



# Dee-ni' Nuu-wee-ya'

## TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

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### PRESS RELEASE

Smith River, CA, November 2, 2020 – Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation was awarded a US Department of Education (DOE) FY2021-FY2025 federal grant to expand education options for American Indian and Alaska Native students. Native American youth in both Del Norte and Curry counties will be able to utilize the Accessing Choices in Education (ACE) grant to help select a variety of educational options and services, including additional course options, apprenticeships, tutoring and many other programs, from which parents and students can choose.

This grant was developed by the federal government to empower tribes to expand options for students, so they can then select the courses, services and on the job learning experiences that are the right fit for them.

The ACE grant funds are critical to both rural and urban tribal communities who are often faced with limited educational options. Activities will support culturally relevant career exploration, hands-on learning with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM), counseling and mentorships, family engagement, test preparation and skills development.

An ACE proposal was required to include more than one education option from which parents and students may choose, including; advanced, remedial, or elective courses (including online); apprenticeships or training programs ; concurrent or dual enrollment options; native language, history, or culture courses; supplemental counseling services; tuition; summer or afterschool education programs, and student transportation needed for those specific programs; and many other education related services that the tribe determines are needed in its community.

There will be opportunities for parent feedback process and response to parent requests for specific services not already offered throughout the project implementation. The grant covers three years of support with an additional two years of support available if the project is achieving objectives. The Tribal Education Department will utilize the 1<sup>st</sup> year as a planning period with students and parents to further define the project. During this planning period, personnel will be hired, secure providers to provide student options based on the parent feedback. The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is excited about the opportunities that this funding will bring to our Native youth.

**Tribal offices will close at noon on December 24, and be closed on December 25 in observance of Christmas. Tribal offices will be closed January 1, 2021 for New Year's Day. Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Council and Staff wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**



## MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL



L to R: Councilors Steinruck, Sullivan, McCallum, Thompson, Nelson, Boardman, Giovannetti

The Tribal Council wishes to extend everyone a *Xii-chuu-dvn Sri'-lhxvn* (Happy Solstice) and a prosperous New Year.

Please be safe during the holidays, and enjoy time with your family!



Administration Office Groundbreaking

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## Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

**Education Committee Meeting 5pm**  
Nii~li~ Me'ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino

**Indian Child Welfare Committee Meeting**  
Community and Family Services (ing)

**Regular Council Meeting 5:30pm**  
Howonquet (Xaa-wan')

**Natural Resources & Habitat**  
Nii~li~ Me'ne' Meeting 5pm

**Waa-tr'vslh-'a~**  
Nii~li~ Meeting 5pm

**Enrollment**  
(Closed Meeting) 1pm

**H**  
Meeting 5pm  
@ Lucky 7 Casino

**Meeting 5:30pm (dinner at 5:00pm)**  
quet (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Hall Community Center

**All Regularly scheduled tribal committee and Regular Tribal Council meetings are canceled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To exert and protect the inherent sovereignty endowed upon the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation to promote our tribal identity, and the wellbeing of our people, community, and environment by building a strong foundation, managing resources, and perpetuating our cultural lifeways and legacy.

# NEE-SAN-NUM-NII~-MA~S (OCTOBER) 2020 TRIBAL COUNCIL MOTIONS

## Nee-san-num-nii~-ma~s 8<sup>th</sup>

M/S/C (Boardman/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the consent agenda items: FIS-2020-065: COVID-19 Budget Modification, XHS-2020-092: COVID-19 Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Head Start (XHS) Operational Plan

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

M/S/C (Thompson/Boardman) 6-0-1 Motion to approve XHS Budget Modification

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

M/S/C (Nelson/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve letter to CA Housing & Community Development requesting project notifications.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

M/S/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Cal-Trans MOU for the T'uu-yaa~-sdvm-dvn (Dr. Fine Bridge) Project for Cultural Monitoring Services.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

M/S/C (Nelson/Sullivan) 6-0-0 Motion to approve letter to City of Crescent City and Del Norte County for the Me'slh-telh-dvn (Pebble Beach) Coastal Erosion Project.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: 0

M/S/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-0 Motion to approve letter to California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) for Sea Urchin Regulation.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: 0

M/S/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-0 Motion to approve FY2021 CAL-OES Underserved Grant Application and authorize Chairman's signature for all documents related to this application.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

## Nee-san-num-nii~-ma~s 22<sup>nd</sup>

MS/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve COU-2020-163: 8-20-20 Emergency Council Meeting Minutes by consent agenda.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Sullivan/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the five (5) job descriptions; HR-2020-155: CFS Project Coordinator Job Description; HR-2020-157: CFS Project Advocate Job Description; HR-2020-158: CFS Administrative Assistant I Job Description; HR-2020-159: CFS Administrative Assistant II Job Description; HR-2020-160: XHS Housekeeper-Disinfector Job Description – Modification with modifications as presented.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Boardman/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve L7E-2020-167: Third Quarter Incentive Pay for L7E staff totaling \$44,347.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Nelson/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the NR-2020-148: BIA Watershed Restoration Application

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Steinruck/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the NR-2020-149: BIA Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compliance Application to apply for \$120K.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Giovannetti/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the NR-2020-150: Da'-me' (Smith River Estuary) Copper Analysis Contract for \$18,150

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Boardman/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the NR-2020-151: Contract CT-1940-0905 Greenwired, Inc. Modification.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Thompson/Sullivan) 6-0-1 Motion to approve ADM-2020-162: Sheryl Steinruck DNCUSD School Board Endorsement with signage in designated areas of TDN properties.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum

MS/C (Sullivan/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve the ADM-2020-153: Smith River Fire Protection District Agreement with modifications not to exceed \$13K per year.

