

# October 2023

## Newsletter



### 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.

 TULARE COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY  
A FAMILY FORMATION EVENT

# PARENT & CHILD LEARNING

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN 0-4  
JOIN US THIS MONTH FOR FUN  
FALL ACTIVITIES FEATURING  
KINDERMUSIK

**OCT 10TH & 24TH**  
**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**CONTACT CONNIE TORRES**  
**CTORRES@OVCDC.COM**

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# Visalia Site Calendar of Events

## October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Ledger</u> Family Literacy Language Prevention	<u>Proposals</u> FAMV-001-24: FF Interactive Lit FAMV-002-24: FF Parent/Child FAMP-003-24: FF Adult Ed FAMP-004-24: FF Higher Ed FAMP-005-24: FF FIS/MIS		<u>Proposals</u> LTC-001-23: Language & Culture Enrichment LFC-002-24: Storytime with Auntie VP-004-24: Native Youth Leadership VP-002-24: FF Thriving for Success VP-003-24: FF Building a Healthy Lifestyle VP-005-24: Seasonal Wellness Interaction			
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11-1p: Wuk-chumni Language (virtual)	<b>3</b> 4:30-6:30p: Native Youth Leadership Orientation	<b>4</b> 5:30-7:30p: Cultural Unity (in-person)	<b>5</b> 4-6p: Wuk-chumni Language (in-person) 7p: Book Club	<b>6</b> 10-12p: Father/Motherhood is Sacred	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>10</b> 10: Parent & Child Interaction 6p: Higher Ed 5-7p: Interactive Literacy Night	<b>11</b> 4-4:45p: Story Time with Auntie (Virtual)	<b>12</b> 4-6p: Wuk-chumni Language (in-person) 5:30-7:30p: Sharing Recipes (Virtual) 7p: Book Club	<b>13</b> 10-12p: Father/Motherhood is Sacred	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5-7p: Healthy Lifestyle Orientation	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4-6p: Wuk-chumni Language (in-person)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10-1p: Fall Seasonal Wellness Interaction
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11-1p: Wuk-chumni Language (virtual)	<b>24</b> 10: Parent & Child Interaction 5-7p: Thriving for Success Orientation 6p: Higher Ed	<b>25</b> 5:30-7:30p: Cultural Unity (in-person)	<b>26</b> 4-6p: Wuk-chumni Language (in-person)	<b>27</b> 10-12p: Mending Broken Hearts	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 11-1p: Wuk-chumni Language (virtual)	<b>31</b>				



# OCTOBER LANGUAGE CALENDAR 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 Wukchumni Language 11am-1pm (virtual)	3	4 CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (IN PERSON)	5 Wukchumni Language 4pm-6pm (In Person) CULTURAL UNITY 5:30PM-7:30PM (IN PERSON)	6	7
8	9 OFFICE CLOSED 	10 Wukchumni Language Beaded Keychains 11am-1pm (In Person)	11 Story Time With Auntie 4:00pm-4:45pm (Virtual) 	12 SHARING RECIPES CLASS 5:30PM-7:30PM (VIRTUAL) Wukchumni Language 4pm-6pm (In Person)	13	14
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29	30 Wukchumni Language 11am-1pm (virtual)	31 	VIRTUAL LANGUAGE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES.			

Yowlumni Language at TRYLP Building Mon-Fri 2pm-6pm



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# 2023 October

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## Tulare County Family Literacy Staff

Tracy Mills-Salazar  
Parent & Child  
Instructor

Vincent Burrough  
Adult Ed  
Instructor

Connie Torres  
Parent & Child  
Instructor

Lacy Santos  
Program Assistant

Natalie Jones  
Family Literacy  
Coordinator





Pregnancy prevention through

# Native Youth Leadership

Build leadership skills applicable to school, family, and community. Some workshops include self-esteem, self-confidence, healthy relationships, and decision-making skills.



