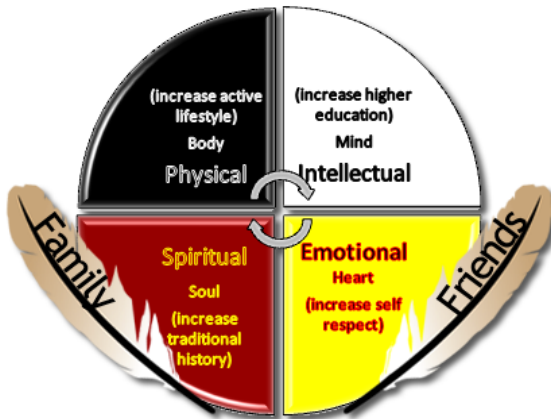




# TRIBAL UMBRELLA



## Lac Vieux Desert

### Social Services

#### Mission

The Lac Vieux Desert Social Services Department provides ongoing service to all Tribal and Community members. We provide support, guidance, and respect to individuals. We do not look down upon those who are less fortunate nor treat others as if they are better. We accept that all of us make errors in our lives and come across hard times. We always remember that to gain a friend we must first be one.

#### **ALL SERVICES ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

- ◆ **General Assistance Program**  
Can help if you are: unemployed due to a medical condition or seasonal layoff or you may be eligible while waiting for other benefits such as TANF, Unemployment or Social Security Disability.
- ◆ **Indian Child Welfare**  
Our main goal is "The Preservation of Native American Families." ICW Worker will work with families on any issue or family problem. ICW Worker works with the Indian Child Welfare Committee, coordinates services with all Tribal, County and State agencies. Attend Family Court and all Placement hearings.
- ◆ **Family Team Management Meetings**  
Organized by the ICW Worker, working with the client and client chosen service providers and family members a team to set goals and work out personal issues.
- ◆ **Child Protective Service**  
The PS Worker receives written reports regarding a Tribal Child that may be in a need of care. An investigation is initiated within 24 hours of the report. This report will be either substantiated or unsubstantiated.
- ◆ **Victim Advocacy**  
VAIC/VOCA is a program to assist victims of any crime. The Victims Advocate provides crisis counseling, emotional support, court advocacy, medical advocacy, information and referral.
- ◆ **Social Services Caseworker**  
Oversees the following programs: ITC Low Income Energy Program - Commodity Foods - Budgeting - Resume Preparation - Taxes - Transportation - Home Visits / Case Reviews - TANF Application - Liaison for LVD with FIA and Indian Outreach Worker - Coordinates with Community Action Program and MSU Home Extension Office for many county services.
- ◆ **CCDF In-Home Child Care**  
Must be income eligible and within service area. Tribal Children ONLY. Program will pay a percent of child care costs depending on income. In home care of at the Child Development Center.

*Please contact your ATR Care Coordinator if you are interested in any of the above activities or events.*