'Ay~: Thompson, Boardman, Steinruck, Giovannetti, Nelson, Sullivan Duu: 0 Xwee-la: McCallum



# TAA-LAA-WA DEE-NI' GENESIS AT YAN'-DAA-K'VT

Three of Them Existed. They were Thunder, Baby Sender and Daylight. They lived in the Sweathouse of Knowledge. It was very cold where they lived causing their saliva to run down. Food grew everywhere. It rained with golden berries. The ocean was choppy then. The land did not exist then. One day he got up, that Baby Sender. That's how the cold was chased away, it was so.

A first place like this he thought, "Now it will exist". "Yes". Daylight agreed. "First you open the sliding door now", Baby Sender instructed him. That is the way that daylight came into existence. "Those things you want shall exist", it was so. Daylight agreed, "Yes". Up there, that's the way it was so.

Outside he saw that the ocean did not exist. There was no place for them walk. "The first good world will exist." Before the ocean will exist he did expectorate. There he parted along under the water. Under the water the earth could be seen. Finally it's correct. This first place is at the center of the world, a correct first place. No humans existed then. Water only poured upon itself then, it was so.

"What is it that appears thus?" In the south whiteness reaches into the sky and the heavens. Daylight says, "I do not know what it is. It is a world for the humans I suppose." The first south wind came into sight. This ocean was newly attempting to exist then. Then from the south an expanse come forth at Yan'-daa-k'vt, it was so.

A first place slides forth. It did slide forth first. Only tracks were brought forth then. "There, look, the first land. Truthfully, something upon there will stand." Everything that exists will have budded forth. Every summer new flowers will bloom. Also the white redwood stands upon the expanse as it slid along. On this expanse tide will not return across it. From across this ocean waves rise up and push outwardly away. Long ago northward the land had slid through. That is the way this world was placed flat. The first land had slid through, it was so.

"They shall have everything those first ones. The first one I believe it to be. My new nephew will exist. Now everyone runs forth. The original ground for them existed. The expanse in the North spread there, it was so.

The salmon without skin did exist. He washes a good one by hand. "My nephew shall eat these ones." Into every fork of the river they all shall run. Thus they did evolve, it was so.

"You look at it. The first, they came upward everywhere!" The fowl swarmed. These sea fowl kept returning back. Every spring the geese already echoed as they returned, it was so.

Everyone runs. At the first bob cat romped upon the new earth. It was made first. Then first human was made, it was so.

Those first ones before the humans will have sickness. Those first ones with sickness were so made. For that, the one who made us, made Bob Cat first before us. It alone will be the pet one. For that the Quail too had

fluttered itself in the dust. This was first, before the human would have existed. Then the nephew will be ill with that, he who made us did believe. Before us Bob Cat was made first. It first, because of sickness, was sent for your protection. It was made first. That is the reason the Pet was sent first. For those reasons goodness will be made. I will send forth the generations for them. For that, I believe, I am named Baby Sender, it was so.

One day he dreamed of his child to come was dead. "Later, I suppose it will be that way." While clamming, all alone he cries there. One day many of the creations were being done away with. "Later, I suppose they will be done away with." While meditating, there his child was brought forth deceased. Those coming forth were deceased. "They I suppose were not correct." That is how those new ones came to exist, it was so.

Long ago Baby Sender saw The Widow had hid them all under the surf. Baby Sender poured Daylight's milk into the sea. Then in great truth the new ones came into existence. Then he built a fire. "Later my nephew will eat this way. Then they all came to be. In great truth the new ones came. Baby Sender said, "I talked about and they will talk about this." In great truth those new ones did come into existence, it was so.

A beautiful woman, First Woman was made. Baby Sender tells Daylight, "This woman will be your wife. You two will have many children. You will be the father of everyone." Baby Sender said, "I will be returning to the heavens", it was so.

First Woman gave birth to a son. Daylight tell his wife the history their creation and how Baby Sender sent them forth. First Woman and Daylight gave birth to sixteen children. Some of them live to the north. Some of them live to the south, it was so.

He has prepared everything. In the beginning they had everything. The Creator instructs them, "Pray for everything you need. I made everything. You are to keep it correctly. What you kill shall be for food only." It was so.

Thus this earth slid forth. A good earth did slide forth. "It is parted is parted in the north where I placed it." He said, "I am returning." Then he ascended unto the heavens. "You, your wife and your children, you all will speak differing languages. All of them will become different peoples. You two will be the ancestors of them all." It was so.

Northward no redwoods grow there. Only at the center of the Earth it came to be that the redwoods grow. Here at the center, the earth came first, the one who made us understands. There Our Maker thought the original center of the earth into existence, it is so.

To the south where the earth was place out, the redwoods do not grow there as well. This is the way the earth is it is kept in this era of time, it is so.



