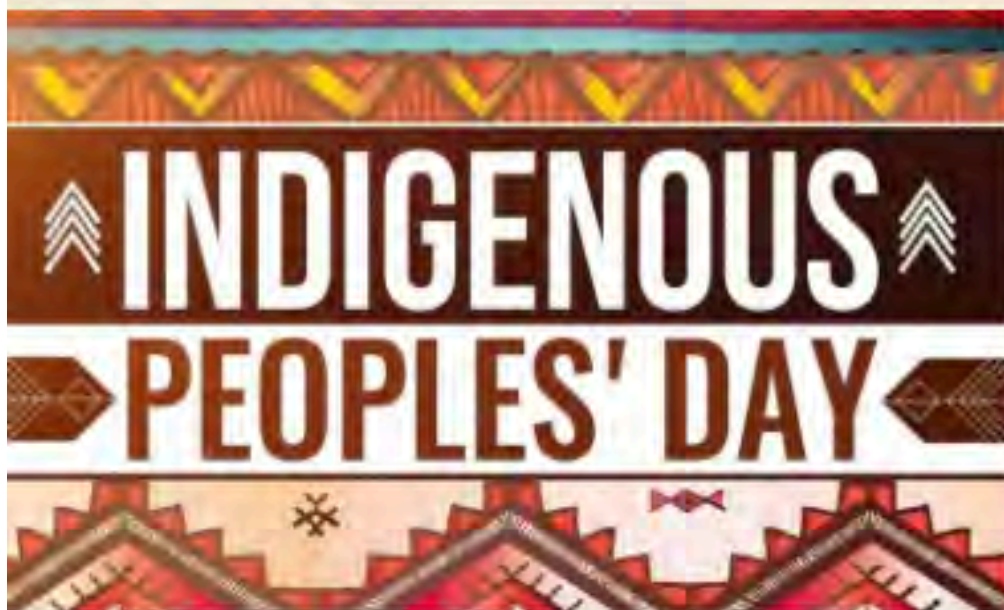


October  
2023

# News letter

Owens Valley Career and Development Center  
950 County Square Drive #211 Ventura, CA 93003.



## ***Ventura's Staff:***

### ***Assistant Director:***

***Alisia Gonzales***

### ***Site Manager:***

***Dayna Barrios***

### ***Site Project Coordinator:***

***Sarah Moreno***

### ***Program Assistant:***

***Sierra Gambala***

### ***Family Advocate:***

***Magdalena Rodriguez***

## ***Ventura Site Updates:***

- Cash Aid Reminders
- Community Resources
- Prevention Workshops
- October Calendar



Owens Valley Career  
Development Center





**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

# TANF Updates



MONTHLY CASH AID DOCUMENTS ARE DUE  
ON THE FOLLWOING DATESIN2023:

January 10, 2023

February 10, 2023

March 10, 2023

April 8, 2023

May 10, 2023

June 10, 2023

July 10, 2023

August 10, 2023

September 9, 2023

October 10, 2023

November 10, 2023

December 9, 2023

# Cash Aid Information & Reminders

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 Dates

- 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 10<sup>th</sup>, please remember to complete a 10-day waiver form.
- **MER's WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THE 1ST DAY OF THE MONTH, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## 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 your MER:

- 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):

- **Please fill out form completely, including amount and provide a description.**
- **Remember you must submit receipts**
- PLEASE be sure to PRINT your FIRST and LAST NAME on EACH RECEIPT you are submitting

JANE DOE

**WAL★MART**

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Have you recently experienced an emergency crisis or natural disaster situation? If so, OVCDC, 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.



# 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](http://www.ovcdc.com)**

**Or Contact us:**

**[1-800-924-8091](tel:1-800-924-8091)**

**Employment and Job Descriptions:**  
**[hr@ovcdc.com](mailto:hr@ovcdc.com)**

**RFP's and Contracts:**  
**[contracts@ovcdc.com](mailto: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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# 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 for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or if a member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:**

- Participates in any of the following assistance programs: SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in any of the following Tribal specific programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, or Tribal Head Start (income based);
- Participates in the Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast 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 internet program.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

# 1

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

# 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](https://www.fcc.gov/acp)







ABOUT  
**GROWING WORKS**

Growing Works is an innovative, whole-sale plant nursery and mental wellness program within the Turning Point Foundation that provides job training, employment, volunteer opportunities, recovery services, and horticultural therapy to people with mental health challenges.

**WHAT IS HORTICULTURAL THERAPY?**

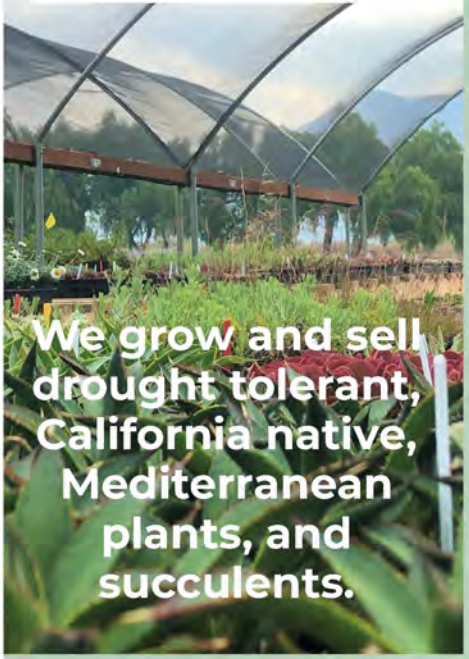

Horticultural therapy is participation in gardening and other plant related activities to achieve therapeutic goals.

