



Our purpose is to reduce unemployment among American Indians, traditionally the least serviced and poorest group in the United States. Toward this goal, the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center has operated an employment and training program since 1976. The current program is funded through the United States Department of Labor under the Workforce Investment Act.

The program offers the following services:

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNSELING—training and employment assessment; counseling; and referral to other employment, social and educational services.

CLASSROOM TRAINING ASSISTANCE—financial assistance with GED testing and with programs at vocational schools, colleges, and universities.

JOB PLACEMENT—direct job referrals for participants who have experience/skills.

COUNSELING—dealing with employment related topics such as job search techniques, resume writing and interviewing skills.

To be eligible for program services you must be:

--Native American, Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian

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--Be unemployed for at least seven days, working but in receipt of a lay-off letter, working part-time, working below your level of training (underemployed) or be economically disadvantaged (low income).

--Be eighteen years old or older

--Be a resident in our current service area which is the entire states of Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

--Be registered at the employment one-stop office of your state:

Kentucky--Kentucky Career Center

<http://kentuckycareercenter.ky.gov> (link)

Maryland--Maryland Workforce Exchange

<https://mwejobs.maryland.gov> (link)

Pennsylvania--PA Career Link

<https://www.cwds.pa.gov> (link)

West Virginia--Workforce WV

www.workforcewv.org (link)

District of Columbia--Department of Employment Services

<http://does.dc.gov> (link)

--If you are male born after January 1, 1960, be registered with the Selective Service System www/ssss.gov (link)

If you meet the qualifications, please contact one of our regional employment and training counselors. Please have ready the following information: name, address, city, state, zip code, county, phone number (home and mobile), email, and tribal affiliation.

If you are interested in an Indian Employment Program in a different region, please check out the National Grantee Directory http://www.doleta.gov/dinap/cfml/docs/Telephone_Director_14.pdf (link)

Eastern Kentucky

At the Central Kentucky Job Center

1055 Industry Road, Suite 120

Lexington, KY 40505

Phone (866) 294-0298

Fax (859) 425-2140

Jeanetta Howard/Employment and Training Counselor

Email: jhoward@cotraic.org (link)

Western Kentucky

At the NIA Center

2900 West Broadway

Louisville, KY 40211

Phone (800) 595-8721

Fax (502) 574-1197

Annette Jones/Employment and Training Counselor

Email: annette.jones@kentuckianaworks.org (link)

Eastern Maryland

At the Eastpoint Workforce Development Center

7930 Eastern Boulevard

Baltimore, MD 21224

Phone (877) 268-6680

Fax (410) 288-3466

Fatima Ball/Employment and Training Counselor

Email: fball@cotraic.org (link)

Western Maryland

At the Western Maryland Consortium

33 West Washington Street, 4th floor

Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone (800) 858-8083

Fax (301) 790-3502

Fatima Ball/Employment and Training Counselor

Email: fball@cotraic.org (link)

Eastern Pennsylvania

At the Montgomery County Career Link

1855 New Hope Road

Norristown, PA 19401

Phone (800) 341-3577

Fax (610) 270-3428

William Reckard/Employment and Training Counselor

Email: breckard@cotraic.org (link)

Western Pennsylvania

At the Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center, Inc.

120 Charles Street

Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1027

Phone (800) 985-8721

Fax (412) 767-4808

Rodney John/Employment and Training Counselor

Email: rjohn@cotraic.org (link)

West Virginia

At the Workforce WV--Charleston Office

(office)

1321 Plaza East

Charleston, WV 25301-1400

Phone (866) 660-3400

Fax (304) 558-0349

Edith Brabender/Employment and Training Counselor

(mail)

Post Office Box 1349

Charleston, WV 25325-1349

Email: wiauw@hotmail.com (link)



How Do You Establish You Are Native American

- You must be able to show documentation that either you, other family members or ancestors, have been recognized as Native American (or Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian). This documentation can be shown through tribal enrollment records, tribal identification cards, birth/death records, or tribal blood decree.

- or -

- You must show that you personally have identified yourself as Native American (or Alaskan Native or Native Hawaiian). This may be documented through affiliation with Native American organizations, family bibles or other family records (including family trees), legal records or signed statements of non-family members attesting to your identification (forms are available for this purpose).

The Indian Employment (or WIA) Program has been authorized by the United States Government to serve people who are Native American. It is *not* an entitlement program that provides a benefit to any individual who may have had Native American ancestors, nor is it associated with any one particular tribe. You may not identify yourself as American Indian only for the purpose of receiving program services. You must be able to show that you have for at least a year identified yourself as an American Indian before applying for this program.

The program cannot personally assist you in investigating your heritage. However, please check out the following list of websites and contact information to assist you with your research:

www.AncientFaces.com (link)

www.ancestry.com (link)

www.cyndislist.com (link)

www.rootsweb.com (link)

www.african-nativeamerican.com (link)

www.accessgenealogy.com/native/ (link)

Pay Based Site – Records

Free Site – General Information

Free Site – Records

Free Site – Records/Information

Free Site – Records/Information

www.archives.gov/genealogy/heriage/native-american/index.html (link)	
www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html	Free Site – Records/Information
www.cherokee.org (link)	
www.cherokeeheritage.org (link)	Western/Oklahoma
www.cherokee-nc.com (link)	Eastern/North Carolina
http://unitedkeetoowahband.org (link)	
www.tulsalibrary.org (link)	
www.rootsweb.com~usgenweb/ (link)	Free Site – Records/Information
www.itd.npa.gov/cwss/ (link)	US Government Civil War Records
www.genealogy.com (link)	Pay Based Site – Records
www.genealogybank.com (link)	Pay Based Site
www.familysearch.org (link)	Free Site – Records
www.fortnoet.com (link)	Pay Based Site
www.deadfred.com (link)	Free Site
www.WorldVital Records.com (link)	Pay Based Site
www.USGenWebarchives.net (link)	
www.nara.gov (link)	

Organizations and contacts that may assist in research:

United States Department of the Interior; follow guide to tracing American Indian Ancestry
National Library of Congress
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
West Virginia Division of Culture and History
Family History Center/West Virginia (304) 984-9333
The Cultural Center (304) 558-0230 x700 [Gregory Carroll/Historian –Archives and History Section]
West Virginia Genealogical Society, Inc (304)965-1179