

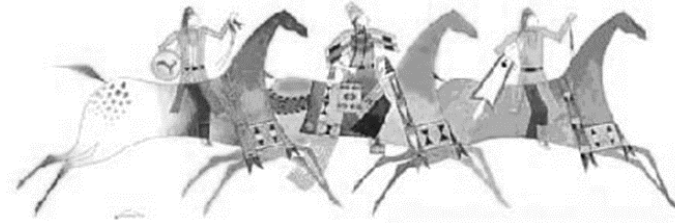
Reducing System Inflicted Trauma in Child Sexual Abuse Investigations through a Formal Multi Disciplinary Team and Rural Child Advocacy Center on the Nez Perce Reservation

The Nez Perce Tribe



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Adjacent to the interview room where officers can observe and record the forensic interview, video and audio.

The FBI agent(s) and Nez Perce Tribe Police are very pleased with the Child Advocacy Center, it's comfort, technology and access through partnerships within the Nez Perce Tribe and the 2012 Partnership in Indian Communities award.



In 2012, the forensic interview room was first established at our NiMiiPuu Indian Health clinic. After evaluation and discussion, the program moved to 311 Agency Road, Lapwai, Idaho following Nez Perce Tribe Executive Committee Resolution. The CARE Center blooms.

The Multi Disciplinary Team members contributed to the design and purpose of the interview room, building an environment that is comfortable but not distracting. These are photos of the actual room where the interview is conducted.