IN PERSON  
WORKSHOPS FOR  
NATIVE YOUTH MIDDLE  
SCHOOL THROUGH  
12TH GRADE

Curriculum from the  
Native Wellness  
Institute



**Tuesday 10/3/23**  
Workshop is about  
healthy relationships  
& domestic violence.

SESSIONS WILL  
BE HELD EVERY  
1ST TUESDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
THRU MAY 2024.  
**4:30PM - 6:30PM**

For more information or to sign up  
please contact

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Tulare County Family Literacy  
Family Formation Event

## Higher Education Events



Join us this month for TWO presenters!  
Presenters from University of California, Santa Cruz and  
University of California, Davis will be sharing information  
on their colleges and the registration process

**UC Santa Cruz**



October 10th @ 6:00  
Virtually

**UC Davis**



October 24th @ 6:00  
Virtually



Contact  
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Family Formation by building a

# Healthy Family Lifestyle

Let's educate our palate with recipes using traditional healthy foods, meal prepping, and active family fun!

**OCTOBER 17, 2023**

Once a month on  
Tuesdays 5-7pm

Virtual & In-person  
sessions



Accepting 15  
Families

For more information or to sign-up,  
please contact Leanna Ortega or Nora  
Rodriguez at (559) 738-8248

1401 W. Caldwell Ave. Visalia CA 93292



Family Formation

## Thriving For Success

October 24, 2023

Classes are once a month on a Tuesday.

Times: 5pm to 7pm

Virtual & in-person sessions

Join Visalia OVCDC and learn  
ways to improve healthy  
self-esteem, developing the  
whole self, values, health and  
wellness, and emergency  
preparedness.

For more information  
or to sign-up, please  
contact Leanna Ortega  
or Nora Rodriguez at  
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Must attend 80 percent of sessions to qualify  
for an educational item.



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A Family Formation Event*

**\*\*BOOKS PROVIDED\*\***

# ADULT VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

**CELESTE NG OUR MISSING HEARTS**

**THIS MONTH'S PICK**

**NOV  
2ND**

Every Thursday  
@ 7:00 Virtually

Contact: Vincent Burrough  
VBurrough@ovcdc.com

191 W. Poplar Ave. Porterville, CA 93257

## VOTE AND BE HEARD IMPACTS OF ELECTIONS IN OUR NATIVE COMMUNITIES

**OCT 2ND 4PM  
WORKSHOP 1**



- Every Election Impacts Native Land
- Unleash the Power of the Ballot
- Government 101
- Types of Elections

**REGISTER**

**OCT 16TH 4PM  
WORKSHOP 2**

- Registering to Vote & How to Vote
- How Elections Affect Jobs & the Economy
- Every Vote Matters so Make Your Voice Heard

**REGISTER**



**For Information or Help Registering:**

Becky Zagha, CDS

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\*Family Formation Through Cultural Practices\*

# LANGUAGE & STORY TIME

*With Aunty*

Held Monthly  
Every 2nd  
Wednesday  
4:00pm-4:45pm



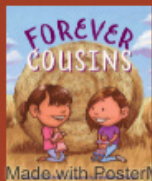
The Nüümü Yadoha Language Program & Collaborators welcomes OVDC families & community members to join Aunty from the comfort of your own home September 13, 2023- May 9, 2024. Learn stories and language from teachers, tribes & nations. \*Guest speakers and culture sharing\* Families will receive a book incentive\*



<https://ovcdc.webex.com/meet/rpicaso>

Visalia OVDC families & participants sign-up with

The Prevention Team (559) 738-8248  
1401 W. Caldwell Ave. Visalia, CA 93277



# TRIBAL TANF DEADLINE

Monthly Eligibility Report!!!

**OCT 10, 2023**



Questions: Reach out to Kathleen Alger, Family Advocate  
Phone: 559.738.8248  
E-mail: [kalger@ovcdc.com](mailto:kalger@ovcdc.com)

## FUTURE DUE DATES:

- November 10th
- December 8th

**IF YOU HAVE A CURRENT  
TANF CASE, AVOID LATE  
CASH AID OR CASE CLOSURE  
BY SUBMITTING TIMELY**

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[WWW.OVDC.COM](http://WWW.OVDC.COM)



FAMILY FORMATION BY LANGUAGE  
& CULTURE ENRICHMENT

*Storytelling Monday's learning  
Wukchumni Language with  
Jennifer Malone & Katie Icho*

