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To: Parents/Guardians

Date: 08/31/2021

**Re: UPDATE - Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Youth After School VIRTUAL Program
NEW OPEN DATE & DEADLINE FOR MEMBER APPLICATION**

Parents/Guardians:

The Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Youth Program is opening an After-School Program to allow our youth to participate in activities and prevention programming during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 and we would like your child to participate. We are in the process of recruiting Tribal members of Ohkay Owingeh between age 6-16 years-old.

As you may know we are still in the midst of a pandemic, COVID-19, and its variants are still a worrisome issue. In an effort to introduce our youth back into the new norm we would like to provide this program, virtually because of the recent cases in schools and so that we could continue connecting with the youth as well as to begin to assimilate activities sponsored by Ohkay Owingeh. A detailed schedule will be provided to you and your child/children upon enrollment.

The program will begin September 20, 2021; Monday- Wednesday from: 3:30pm-5:30pm. We will utilize the 7 to 1 ratio (7 youth to 1 staff member) via zoom with break out rooms. Will be based on "First come, first served", with a limit of up to 30 youth. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS will be Thursday, September 16th, COB. You may turn them into staff at the blue gym or the new Social Services offices @ the corner of the intersection of State Road 74 and Po'Pay Avenue. Applications are also available at these locations.

Afternoon snacks will be delivered to the residence listed on the application every Monday for the week along with all other instructions, workbooks, materials, arts & crafts, information, etc. in a tote bag.

As we begin to open up activities, program staff will still be following safety precautions and regulations to ensure the safety and protection of our youth as well as reducing any risk factors associated with COVID-19. We will be adhering to social distancing guidelines and face masks will be REQUIRED at ALL times, during virtual sessions and in a large setting. We are encouraging youth 12 & up to get vaccinated. For children 12 and under, we are setting the protocol set by the Ohkay Owingeh Department of Education Decision Tree (see attached). If you are interested in your child's participation, please read thoroughly, sign documents attached where indicated and return this package to staff. If you have any questions, you may contact Project Team Lead Raymond Povijua at 505-927-9566 or Project Lead Elicka Martinez at 505-927-7609.