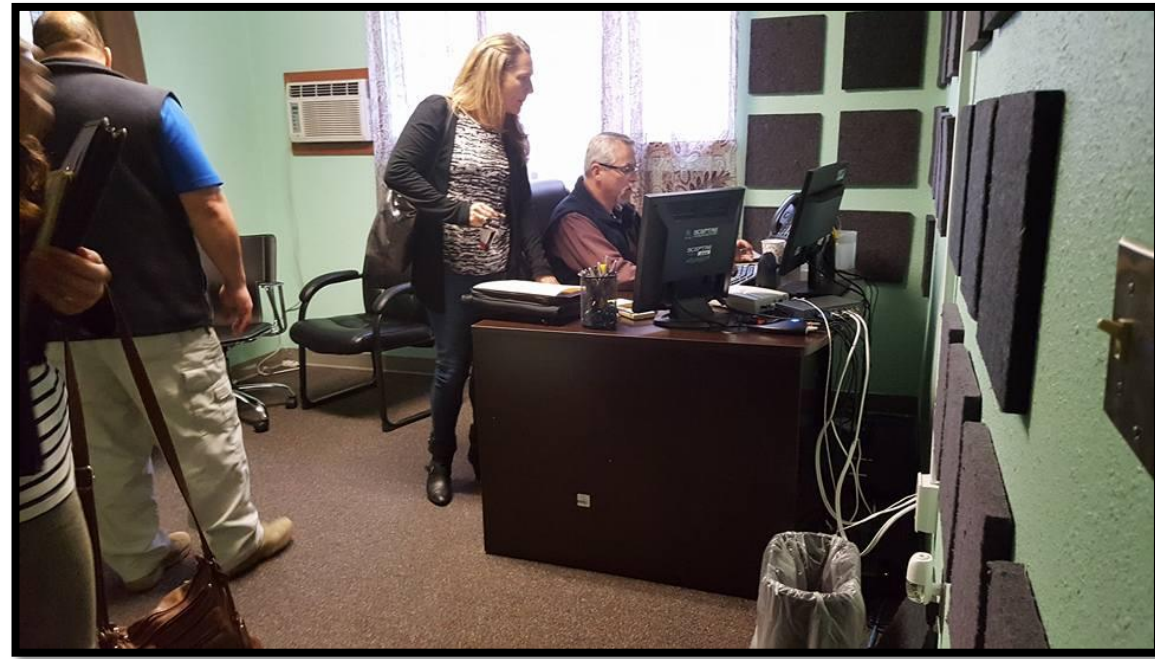


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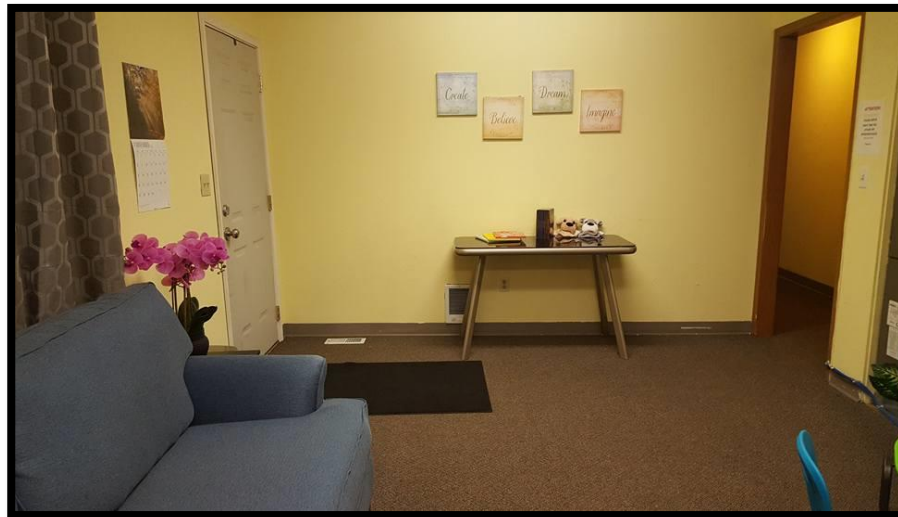
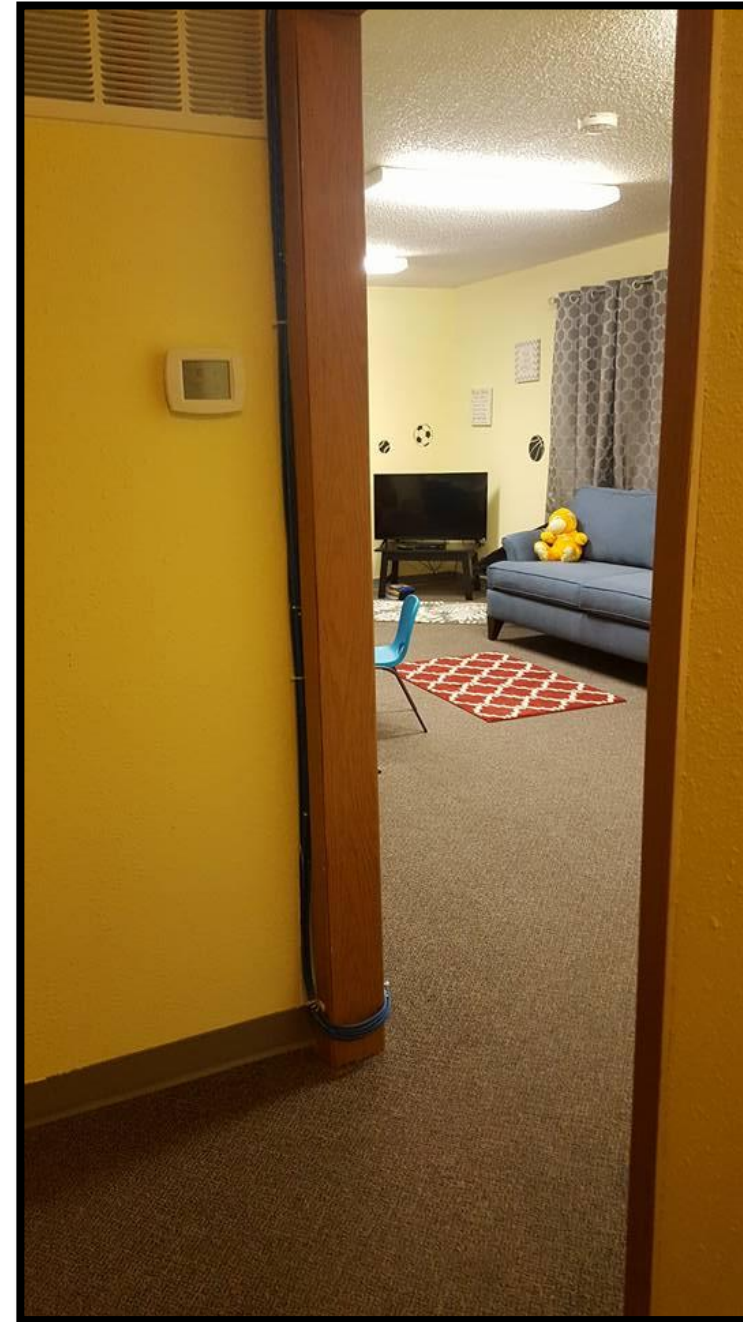
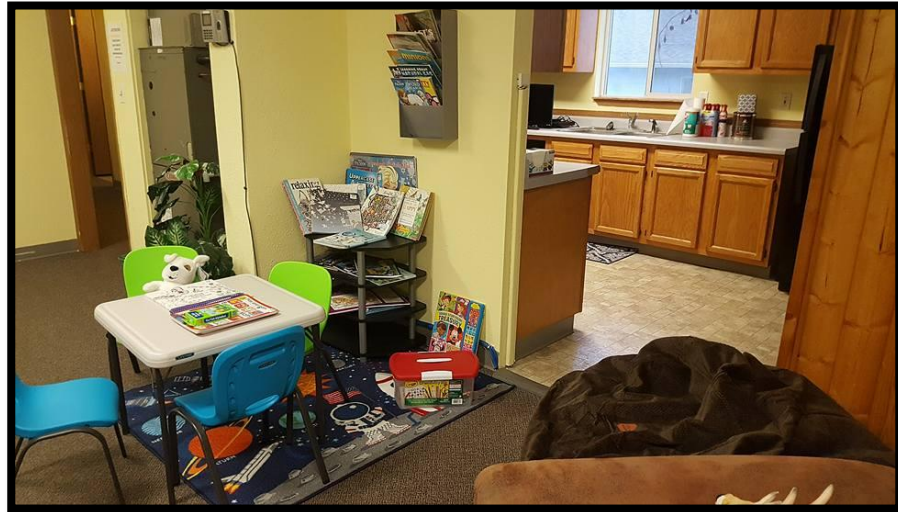
Most interviews consist of a child(ren), non offending caregiver(s) and siblings in tow. Our CARE Center can facilitate comfort and ease for the family while the interview occurs. This was previously an issue for the victim(s) and caregiver(s). We did not have a waiting room at NiMiiPuu Health. The length of time to sufficiently process a child forensic interview requires family adequate space like our CARE Center.

