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# HUMAN SERVICES

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Human Services Division was formerly Governmental Services. We renamed the division to provide a better description of the services we offer to the Oneida community.

**VISION:** AN ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED HEALTHY COMMUNITY BUILT ON TSI?NIYUKWALIHO T∧ WITH RESPECT, EDUCATION, AND SELF-AWARENESS.

**MISSION:** PROVIDING HOLISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Luman Services Division consists of 11 departments including: Aging & Disability Services, Child Support, Cultural Heritage, Economic Support, Family Fitness, Family Services, Food Distribution, Public Transit, Recreation, Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS), and Veteran Services.

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# 02 Aging & Disability Services



**MISSION:** TO ASSIST OUR ELDERS TO MAINTAIN AN INDEPENDENT, HEALTHY, PRODUCTIVE, AND QUALITY LIFESTYLE THROUGH LOVE, CARING AND RESPECT BY SERVICES WE PROVIDE.

odi Tess, a proud Oneida Tribal Member, Grandmother, Mother, and Daughter and is honored to have the opportunity to serve the community of the Oneida Nation as the Director at Oneida Aging and Disability Services. Having an educational background in gerontology and healthcare she has worked with elders and individuals with disabilities for over 20 years in many different capacities making a lifelong career of advocating for those in need.

Born and raised on the lakeshore in Kewaunee, Jodi started working for the Tribe a year ago jumping right into the role as Elder Abuse Prevention Assistant and then Caregiver and Prevention Supervisor. In her first year here, she has continuously worked on networking and collaborating on learning about the needs of the community and ways to provide those services.

As Aging and Disability Services Director she is dedicated to upholding the vision and mission statement of the department and continue to advocate for those she is serving. With her leadership style she plans on working closely with her team to understand and meet the needs of the community. Jodi firmly believes that servicing our elders is not only honoring our past, but also safeguarding our future.

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2025. Preview May's challenge of 50 minutes of exercise each week below. Find our Facebook page (Oneida Nation Child Support Agency) to start your challenge today! In addition to our monthly Facebook challenge, Child Support is in the planning stages of the 2025 Back to School Event. We look forward to a re-vamped event and seeing all your wonderful families!



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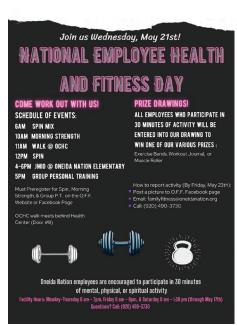
Child Support would also like to welcome our newest Case Manager, Jennifer! Please read her introduction: "My name is Jennifer Miller and I'm from Northern Illinois. My husband Nathan and I have been married for 5 years and have 2 dogs. We moved to Green Bay for a fresh start and enjoy many outdoor activities such as camping, backpacking, hiking, snowboarding, and archery. We love it here and enjoy learning about our new home and our new community."

We are happy to have Jennifer on our team!

# 04 Economic Support



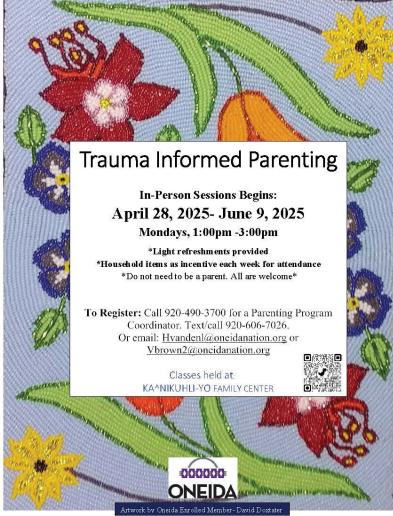
# 05 Family Fitness







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his workshop is open to all who are interested. You do no need to be a parent to attend. The Trauma Informed Parenting Workshop "focuses on how to care for a child who has experienced trauma (especially when we have our own traumatic experiences that have affected our behaviors in parenting). Many of us have experienced trauma throughout our lives. Understanding how trauma affects children can help parents make sense of their child's behaviors, feelings and attitudes; can help parents develop greater insight around how to help their child cope with the effects of trauma; and, help parents understand how to provide a safe and stable home environment. This workshop has cultural components and focuses on healing generational patterns."

At each session there will be refreshments provided and household items will be given to participants as an incentive for attendance. Held April 28th-June 9th (Mondays) from 1-3pm.



