



## Memo

**To: Parents/Guardians**

**Date: 11/23/2021**

**Re: Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Youth Program/Native Connections  
NEW REGALIA MAKING CLASSES – OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Parents/Guardians:

The Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Youth Program and Native Connections is taking applications for regalia making classes to allow our youth and families to participate in activities and prevention programming during the Winter 2021 and Spring 2022. We would like you and your child to participate. We are in the process of recruiting Tribal members of Ohkay Owingeh between age 6-16 years-old and as well, as family members.

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, in person at the Inter-Generational Center (blue gym) so that we continue to stay connecting with the youth as well as the family 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 December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Fridays: 3:30-5:00 pm for youth and Saturdays: 9:30 – 11 am for family groups. We will utilize the 5 to 1 ratio (5 individuals to 1 staff member) and will be based on “First come, first served”, with a limit of up to 15 individuals. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS will be Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, COB. You may turn enrollment applications into staff at the Inter-Generational Center (blue gym), the multi-purpose building at Ohkay Owingeh Community School (purple building) 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.

Transportation will NOT be provided by the program. Please work with Espanola Public Schools transportation at (505) 367-3344. You may also contact the RTD at 1(866) 206-0754 and/or Po’Pay at (505) 852-4014, as possible transportation alternatives.

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, if need be and in a large setting. We are encouraging youth 5 years & up to get vaccinated as well as those vaccinated to receive their booster. A list of possible vaccination clinics and pharmacies is attached. If you are interested in participation, please read thoroughly, sign documents where indicated and return application packet. If you have any questions, you may contact Project Lead, Elicka Martinez at 505-927-7609 or Instructor, Justin Aguino at 505-614-6783.

## **Vaccine Clinics**

Santa Clara Clinic – Wednesdays (up to 50 slots)

Indian Hospital – 3 days a week

## **Pharmacies**

CVS

Walgreens

Walmart

Sam's Club