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Join us for the **"Real Solutions for Real People"**, a day for activists to come together to deepen our knowledge and commitment to comprehensive solutions to economic, racial and environmental justice.

When: February 13, 2016 Location: Jot Travis Building, University of Nevada Reno, NV

Time: 8:00am - 2:30pm **CLICK HERE TO RSVP:** <http://bit.ly/RPRS2016>

Cost: FREE

Sponsoring organizations:

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We recently reported on six other cities in Michigan, which have more lead poisoning in their city water supplies, than Flint. The Detroit News reports that...
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Who Owns Yosemite?

It may sound like a spoof straight out of *The Onion*, but it's all too true: Many of Yosemite National Park's most storied sites and structures, including the Ahwahnee Hotel and Curry Village, are about to change their names after Delaware North, a former park vendor, demanded \$51 million for the use of trademarks. Delaware North even contends that it owns the trademark to the name "Yosemite National Park." A national outcry has arisen in response to this preposterous and presumptuous assertion.

[Defend Yosemite's legacy from corporate greed -- tell Delaware North to drop its offensive trademark lawsuit.](#)

Get Outdoors, Get Involved.

Everyone has their own story or remembrance of their first connection with nature. "The Sierra Club's tagline is 'Explore, Enjoy, and Protect' ... but you can't protect things you don't know," observes Sierra Club board member Allison Chin. Sierra Club Outdoors reaches across economic, cultural, and community lines to help anyone and everyone explore and enjoy the natural world. Says chapter outdoor activist Nkrumah Frazier, "My favorite little spot where I grew up is no longer there, so I really would like to preserve and protect other people's favorite places."

[Hear more about the transforming power of the outdoors in our new video.](#)

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## **Keep It in the Ground**

Back in November, when President Obama announced he was rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline, climate activists' jaws dropped when he used the phrase "keep it in the ground," which had become the mantra of the climate movement. Then on January 15, Interior Secretary Sally Jewell cited coal's impacts on climate change in announcing a moratorium on all new and updated coal leases on federal land (see action item in "End of an Error", below) -- the first time that climate concerns have been cited by the government in connection with federal coal leases.

[Find out how the "keep it in the ground" movement has reframed the conversation.](#)

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## **Choices for Children Alpine County**

Are you lucky enough to have summers off?

Would you consider watching children over the break?

Local child care is in high demand during the summer.

Average rates charged by Family Child Care Homes in Tahoe are between \$3.75-\$7.50 per hour/per child (granted our market will vary)

Licensing is required if you watch more than one family's children but not if you provide care for only one family.

Give our agency a call if you would like more information on providing summer care.

Choices for Children Alpine County 100 Foothill Rd. Ste. D-6 530-694-2129

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## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR A SOCIAL WORKER - Pyramid Lake**

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is soliciting Requests for Proposals from interested parties to act in the capacity of Social Worker for 30 hours per week for 56 weeks. Compensation is to be at \$25.00 per hour up to 30 hours per week and is dependent upon experience.