## WAA-TR'VSLH-'A~ (CULTURE/BELIEFS/THE WAY THINGS ARE KEPT)

**Nee-dash** is our religion. Nee-dash is the word for our **World Renewal Ceremony** and is also the verb for dance. Nee-dash is observed as one of our most sacred times of the year for our Taa-laa-wa Dee-ni' people. The purpose of Nee-dash is to acknowledge with gratitude in our hearts, good intentions in our actions and the past year's blessings through prayer, song, dance and food. Our community, our people, play a significant roll in making this ch'aa-may (medicine) for the next year to come. Our K'wii-daa-naa~ye' (Ancestors), our 'ee (land), our tvth-xvt (water), our ch'aa-winh-yvmh (prayers), our ch'aa-may yvslh-sri~ (dance leaders), our nee-dash-ne (dancers), our deeyn-ne (singers), our nat-tr'vsh-ne (regalia makers), our srvsr yvlh-sri-ne (wood gatherers), our sxii-xe (children), our 'vth-t'es-ne (cooks), our ch'ee-taa-ghe-naa-ghaa-ne (hunters) & yvlh-srii-ne (harvesters), xwii-naa-ghith-t'e (all of us) make the medicine. We do this in intentional effort, honor, respect, value & connection with our home, Mother Earth; all things, places and peoples.

The reason we hold Nee-dash is to celebrate, commemorate and reenact Xath-sri, the beginning of time, our Genesis, of how we came to be. Xii-chuudvn (Winter Solstice) signifies the end of the year (the shortest day of the year) and the beginning of the New Year. The Nee-dash occurs annually and lasted ten (10) days with the last day of the year and the beginning of the New Year. We would gather at Yan'-daa-k'vt, The Center of our World, to hold Nee-dash, today we nee-dash at Nii~lii~chvn-dvn. Holding a sacred space for Nee-dash was reclaimed in 1976 at Nii~lii~chvn-dvn by Day-sri Eunice Xash-wee-tes-na Henry-Bommelyn's effort of providing land to host Nee-dash for the value of all of our community. Day-sri Xash-wee-tes-na believed in our medicine and trusted in our community's healing by making a place to ensure its existence and fruition. Day-sri Xash-wee-tes-na was not only a believer and a lover but a doer, a model of true community-building. She was also key in our language restoration & maintenance efforts and community wellness approaches throughout her lifetime. Loren Me'-lash-ne Bommelyn, is our dance leader and was passed down this rite at a young age and through vigorous efforts, ancestral wisdom, and the creation of the dance grounds for Nee-dash, steadily practiced and maintained to present day.

Nee-dash also has a social function, if someone is ill and becomes well; celebrating life and wellness gives purpose for Nee-dash too. Nee-dash can be one night or more. There's two sides to Nee-dash, to bring humans back into Lhee-wi (balance). Xuu-chaa~me'-yvstlh-'an' (Dance House or *In-there-where-the-sacred-is kept*), is where we hold Nee-dash. During the first day

of winter, weather widely varies from cold and raining or frozen and snowing at times.

Nee-dash is performed in a dance line, male and female, alternating with males on the ends of the line. The male singers stand in the corner behind the line of dancers and the female singers sit behind the male singers. As the night progresses, the regalia gets more elaborate and beautiful in each round of dance. Men can represent by coming out at hunters, animals, and can bring the females out in front of the line. Prayers open up the ceremony and are shared throughout each song; reciting our gratitude and the purposes we hold this ceremony. Naa-yaa-k'vsh (The Happy Dance or *through there it's being pulled*) is the ending dance. It's key to pulling all the medicine in together that we have made for the New Year to come.

What you bring with you to Nee-dash, you bring with you to the New Year; so you bring your good heart, your good prayers, your good intentions and the sharing of good food in a good way.



**Tsinte, Daychines, Teexeeshe', Ch'vski**





# NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

## **Sudden Oak Death *Pythophthora ramorum* (*plant destroyer on branches*)**

This article is to provide a brief history and explanation of the pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, the cause of Sudden Oak Death. The common name Sudden Oak Death (SOD) refers to the apparent rapid decline and death of trees and plants affected by the pathogen. The pathogen, a fungus-like water mold, it reproduces like a fungus through spores and can be airborne or swim in water. It is detectable in plant materials, soil, water and air.

The pathogen was first identified in California, mainly in the San Francisco Bay area, in the mid 1990s. It was first detected in Oregon in 2003 in a nursery; since this time SOD is found in natural settings (outside of nurseries) in Curry County. Every coastal county between Curry County and Monterey County now have positive SOD infestations. Since 2004, early detection and monitoring has been conducted in Del Norte County and Humboldt Counties. Monitoring is conducted through vegetation surveys, stream sampling and aerial detection. Recently, Del Norte County had its first positive SOD detection along SR-197, between Hutsinpillar and Little Mill Creeks. This detection is a notable occurrence as Del Norte has been SOD free despite all surrounding counties having SOD. In addition, the strain of SOD detected in Del Norte County has been confirmed as the European or EU1 strain identified in Oregon nurseries, as opposed to the North American strain found throughout the rest of California. This is the first occurrence of this strain in the state of California.

While SOD is most notably associated with the mortality of Tan Oak trees, there are over 60 general and 120 varieties of susceptible species or host plants. These plants may host the pathogen but do not necessarily succumb to its affects.

