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New Frontiers for Families

New Frontiers Awarded Daniels



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Special points of interest:

* Common Sense Parenting” classes and The “Family Academy” will begin again in Jan. 2005. Please call for more information. Call Virginia at 435-676-2599 or 866-897-7322

New Frontiers for Families has been awarded Daniel’s fund Grant to serve Native American children. These children and their families living in Garfield County are geographically far from family and Tribal supports. They often struggle to be successful at home and in school. The purpose of the grant is to provide outreach, in order to help Native American families and their children with education, cultural pride and traditional family values. Native children are precious resources and they are more and more isolated from cultural traditions. There is no socialization or support networks established for the Native Americans in the County. New Frontiers will help provide these supports. Currently New Frontiers is participating as a partner with the Cedar Band of Paiutes in the Pee-soat’eng Project, helping Native Americans in Cedar City . New Frontiers will sponsor similar programs in Garfield County, as they have in Cedar City with

the Paiute Tribe. New Frontiers will provide aids for the Native American children, that will work with them in schools. New Frontiers will help create a Native American Parent Committee. The Committee will help plan activities and assess the needs of their people. New Frontiers will sponsor Cultural Events. In November, Black Wolf Jones was a Guest Speaker. Mr. Jones is a Psychotherapist, an addiction specialist and author. He presents seminars and lectures on Native American Healing. New Frontiers would also like to help set up a support group, patterned after the group set up with the Paiute Tribe, called the “Daughters of Tradition.” The group supports the young Native women. The young women participate in what’s called the “Talking Circle” they talk over their problems and learn about the traditions of their grandmothers.



HOORAY!!! NEW FRONTIES

The final Cultural event will be a Gathering Pow-Wow. New Frontiers has hired two new Native American employees, Nora Yazzie of Panguitch and Angelita Aguero of Escalante to help with this grant. Through this grant New Frontiers hopes to heighten everyone’s awareness of different cultures, and help us all learn greater respect for ourselves and greater respect and appreciation for each other. New Frontiers looks forward to a great year working with Native American Family’s in our County.



New Employee Nora Yazzie

One of New Frontiers for Families most recently hired employees is Nora Yazzie. She has been hired to work with Native American children and their families in Garfield County, as an outreach specialist. She will try to help them with cultural awareness. She will be instrumental in helping Native Americans to be proud of their heritage. She is a Navajo Indian. Her maternal clan is Zuni



WELCOME NORA YAZZIE TO
NEW FRONTIERS FOR
FAMILIES

and her paternal clan is Bitterwater. In July 2004, she moved to Panguitch from Farmington New Mexico. She has a lot of experience that will help her with her job. She is a mother of two daughters Natasha and Rachele and she is also a grandmother of two boys, Jesse and Dante'. She also works as a para-professional in Special Ed. at Panguitch High School and Middle School. She loves working with students and has

worked in various positions in the schools, ranging from working in school kitchens, substitute teaching and as a teacher's aide. Nora loves to learn and has taken many different college classes and would someday like to earn a degree. Her favorite pass time is spending time with her family. They like watching movies, joy riding, taking family trips, or doing just about anything together. She loves watching her daughter Rachele, better known as "Buzzy," play basketball. Nora is fun and adventurous and is always wanting to know about people, school, and work. Nora will be great at her job. We are so happy to have her as part of New Frontiers for Families.

Psychotherapist, Author "Blackwolf" Jones talks to Students

New Frontiers for Families, the Cedar Band of Paiutes, the Paiute Tribe of Utah Education and Behavioral Health and Garfield School District Title VII Program co-sponsored "Blackwolf" Jones, to speak and train in Garfield and Iron County. He did presentations for students Nov. 11th– 13th in Cedar, Panguitch, Escalante, and Tropic. and staff training and a book signing at the Cedar Band of Paiutes. Blackwolf

Jones is a respected Ojibway Elder and insightful author of the books; Sacred Self, Sacred Relationships, Earth Dance Drum, The Healing Drum, and Listen to the Drum. He is a sought after licensed

The "Big Bad Wolf" comes to Utah!

Psychotherapist specializing in drug and alcohol prevention. Mr. Jones talked to the students in each school blending ancient tribal healing remedies with contemporary approaches. He taught the ill affects of alcohol use, with his unique humor and story telling and candid observations. He had the students really thinking. Blackwolf said " If I reach even one child and help him not to drink my trip was worth it"

"Common Sense Parenting" Classes Really make a Difference

To be a good parent today, you need both a warm heart and a cool head; along with unconditional love and respect for your child. New Frontiers for Families is so excited to be offering "Common Sense Parenting" classes in our communities, in southern Utah. These classes really do make a difference. The classes are for parents, Grandparents, or for anyone wanting to improve their parenting skills. The classes help good parents become better. The skills learned in the classes are helpful and can be used in every aspect of a person's life. Parents learn

skills that are logical, workable, and they can see immediate improvement. It is a positive approach to discipline. It is a step-by-step guide for raising responsible kids and building happy family relationships. In addition, to the "Common Sense Parenting" classes that are for ages 6 and up, New Frontiers offers to parents a "Common Sense Parenting" class for toddlers. The classes are all confidential. The classes are held in a fun, friendly atmosphere. It's fun for parents to exchange funny stories, and share experiences, and have refresh-

ments. The classes run for 6weeks and start again about every 8weeks. The next classes will begin in January. Some topics that classes will include are peer pressure and choices, the influence of the media, your child's success in school, teaching self-control, and communication. For more information call Virginia at 676-2599 or 866-897-7322. These classes really do make a difference Let's improve our communities one family at a time. Come join us in theses fun, helpful classes.