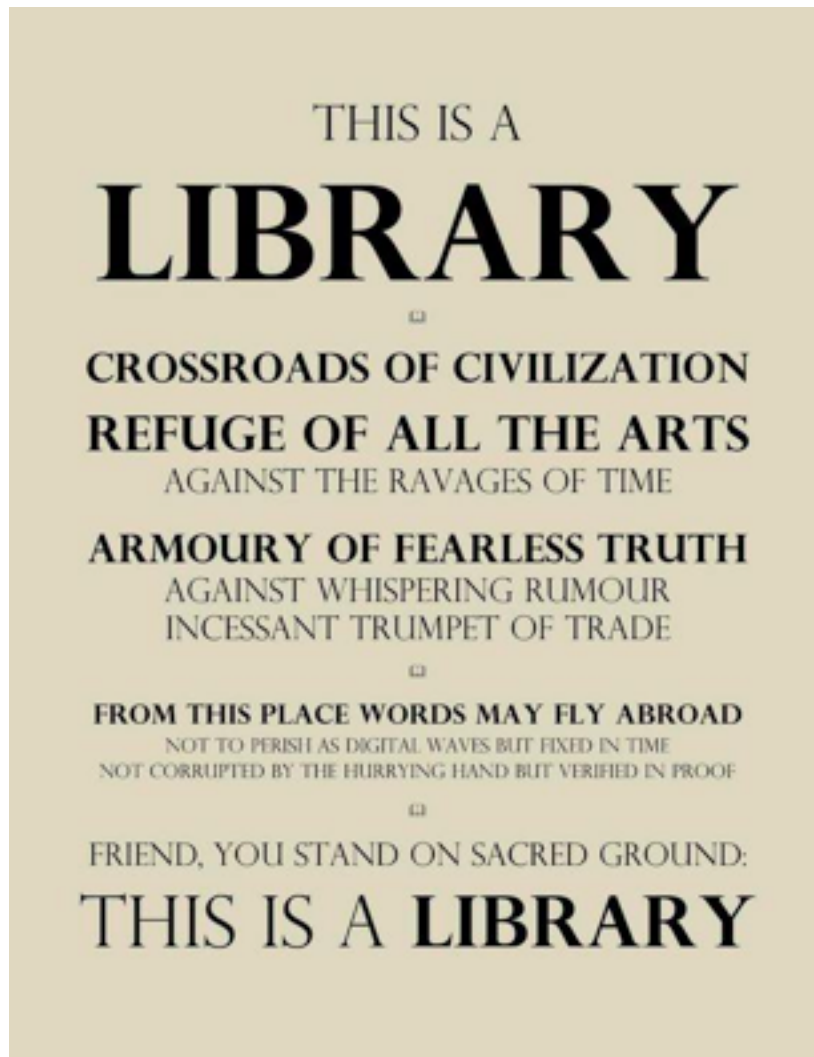
### **A. INTRODUCTION**

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has implemented a contractual agreement for Social Worker Services. Under the administrative direction of the Executive Officer in the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the Social Worker will be responsible for providing case management services to enrolled

members of federally recognized tribes on or near the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation. These services include: provision of assistive services, referrals, case planning, and family meetings. Additionally, may be called upon to refer individuals and families with tribal affiliations who are not tribally enrolled to appropriate agencies.

The following standards shall apply to the selection of a Social Worker:

1. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work.
2. Specific licensure – LSW, MSW, etc.
3. Up to 5 years of professional social service experience or relevant combination of experience and training in social services, child welfare, case management, counseling, or advocacy which would indicate possession of the required knowledge, abilities, and skills.
4. Must favorably pass a thorough background investigation.



### **B. SCOPE OF WORK**

Protect and work on behalf of vulnerable populations specifically children, and people with disabilities.

Investigate client abuse and neglect reports. Report abuse/neglect to the appropriate agencies

in accordance with mandated time frames.

Assess client needs and develop service plans. Create client-driven case plans with client involvement. Monitor service plan progress and evaluate reports from multiple service providers and keep supervisor notified of progress or lack of progress.

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Work in conjunction with Tribal Courts, Tribal Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement, Bureau of Indian Affairs Social Services and other county social services. Attend Child Protection Team (CPT) meetings and other meetings directly related to clients in case management workload.

Petition the court and submit other relevant court documents, including status reports.

Provide screening, placement, and monitoring of Adult Custodial Care clients as small part of caseload. Ensure the placement is the least restrictive possible, and assist the client in becoming as self-sufficient as possible.

Provide screening, placement and monitoring of Minor In Need Of Care (MINOC) clients as majority of caseload. Ensure that the placement is the least restrictive possible and that the child has an opportunity to thrive. Supervise visitation for clients where necessary.

Attend regional meetings including quarterly BIA meetings. Prepare comprehensive and accurate information for reports within given time frames.

Adhere to tribal law, department policy and procedure, and confidentiality requirements.

Recruit, license, and monitor foster and adoptive parents and homes. Coordinate with other agencies in out-of-home placements.

Conduct home visits and safety checks. Travel out of local area for home visits and trainings as required.

Available to respond to calls for service on an on-call basis during nights and weekends, as part of a routine office rotation.

Administer necessary phases of social services in the absence of the Social Services Director.

Perform other related duties as required.

### **C. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Knowledge of: the Native American community and available community resources; principles and practices of human service programs; interviewing methods and techniques; office practices and procedures, including filing and the operation of standard office equipment; record keeping principles and practices; correct English usage, including spelling, grammar and punctuation; modern casework principles, objectives and practices; socio-economic conditions, trends and factors, which promote stable family life; crisis intervention strategies; rights to privacy and confidentiality of information; operation of computers including data entry and retrieval; administrative and judicial hearing processes.