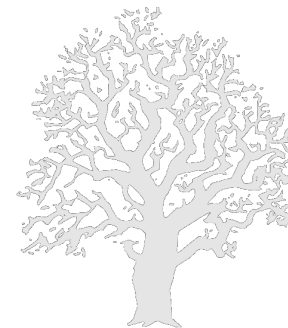
### **The following is a list of Regulated hosts and associated culturally important species.**

**(note– underlined plants are confirmed in Del Norte county)**

**Ortiz, BR. 2008. Contemporary California Indians, Oaks and Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*). In: MerenlenderA, McCreary D, Purcell KL, (tech. eds) Proceedings of the sixth California oak symposium: Today's challenges, tomorrow's opportunities. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-GTR-217. Albany, CA: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, pp 39–56.**

Efforts to eradicate SOD can range in variety depending on the type and location of the infestation. There is still a lot that is unknown about SOD. The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation is collaborating with local, state and federal agencies to eradicate, monitor and become more informed on SOD. In November efforts to eradicate the isolated SOD infestation in Del Norte County were undertaken. SOD will continue to be monitored in all affected areas. We encourage tribal citizens to educate yourselves on SOD and be aware of how you can help reduce the spread of SOD. The following resources are available for more information on SOD:

- Western Regional IPM Work Group:  
<http://westernipm.org/index.cfm/center-projects/project-websites/tribal-work-group/>
- Tribal Gatherers Best Management Practices:  
<https://www.suddenoakdeath.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/tribal-guide-7-06-with-new-2014-map.pdf>
- Journal of Forestry 2017 article of tribal and non-tribal viewpoints:  
[https://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/frankel/psw\\_2017\\_frankel001\\_alexander.pdf](https://www.fs.fed.us/psw/publications/frankel/psw_2017_frankel001_alexander.pdf)
- P. ramorum resistance and cultural resources:  
<https://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/pdfplus/10.1094/PHYTO-04-18-0142-R>
- North Coast Resources:  
[http://cehumboldt.ucanr.edu/Programs/Forestry/Sudden\\_Oak\\_Death/](http://cehumboldt.ucanr.edu/Programs/Forestry/Sudden_Oak_Death/)
- California Oak Mortality Task Force  
<https://www.suddenoakdeath.org>



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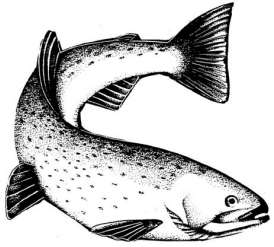
Bigleaf maple  
**California bay**  
California black oak  
California buckeye  
California coffeeberry  
California honeysuckle  
California maidenhair fern  
Canyon live oak  
Casara  
Coast live oak  
Coast redwood  
Douglas-fir  
**Evergreen huckleberry**

False Solomon's seal  
Five-fingered fern/western maidenhair fern  
Inside-out flower  
Madrone  
Parry manzanita  
Rhododendron/azalea  
Shreve's oak  
**Tanoak**  
Toyon  
Trillium  
Western star flower  
Western viburnum  
Wood rose

#### **ASSOCIATED PLANT SPECIES:**

White fir  
Grand fir  
Red fir  
Blueblossom ceanothus  
California hazelnut  
Pacific yew  
Poison oak  
Salal  
Salmonberry  
Spicebush  
Sweet cicely  
**Red huckleberry**

# NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



A lack of current fisheries information for Lopez Creek initiated a brief survey of the stream by Habitat and Wildlife Program staff on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The purpose of the survey was to conduct an investigation to assess what type of fish species are currently present in Lopez Creek. Although Iha'-xwas-t'i (small trout) are frequently observed in Lopez Creek they cannot be identified to species unless they are captured and visually identified.

Although Coastal Cutthroat Trout are not a state or federally listed species they are considered a species of special concern by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The reason they are considered a species of special concern is because California is at the southern end of the species' range and they live in relatively few watersheds.

The presence of Coastal Cutthroat Trout in Lopez Creek is an indicator that the aquatic habitat in Lopez Creek is in good condition.



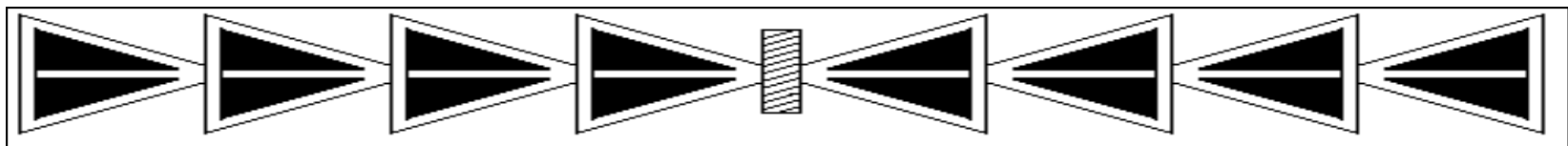
The largest Coastal Cutthroat Trout that was captured during sampling.



Fish sampling by Jennifer Jacobs and Jimmy Faulkner.

Sampling took place in two pools upstream of the Oceanview Drive Bridge. Seventeen fish were captured and they were all identified as Coastal Cutthroat Trout.

However, lack of flow during the summer and fall especially during drought years is likely the biggest future threat for Coastal Cutthroat Trout in Lopez Creek.





# XAA-WAN'K'WVT EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

**Shu' shaa nin-la to all the families that came to Trunk-or-Treat!**

***New Parent Policy and Parent Committee Members:  
WE NEED YOU!***

We need a Parent Policy Council!  
If you are interested in gaining experience with policy writing and understand Head Start Please Let Tarra, Diana or Susan Know!  
***Meeting Times are the 1st Friday of every month 8:30—9:30 am.***  
All Parents are always welcome to attend all meetings unless otherwise noted.





## 2020 Winter Family Activity

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to have an in-person winter event (previously Christmas party); however, in honor of the winter season, CFS is providing families with the opportunity to pick up a kit with activities families can complete together to promote family engagement.