Source: <https://www.ahta.org/ahta-definitions-and-positions>.



**Contact Us**

- Nursery (805) 586-9900
- [GrowingWorksSales@TurningPointFoundation.org](mailto:GrowingWorksSales@TurningPointFoundation.org)
- [www.GrowingWorks.org](http://www.GrowingWorks.org)
- 1736 South Lewis Road  
Camarillo, CA 93012
- @GrowingWorksTPF



**We grow and sell drought tolerant, California native, Mediterranean plants, and succulents.**



ABOUT  
**Turning Point Foundation**

Turning Point Foundation is a non-profit organization with 14 programs established across 11 locations throughout Ventura County, serving more than 1200 clients each year through its shelter, supported housing, and rehabilitation programs. For over 30 years, Turning Point has been deeply committed to building a healthier community by offering compassionate and proactive treatment for adults struggling with mental illness, many of them homeless and/or veterans.



**DONATE**

- Donate online at:  
[www.GrowingWorks.org](http://www.GrowingWorks.org)
- Donate by mail to:  
Turning Point Foundation  
P.O. Box 24397  
Ventura, CA 93002  
(Make checks payable to Turning Point Foundation with a notation that it is for Growing Works.)

**VOLUNTEER**

- Sign up online at:  
<https://turningpointfoundation.org/growing-works-volunteer/>
- Email us at:  
[GrowingWorksSales@TurningPointFoundation.org](mailto:GrowingWorksSales@TurningPointFoundation.org)

**ATTEND A RETAIL SALE**

- Visit us online to learn more about the retail sales:  
<https://turningpointfoundation.org/growing-works-retail/>

**GROWING WORKS  
RETAIL SALES**

**2023 DATES**

**OPEN FROM 10AM TO 2PM**

- June 10 & 24
- July 8 & 22
- August 12 & 26
- September 9 & 23
- October 14 & 28, Fall Festival
- November 11 & 25
- December 9 & 23

We have a workshop on each 4th Saturday:

- June 24: Pollinator s
- July 22: Edible Natives
- August 26: Intro to Succulents
- September 23: Succulent Propagation
- October 28: Succulent Pumpkins
- November 25: Succulent Topiary Trees & Wreaths
- December 23: Sustainable Gift Wrap

**How can you become a  
Growing Works member?**

- ♦ To participate in the program you must be receiving services from VCBH.
- ♦ Contact Marie Tyler or Jenn Rodriguez at (805) 586-9900 to set up a tour and to complete paperwork
- ♦ We are open to participants Monday to Thursday from 9am to 1pm and Fridays from 9am to 12pm





# FREE TABLET & INTERNET

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

Here are a few ways you can qualify:

Lower income, government program participants (SSI, Medicaid, WIC, SNAP, FPHA, Lifeline, etc.) K-12 students attending schools that are CEP recipients or on Free or Reduced lunch programs, and College students with a Pell Grant. There are many other ways to qualify.

SCAN OR CLICK ON QR CODE TO APPLY



\*There is no risk or obligation to apply.\*

You will never receive a bill for the internet service.  
The tablet is yours to keep forever with no obligations or commitments.

## FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE WELCOME TO ENROLL



**NO COST** 10.1 inch Tablet with a Hardcase Cover and Screen Protector.



**NO COST** SIM Card that provides 24/7 LTE Broadband Internet Service. Does NOT need WIFI access.



Both SIM Card and 10.1 inch Tablet are **FREE** with NO Strings Attached for Qualified ACP (Affordable Connectivity Program) Applicants.


IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CALL  
1.800.286.5380



[PublicWirelessllc.com](http://PublicWirelessllc.com)








Owens Valley Career and  
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Ventura's Pregnancy Prevention

