

# Behavioral Care Department



Social Services

Substance Abuse Prevention

Counseling and Referral

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**Damon Polk, CAC II**, has been a Substance Abuse Counselor with the Behavioral Care Department since May 2008. He is an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and of the Quechan Indian Nation. He was born and raised on the Quechan Indian Nation in Southern California. Damon facilitates the Red Road to Sobriety/AA Meetings, provides individual counseling, and is a Prime for Life instructor. He works to incorporate the strengths of the beautiful native ways of life with the proven treatment methods to create opportunities for client success. Damon feels very humbled and honored to serve the Paiute membership in this capacity.

**Carol Garcia** has been employed by the Tribe since April 2006, most recently as the Behavioral Care Intake Coordinator. She takes the initial information from tribal members seeking services and manages the client files. She is originally from Bodaway-Gap, AZ and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Tribe. She enjoys baseball and working with the Native youth and tribal members.

**Tanavah Tom** is the Projects Coordinator for Behavior Care. She is really excited to become apart of the team that reaches out to her community and help those in need. She has lived here in Cedar all of her wonderful life as well is a member of the Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes. She began to work for the tribe in May 2012 and is very grateful to be working for the Paiute People.

**Paula Claymore, SSW**, is a member of the Cheyenne River Lakota Tribe of the Two Kettle band. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has worked in the Human Services field her entire career. She began working for the Paiute Tribe in June 2008 as a Social Service Worker. She teaches prevention and parenting classes. She appreciates the Paiute people and finds the land majestic.

**Tracie Lund, SSW**, is a Social Service Case worker. She started in September of 2011 and feels honored to work for the Paiute Tribe. She received her B.S. degree from Weber State University majoring in Social Work and Gerontology, with a minor in Family Studies. Prior to her hire she worked as a Medical Social Worker in a hospital.

**Tina Warhurst, SSW** is our Foster Care Social Worker. She recruits and trains Native foster parents while supporting the foster care program and the children it serves. Born and raised in Southern Utah, she has spent her career in the social services field working as a Guardian ad Litem in Idaho, the CASA Program Coordinator for Southern Utah, and as a social worker for adults with serious mental illnesses. Tina is a graduate of Southern Utah University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

**Naomi Colorow** is the Behavioral Care Department Clerk. She started July 2010. She is a member of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Cedar Band and has lived in this area her whole life. She graduated from Southern Utah University with an A.S. in General Studies. She is very excited to be working for her Tribe.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Behavioral Care Department serves enrolled tribal members living in the counties of Iron, Washington, Millard, and Sevier. Please contact the Behavioral Care Department for a complete list of eligibility criteria.

## OUR MISSION AND GOALS

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Our mission is to provide professional and comprehensive services in the fields of alcohol and substance abuse, mental health and case management for the purpose of assisting tribal members in need of these services.

Our goal is to strengthen the family, enhance the esteem of the individual, and empower tribal members to make responsible and healthy decisions relative to their own lives.

It is our mission to demonstrate respect for all clients at all times, always providing our services in a confidential manner. We believe in providing our services as a team, in partnership with clients, and that success is predicated on consistent support of clients who take responsibility for their own decisions.

## OUR SERVICES

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The Behavioral Care Department has many programs to offer tribal members and their families in the areas of Social Services, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Mental Health Counseling. All eligible enrolled tribal members and their family members can access Department services at no charge.

- ◆ **Indian Homes For Indian Children** is the Paiute Tribe's Foster Parent Program. It adheres to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) guidelines while providing training and licensing of Native American homes for the placement of Native American children. We are continually looking for additional foster homes for Paiute children.
- ◆ **Prime For Life** is a 16 hour DUI/alcohol education course taught by certified instructors in all Band areas. This course is available for court-ordered and voluntary participants. There is a \$200 fee (includes evaluation) for eligible tribal members, and \$250 fee (no evaluation included) for non-tribal participants. Contact the Behavioral Care Department for a copy of the 2012 schedule.

- ◆ **Red Road to Sobriety** is a Native-based A.A. meeting. It is offered in Cedar City on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. at the PITU headquarters and in Shivwits (Washington County) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. A.A. is free of charge and is an open meeting. *Everyone is welcome!*
- ◆ **Substance Abuse Outpatient Treatment** is available to all eligible enrolled members of the PITU. Substance Abuse Counselors provide individual and group counseling, as well as assistance with court requirements, evaluations, and drug and alcohol screening.
- ◆ **Substance Abuse Inpatient Treatment** is on average a 45 day stay at an I.H.S. approved facility. First priority is given to individuals up to age 24, adult pregnant women, or single women with dependent children. Male tribal members over age 24 will be served as funds are available. The eight-week TRAC pre-treatment curriculum must be completed prior to being approved for inpatient treatment.
- ◆ **Substance Abuse Aftercare Treatment** is an intensive individualized treatment program which assists individuals in maintaining sobriety and healthy lifestyles. After completing inpatient treatment, all clients are expected to participate in a minimum of 12 to 24 months of aftercare treatment.
- ◆ **Mental Health Counseling and Assessment** is available free of charge for all eligible tribal members in each of the Band areas. Mental health evaluations are available for court-ordered clients. Support groups focus on topics such as grief, depression, and suicide prevention.
- ◆ **Positive Indian Parenting** is a traditional Native American curriculum designed to provide a brief, practical, culturally-specific training program for Indian parents. Parenting classes are scheduled at each of the Band areas throughout the year. Certificates of completion are available for court-ordered participants.
- ◆ **Case Management** provides assistance to tribal members in linking and coordinating tribal and other community services.
- ◆ **PITU Child Care Program** provides financial assistance to Tribal members who meet eligibility guidelines.

- ◆ **Family Crisis Assistance** is offered in the form of food and Deseret Industries vouchers to aid families and individuals during periods of economic hardship. Food boxes are available once a month in each of the Band areas.
- ◆ **Open Gym Night** is offered from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from October thru April for community recreation and to further promote healthy Native lifestyles (based on approval by Tribal Council. This program is free of charge and open to the public.

## OUR TEAM

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Each staff member shares in the responsibility of delivering counseling, support, and prevention services for both youth and adults.

**Tyler Goddard, LCSW**, began as the Director of Behavioral Care in November 2010. He is excited to work with the Paiute Tribe and feels fortunate to have such a talented and committed team to work with. He looks forward to continuing to strengthen community partnerships while providing quality services to tribal members. Tyler graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a Master's in Social Work. He loves being active and spending time outdoors.

**Ed Weaver, LCSW**, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and was hired as a mental health counselor by the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. Prior to his hire, he worked thirty years for the State of Utah as a juvenile probation officer, treatment supervisor in a detention center, and counselor at a youth center for abused, neglected, and truant youth and their families. He and his wife have been married for nearly thirty years and have five children and three grandchildren.

**Shanda Francisco, CAC II**, Shanda Francisco, CADC II, has been working with the Tribe for eight years as a Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist. Shanda is Navajo/Maricopa/Apache, born and raised in Fort Defiance, AZ. She graduated from Southern Utah University with a B.S. in Sociology and a minor in Computer Information Systems. Shanda is excited to be a team worker with the Behavioral Care Department.