Who: Families who have children in the household 0-13 years of age and reside in the 5 county service area (Coos, Curry, Del Norte, Humboldt, and Josephine) may apply. Families must fill out the application to be considered. If your family is approved to receive a kit, you will be notified by CFS staff of the pick up date and location.

### Application Information:

Platform: Survey Monkey (link below)  
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YKQNF35>)  
(link will be posted on Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation website as well as on social media)

Link Active: November 14, 2020 at 8:30 am

Link Close: December 4, 2020 at 5:00 pm

If you have questions or need assistance with the application, contact Monica at 707-487-3183

This project is brought to you by a collaboration of: Child Care Development Fund (award number:21TJCACCF), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Native American Child Advocacy Program.



## 2020 Winter Youth Activity

Due to COVID-19, winter youth activities will not be in person. Kits will be provided to qualifying youth to complete at home.

An application will need to be completed for your child or children to be considered for participation. CFS staff will contact you if your child or children are approved to participate and will be given the date the kit can be picked up. There are limited kits available.

*Who: Youth Ages 7 – 13 years*

(residing in the 5 county service area: Coos,  
Curry, Del Norte, Humboldt and Josephine)

*Application Information:*

Platform: Survey Monkey (link below):

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PJGVXSQ>

(link will be posted on Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation website as well as on social media)

*Link Active: December 14, 2020 at 8:30 am*

*Link Close: December 31, 2020 at 5:00 pm*

If you have questions or need assistance with the application, contact Monica at 707-487-3183

This project is brought to you by: Child Care Development Fund (award number: 21TJCACCDF), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Native American Child Advocacy Program.



# Seeking Cultural Consultants!!!

Do you have a traditional skill such as regalia making, dress making, drum making, storytelling, gambling, food preparation, etc.?

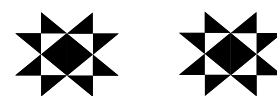
Are you looking for a way to make extra money?

Have you been thinking about ways you can share your culture and/or skills with the community?

Are you interested in teaching youth about cultural practices?

Community & Family Services is looking for cultural consultants who are willing to contract with us to provide cultural activities for our youth!

Contact Monica at 707-487-3183 for information on becoming a cultural consultant.





# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

## MOBILE BANKING AND ONLINE PAYMENT TIPS

More and more frequently, consumers are using their mobile devices for online banking, payments, and shopping. We can now check our bank account balances, deposit a check using a mobile device's camera, pay bills, transfer money between friends, and make purchases directly on our mobile devices. However, since these activities require users to provide sensitive personal information such as their names, account numbers, email addresses, and passwords, it is important to weigh the perceived benefits and potential risks associated with mobile payments and banking.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- More than half of adults (51 percent) bank online and 32 percent of adults bank online from their mobile device.
- Young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 years old are leading the mobile banking trend, with 54 percent banking on their mobile devices.
- 22 percent of all mobile phone owners have made a mobile payment, up from 15 percent in 2012.

### SIMPLE TIPS

Follow these tips when using mobile devices for online banking, payments, and shopping:

- Use stronger authentication. Always opt to enable stronger authentication when available, especially for accounts with sensitive information including your email or bank accounts.
- Make strong and complex passwords. Create a password with 8 characters or more and a combination of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Use unique passwords. Use different passwords for different programs, accounts, and devices. By having multiple passwords, even if attackers do get one of your passwords, they will not have access to all of your accounts. Do not choose options that allow your device to remember your passwords.
- Check your account statements regularly. Review your banking, credit card, or payment service statements regularly to ensure there are no unauthorized charges or withdrawals.

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Services are still being provided by the Enrollment Department during the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Enrollment applications are available upon request, by phone or email. We will need the name and birthdate of the applicant, as well as the address the application is to be mailed to.
- Enrollment applications are being reviewed by Enrollment Committee members, following social distancing protocols. The applications are then forwarded to Tribal Council for approval.
- Membership Certifications (enrollment verifications) are available, and can be mailed or emailed.
- Proof of residence for DMV renewal are available. Please call or email the Enrollment Department for more information. All forms will be mailed to you when completed.
- Mailing address/name changes: if your mail is returned Undeliverable, your address is deleted from our system until you contact the Enrollment Department with an updated address. Please provide your physical address and phone number as well. Also list any minor Tribal Citizens living in your home. The form is available on the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation website. To change your name (marriage, divorce or legal name change) in our system, we will need a copy of the legal document stating the change. We cannot change your information without the document.

Thank you,  
Theresa Ferrer-Enrollment Specialist

140 Rowdy Creek Road  
Smith River, CA 95567  
(707) 487-9255 ext. 1120  
Fax (707) 487-0930

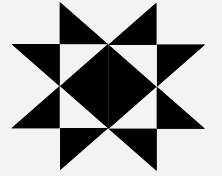
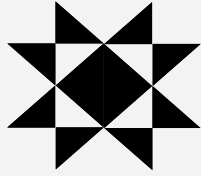
The following Citizens have no address on file with the Enrollment Department. Call, email, or mail current address to Tribal Office.

**Sami Criteser**  
**Samuel Hendrickson**  
**Amy Idol**  
**John D. Lopez Jr.**

# CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Are you in need of assistance in paying for child care?

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) eligibility is based on income and family size, children who meet the definition of Indian child, and parent(s) who have a qualifying need (see below for each category)



### Income & Family Size

Family Size	Max Gross Monthly Income
1 or 2	\$6,286
3	\$6,826
4	\$7,904
5	\$9,169

Families at the max monthly income will pay a co-pay of \$125 for part-time care or \$250 for full-time care (monthly). Co-pays are determined based on income and family size.

