



OVCDC-VISALIA



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER
2026

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 OVCDC 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.

OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
FAMILY FORMATION BY LANGUAGE & CULTURE ENRICHMENT

CULTURAL UNITY

TAUGHT BY: JUANITA HENSON

Let's join together to preserve & revitalize our Wukchumni Language & Culture while working on a hands on craft activity.

WED. **Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2026** **5:30pm - 7:30pm**

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

For more information please call Julie at
(559) 738-8248



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2026

THESE ARE COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY STAFF



September Language Calendar

(Tulare County)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Yowlumne Language Ribbon skirts (In Person) 11am-2pm	2 Cultural Unity (In Person) 5:30-7:30pm	3 Cultural Unity (In Person) 4-6pm Wukchumni Language (In Person) 4pm-6pm	4	5
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27	28 Wukchumni Language (virtual) 11am-1pm	29 Mini Cradle Boards Workshop 11am-2pm	30 Cultural Unity (In Person) 5:30-7:30pm	VIRTUAL LANGUAGE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO ALL COMMUNITIES		
Yowlumni Language at TRYLP Building Mon-Fri 2pm-6pm						

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and do you currently smoke
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**Owens Valley Career Development Center
Family Formation by Language & Culture
Enrichment**



Small Cradleboard Basketweaving Workshop

Instructor:

Jennifer Malone

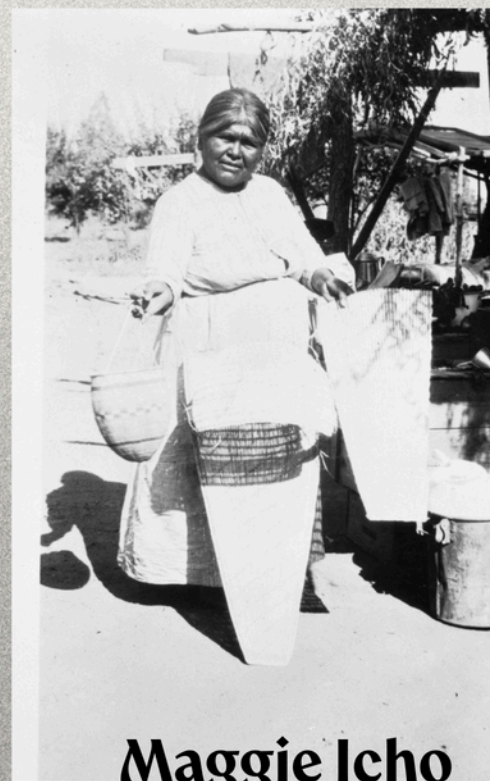
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026

11am-2pm

OVCDC Visalia

1401 W. Caldwell Ave

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Maggie Icho

Wukchumni Language will be infused into this activity. Must be able to stay for entirety of class to complete project.

Space is Limited. For any questions or to sign up contact Crystal Ruiz at (559)738-8248 ext. 420 or cruiz@ovcdc.com



Join us as we engage in a fun and musical environment to encourage learning through song and culture, featuring Kindermusik and the Tule River Yokuts Language Project!

SEPT. 10TH & 24TH
10AM-12PM
1401 W. CALDWELL AVE.
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PARENT & CHILD Time

For more information, please contact us at:
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Wukchumni Language through Story translations

A weekly virtual Microsoft teams event

*Hosted by:
Katie Icho*

Open to all
communities

*"Xahai
T'a Hit'ilat'a
Wihten Hiyangwud"*

*"Language
Be Proud
Say It Loud"*

Monday's September 14, 21, & 28 2026
11 AM - 1 PM

**Sign up with Julie at 559-738-8248
or email japaricio@ovcdc.com**



ADULT EDUCATION

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through adult education!***

Adult education opens new opportunities. Whether to finish studies, update knowledge, or discover new skills, now is the time to invest in your future.

Help Available:

- ✓ GED testing
- ✓ College applications
- ✓ Driver's license testing
- ✓ Typing certification
- ✓ Food handler's certification
- ✓ Computer (Microsoft Office, email, etc.)
- ✓ Resumes
- ✓ Virtual Adult Book Club

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MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



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TRIBAL TANF PARTICIPANTS

Monthly Eligibility Report Due!

