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INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA, INC.

Formed in 1968 to address cultural preservation, education, health, social and economic justice for tribal people, the Inter-Tribal Council of California (ITCC) is a 501 (c), (3), non-profit association of 50 small tribes throughout California. Each tribe by tribal government resolution has a representative in the General Council, which is the governing body for the ITCC. The General Council elects from its delegation, a five member, Board of Directors that provides oversight and accountability for the administration of programs and services operated by the ITCC. This structure ensures that tribal communities are represented by providing input to the planning, developing, and maintaining programs and services of the ITCC.

For 50 years ITCC has been administering programs and services and assisting tribes in the development

and provision of services and programs such as: Child Care Centers, cultural and language preservation, alcohol/drug prevention and education, domestic violence services and prevention, emergency management planning, economic development/planning and development functions supporting tribal community development. The association engages in various levels of networking, collaborating, leveraging resources and participating health care services at federal, state, county, community and tribal communities throughout California.



ITCC 25th REUNION

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Family Violence Prevention & Services Program



Paiute Northern Traditional Dancers

Currently our Family Violence Prevention & Service Program (FVP&SP), has five regional satellite offices with locations in **Crescent City, Fresno, Santa Rosa, Redding and Sacramento**, with a tribal membership of 28 tribes who have come together to put an end to Domestic Violence within tribal communities.

The FVP&SP of ITCC provides emergency service provisions for victims for domestic violence, sexual abuse, dating violence and stalking. Those services provisions include emergency food, clothing and shelter, accompaniment and transportation to court/legal, medical, social services and advocacy with other victim service programs or providers. The FVP&SP

also provides education and outreach within tribal communities on topics surrounding violence prevention, as well as trainings for non-tribal service providers in an effort to strengthen the resources and services that are available for Native Americans.

Advocates from each regional satellite office provide meetings/trainings for their area's Tribal Task Force Members. The FVP Task Force Members and Alternates are designated by their Tribal council to be the liaison between ITCC and their communities. During these meetings local resources and services are shared with the Task Force Mem-

bers. The Task Force Members play a vital role in identifying the needs of their community, which in return assist the FVP&SP Advocate as she provides the necessary resources within those communities

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Native American Training and Services Program

This program was recently funded by California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA), for the purpose of providing statewide "Cultural Competency" trainings for non-tribal victim service providers and Tribal Health Clinics in an effort to enhance and strengthen resources and services delivered to Native American victims of family/ domestic violence.

ITCC has assembled a team of subject matter experts to advise and guide us in the development and implementation of this project. We have begun conducting

the regional trainings in the following counties identified by CalEMA: **Lake, Siskiyou, Inyo/ Mono, Riverside and San Diego.**

Prior to each of the regional trainings, we conduct focus group sessions to assess the unique needs and challenges of the Native American communities that live within each specific area. This process ensures that the regional trainings for the non-tribal service providers' address the needs that are specific to the

tribal communities in which they are servicing. This is also an opportunity to identify the best practices or programs that are available within tribal communities, in an effort to strengthen the relationships and enhance service delivery within each location.

The trainings will include the key elements that our expert panel and communities have identified as being essential for cultural competency components for non-tribal service providers. We will include breakout sessions for law enforcement, victim service providers, social service programs and non-tribal staff from Native Health Centers.



Improving the quality, quantity and affordability of childcare for tribal families.



Tribal Child Care Association of California-

The Tribal Child Care Grantees have banded together to form the Tribal Child Care Association of California (TCCAC). The goal of the association is to have our website up and running by the end of the month as host pages on the Facebook and Twitter social networking websites.

Child Care & Development Fund Highlights 2010

Child Care & Development Fund Roundtable-

TCCAC was created as a result of roundtable meetings with the State Department of Education, Child Development Division, the Administration for Child & Families Region IX and Tribal Grantees of the Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) of California.

Early Literacy Kit and California Tribal Alphabet Book-

ITCC is developing an early literacy kit for preschoolers to first graders. The main component of the reading kit is the Native American Alphabet book containing coloring pages of topics unique to California Tribal people and tips for caregivers in teaching children to read. We awarded \$500.00 to the contest winner of the artwork that will be the book's cover. Congratulations to nine-year old Brooke Breland.

Water Bond

The Inter-Tribal Water Commission cites challenging limitations of the Water Bond.

Why?

1. **The water bond was written without Tribal inclusion.**
2. **Language excludes "Tribes" from eligibility criteria.**
3. **Tribes Water Rights will be excluded again through this conveyance.**

Construction for existing and new proposed dams and reservoirs will entitle private ownership to individuals that can afford to buy those senior rights. Tribes will not have the opportunity to secure water bond money to develop strategies to access to water, address lack of

sustained water for fish and forestry, traditional cultural uses, potable water, etc.