**Contact Monica Calvillo at  
707-487-9255 ext. 1191  
for more information**

### Definition of Indian Child

#### \* **Curry County:**

A child from 0-13 of an enrolled tribal citizen of a federally recognized tribe OR a child (by blood, court decree, or marriage) of an enrolled tribal citizen of a federally recognized tribe

#### \* **Del Norte and Humboldt Counties:**

A child from 0-13 who is an enrolled tribal citizen of TDN OR a child from 0-13 of an enrolled tribal citizen (by blood, court decree, or marriage) of a TDN citizen

### Qualifying Need

- \* Attending a job-training program
- \* Attending an educational program
- \* Attending an intensive substance abuse program
- \* Employment  
(may include job search activities)



# CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH POSTER COMPETITION

## April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month

In order to engage Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (TDN) families in thinking proactively about child abuse awareness issues and how they can have an impact on preventing child abuse, Community & Family Services (CFS) is hosting a poster contest. The contest will begin **October 1, 2020** and run through **January 31, 2021**.

All qualifying posters will be on display at the North CFS office until the judging is complete.

The winning posters will be displayed at TDN locations and enterprises during the month of April as well as placed in the newsletter and on the CFS Facebook Page.

Theme: "See Something, Say Something"

### Contest Rules:

1. Posters must have a positive message and illustrate how children can bring awareness to child abuse
2. Any kind of art can be used in poster design: crayon, paint, pencil, and marker
3. Suggested poster size 11" x 14"
4. Contest entry and poster must be received prior to deadline in order to qualify
5. Originals must be submitted – pictures of artwork will not be accepted
6. No professional or copyrighted images or materials
7. Open to TDN Tribal children in grades K-7 who reside in Curry, Del Norte, and Humboldt counties
8. Two groups will be judged: grades K-4 and grades 5-7
9. Entry deadline: **January 31, 2021**
10. Contest entry forms may be mailed, faxed (number above), or emailed
11. Entry forms must be complete and signed by both the parent/guardian and participant
12. Qualifying participants will receive a child abuse awareness t-shirt

Contest winners will be notified no later than February 15, 2021 and announced in the March newsletter.

Original posters may be mailed to or turned in at:

North CFS Office  
ATTN: Monica Calvillo  
16299 US HWY 101 N  
Smith River, CA 95567

Questions, contact Monica at 707-487-9255 ext. 1191 or monica.calvillo@tolowa.com



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation  
Community & Family Services  
16299 US HWY 101 N, Smith River CA 95567

### Child Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Entry

October 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021  
Phone: (707) 487-9255 ext. 1191 Fax: (888) 886-4306

### Participant Information

Child Name (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting my poster to Community & Family Services (CFS), I hereby agree that my poster will be displayed or utilized to bring awareness to child abuse by CFS. I further understand that my poster will be placed in the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation newsletter. I understand that any materials selected for awards become property of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SAMPLE**

## TOLOWA DEE-NI' TANF PROGRAM (TDTP)

**Tribal TANF is an assistance program for American Indians and Alaska Natives which provides cash aid and supportive services to eligibility needy children and families.**

**The goal is to help families achieve self-sufficiency through education, career development, training, employment and temporary financial assistance.**

**Tribal TANF services available under the TDTP include the following assistance, services and benefits:**

- **Monthly Cash Aid Assistance**
- **Transitional Services**
- **Diversion Services**
- **Prevention Services**
- **Non-Recurrent Short Term Benefits**



Community and Family Services

Tolowa Dee-ni Nation

**Call Community & Family Services to find out if you qualify:**

**(707) 487-9255 ext. 1128**

# COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

## CFS Staff Locations:

- 110 W First Street  
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program  
Substance Abuse Counseling (located in modular)
- 16299 US HWY 101 N  
Family Services  
TANF  
Tribal Services – burial, elder emergency assistance, general assistance, medical assistance, catastrophic emergency

## You may be eligible for some of the following programs:

### Burial Assistance:

#### Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens

- There is a max allowance of \$3,500 for assistance. **IF**, there are funds left over, the remaining balance may be awarded to an heir, or next of kin to the deceased.

### Catastrophic Emergency Assistance:

#### Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Payment may be provided to individuals or families who suffer fire, flood, or other destruction of their home and loss or damage to personal possessions. TDN will make payments only for essential needs and other non-medical necessities.
  - ◊ TDN Citizen must be 18 years and older
  - ◊ Primary residence of the applicant, provide verification
  - ◊ Primary residence is within the 5 county service area
  - ◊ Apply within two (2) weeks of home disaster

### Elder Emergency Assistance:

#### Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Completed and accepted applications will be eligible for a maximum allowance of \$500 per calendar year, to use towards an emergency situation. Requests should be discussed with CFS staff before purchase of any items to allow us to verify the need for a replacement item. If an elder purchases fuel or similar items and wishes to apply for reimbursement, this must be within two (2) weeks of purchase.

### General Assistance:

#### Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Provides financial assistance to eligible Tribal Citizens with a goal

to increase self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through specific steps an individual will take to increase independence as outlined in his/her Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (ISP)

\*May receive up to three (3) months of assistance per calendar year.

**Medical Assistance** (includes hospitalization, medical travel and consecutive/long-term therapy):

#### Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens

Medical Assistance Grant Awards, annual maximum allowance shall not exceed \$750.