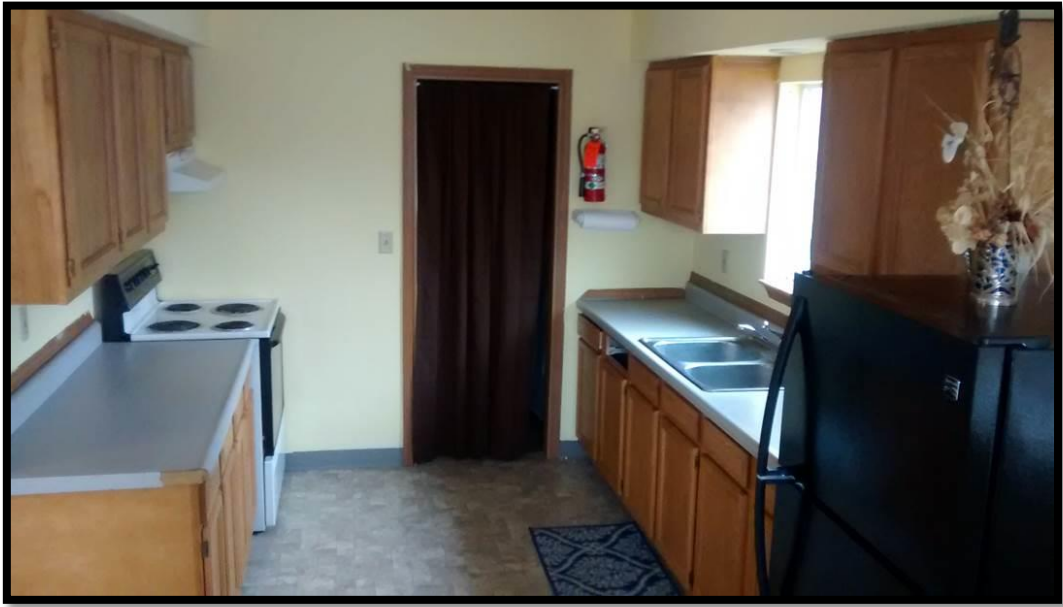




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**Full kitchen and dining area at
CARE Center**





Dining Area, the CARE Center's ample space provide for multiple stations to host other children and family while the forensic interview occurs. Confidentiality is priority, however, due to family dynamics, most caregivers will have the other children with them.



