

**PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH
BEHAVIORAL CARE DEPARTMENT
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL
SECTION 15: PRIME FOR LIFE (Pages 75-76)**

Program Description

The Prime For Life program is a 16 hour drug and alcohol education course taught by certified instructors. This course is designed to challenge common beliefs and attitudes that directly contribute to high-risk alcohol and drug use, such as driving under the influence (DUI). The program's intervention component focuses on self-assessment to help participants understand and accept the need for change. Instructors use a variety of delivery methods to enhance the learning experience, including interactive presentations, workbooks, video media and group and individual activities. The Prime For Life drug and alcohol education course is presented in the Native American context and designed for both youth and adults. The program is open to all on a fee for service basis (\$50 for youth under 21 and for eligible adult Tribal members and \$150 for non-Tribal members).

Public Awareness and Advertising

Behavioral Care Department Counselors are required to keep local professional partners, treatment providers, court personnel, and probation officers updated on the availability and schedule of the program and encourage our professional partners to refer (or court-order if appropriate) individuals to complete the program. Opportunities to promote the program to professional partners and the public should be sought out.

Schedule

Prime For Life is offered on an as needed basis in each of the Band areas (need is based on having two or more participants that have paid in advance). A yearly schedule for Prime For Life is posted and shared with Tribal Council in January of each year based on staff availability and previous needs. The class can accommodate a maximum of ten participants. The classes are blocked out into 4 hours per session, once a week, for 4 weeks, totaling 16 hours (per course requirements). Participants can register any time prior to the first class by contacting the Prime For Life Coordinator or the PITU Receptionist.

Fees

The mandatory fees for Prime For Life are \$50 for youth participants (under age 21), \$150 for adult participants. The fee is waived (except \$50 to cover program materials) for Tribal members who meet IHS eligibility. *Fees are to be paid in cash or money orders only. No checks are accepted.* Fees must be paid in FULL before starting class. No refunds are given for individuals who start the program and do not complete it, including those who become incarcerated or move out of the service area during the four-week class period. All monies collected by the Department shall be logged and turned in to Administration.

Requirements for Certificates of Completion

A certificate of completion can only be issued if the participant has attended ALL 16 hours of class time and completed all work assigned. If participants are asked to leave, are non-compliant, have missed classes, or for any other reason fail to satisfactorily complete the course,

they will not get a refund. A letter will be sent to the Judge and/or Probation Officer stating why they failed the class. If the participant determines to retake the class, and they are ready and compliant, they can retake the class at a later date and receive a certificate without having to pay the fees again. If for any reason, the Instructor or the Tribe determines that allowing the participant to retake the class would pose a risk to the Instructor and/or the other class participants, he or she will not be permitted to retake the class.

Ground Rules

Following are ground rules required of all Prime For Life participants:

- Maintain confidentiality –an agreement will be presented and must be signed. Each participant will be advised that any confidentiality violation will result in dismissal from the class.
- Participants must dress appropriately and modestly, in order to prevent distractions.
- Participants may not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or have it on the premises. Instructors will report drinking and driving.
- Friends, family, or children of participants may not be present, or loitering outside the class or building.
- Electronic devices must be turned off.
- Lateness (more than 5 minutes) will not be tolerated, and will be treated as a missed class.
- Missing class is not allowed. There must be an unavoidable circumstance such as a medical emergency, and pre-approval obtained from Instructor if possible.
- There will be 15 minute breaks – Participants must refrain from leaving their seat until break.
- Make-up policy – If a participant misses class without obtaining the Instructor's approval in advance, or without the absence being approved by the Instructor, the participant must retake all four sessions of the class.
- No outside food (drinks only).
- If a participant is asked to leave, there will be no refund given.
- Participants are not allowed to tell "war stories" (embellish on prior substance use or abuse experiences).

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