- \$75 for trips one-way from 50 - 199 miles, or \$150 for trips one-way from 200 + miles, from a Tribal Citizens home.
- Payments are not made retro actively; Tribal Citizens have the responsibility to request assistance prior to appointment date, or in the case of an emergency, ten (10) business days of the appointment.
- Hospitalization Assistance: Available for members or their spouse who are hospitalized. Members or their spouses are eligible for \$100 a day after a verified hospitalization of three (3) consecutive days; up to, and not to exceed, \$1,000 for inpatient treatment. Limited to one per calendar year per member.
- Consecutive Treatment/Long Term Therapy: available for certain life threatening conditions including, but not limited to, cancer, renal failure, neurological disorders and coronary heart disease. Limited to one per calendar year per member.

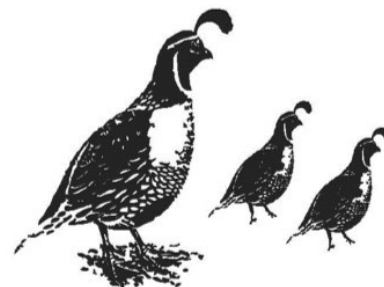
### NCIDC LIHEAP- Energy Assistance: Contact Monica Calvillo

#### Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in Del Norte or Humboldt County ONLY

- Tribal Citizen must complete an NCIDC LIHEAP application and submit information specified on application; along with energy bill.
- NCIDC will verify information, approve or deny request.

**\*\*\*Due to COVID-19 Social Distancing regulations, you may be able to submit applications to CFS via phone or email. Contact Monica for more information at 707-487-3183.**

**Please remember that all programs are here to assist members in a time of need AND are made possible with available funding.**



# COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

## Family Services

Family Services continues to provide services during the ongoing pandemic. We are moving forward with various projects such as:

**Kinship Navigator:** a program to offer information, referral, and follow-up services to grandparents and other relatives raising children to link them to the benefits and services that they or the children need. We have acquired Kindles we can loan to relative caretakers for use during this difficult era. If you feel that your families may benefit from the loan of a Kindle, please contact Natalie Mallatt at (707) 487-9255, Ext. 1403.

**Mental Health and Substance Abuse during the pandemic.** The Substance Abuse Program has resources available for services during this pandemic era. We now have some resources to assist. If you know anyone who is struggling with their addiction or drinking we are here to help. We are an anonymous program and are here to help those who have been struggling through this pandemic. Please call our program at 707-487-9255 ext. 1195 for Michael Harling and ext. 1172 for Kathleen Daignault.

**Multidisciplinary Teams:** The MDT project is helping us develop better responses for children, families and adults who are crime victims by creating MDTs and holistic case plans with victim advocacy. We have completed a series of staff training that from the National Indian Child Welfare Association (Working with Substance Abusing Families, Child Protective Teams and Forensic Interviewing); National Native Child Trauma Center (Trauma Informed Case Management); "Being a Good Relative: An Old Path Toward Trauma Informed Care" presentation by the Indian Country Child Trauma Center. The MDT meets every week.

**Positive Indian Parenting-** CFS is working with the National Indian Child Welfare Association to develop a program for

Tolowa families that is two-fold: Group Parenting Classes and Individual One to One Coaching. PIP focuses on traditional and culturally specific parenting practices and values. We will explore attitudes in a variety of traditional child-rearing ways and apply them to values and challenges of modern parenting skills. We are working with the National Indian Child Welfare Association to develop a "parent coach" approach to working with families one to one. If you need more information, please contact Tara Lopez-Eck at (707) 487-9255, Ext. 1216.

**Child Victim Advocacy Project** is continuing to provide services virtually and telephonically through the COVID-19 pandemic. We provide services include Crisis Support- emergency food, clothing and shelter assistance. Transportation, medical accompaniment, and assistance with completing agency forms; Criminal Justice Support- court and appointment accompaniment, transportation, advocacy on behalf of the child victim, and crisis intervention. Culturally-centered therapies- art therapy, and peer support to promote resiliency and emotional healing and wellness. Cultural youth group activities provided by contracted cultural specialists- regalia making, practices and protocols, storytelling, and language, just to name a few. Ongoing case management- safety planning, identification of resources available to the victim, counseling, referral and support advocacy. For more information please contact Tara Lopez-Eck at (707) 487-9255, Ext. 1216.

**Behavioral Health Services:** We recently received a grant from the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Victim Crime to reduce the effects of historic and personal trauma by helping adults, children and families stabilize parent-child relations and increase involvement of the community through mental health services and wellness activities. We are currently in Phase 1 of implementation.

## SHU'-AA-XUU-DVN (IN A GOOD WAY PLACE)

The Shu'-aa-xuu-dvn Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program continues to serve community members during COVID-19 Public Health guidelines. The doors to our office location remain closed to the public at this time. The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique challenges for domestic violence survivors, including intensified isolation and additional barriers to accessing support and resources.

Despite these challenges, our department is committed to helping our community through this stressful time. We are excited to report an increase in staffing to help meet community demand. Our department is also working hard to increase virtual services for 2021. We are investing in and implementing technology to help our staff provide services under all public health guidelines.

Currently, we are running the following services:

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Crisis Line: (707) 487-3175

- \* Peer Counseling
- \* Legal Advocacy
- \* Life Skills/Budgeting
- \* Housing Advocacy
- \* Emergency Shelter
- \* Emergency Supplies
- \* Community Referrals

Please call (707) 487-9255 for more information.

