

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

Health & Family Support Services

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CTCLUSI: Who We Are

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians are made up of three tribes (four bands): two bands of Coos (Hanis Coos and Miluk Coos); the Lower Umpqua Tribe and the Siuslaw Tribe. Our ancestors were the aboriginal inhabitants of the South Central coast of Oregon. Our ancestral homeland is a vast region of 1.6 million acres, stretching from the Coastal Range on the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Our People have lived and flourished in these lands since immemorial.

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Our ancestors welcomed the first Europeans to enter our lands. We maintained these peaceful relations for many years. Headmen from each of our three Tribes signed the Treaty of 1855, ceding our lands for certain compensation from the government. However, this treaty was never ratified and the promises were not kept. In 1954, the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Tribes were terminated by Congress. It would take many years and a lot of hard work, but after 30 years we achieved Restoration on October 17, 1984.

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Today we have 1,283 Tribal members spread throughout the United States. Just over half of our Tribal members live in Oregon. Additionally, we have large numbers of Tribal members living in Washington, Alaska, and California. Within our five-county service delivery area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties in Oregon) we have approximately 480 Tribal members.

Programs at CTCLUSI

Since Restoration, we have worked hard to establish programs and services for our people. Health & Family Support programs include:

- CTCLUSI Dental Clinic
- Purchased/Referred Care
- Community Health
- Behavioral Health/Peer Support
- Elders Programs
- Circles of Healing (domestic violence support and prevention)
- Youth Prevention Program

CTCLUSI: Our Staff

- Health & Family Support Administration team: 1 Interim Director and 1 Assistant Director
- Purchased/Referred Care: 2 PRC Specialists, 1 Benefits Specialist
- Community Health: 1 RN, 3 CHAs, 1 Tribal Navigator
- Family Support Services: 1 Prevention Activities Coordinator, 1 Peer Support Specialist, 1 Behavioral Health Coordinator, 1 TPEP Coordinator
- ICWA: 1 Lead ICWA Specialist, 1 ICWA Caseworker
- Dental: 1 Dentist, 1 Hygienist, 2 DHATs, 3 Dental Assistants, 1 Administrative Assistant, 1 DHAT Coordinator/Billing Specialist

Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT) Program

- In 2015, we partnered with the NPAIHB Native Dental Therapy Initiative to establish a pilot project for Dental Therapy in our clinic
 - Our first DHAT student left for training in Alaska in July 2016; our second student left in July 2017.
 - We are the final year of our 5-year pilot project with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA); the pilot will continue beyond this year, though, as we are attempting to get Dental Therapist licensure passed in the current legislative session.
 - Even with the occurrence of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen good success with the project: increased access to services and decreased wait time to see a provider.

Expansion of our Dental Clinic

When we started the DHAT program in 2015, our clinic was small, with one dentist and one hygienist working out of three operatories. We quickly identified a need for a larger clinic. We worked with the engineering team at IHS-PAO on a feasibility study for expansion of the clinic.

In July 2019, we broke ground on our clinic addition:

- Added 4 new operatories – total of 7 operatories
- Added 1,380 sf to the building and remodeled 1,414 sf of interior space

COVID-19 Modifications to the Dental Clinic

The project was completed in February of 2020. On March 12, 2020, we closed the Dental Clinic due to the pandemic and subsequently closed the remainder of Tribal services on March 17. All offices were re-opened on June 15, 2020; however, Dental did not begin seeing patients again until July 2020, to give us time to make safety modifications to our clinic:

- Made 3 operatories into closed/negative pressure operatories
- Purchased/obtained additional air-cleaning devices
- Purchased/obtained PPE, including PAPRs and N-95 masks
- Made upgrades to our HVAC system

Elders Activities Program

- Although our Elders Activities program has been closed during COVID-19, we are looking forward to once again having activities with our Elders. Components of our Elders Program:
 - Title VI Program – consortium with the Coquille Indian Tribe
 - Part A – meals/congregate meals and chore services
 - Part C – respite care services
 - Summer produce program
 - Elders Activities
 - Monthly Elders Luncheons
 - 1-2 Elders trips each year
 - Annual Elders Honors Day – co-hosted by CTCLUSI and the Coquille Indian Tribe

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Thank You

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