

NPTVRS UPDATE

NPTVRS current reminders:

- Our NPTVRS program is fully open and ready to help anyone who qualifies for our program.
- NPTVRS will continue to provide services by walk-ins, scheduled appointments and phone calls. However, if you are feeling sick, **please** call or text us in advance to either complete a meeting over the phone or to reschedule your meeting.
- We **still require** that you have your temperature checked and wear your mask when entering our NPTVRS office.
- We are still providing gloves and masks for your appointment.

NPTVRS news stories:

- Our NPTVRS program will be a part of the ‘Get Outside! Independent Living Conference’ next week with Disability Action Center (DAC). The conference will be a 2-day workshop at the Clearwater River Casino. The 2-day workshop will also include key note speakers from other local program such as; Clearwater Trekkers, Asotin Community Services, Camping Life Hacks, Able Savings Account, WSU Parasports and ERAP Training, etc. The 2-day Independent Living Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 14th, 2022 from 9:00am-5:00pm, and Thursday, September 15th, 2022 from 9:45am-3:00pm. The event includes a \$45.00 entry fee, and is open to the community members who are looking to sign up for our programs and who are looking to become employed. Also, if any of our NPTVRS participants are interested in attending, please make sure to get ahold of our NPTVRS office, because our NPTVRS program will pay for your \$45.00 entry fee as well. There will also be breakfast, lunch and snacks provided to those who attend. If you have any questions about this event, please feel free to contact any of our programs and we’ll be glad to help you.
- Our NPTVRS had a successful cultural corn husk weaving class that was recently held on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022 from 9:00am to 12:00pm that was taught by Gail Bear. We had about 4 participants show up and they all really enjoyed the cultural experience. The cultural class showcased the creative ways of corn husk weaving and its importance within our ancestral history. We appreciate Gail Bear for illustrating her knowledge and our NPTVRS participants for taking part in the cultural event.
- Our NPTVRS program will be hosting a soap making class as our next cultural making class Wednesday, September 28th, 2022. If any of our eligible participants are interested in signing up for this course, the first 10 signups will be available and please feel free to

contact our NPTVRS Office Specialist Allie Bybee at 208-843-9395 and she'll put your name down on the list. The location of the class is TBD.

- Our NPTVRS program wants to welcome Feather Holt as the new full-time Nez Perce Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. Our program is extremely thankful and happy to have Feather and all of her expertise on our team. Feather will be in our Kamiah, ID office twice a month and Orofino, ID to meet with our participants as well. We all look forward to helping our program grow and continue to provide the best services possible for our participants.
- Our NPTVRS program currently has five brand new CPU'S for our training center. The CPUs are installed with the newest tools of Microsoft office and we encourage those who are participants in the program to stop by and use them to develop resumes, letters and job applications.
- Our NPTVRS program also has openings for any eligible NPTVRS participant with a medical diagnosed disability who are interested in completing their 16-week apprenticeship carpentry training. Other areas of interest also include; Twin Rivers Therapeutic Massage Academy LLC, Small Business Development, Accounting Fundamentals, Truck Driving, Welding, etc. If anyone who meets our NPTVRS qualifications are interested in these areas of employment and work force training options, please feel free to contact us with any questions and suggestions for other areas of interests you may have.
- We also keep close tabs on the recent job openings located within the Lewis-Clark Valley and any Vo-tech options located at Lewis-Clark State College. The NPTVRS program encourages any participant who is currently enrolled in the program to stop by and we can help assist with employment and work force training opportunities.

NPTVRS contact info:

- Our new office location is at 271 B, St Lapwai, ID in the Nez Perce Tribe Education building. **Please use** the Voc. Rehab **main entrance**, which is located on the side of the building near the softball field.
- Our direct contact line is 208-843-9395 for any further assistance.
- You may also contact us via our NPTVRS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Nez-Perce-Tribe-Vocational-Rehabilitation-Services-112076830710100>. We consistently update our page with important and helpful information for the community, therefore swing on by and give our page a follow, we greatly appreciate the continued support.
- Our NPTVRS program also has our brand-new online Survey Monkey available for the community as well. Please follow the link at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5RDMSPB>. Our NPTVRS program would really appreciate your feedback.
- Our NPTVRS office hours are **Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm** and our staff will be happy to assist you.