JOIN FOODWISE FOR AN ENGAGING HOUR OF DISCUSSION ON HEALTHY EATING PRACTICES AND INCORPORATING MOVEMENT INTO OUR DAILY ROUTINE. WE WILL BE MAKING A GREAT SPRING RECIPE!

> TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 ONEIDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER KITCHEN TIME: 9:30AM

 ${\sf RSVP: reserve\ your\ spot\ by\ contacting\ Tonya\ Laurent\ at}$ tlaurent@oneidanation.org or texting (920) 256-0262 with your name, phone number, and the number of attendees





Please contact Julie Raasch at 920-391-4606 or email: jmraasch2@wisc.edu if you need an interpreter, need materials translated, or need a reasonable accommodation to attend or fully participate in this event. There is no cost for these services.

# Transit



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## Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS)

## SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDA TRIBAL SERVICES(SEOTS) UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FAMILY & CULTURAL DAYS

- · May 6th Brewer Tailgate & Game: **Limited spots** available. Sign up required.
- May 20th Cultural **Day- Strawberry** Theme, food, storytelling, and activities provided. RSVP required.

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#### ELDER **EVENTS**

- · May 13 (Brain **Health Topic)** & 27th (Elder Yoga), Elder lunch and Bingo, various activities provided 10am-
- May 21st 10am-Elder Food Boxes

#### COMMUNITY **EVENTS**

- May 10th 11am-2pm- Mother's Day Craft Fair
- June 21st 12-3pm SEOTS Community Picnic at Humboldt Park Food, activities. and raffles provided. Limited to 120 participants, sign up required

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK OR CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR OUR MOST UP TO DATE EVENTS! HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SOUTHEASTERN ONEIDATRIBALSERVICES/

HTTPS://ONEIDA-NSN.GOV/RESOURCES/SOUTH-EASTERN-ONEIDA-TRIBAL-SERVICES/SEOTS-EVENTS/



# 10 Veteran Services

MISSION: TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE IN THE DELIVERY OF ENTITLEMENTS AND BENEFITS DUE TO OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The Oneida Veterans Services Department is dedicated to providing quality services and assistance in the delivery of entitlements and benefits due to our Nation's veterans and their families. We accomplish this mission by consistently working to improve our processes for filing paperwork, and by learning about and providing resources for veterans throughout the state of Wisconsin. By working in collaboration with various chartered veterans associations within Oneida, the Oneida Veterans Services Department provides community outreach in the forms of weekly Friday morning breakfasts and various Pig Roasts and Booyah events throughout the year.

With the weather beginning to change, Oneida Veterans Services Department is beginning to get busier. The next upcoming event we have will be the Annual Code Talkers Golf Tournament on May 23rd, hosted by ONVAC. Details

below. Next, is our Memorial Day Services. On May 26th, Oneida VFW Post 7784 will partner with Veterans Services, Wisconsin Indian Veterans Association- Oneida Chapter (WIVA), and ONVAC as we visit • Fridays: 6:30am-3pm. every Cemetery in Oneida and pay tribute to those fallen warriors that came before UPCOMING EVENTS: us. After the services are complete, we will be meeting at the VFW Post for a meal in their honor. All are welcome to join and view the services. Shuttles will be available to bring people to the various locations. Only one short month after that and Oneida Veterans Services will be ready to help coordinate our community veterans in bringing in the colors at the 50th Annual Oneida Pow Wow. Pig roasts and Booyah events will be ramping up, as well. Further information on those will be announced as we plan them. For more information, or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Connor Kestell or Joe Valentino. Or visit: Oneida Nation | Veteran Services and Resources (oneida-nsn.gov)

### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

- Monday-Thursday: 7am-4:30pm

- Annual Code Talkers Golf Tournament-May 23, 2025 9 am "shotgun" start for 18 holes. This will be a blinddraw scramble. Entry fee will be \$75. The first 144 paid entries will be able to play. Deadline for payment is May 20th, 2025 at 10am. Entry forms are available at the Veterans Services Office located at 134 Riverdale Drive. Sponsors and players can contact John Brueninger for more information at (920) 562-7536
- Memorial Day Honor Guard Services-May 26, 2025
- 50th Annual Oneida Pow Wow-June 28th -30th, 2025

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