The new proposed canal will destroy historical Tribal villages and sacred burial sites.

The Department of Water Resources and their private contractors believe that "No Indians" have ever lived in the Delta, which now they are testing for the new canal. They are not following Section 106 or CEQA requirements including Tribal participation.

The water bond will raise the cost of residential and Tribal business water rates in California. The passage will further the privatization of federal, state and local government

waters, again leaving out Tribal Water Rights!

Tribes will continue to be left out of the environmental process, which includes Floodsafe, thereby excluding water for wild salmon.

To date, the federal and state governments have not lived up to the original Central Valley Project (CVP) agreements to Tribes. The stranglehold of junior water rights handlers as Westland and Metropolitan Water Districts will be elevated to senior water rights. Again, this excludes **Tribal Water Rights.**

*The water bond language will **FOREVER** eliminate Native programs funded through the state.*

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Showcase: Dr. Donna Miranda-Begay

Dr. Begay is a member of the Tubatulabals of Kern Valley as well as an alternate on the Board of Directors for the Inter-Tribal Council of California. One major project Dr. Begay has been actively involved with is the California Central Valley Environmental Justice Transportation Project (CCVEJP). This project was designed specifically for people of color, who needed to address the inequity of environmental protection services in their communities. Grounded in the struggles of the 1960's civil rights movement,

these citizens from every facet of life, emerged to elucidate the environmental inequities facing millions of people.

2010 Tubatulabals wild grass land fires

"The May 2010 wild grass land fire had multi-agency response of over 100 fire fighters from US BLM, US Forestry, Kern County Fire Dept., and CHP. Just a few months prior to this fire, our Tribal office just met with most of these agencies to ensure that they knew about the locations of our allotment

lands. We appreciate the help from everyone - some of our cousins drove through a lot of smoke to get to the livestock and release several horses. It was a very scary site to see that your home and land would be possibly burnt - but we were lucky to have only a little fire damage and no major injuries or losses".

Dr. Donna Miranda-Begay, Tribal Chairwoman
Tubatulabals of Kern Valley



ITCC— Seeking Financial Contribution

As an association of small tribes, ITCC has limited access to major donors. Often misinformation about the income of tribes leads donors to believe that tribes are able to donate to tribal community program services. This is not the case.

The ITCC is seeking to create a fund to enable our association to operate at a greater capacity. Our association is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, so donations

are tax deductible.

Donations to ITCC would help provide services to many isolated tribal communities in sponsoring children's services, parenting and family training as well as improve health and safety for tribal children and improve environmental conditions for tribal people.

If you would like to showcase your communities events, meetings or trainings in the Tribal Spokesman please forward your information to:

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Meetings and T&TA

ITCC

*2nd Anniversary, ITCC Reunion Invitational, Thunder Valley Casino and Resort, October 9, 2010

NATS FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS:

- * Lake County, May 25, 2010
- * Inyo/Mono Counties, June 23, 2010
- * Siskiyou County, July 9, 2010
- * San Diego County, September, 2010
- * Riverside County, TBA
- *San Diego, TBA

NATS REGIONAL TRAININGS

- *Mendocino County, June 8-9, 2010
- *Bishop, July 22-23, 2010
- *Siskiyou County, August 10-11, 2010
- *Riverside, TBA
- *San Diego, TBA

CTEMHS TRAININGS:

- * Incident Command System 300, 400, and 402, Hopland Rancheria, August 16-20, 2010
- * CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, Blue Lake Rancheria Casino, July 23-25, 2010

FVP&SP:

- *Area meeting, Crescent City, September 9-10, 2010

CCDF:

- * Tribal Child Care Association of California
- *Operations for Tribally Operated Child Care Centers, San Francisco, August 31-September 2, 2010
- *Native Film Festival, Crest Theater, Sacramento, CA, August 14-17, 2010

T&TA

- ◆ Program Development/ Implementation
- ◆ Protocol Development
- ◆ (Sexual Assault) “No Healing in Silence”
- ◆ Substance Abuse Prevention & Education
- ◆ Talking Circles—Facilitation & Development
- ◆ Teen Dating Violence Prevention
- ◆ Tribal Environmental Ordinance Workshop
- ◆ Tribal Governance & Board Training
- ◆ Tribal Law Enforcement Training
- ◆ Tribal Perspectives (Video)
- ◆ Post PL280 (Video)
- ◆ CPR and First Aid Training