT'S YOUR MONEY
GET IT!
EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Are you struggling to pay your energy bills?



The cost of living continues to skyrocket, and families across Kern County have a hard time affording their home energy costs. Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK)'s Energy Program may be able to help your family afford your home energy bills.

Find help to afford your electricity, gas and propane bills

Dial 2-1-1 to connect with services.

Utility Assistance and Energy Efficiency Programs for Families in Need



Utility Assistance

Help paying your electricity, gas and/or propane bills.



Weatherization

Help to improve the energy efficiency of your home and reduce your monthly energy costs

How does CAPK's Energy Program work?



You Apply

Submit your application and all required documents to CAPK.



We Review

We'll review your application for program eligibility.



You Receive Assistance

We work to provide the greatest assistance possible. Utility Assistance is usually paid within 8 weeks.

March 2023

TANF

MER is late after
March 10th!

Language

Paka'anil Classes

Tues and Thurs

3pm-4pm

Navajo Classes

Tues and Thurs

4pm-5pm

Prevention

After School

Enrichment

5th-12th 3:30-
6:30pm

K-5th 1:30-4:30pm

Family Wellness Night

Third Thurs of every
month 5:30-7:30pm

LTAP

Second and fourth

Tuesdays

9am-12pm

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