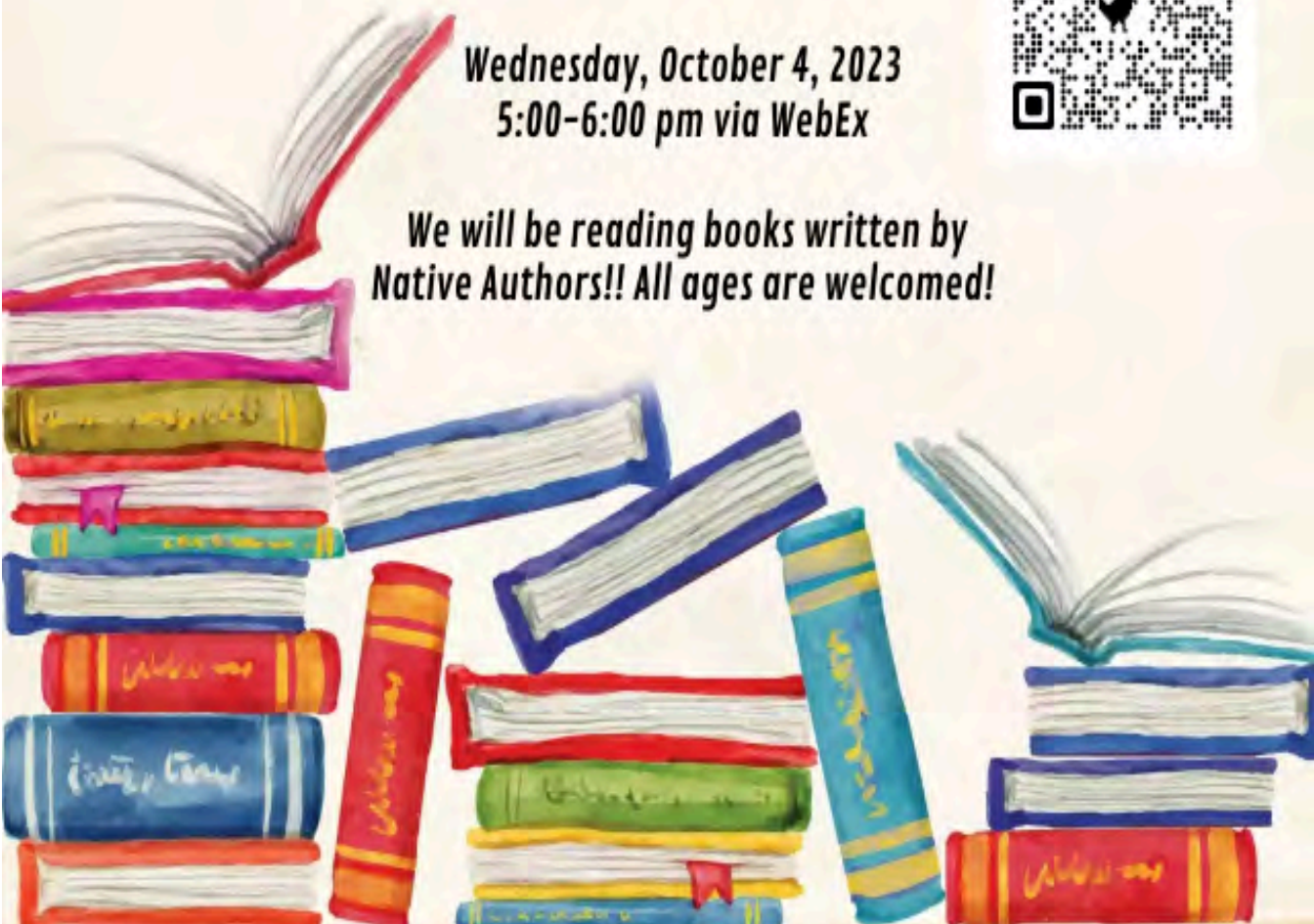
# CIRCLES OF WELLNESS PRESENTS

## Book Club



Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
5:00–6:00 pm via WebEx

We will be reading books written by  
Native Authors!! All ages are welcomed!



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OV CDC Ventura  
Pregnancy Prevention  
through  
Youth Leadership Presents

# HIKING EVENT

Youth from the ages 12-18  
are encouraged to  
participate in our Youth  
Leadership workshops!

OCT 17



4:00-6:00 PM

Join OV CDC Ventura for a hiking  
workshop at Arroyo Verde Park.  
Transportation will be provided!  
For additional questions, please  
email [smoreno@ovcdc.com](mailto:smoreno@ovcdc.com)







OVCDC Ventura  
Pregnancy Prevention  
Presents:

# *Circles of Wellness*

## **SLIME & PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH FAMILY LIT!**

Monday, October 23, 2023  
From 4:30-7:00 PM  
OVCDC Ventura Office  
950 County Square Drive #211  
Ventura, CA 93003



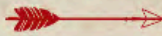


OVCDC Ventura  
Family Formation through  
Cultural Preservation Presents

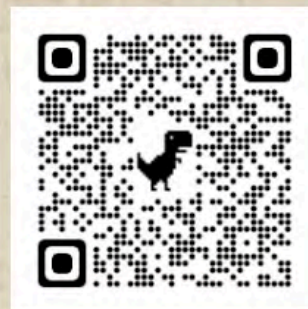


# **WANSAQ (CLAPPERSTICKS) WORKSHOP**

**2 SESSIONS  
OCTOBER 26 FROM  
5:30-7:00PM VIA  
WEBEX**



**OCTOBER 27 FROM  
4:30-7:30PM AT THE  
VENTURA OFFICE**









# 2023

## A large group of approximately 25 people, including adults and children, posing for a group photo outdoors in a dry, hilly area. Some individuals are wearing green shirts, and others are wearing hats. There are folding chairs and a table on the left side of the group.

Color Key: TANF, Family Lit, Language \*\*\* All activities are hybrid classes. In-person classes will be limited due to COVID-19.