The CARE Center is available 24-7 by Nez Perce Tribal Police or the FBI Agent(s) to conduct interviews, such as sexual assault or intimate partner violence. The CARE Center may be used by other agencies, for instance Kamiah City Marshall, Lewiston City Police, Nez Perce County Sheriff, etc. This is the only facility of it's kind in a 458 mile radius. The MDT has built a foundation of partnerships that in turn improved services for other victims of crime such as sexual assault and intimate partner violence for local, State, County and Federal agencies.



Front Entrance. Deadbolts and upgrades to doors have been made – improved exterior lighting is needed for safe access and security. The location at 311 Agency Road is a dark area with little street lighting.

Lessons Learned:

- a. Not all children can comfortably be interviewed in Lapwai, Idaho and feel more comfortable and secure in another location, Coeur D Alene, Idaho at the Northern Idaho Child Advocacy Center.**
- b. The second largest population of American Indians on the Nez Perce Reservation is 65 miles one way from the Child Advocacy Center; transportation assistance for children in/around Kamiah, Idaho is demonstrated in this proposal. It is our understanding this is the only facility between Coeur D Alene and Boise, Idaho for child victims.**

The Nez Perce Tribe strives to not only provide excellent care for victims of crime, but have a facility and environment for professionals to successfully and compassionately carry out their role.

Victim Centered, Family Centered and a Culturally Appropriate environment embody the CARE Center.

Entry to exit for a child victim and their caregiver at the Child Advocacy Center can average 3.5 – 4 hours.



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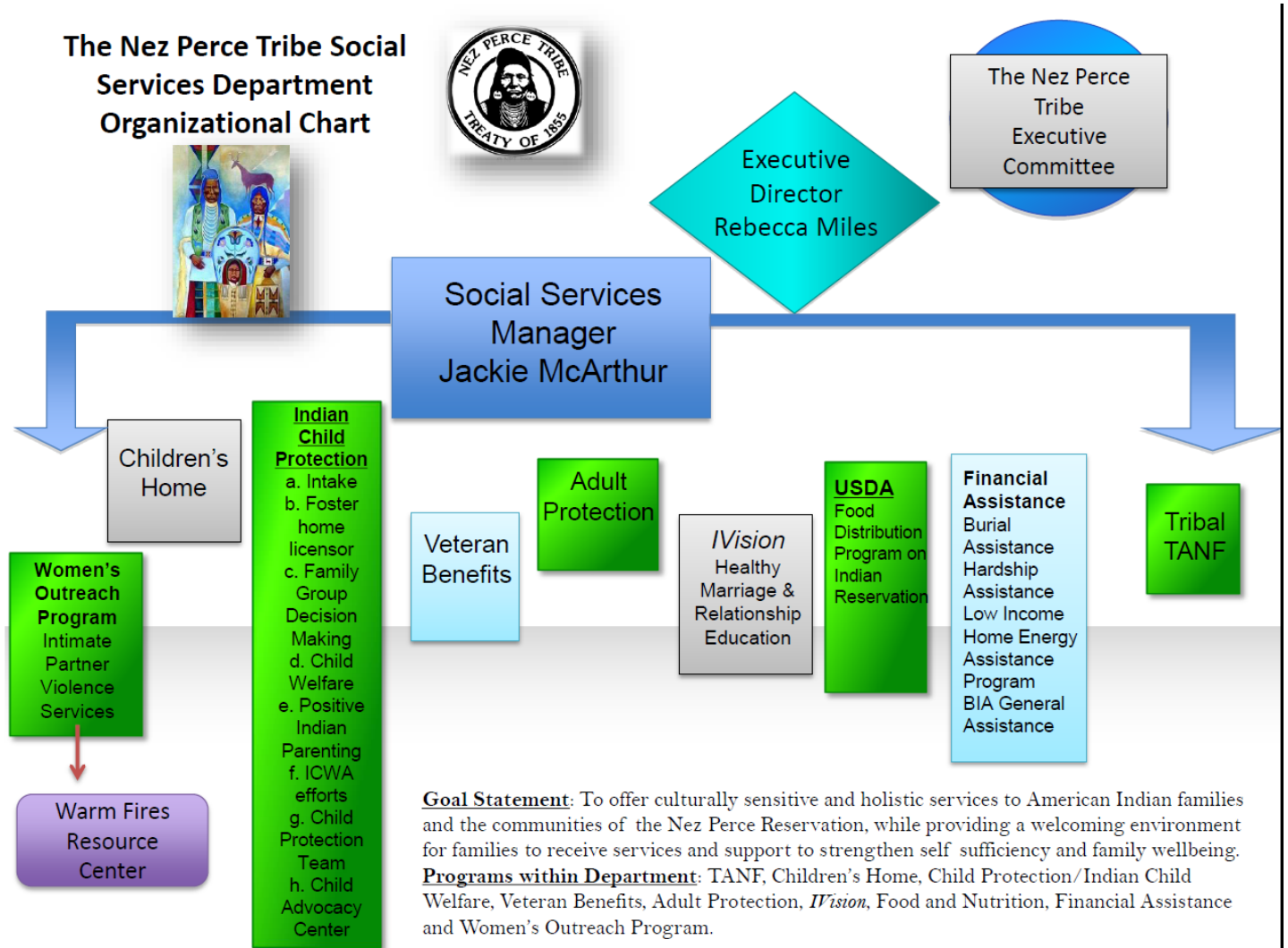
Nez Perce Tribe Social Services Department

