

# 477 Programs Newsletter

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## TANF- Purpose

In 1999, The Shoshone Bannock Tribes TANF programs was implemented in conjunction to the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) which replaced the Aid to Families with Dependent Children, commonly referred to as welfare, with the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

The purpose of TANF as defined in PRWORA is:

“...to increase the flexibility of States in operating a program designed to –

- 1) provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
- 2) end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
- 3) prevent or reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and
- 4) encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.”

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*“Our Problem is not to  
find better values, but to  
be faithful to those we  
profess.”*

*-John W. Gardner*

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## EET

EET (Education, Employment, and Training) services include: job search assistance, subsidized work activities, financial assistance for persons who have obtained or are seeking work, for all federal recognized tribal member Native or Hawaiian. EET provides training, workshops regarding grants, financial aid, and university/college scholarships to tribal members.

## FREE First Aid & CPR Training

*“Choose a job you love,  
and you will never have  
to work a day in your life”*

*- Confucius*

As of March 2005 TANF/EET and the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho have been in agreement as an Authorized Provider for the Fort Hall community for implementing training in First Aid, CPR- Adult, Child, Infant, & AED. **To date**, TANF/EET has trained 36 TANF/EET participants as well as communities members. While you can't predict when an emergency will occur, you can be prepared. In less time than you think, American Red Cross training can give you the vital knowledge and skills you'll need to respond to a life-threatening situation with confidence.

Red Cross CPR and AED training will teach you to:

- Care for conscious and unconscious choking victims
- Perform CPR
- Use an automated external defibrillator (AED) on a victim of sudden cardiac arrest

Participants also receive a participant's workbook and laminated skills card that include full-color images and easy-to-read text that will walk you step by step through a variety of lifesaving skills. The skills card will also serve as an excellent refresher and reference tool after training is complete.



2006 First Aid & CPR in Learning Lab

## JET- Job Education Training

The JET program is under ISU College of Technology Workforce Training Department. JET & TANF/EET Programs have been in working together to offer on site workplace training in the Learning Lab located at the HRDC Building. JET goals are to help individuals acquire jobs, retain job, enhance wages, or enter job training programs. JET classes vary in the number of hours of training, but generally last one to four weeks, and meet 20-28 hour per week.

### Course Topics:

Customer Service, Health Occupations,  
Vocational Office Technology I & II  
Bookkeeping

### Who is Eligible?

Caretaker-Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles  
(Must be a legally caretaker)  
Parent(s) of minor children,  
Individuals who meet low Income Guidelines

For more information and registration Call  
TANF: Tino Batt 478-3973 or  
JET: Carol Mundt 785-1848

## Computer Course 101

During the Months of October thru December TANF/EET offered afternoon and evening courses in Basic & Intermediate Computer Courses covering Microsoft XP application. This course was opened to not only TANF/EET participants but to the community members as well. Participants received new computer skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet, E-mail, and Keyboarding.

An Intermediate Courses is scheduled for February 13- March 1, Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Learning Lab Area. Please call Tino Batt at 478-3973 to register. Remember that this course fills up quickly.



2006 Computer Course 101 evening class.

## Free Career Counseling

The Center for New Directions at ISU will be providing career counseling at no cost to anyone who wants to go back to school or make a career change. An interest assessment will be given to those who wish to explore career options. Application process to ISU and financial aid information will also be provided.

The Center for New Directions assists individuals in transition to become personally and economically self-sufficient and to find their chosen path for work and educational success. All services are free of charge.

Career counseling will be available **in Fort Hall** every other Tuesday starting January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Learning Lab Area on the west side of the HRDC Building.

For further information or to make an appointment call Karen Helland at

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*“Bad habits are easier to  
abandon today than  
tomorrow”  
-Yiddish Proverb*

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## Basic Math Course- Fort Hall Site

As of Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> EET/TANF had 12 participants register for Basic Math Course which **starts** Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

The course is offered in a series of four workshop sessions though Idaho State University College of Technology. Upon completion of the four sessions individuals will receive four (4) college credits.

