



Professional Development and Education



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION SERVICES

Higher Education & Academic Success

Who: Tribal Citizens

What: Provides citizens with support and financial assistance for higher education, from high school to college readiness assistance to college or technical courses and through graduation.

Career Support

Who: Tribal Members and Descendants

What: Prioritizes continuous growth and career advancement by offering comprehensive professional development services such as help with building resumes, job navigation and career goals.

Enrichment Funds

Who: Tribal Citizens

What: Empowers our clients with flexible funding to enhance their participation in cultural activities and community events. They can also provide access to various essential needs, including transportation assistance and other supplies that focus on employment stability. Annual Limit \$1,500. Lifetime Limit.

Teen Internship and Teen Work Readiness

Who: Tribal Members and Descendants

What: Provides a dynamic platform for hands-on learning to gain future employment. Our teen interns engage in real-world scenarios, gaining practical insights and experiences within various career paths while our teens preparing for internships focus on community giveback days and work readiness learning opportunities.



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TEAM



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Coordinates educational and developmental programs, encompassing Higher Education, Enrichment, and the Teen Career Exploration Program. Collaborate closely with students of various age groups to cultivate professional skills, facilitate exploration of career paths, and encourage active participation in lifelong learning opportunities.



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Facilitates prevention, cultural activities, and academic support for children and youth while being responsible for overseeing staff needs and expanding the program's while actively seeking leadership's input to address the evolving needs of our youth and their families.



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This role plays a key part in ensuring the successful implementation of Title VI programs in the Sequim School District, promoting cultural connection to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, and advocating for educational initiatives that cater to the unique needs of our tribal students.



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Lead and development team of the Teen Internship Program and TWRPS Program. Ensuring overall policy compliance.



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PROFFESIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TEAM GUIDE



The Professional Development Team plays a crucial role in facilitating growth and learning for our clients. This team is at the forefront of managing and delivering a wide array of programs designed to support the community's diverse educational and employment needs. Below is an overview of the key areas of focus for the Professional Development Team, highlighting their commitment to nurturing talent and fostering positive change.

1. Higher Education & Academic Success:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe actively supports its citizens in higher education, from high school to college readiness and college courses. We cover the cost of college credits, provide a general welfare scholarship, and offer financial assistance for books and supplies. Additionally, when students maintain a high GPA, we celebrate their achievements with incentives. Our Tribe is deeply committed to fostering the academic success of our citizens, recognizing that education is both an individual achievement and a cause for community celebration. By incentivizing high academic performance, we aim to create a supportive environment that encourages students to excel in their educational endeavors.

2. Career Support:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe prioritizes continuous growth and career advancement for its citizens and descendants, offering comprehensive professional development services. Our Professional Development Coordinator serves as a dedicated resource, ready to assist individuals in crafting impactful resumes that effectively showcase their skills and accomplishments, offer personalized guidance in navigating job searches, and help individuals identify opportunities that align with their career goals and aspirations.



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THE ROLE OF THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION TEAM (CONT.)



Over 428 enrichment requests we processed in 2024

3. Enrichment Funds:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Enrichment Program empowers our citizens with flexible funding to enhance their participation in cultural and community events. This funding offers a yearly stipend, providing our community members with the financial flexibility to seize a multitude of opportunities that contribute to personal growth, cultural connection, employment stability and community engagement. Through the Enrichment Program, Jamestown citizens have the ability to access extra support for various essential needs, including transportation assistance. This ensures that individuals can easily attend cultural events, community gatherings, and educational activities, fostering deeper connections within the community and promoting cultural enrichment. Additionally, the program extends support for maintaining employment including Wi-Fi coverage and phone support, recognizing the pivotal role connectivity plays in maintaining a career and also staying engaged with the community, pursuing educational goals, and connecting with cultural resources.

4. Teen Internship and Teen Work Readiness.

The program's proactive approach begins in 8th grade, recognizing the importance of early career exploration. By providing a dynamic platform for hands-on learning, our youth engage with real-world scenarios, gaining practical insights into various career paths, focusing on community giveback days and learning opportunities. This early exposure is instrumental in helping them make informed decisions about their future goals. The valuable lessons learned through our program serve as a foundation for future opportunities. As our youth progress through the program, they not only refine their career goals but also develop essential skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and effective communication – qualities that are fundamental for success in any field.



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