Zak'ry Conger  
Program Manager  
zakry.conger@tolowa.com



Community and Family Services

Tolowa Dee'ni Nation



# HOWONQUET(XAA-WAN'-K'WVT ) ELDER NUTRITION CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Beef and Noodles	2 Sack Lunch	3 Chicken Pot Pie	4 Breakfast
7 Vegetable Alfredo Pasta	8 Elk Gravy over Steamed Potato	9 Lentil Soup	10 Sack Lunch	11 Meatloaf
14 Bean and Cheese Burrito	15 Spaghetti	16 Potato Chowder	17 Chicken Fiesta	18 Holiday Luncheon
21 Chili Relleno	22 Beans W/ Bacon	23 Sack Lunch	24 HOLIDAY	25 HOLIDAY
28 Ravioli	29 Fish and Chips	30 Split Pea Soup	31 Baked Chicken	

**\*\*\*\*Lunch by delivery only until further notice in response to COVID-19 pandemic. \*\*\*\***

**Suggested donations:**  
Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free)      Under 55, \$7

**Reserve Lunch @ [707-487-0215](tel:707-487-0215) press option 3**

**Nee-san-naa-xee-ch'aa-ta Num-nii~ma~s**

## Maa~-xush-ghalh Sri'-lhxvn (Birthday Happy) Nee-san-naa-xee ch'aa-ta Num-nii~ma~s (December)

Kimberly Aldape	Noella Essex	Tyler Johnson	Kris Moorehead	Iris Smith
Ashton Allen	Cole Estrada	Brannan Jones	Hanna Mouser	Sharon Smith
Michael Austin	Alvina Fairchild	Dean Jones	Maggi O'Brien	Gabrielle Solomon
Maximus Baines	Whitley Fouts	John Jones	Kristina O'Loughlin	Phillip Sullivan
Guy Balcom	Nellie Fox	Marva Jones	Zachary Olds	Scott Sullivan
Will Baldrige	Felicia Fugate	Michael Jones	Kaydence Owen	Cheryl Templer
Gary Batini	Sierra Fullam	Trevion Jones	Amanda Parke-Duncan	Jason Thomas
Karen Bimemiller	Abaline Gardner	Lorena Joy	Lucinda Parras	Harold Thornton
Megan Boardman	Ty Ann Gary	Garison Kamisky	Nicco Parras	Tyler Travis
Anna Boatsman	Cheantel Gernert	Landon Kamisky	Holly Pittman	Marlee Tribur
Andrea Bravo	Vancha Gilkey	Terile Keevil	Jacob Rader	Alvin Tripp, Sr.
Andrew Bravo	Everly Giovannetti	Kaitlin Kendall	Marissa Ram	Chvn-was-na Tuttle
Seaira Brundin	Steven Gochanour, Sr.	Kevin Kennedy III	Robin Rasmussen	Arden Upton
Esperanza Calderon	Leon Gochanour	Ethan Kennedy	Jesse Richards III	Laura Valley
Kourtney Cari	Thomas Gochanour	Ezekiel Kirby	Marvin Richards, Jr.	Olivia Valley
Mya Carpenter	Paz Gomez	Tasheena Kirby	Elijah Richards	Shane Vistalli-Alvarado
Makayla Chapman	Lynne Gonzalez	Jaz Leddy	Emma Richards	Tina Whipple-Hall
Zackary Chapman	Heather Griffin	Iven Lemmon	Laurene Richards	Remi White
Jalissa Cole	Arnold Hempel	Amee Lopez	Rocky Richards	Brayden Wilber
Christy Crawford	Elizabeth Hernandez	Richard B. Lopez	See-lhsrik Richards-Davis	Adaline Williams
Stormy Criner	Cheyenne Hinshaw	Robert N. Lopez	Braquel Roberts	Adie Wilson
Timothy Criteser	Wesley Hinshaw	Shalawn Lopez	Ricardo Rojas	Skylar Windham
Aleena Dass	Arianna Hooper	Vernon Losh II	Jess Sanders	Treyvon Wolfe-Easley
Devry Davis	Nicholas Husted, Jr.	Daniel McCann	Frances Schriver	Kyley Workman
Kalynn Davis	Angel Idol	Elise McClung	Philbert Seshier	Jennifer Zeman
Kalaya Davis-Bodenstab	Elody James	Mitchel McKuhn	Katrina Simpson	
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# CH'EE-NVK-T'I (ANNOUNCEMENTS)

You did it!  
*Congratulations*



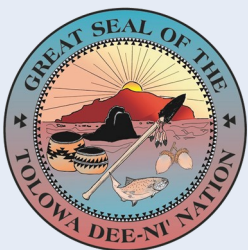
**Emily Rose Reed**

**Bachelor of Science, Business  
Human Resource  
Management**

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Employment opportunities are available at Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and Lucky 7 Casino. Please call or go online for more information.**

**To download a Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation employment application: [www.tolowa-nsn.gov/employment/](http://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/employment/)**



### **Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation**

Human Resources  
140 Rowdy Creek Road  
Smith River, CA 95567  
Phone 707-487-9255  
Fax 888-468-0134  
Email [HR@tolowa.com](mailto:HR@tolowa.com)



### **Lucky 7 Casino**

Human Resources  
350 North Indian Road  
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Email [employment@lucky7casino.com](mailto:employment@lucky7casino.com)

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