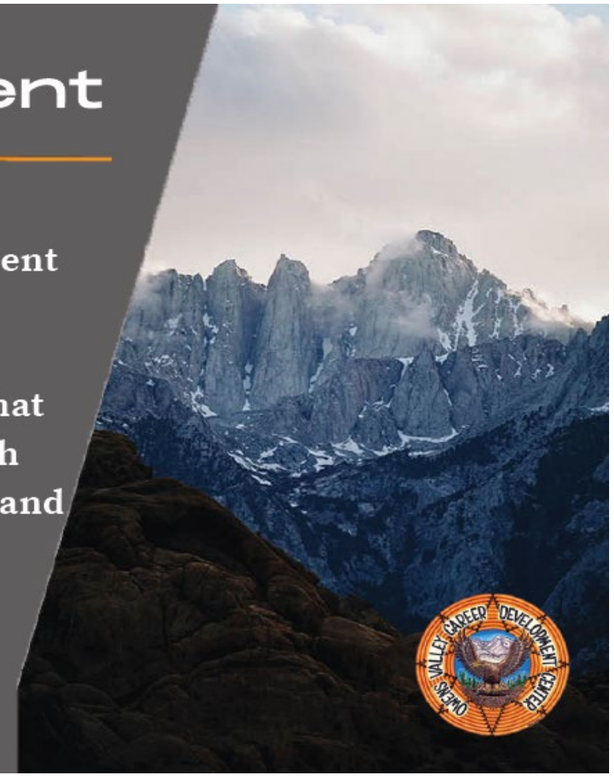
**Big Sandy Tribal TANF**

**Po Box 759**

**Auberry CA 93602**

## 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.**



# BIG SANDY TRIBAL TANF OCTOBER 2026

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**10/12 Indigenioous People's Day**

## REMINDER

## OFFICE CLOSED

**10/12 Indigenioous People's Day**

if you would like to receive newsletters through email or mail contact:
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# FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

**MER DUE DATE**
October 09, 2026

Updated Requirements For Any Support Service Outside The Normal Need:
When a budgeting class is needed for participants who are required to complete one for SSRs we can do one on ones, linked in, or collab with any virtual workshop being offered. If you have any questions please let me know thanks!
Couple Of Clarifications: If they are requesting more than 1 SSR they need to complete 1 budgeting class per request, if they have already received the once in a lifetime assistance for utilities they can submit again for the remaining portion up to the max limit.
ALL MERs are due no later than the 10th of the month and must be COMPLETE. MERs missing Work Participation sheets, * ALL paystubs which include Revenue/ Spend down, Income: child support, work check stubs, casino winnings, lotto, stimulus amounts and any other income unearned for the previous month and other required documentation will be considered incomplete and will cause your cash aid to be late or your case to close. All resources need to be reported its not counted against the grant but still needs to be reported on MER. If your MER is submitted incomplete, it will be MAILED BACK TO YOU and you will have to re-submit all documentation, resulting in late cash aid.
Support Service Request: DUE BY TUESDAY AT NOON (12PM)
Supportive Service Request Forms need to be filled out completely. You must state the reason you are asking for the request. You MAY NOT only write that you cannot afford it or you do not have the money. You must state the EXACT reason you are requesting the service. You must also complete the section asking if you have exhausted all available community resources. Please remember to fill out budget form completely on the back of each supportive service form, as well. If you do not fill out correctly, it will be denied and mailed back to you. Also no supportive services will be processed without your MER being submitted for that month. Remember, if submitted completely and correctly by Tuesday at 12:00pm, your supportive service requests will be processed that week. If approved, the checks will come the Friday of the following week. You may no longer pick up checks, all check will be mailed directly to you. Please note that any support service outside the normal request needs to be case staffed before purchase or service this includes reimbursements. Not all reimbursements will be fulfilled.
Please see support service example below:
I am requesting this assistance because:
I am working towards my self-sufficiency by going to school and work. I am in need of this service because it is assisting me with my barriers.

# FAMILY FORMATION THROUGH EDUCATION & WELLNESS

**Family Wellness through Acts of Kindness**
**Learn how acts of kindness, generosity, and community involvment can positively impact emotional wellness and family relationships.**

## TIE BLANKETS

**Family frienlldy activity that promotes connection, creavitivty and giving back.**

**October 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th**
**4:00pm - 7:00pm**
**BSR TANF Building**
**Open to community**

**For more information: Site Project Coordinator Alysha Orosco 559 855 7575 or aorosco@ovcdc.com**

# 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**

**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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FAMILY FORMATION THROUGH CULTURAL PRACTICES

FRESNO COUNTY LANGUAGE

# FAMILY HANDGAME SERIES

## OCTOBER 2026

*Join us!*

### *Cold Springs*

**Monday, Oct 5th**
**5pm-7 pm**
32861 Sycamore Road
Tollhouse, CA 93667

### *Big Sandy*

**Thursday, Oct 8th**
**5pm-7 pm**
37802 Jose Basin Rd.
Auberry, CA 93602

### *Fresno*

**Monday, Oct 26th**
**5pm-7 pm**
5070 N 6th St Ste 110
Fresno, CA 93710

NOCMCI YADOHA LANGUAGE PROGRAM

OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

COME LEARN AND PLAY
TRADITIONAL HANDGAME WITH US.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LANGUAGE SPECIALIST DEVIN JONES
DJONES@OVCDC.COM | 559-226-2880