For more information contact the following:

### GED Instructor

Chris Green                      478-3883  
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## Free College Readiness Workshop Jan. 19 & 20

Learning Lab Area

**Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**9:00 – 12:00p.m. SESSION**

- ❖ Career Information System/Assessment
- ❖ College/University Admissions Assistance using Career Information System

**1:00 – 6:00 p.m. SESSION**

- ❖ Career Information System/Assessment
- ❖ Financial Aid (FAFSA) /Admissions

**Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**9:00-1:00 p.m. SESSION**

- ❖ Financial Aid (FAFSA) PowerPoint Presentation
- ❖ Financial Aid (FAFSA) /Admissions
- ❖ College/University Admissions Assistance using CIS

The goal of NNEOC is to encourage adults age 19 or older to pursue a higher education degree or any other post-secondary education program. This program is designed to provide higher education services to limited-income residents within the NNEOC target area that includes reservation communities within the state of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

For more information please contact NNEOC staff: Lisa Guzman (208)-792-2743 or Jaime Barajas 208-885-5341. You may also contact Candace Yokayama 478-4092 or David Lee @ 478-3767

## 2007 TAX Season

You can avoid headaches at tax time by keeping track of your receipts and other records throughout the year. Normally, tax records should be kept for three years.

### Information Needed for All Tax Returns:

- ✓ Social Security numbers & Date of Birth (yourself, spouse, dependents)
- ✓ W-2 forms
- ✓ 1099 (INV/DIV/B/R) information Forms
- ✓ List of income and expenses
- ✓ Copy of last year's return

### Other items to be determined If applicable:

- ✓ State tax refund information: Form 1099-G
- ✓ Social Security: Form 1099-SSA
- ✓ Child care provider name and address, tax ID or Social Security number
- ✓ Retirement/IRA contributions
- ✓ Student loan interest paid: Form 1099-E
- ✓ Medical expenses
- ✓ Estimated tax payments
- ✓ Automobile licensing fees
- ✓ Charity contributions / donations

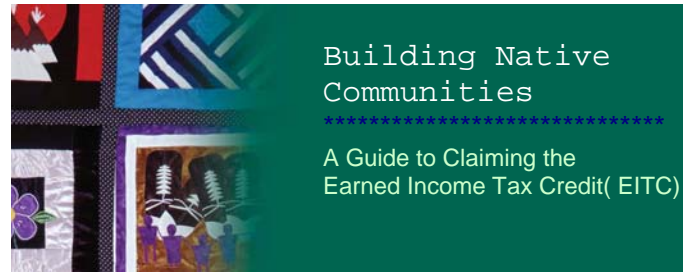
## Avoid Tax Predators

Some tax preparers promise large and fast refund and tries to encourage individuals to use their return as a down payment on a large purchase. Or, they might offer a rapid refund through a loan or a debit card. According to First Nations Development Institutes most common predators are:

- ❖ Pawn shops
- ❖ Car dealers
- ❖ Mobile Home dealers
- ❖ Quick or Rapid outlets.

Best quote when waiting for your refund is, "Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success." - Napoleon Hill

## FREE EITC Workshop



TANF/EET will offer an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) workshop on

Dates: Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. &  
Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Learning Lab area.

This workshop enable native community members to realize their traditional values and expand their Financial skills to access the Earned Income Tax Credit I a cost effective way to help improve the finical standing of themselves, their families, and their community. This workshop is in conjunction with Building Native Communities EITC Workbook of First Nations Development Institute & Oweesta Corporation. Everyone is welcome to attend this free workshop and refreshments will be served.

### FREE Tax Service

Starting the Month of  
February 2007

*Location: Fort Hall Library*

*When: Tuesday & Thursday*

*Time: 10 a.m.–noon  
& 1 p.m. -3 p.m.*

*Contact information: 478-3978*

# Scene of 477 Programs 2006 Activities



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