2026 DUE DATES



Questions: Kathleen Alger, Family Advocate

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2026 DUE DATES:

- ~~Jan 10~~
- ~~Feb 10~~
- ~~Mar 10~~
- ~~Apr 10~~
- ~~May 8~~
- ~~Jun 10~~
- ~~Jul 10~~
- ~~Aug 10~~
- Sept 10
- Oct 9
- Nov 10
- Dec 10

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

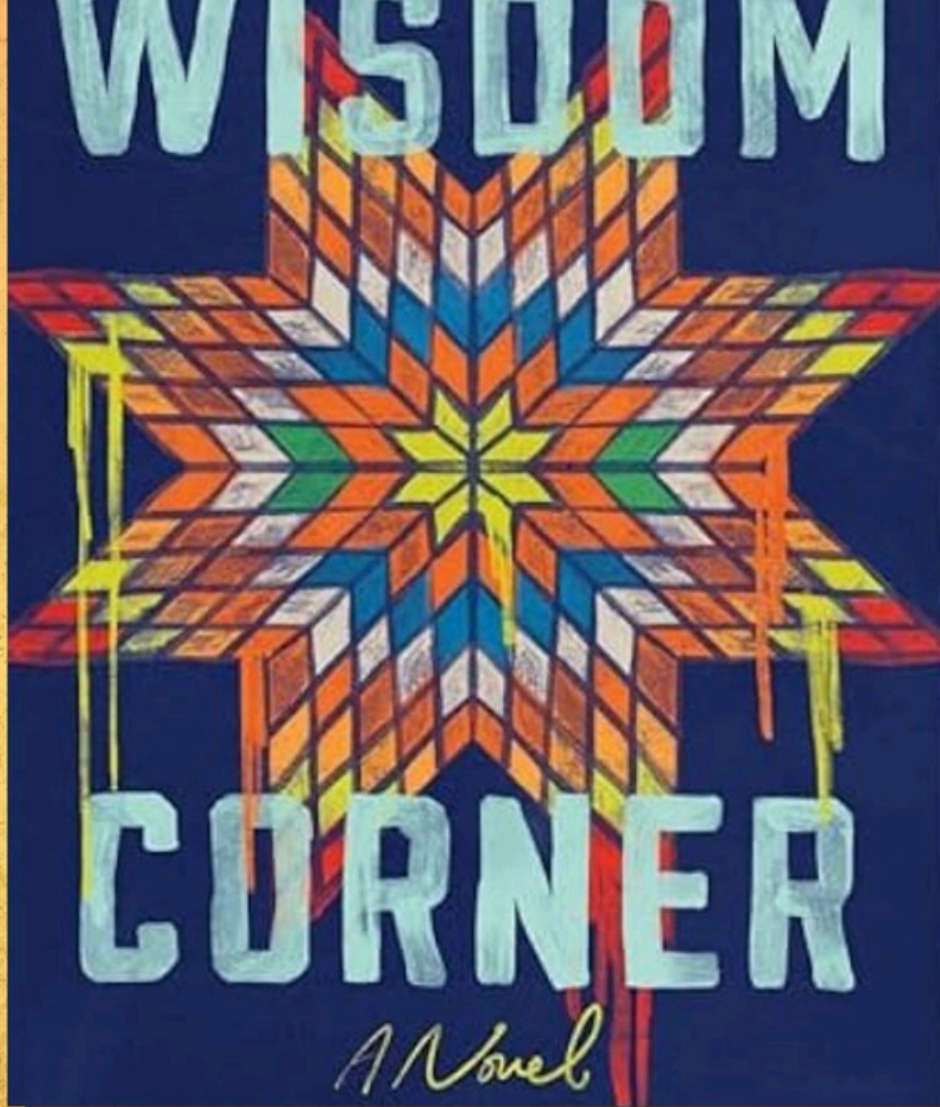
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DAVID HESKA WANBLI WEIDEN

Author of Winter Counts

WISDOM



CORNER

A Novel

ADULT VIRTUAL

BOOK
CLUB

Thursdays | 6 PM
Starting 3rd September
Books Provided

Contact Elise Carrasco to join:
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SUCCULENT PUMPKIN CENTERPIECE

Workshop

Tuesday, September 29th 11am-1pm

1401 W. Caldwell Ave. Visalia

- Learn Native uses for succulents
- Learn how to propagate succulents
- Create a beautiful fall centerpiece
- Lunch will be provided



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Family Formation by Language & Culture Enrichment



Wukchumni Language

Taught by: Jennifer Malone



Learn Wukchumni Language
while making a pinenut
necklace. Meal will be
provided.

Thursday's
September 3, 10, 17, & 24
4pm-6pm

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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, & §§ 450, et seq. see also 25 CFR 276-13 and other relevant laws.



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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.