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OWEN'S VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER
INVITES YOU TO JOIN
FAMILY FORMATION THROUGH HEALING MINDS WITH CULTURAL AWARENESS & LIFE SKILLS

# OCTOBER

## TUESDAYS

**OCT. 6: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**
WESTERN MONO GHOST STORY
-THE GIRL GHOST CRAFT

**OCT. 13: 5:30 PM -7:30 PM**
TRADITIONAL BELIEFS
-GHOSTS & AND THE AFTERLIFE

**OCT. 20: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**
WESTERN MONO GHOST STORY
-PURSUIT OF THE DEAD WIFE
-RECREATE A SCENE COLLAGE ACTIVITY

**OCT. 27: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**
JACK-O-LANTERN CARVING
(CALL TO SECURE YOUR SPOT)

## LOCATION

BIG SANDY TANF OFFICE
37802 JOSE BASIN ROAD
AUBERRY, CA 93602
FOOD PROVIDED

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MEETS TANF PURPOSE #4

OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

# 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 if one member of the household** meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school break fast 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 program.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

### 1

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

### 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**

FCC

# Owen's Valley Career Development Center Invites You to Join

## Pegnancy Prevention Through Cultural Education & Engagement

## October

### Thursdays

Food Provided

Oct. 1: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Western Mono Ghost Story

(Pursuit of the Dead Wife)

-Make your own Big Fish Piñata

Oct. 15: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Western Mono Ghost Story

(Pursuit of the Dead Wife)

-Make your own Big Fish Piñata continued

Location

Big Sandy TANF Office

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Owens Valley Career Development Center

Meets TANF Purpose #4

Family Formation Through Cultural Practices

Fresno County Language Presents

# JOURNALING IN OUR LANGUAGES

TUESDAY

## OCTOBER 20TH

4:30PM-6:30PM

5070 N SIXTH ST
SUITE #110,
FRESNO, CA 93710

Register now!

**Questions? Contact Language Specialist Devin Jones**
**559-226-2280 (ext. 194) | djones@ovcdc.com**

# OCTOBER 2026

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>SUSD FOOTHILL ELEMENTARY STORYTIME 9:30-11:00 AM | 2 |
| 5 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM | 6 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>NATIVE FAMILY ACADEMY 4:00-5:00PM | 7 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FATHERHOOD IS SACRED/MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED SESSIONS #5 & #6 11:00AM-12:30PM | 8 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FAMILY LIT. BSR CAP BOOK READ 4:00PM | 9 |
| 12 HOLIDAY | 13 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FAMILY LITERACY STORYTIME BSR EHS 11:00AM<br>BSR HEAD START 11:30AM | 14 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FATHERHOOD IS SACRED/MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED SESSIONS #7 & #8 11:00AM-12:30PM | 15 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM | 16 |
| 19 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM | 20 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>NATIVE FAMILY ACADEMY 4:00-5:00PM | 21 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FATHERHOOD IS SACRED/MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED SESSIONS #9 & #10 11:00AM-12:30PM | 22 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FAMILY LIT. BSR CAP BOOK READ 4:00PM | 23 |
| 26 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM | 27 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>CSR HOMEWORK PROGRAM COLLAB 3:30-5:00PM | 28 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM<br>FATHERHOOD IS SACRED/MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED SESSIONS #11 & #12 11:00AM-12:30PM | 29 ADULT EDUCATION 9:00AM -4:00PM | 30 |

**FRESNO COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM**

**BSR: OVCDC BIG SANDY**
**37389 AUBERRY**
**MISSION RD.**
**AUBERRY, CA 93602**

**CSR: OVCDC COLD SPRINGS**
**32535 SYCAMORE RD.**
**TOLLHOUSE, CA 93667**

**FRESNO**
**FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM**
**5070 N. SIXTH STREET #110**
**FRESNO, CA 93710**
**PHONE: 559-226-2880**

# October 202

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1 | 2<br>PP: Expanding the Circle 4pm – 6pm @ BSR TANF | |
| 4 | 5 | 6<br>FF: Healing Minds & Cultural Awareness 5:30pm–7:30pm@ BSR TANF | 7<br>FF: Education & Wellness 4pm – 7pm @ BSR TANF | 8<br>Preg Prev: Cultural Education 5-7pm BSR TANF | 9 | |
| 11 | 12<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 13<br>FF: Healing Minds & Cultural Awareness 5:30pm–7:30pm@ BSR TANF | 14<br>FF: Education & Wellness 4pm – 7pm @ BSR TANF | 15 | 16 | |
| 18 | 19 | 20<br>FF: Healing Minds & Cultural Awareness 5:30pm–7:30pm@ BSR TANF | 21<br>FF: Education & Wellness 4pm – 7pm @ BSR TANF | 22<br>Preg Prev: Cultural Education 5-7pm BSR TANF | 23 | |
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Services Departments

BSR Prevention Program

Fresno Family Literacy Program

Fresno County Language Program

Dates and Times are subject to change

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10/12 Indigenous People's Day

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