

Owens Valley Career Development Center

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operating under a Consortium of Sovereign Nations

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www.ovcdc.com

or Contact us at:
1-800-924-8091

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Tribal Consortium that provides
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"Bringing Prosperity and Sustainability to Native Communities"

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Big Pine Site October 2023 Newsletter



Intertribal Family Services Organization

Big Pine Staff :

Site Manager
Awahusu Spoonhunter

Family Advocate
Open Position

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Ciera Rico

East Side TANF Advisory Committee :

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Indigenous Peoples Day



Today we celebrate the people who first
called this land home. We remember the
struggles and tragedies they endured.
We honor their place in and contributions
to the shared story of America.

**Indigenous Peoples Day is a holiday
that honors the history and culture
of Native Americans and their
resilience against colonization and
oppression.**

**For only the second time, a U.S.
president has officially recognized
Indigenous Peoples' Day.**

**President Biden first issued a
proclamation recognizing the day
in 2021.**

**The proclamation was issued on
Friday October 10, as a day to
honor Native Americans, their
resilience and their contributions to
American society throughout
history, even as they faced
assimilation, discrimination and
genocide spanning from
generations. The move shifts focus
from Columbus Day, the federal
holiday celebrating Christopher
Columbus, which shares the
same date as Indigenous Peoples'
Day this year.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

OVCDC will be closed,
Monday, October 9th for
Indigenous Peoples Day

TERO Commission Mtg.

6pm October 2, 2023

Land Assignment Mtg. 6pm

October 3, 2023

Tribal Council Mtg. 6pm

October 4, 2023

Enrollment Committee Mtg.

6pm October 10, 2023

Cultural Committee Mtg.

10am October 10, 2023

Housing Committee Mtg.

6pm October 18, 2023

Tribal Council Mtg.

6pm October 19, 2023

Utility Committee Mtg.

6pm October 31, 2023

All meetings will be held at the
Big Pine Tribal Chambers



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If you have any activities that require signature for events or activities you volunteered with, please get the signature so that the hours count. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call.

The Seasonal Support is a \$50.00 payment to help you buy Thanksgiving Dinner for you and your family. Save your receipts!

Please bring in updated immunizations and School Enrollments on all children on your TANF Case. It is a requirement that these documents are needed for each eligible child on the case.



MER Oct. 10th Mar. 9th
DUE Nov. 10th Apr. 8th
DATES Dec. 10th May 10th
 Jan. 8th June 10th
 Feb. 10th

2023-24

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, held in October every year, aims to promote screening and prevention of the disease, which affects one in eight women in the United States every year and 2.3 million women worldwide. Known best for its pink theme color, the month features a number of campaigns and programs — conducted by groups ranging from breast cancer advocacy organizations to local community organizations to major retailers — aimed at supporting people diagnosed with breast cancer, including metastatic breast cancer, educating people about breast cancer risk factors, stressing the importance of regular screening, starting at age 40 or an age that's appropriate for your personal breast cancer risk.



Go to: stopbullying.gov for more information

Maintain a regular exercise routine



FREE TABLET & INTERNET

Public Wireless is committed to providing no cost tablets and internet to as many families as possible.

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Have you recently experienced an emergency crisis or natural disaster situation? If so, OVCD, may be able to assist in the short term.

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	3,645
2	4,930
3	6,215
4	7,500
5	8,785
6	10,070
7	11,355
8	12,640
9	13,925
10	15,210

2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines

- Provide verification of the need being requested. Examples include:
 - Short term mortgage or rental assistance
 - Short term utility or energy assistance
 - Clothing allowance
 - Other assistance that may be necessary due to your crisis situation

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

Tribal TANF Non-Recurring Short Term Benefit Mission Statement

We are a dedicated American Indian organization operating under a consortium of Sovereign Nations. OVCD is providing the opportunity for improvement in 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 tomorrow.

173-2 Non-Recurring Short-Term Benefits

The purpose of non-recurring short-term benefits is to provide eligible needy American Indian/Alaska Native families assistance to meet extraordinary needs that arise from an emergency, crisis situation, natural disaster or an episode of need beyond those intended to be covered by regular monthly assistance and/or supportive services.

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

1. Have a current TANF Intake Application on file.
2. Have a total verified family income equal to or less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
3. Provide verification of the specific crisis and demonstrate an established need for the short term benefit be requested. Examples of short term benefits include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Short-term mortgage or rental assistance for families who have lost their home to a natural disaster or lost employment due to a communicable disease pandemic.
- ◆ Costs associated with virtual learning for families who have lost employment due to a communicable disease pandemic.

- ◆ Short-term utility and energy assistance to families who have lost employment due to natural disaster.
- ◆ Clothing allowances for families who have lost their possessions due to a natural disaster.
- ◆ Family support services to deal with traumatic events such as a natural disaster or communicable disease pandemic.
- 4. Emergency assistance will not exceed 4 months from the start of the crisis situation.



TANF applicants may be eligible to receive a lifetime limit of up to \$5,000 per assistance unit based on the episode of need and reasonable cost to meet the established need.

Non-recurring short term benefits are subject to change as funding permits.



October is National Bullying Prevention Month



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 PP Equine Experiential Education Program Orientation	4 Language Class @ BP Wellness Center 11:00AM	5	6 Nawanaki-TI Farmers Market Every Friday from 5pm to Dusk next to the Tribe 825 S. Main Street, Big Pine 	7
8	9 OVCDC Closed in Honor of Indigenous Peoples Day 	10	11 Language Class @ BP Wellness Center 11:00AM Learn to Save a Life! First Aid/ CPR Course @ Tuniwa Nobi Classroom 8:30-4:30pm Call 760-872-2115 to reserve a spot	12	13 Nawanaki-TI Farmers Market Every Friday from 5pm to Dusk next to the Tribe 825 S. Main Street, Big Pine	14
15	16 FF Instilling Strength and Resilience through Culture- Quilt making with Melissa Piper @ASMG 5:30-8:30pm	17 FF Instilling Strength and Resilience through Culture- Quilt Making with Melissa Piper Cooking around the world via Webex 5:30-7:30pm Call Tuniwa Nobi for more info.	18 Language Class @ BP Wellness Center 11:00AM FF Instilling Strength and Resilience through Culture- Quilt Making with Melissa Piper	19	20 Nawanaki-TI Farmers Market Every Friday from 5pm to Dusk next to the Tribe 825 S. Main Street, Big Pine	21 FF: Increasing Cultural Awareness through Traditional Teachings-Boys with Braids Cultural Education & Awareness Sign in-8:00am Opening Prayer @ 9:00am Barlow Lane Gym
22 FF Instilling Strength and Resilience through Culture- TBD Pine nut Gathering Day	23 PP Equine Experiential Education Program @ McGee Pack Station 2:00-4:30pm	24 PP Equine Experiential Education Program @ McGee Pack Station 2:00-4:30pm	25 Language Class @ BP Wellness Center 11:00AM	26 PP Equine Experiential Education Program @ McGee Pack Station 2:00-4:30pm	27	28 PP During Out of School Time- TBD!
29	30 PP Equine Experiential Education Program @ McGee Pack Station 2:00-4:30pm	31 PP Equine Experiential Education Program @ McGee Pack Station 2:00-4:30pm				
IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 ALL PREVENTION ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.					<div>■ Big Pine OVCDC Activities: FF - Family Formation PP - Pregnancy Prevention</div> <div>■ Other Activities</div>	