Agencies who wish to use the CARE Center may contact:
Lieutenant Dan Taylor, NPTPD:
208 621 3653

Detective Sergeant Larry Stuck, NPTPD: 208 621 3613

Jackie McArthur, NPT Social Services Manager: 208 621 4655

For Emergency or after hour needs contact 208 843 7141 and Dial 1



The Nez Perce Tribe Multi Disciplinary Team Members

Nez Perce Tribe Social Services
Nez Perce Tribe Law Enforcement
Nez Perce Tribal Prosecutor
NiMiiPuu Health Medical
NiMiiPuu Health Behavioral
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Attorney Office for the
District of Idaho
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Victim Specialist
Idaho Department of Health and
Welfare Region 2



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has been empowered to act for and on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe, pursuant to the Revised Constitution and By-laws, adopted by the General Council of the Nez Perce Tribe on May 6, 1961 and approved by the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs on June 27, 1961; and

WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribe Social Services is the lead in the Nez Perce Tribe Multidisciplinary Team (NPT MDT), its purpose is to foster and strengthen the cooperation between, and to advise and assist, the many agencies involved in child physical and sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, the NPT MDT further seeks to minimize the impact of child physical and sexual abuse investigations and prosecutions of child victims and their families by reducing the number of interviews, examinations, and utilizing available expertise.

WHEREAS, the NPT MDT has adapted a Memorandum of Understanding between the following programs and agencies: Nez Perce Tribal Social Services, Nez Perce Tribe Law Enforcement, Nez Perce Tribal Prosecutor, NiMiiPuu Health (Medical representative and Behavioral Health representative), Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Attorney's Office for the District of Idaho, Federal Bureau of Investigation Victim's Specialist, and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Children and Family Services Region 2.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) hereby authorize the Nez Perce Tribes Program Managers, Directors, or Executive Directors to sign the NPT MDT Memorandum of Understanding; and

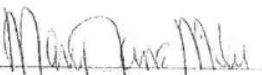
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the NPTEC do hereby support the need for the partnerships this NPT MDT Memorandum of Understanding provides.

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CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee meeting in Regular Session, November 10, 2015, in the Richard A. Halfmoon Council Chambers, Lapwai, Idaho, a quorum of its Members being present and voting.

BY:


Mary Jane Miles, Secretary

ATTEST:


Anthony D. Johnson, Chairman

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WHEREAS, the Nez Perce Tribe (Tribe) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe that provides essential governmental services on and adjacent to the Nez Perce Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Social Services Department has moved from facilities located at 311, 357, 385 Agency Road to the former Lapwai School District Office; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director reviewed the facilities needs and considered requests for the newly vacant spaces.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC) does hereby authorize the continued use of Social Services Administration office by the Social Services Department and the second office building to be utilized by the Child Support Enforcement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate a rental agreement for the third office building for use as a daycare center; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the NPTEC Chairman and Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the required correspondence and the NPTEC Treasurer is hereby and authorized to disburse funds accordingly.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee meeting in Special Session, May 26, 2015 in the Richard A. Halfmoon Council Chambers, Lapwai, Idaho, a quorum of its Members being present and voting.

BY:


Mary Jane Miles, Secretary

ATTEST:


Anthony D. Johnson, Chairman