New Frontier's and the Pee-soat'eng Staff go to Washington D.C.

It was exciting to spend a week in Washington D.C. at Christmas time for the New Frontiers and the Pee-soat'eng staffs. Everyone went shopping and sight seeing. There was so much to see; historical sites, museums, and the White house. They also went to the play the "Christmas Carole" at Ford's Theatre; where President Lincoln was shot. The city was beautifully decorated with wreaths, ribbons, bows, balls, lights and Christmas trees. Christmas music was playing everywhere along the streets. The staffs went to Washington D.C. to attend the Federation of Families for Children with Mental Health Conference. The theme for the conference was Resiliency; spotlighting hope, choice, and self-determination for children, families and communities. There was a full conference

agenda with fun, informative workshops, dinners, entertainment, even a dance. There were inspiring speakers; Elizabeth Moon, the author of the book, "The Speed of Dark" and Dr. Jami Jones, author of the book, "Helping Teens Cope." But the highlight of the Conference was when the Staff of the Pee-soat'eng Project gave their presentation. Lane Parry looked elegant as he introduced the project. He was dressed in a black suit. He wore long black braids in his hair and Native American turquoise, silver and eagle feather jewelry. He captured everyone's attention right from the start. Along with Lane,

Elizsbeth Pete, from New Frontiers, Shoni Tom, from Drug elimination, and Lillian Parashonts told about the success of the project. They truly have a strong sense of community. Every one is there to support and help each other out. Their youth's grades in school have gone up dramatically. They have strengthened their youth and families, through events they have sponsored. They've had a Family Olympics, a Talent show, a History Fair, and they went to SUU Camp, and the Hopi Land trip. The project has helped each person know he is in the sacred circle and understanding that promotes home, school, and community. Those hearing about the project at the conference were very excited and motivated after their presentation to have this type of success in their communities.



Washington D.C.

New Frontiers for Families Christmas Party

New Frontiers for Families will hold their company Christmas party to celebrate the success they have had through this last year. They will meet at Virginia Englestead's Home in Panguitch. After games and foods and white elephant gifts, Tracy is going to give out awards that will recognize

the special talents and strengths of each employee. There is no time more fitting to say thank you to the great employees of New Frontiers than at Christmas. New Frontiers is striving to build unity and the best company possible. They hope

to have a great New Year.



**New Frontier's
Company
Christmas Party
is Saturday
Dec. 18, 2004
At 6:00 pm.**

New Employees in our Communities

New Frontiers for Families continues to grow, and expand. We have several new employees. We have two Native American employees in Garfield County, Nora Yazzie and Angelita Aguero, They will do Native American outreach and tutoring in the schools. In Beaver County, New Frontiers, newest employee is Heidi Mayer. She lives in Milford and will cover

that area as a Family Facilitator. Also in Milford, Gloria Dahl is a volunteer for New Frontiers. She will be working with the growing Hispanic Community. In Washington County, Michelle Snyder is a Family

Facilitator. And last but not least, Denise Bailey is a Family Facilitator in Kanab. We know these new employees will each make a big difference and we look forward to working with them. In the upcoming issues we will spot light each of these employees.



We love our New Employees !



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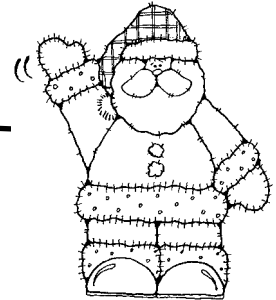
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New Frontiers for Families wants to thank all of the partner agencies we have worked with this year. We have accomplished a lot together; and have helped make many people. We want you to know we couldn't do it without you. May you have a Happy Holiday and may we have a great New Year working together again.

Thanks !!



"Empowering Families to Succeed"



"Room for Us All"

New Frontiers for Families will sponsor events, that will help support Families and promote united community this next year. New Frontiers hopes to foster new attitudes in our communities where we all help each others through encouragement and support. There is room for us all, everyone of us, from every culture. We all are important. We can learn new ways of living together as a human family with love, respect, compassion, tolerance, and understanding. Love truly is

a circle, when we help another person, that person feels cared about and valued. We then feel good and satisfied that we have made a positive difference. The positive feelings go around and around. It always comes back to us. No matter how small our acts of kindness may be, they make our communities better and stronger. Peace can grow in our communities in the same way a magnificent oak tree grows. It starts first from a tiny seed. Then, it grows and give comfort to so many. It is up to us to plant seeds of

kindness and caring. If we nourish the seeds, then love and peace will flourish. We all will have comfort and we will all benefit. Together we can build better families and better communities. Let look forward to building a better new year.