Ability to: apply rules, regulations, and standards as necessary in the provision of services or adherence to law and departmental policy; cultivate productive working relationships with other

agencies, departments, and colleagues; always be a positive representative of the Tribe; organize and maintain accurate files/records; satisfactorily prepare and submit relevant reports to outside agencies, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs; perform at a high level of autonomy or with minimal supervision; observe and report accurately on the functioning of individuals and families; set appropriate limits and boundaries with clients; work flexible hours as required; act decisively when necessary to protect client; work effectively under the pressure of conflicting demands and emergencies; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; establish priorities and organize work; maintain professionalism while dealing with difficult situations and/or clients; prepare clear, concise and accurate records and reports.

Must favorably pass a thorough background investigation.

Must possess reliable transportation, automobile insurance, a valid driver's license, and be insurable under the Tribe's vehicle insurance policy.

#### **D. REQUIRED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

Graduation from an accredited college with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Specific licensure – LSW or MSW; Up to 5 years of professional social service experience or relevant combination of experience and training in social services, child welfare, case management, counseling, or advocacy which would indicate possession of the required knowledge, abilities, and skills.

#### **E. EVALUATION PROCESS**

Step 1: Resume will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements listed in this RFP. Those that comply will go to Step 2.

Step 2: Resume will be reviewed and evaluated by the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee will be comprised of the Executive Team Representative(s), and Human Resources Representative(s).

Step 3: The individual whose written proposal received the highest score will be forwarded to be interviewed by the Executive team, and in cases of a tie those individuals who are tied will be invited for an interview.

Step 4: The Tribe will conduct background investigation for the finalist. The Human Resources Department will notify the individual as determined by the adjudication and schedule date for selectee to meet and sign the contract.

Step 5: Contract will be executed by the selected individual and the Tribal. The contract will be for a one (1) year period.

For selection of the finalist, the written proposals will be scored using the following scoring system:

25% experience, that includes length of time, experience and other matters relating to relevant experience

25% qualifications of the specific individuals



25% the effectiveness of the individual to perform as a Licensed Social Worker, based upon references relating to work

25% the individual's experience and effectiveness in providing social work determinations.

#### **E. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

A resume in the form of a description of individual's practice and services the individual is capable of providing, including an explanation of how these services will best meet the Tribe's needs;

A list of references regarding reputation and qualifications of the individual.

#### **F. INSTRUCTIONS**

All proposals must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "Sealed Proposal-SOCIAL WORKER." Proposals will be accepted and are open until filled. The request for proposal should be a complete and stand-alone package. One (1) copy of the proposal must be presented.

#### **G. FINAL DATE TO SUBMIT**

All proposals must be submitted no later than February 29, 2016 by 4:30 p.m.

All proposals are to be delivered to:

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe C/O: Lesley Hawley, Human Resources Manager

P.O. Box 256 208 Capitol Hill Nixon, NV 89424

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#### **Ahfachkee kids till land, dig into roots**

BIG CYPRESS — Students from Ahfachkee School culture classes are digging so deep into their roots that they can almost taste it – almost. On a recent Wednesday afternoon inside the perimeter of a Seminole camp at Billie Swamp Safari,... [seminoletribune.org](http://seminoletribune.org) By Eileen Soler

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#### **EXPLORE OUR LANGUAGE WEBSITE!**

*Can you guess which icon below goes with which tribe on the Our Mother Tongues website? Click to find out!*



Check out great photos, watch [Videos](#) and learn about many Native American languages from Alaska to North Carolina, Oklahoma to New York, Montana to Massachusetts. There is even an [Interactive Map](#), a [Voices page](#) where you can listen to thirteen different Native tongues, a [Blog](#), and a fun feature called [ePostcards](#) offering an entertaining way to connect with friends and family by sending audio greetings in a Native American language.

Please visit [OurMotherTongues.org](http://OurMotherTongues.org)



Hi Shayne,

One of my many hats is the chair of the Nevada Geographic Names Board, which makes me the host of this conference. I want to invite you and the members your Journal's readership to the **Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) 2016 conference in Reno**, [http://cogna50usa.org/2016\\_Reno\\_NV.html](http://cogna50usa.org/2016_Reno_NV.html).

The 2016 COGNA conference will take place May 3—7, 2016, at the Peppermill. We are looking for papers and panels to explore a full range of toponymic topics such as name standardization policies at the Federal, State, Tribal, and local levels of government, and conflict resolution regarding naming procedures.

This conference is the only event that brings together the State Geographic Names Authorities (SNAs) and the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) and provides participants a unique opportunity to share information and knowledge about the geographic naming process. There is no better way to network and benefit from the expertise of members and staff of the BGN, SNAs, Tribal authorities, other State and Federal mapping agencies, and members of the geospatial and academic communities.