A WEEKLY OPEN VIRTUAL  
**WEBEX EVENT**

EVERY MONDAY FROM 11AM-1PM

**10/2/23, 10/23/23, & 10/30/23**



SIGN UP WITH JULIE AT (559)-738-8248  
OR EMAIL [JAPARICIO@OVCDC.COM](mailto:japaricio@ovcdc.com)



**Family  
Formation  
by  
Language &  
Culture  
Enrichment**

**(In Person)  
5:30-7:30pm**

**October 4th & 25th, 2023**

**Please join us for cultural  
unity class doing hands on  
activities while learning  
Wukchumni language.**

**Taught by: Juanita Henson**

**1401 W.  
Caldwell  
Ave.  
Visalia,  
CA  
93277**

To sign up call Julie at (559)- 738-8248  
or email [japaricio@ovcdc.com](mailto:japaricio@ovcdc.com)





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# MENDING BROKEN HEARTS

Develop the capacity through cultural traditions and practices to heal from unresolved grief and the losses created by the legacy of historical and intergenerational trauma.

**ORIENTATION: OCTOBER 11  
10:00-12:00**

**FIRST SESSION: OCTOBER 27  
10:00-12:00**



**Contact: Tracy Mills-Salazar  
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## Family Formation by Language & Culture Enrichment

*Wukchumni Language  
taught by Jennifer Malone*



• Thursday October 5, 2023



• Thursday October 12, 2023



• Thursday October 19, 2023

• Thursday October 26, 2023

4pm-  
6pm

**In Person  
1401 W.  
Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA  
93277**

Sign up with Julie at (559)-738-4248  
or email [japaricio@ovcdc.com](mailto:japaricio@ovcdc.com)





**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**

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Rudy.pina@carih.org**



# DIABETES EDUCATION CLASS

**2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
11AM - 1PM**

**VISALIA TANF OFFICE  
1401 W. CALDWELL AVE**

It is a time to celebrate progress in diabetes research, share information, and raise awareness in our indigenous communities.

Let us come together along with family, friends, and supporters, and share experiences with diabetes and learn together.



**CONTACT TULE RIVER INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AT 559.784.2316 \* WWW.TRIHCI.ORG**





# Gas Bill High? Assistance Program

Gas Co Fund

https://www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/assistance...

## Need Help Paying Your Gas Bill?

If you're having difficulty paying your natural gas bill, the Gas Assistance Fund (GAF) may be able to provide you, or someone you know, with a **one-time grant** for the amount of the gas bill, not to exceed \$400.00. If the eligible applicant is age 55+ or has an older adult (55+) living in the household, an additional \$100 is available for a maximum grant of up to \$500. Additionally, those facing certain financial hardships may be eligible for extra grant funding. Make an appointment with your [local agency](#) to see what your household may qualify for.

The Gas Assistance Fund is a joint effort of SoCalGas® and United Way of Greater Los Angeles. United Way works with non-profit organizations throughout our service territory to manage the program.

## How to Qualify

To qualify for GAF, you must meet the following requirements:

- The natural gas bill must be in the name of the applicant requesting assistance.
- The bill address must be the applicant's primary residence.
- The applicant must not apply for more than the maximum GAF allowance for the current program year.
- The applicant must meet the income guidelines listed below:

Number of people in the household	Total yearly household income* not more than
1	\$40,770
2	\$54,930
3	\$69,090
4	\$83,250
5	\$97,410
6	\$111,570
7	\$125,730
8	\$139,890

## Tulare County Agencies

Code	Agency Provides	EAF & GAF Agency Name	Address	City	Zip Code	County	Telephone Number	Days of the week Agency Will Accept Calls To Schedule Appointments
1829	EAF and GAF Assistance	Salvation Army - Porterville	368 East Date St.	Porterville	93257	Tulare	(559) 784-7872	Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1013	EAF and GAF Assistance	Community Services and Employment Training-Visalia	312 N. W. 3rd Avenue	Visalia	93291	Tulare	(844) 224-1316	Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm



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# FREE TABLET & INTERNET

SCAN OR CLICK ON QR CODE TO APPLY



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.

"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





# Non-Recurring Short Term Benefits

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**

**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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