We invite anyone willing to share their experiences with geographic names, standardization, policies, and practices to submit papers for individual presentations (25 inutes with 5 minutes of Q & A), or panel sessions (up to 1.5 hours). University scholars, GIS professionals, government employees, community leaders, or anyone with a personal or professional interest in geographic names are encouraged to participate.

Registration for the Council of Geographic Names Authorities 2016 conference is now open (Registration Form attached). The conference is open to anyone with an interest in any aspect of geographic names. As your state's recognized geographic names authority, you are a member of the Council. The conference provides the opportunity to network with member of other State Names Authorities and members of the US Board on Geographic Names.

The Council also invites attendees to consider doing a presentation. If you did not receive the Call for Papers, contact Wayne at the address below. Additional information about the Council, conference daily activities, hotel reservations, registration information, or other aspect of the conference can be found on our web site.

I have attached some forms for more information.

**Jeffrey M. Kintop | State Archivist I**

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Registration  
Geographic Names  
Conference Workshop  
May 3--7, 2016  
Reno, Nevada



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Date

Attendee's Name

Attendee's Agency or Affiliation

Address (Work or Home)

City

State

Zip

Phone

E-Mail

Attending Spouse (Family Member's) Name

Are you a US BGN Member    Yes    No    Are you a State Names Authority    Yes    No

Is it OK to share your information with other COGNA attendees?    Yes    No

This year we have several options of registrations to consider. Simply check the box next to the ones that you are registering for. When your registration is complete, you will be sent an invoice. See instructions below for payment methods. **Note: Registration includes the Tuesday Evening Opening Reception and the Friday Wrap-Up Social.** Visit the COGNA website for more details of what the registration includes.

Full Registration for Attendee:                      Number Attending                      at \$200.00 each equals \$

Full Registration for Spouse:                      Number Attending                      at \$50.00 each equals \$

One-Day Registration (Attendee): \$85.00 / per day (Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    ) \$

One-Day Registration (Spouse): \$25.00 / per day (Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    ) \$

One-Day Registration (Student): \$20.00 / per day (Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    ) \$

Will you be attending the Tuesday Evening Opening Reception?    Yes    No

Will you be attending the Friday Evening Wrap-Up Social?    Yes    No

**Optional Events with Fees**

Wednesday Evening Dinner & Lecture:                      Number attending                      at \$35.00 each equals \$

Saturday Educational Toponymic Tour:                      Number attending                      at \$50.00 each equals \$

**Total Fees: \$**

If paying by credit card, complete the Registration form and e-mail to: [twfurr@cogna50usa.org](mailto:twfurr@cogna50usa.org).

When we receive your form you will be sent an Invoice to pay with any major credit card through Pay Pal.

**Please include the name and e-mail address of the person on the card.**

If you prefer to pay by check please send it with your Registration Form to:

**Wayne Furr / COGNA 2016**

**3400 36th Avenue NE**

**Norman, OK 73026-7809**

**405-830-9848**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**MAY 3–7, 2016**

# **COGNA 2016: GREAT NAMES IN THE GREAT BASIN**

The Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) is an association of state and federal government agencies representing the official and recognized geographic names authorities in the United States who work to promote national standardization of the names of geographic features for official use throughout the country.

If you are currently a member of a state naming authority, or are just interested in geographic names, we encourage you to attend and participate in the annual conferences.

You can view the tentative program at the COGNA website:

<http://cogna50usa.org/index.html>

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Suggested topics may include, but not limited to:

- Issues when the names in state & federal data bases are different
- Mapping by various agencies such as USGS, USFS, NPS, BLM, FWS, FEMA, State, and local
- Geographic names in emergency response
- Using geographic names in GIS
- Coordination of geographic name usage between different municipalities
- Geographic name usage and standardization in web mapping applications
- Native American names
- History of geographic names
- Linguistic and cultural influences on geographic names

Submissions on related topics of interest to a toponymic audience are welcome.

For consideration for a presentation send a 250-word abstract to **Wayne Furr** at [twfurr@cogna50usa.org](mailto:twfurr@cogna50usa.org). Indicate the type of presentation, individual or panel discussion. For panel discussions, provide the names (or suggested names) of all presenters and their affiliation. **Due Date: April 1, 2016.**

**Note: All presenters must register as conference attendees.**

Additional information on the conference is available at <http://www.cogna50usa.org>. We hope that you will submit an abstract, save the dates, and join us in Reno, NV for a lively and informative experience. **Don't forget to mark your calendars!**

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