

# NACS NEWS

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of Caring*

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## **Workers' Compensation and Certain Disability Payments May Affect Your Social Security Benefits**

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**M**any people working nowadays have more than one job, so it's not uncommon for them to have several sources of income. Owning multiple small businesses, seasonal jobs, and the gig economy add to the mix — and complexity — of our modern day economy. It's important to keep in mind that having multiple sources of income can sometimes affect your Social Security benefits.

Disability payments from private sources, such as private pensions or insurance benefits, don't affect your Social Security disability benefits. Workers' compensation and other public disability benefits, however, may reduce your Social Security

benefits.

Workers' compensation benefits are paid to a worker because of a job-related injury or illness. These benefits may be paid by federal or state workers' compensation agencies, employers, or by insurance companies on behalf of employers.

Public disability payments that may affect your Social Security benefits are those paid from a federal, state, or local government for disabling medical conditions that are not job-related. Examples of these are civil service disability benefits, state temporary disability benefits, and state or local government retirement benefits that are based on disability.

Some public benefits don't affect your Social Security disability benefits. If you receive Social Security disability benefits, and one of the following types of public benefits, your Social

Security benefits will not be reduced:

- Veterans Administration benefits;
- State and local government benefits, if Social Security taxes were deducted from your earnings; or
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

You can read more about the possible ways your benefits might be reduced at:

[www.socialsecurity.gov/publications/EN-05-10018.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/publications/EN-05-10018.pdf).

Please be sure to report changes. If there is a change in the amount of your other disability payment, or if those benefits stop, let us know. Tell us if the amount of your workers' compensation or public disability payment increases or decreases. Any change in the amount or frequency of these benefits is likely to affect the amount of your Social Security benefits.

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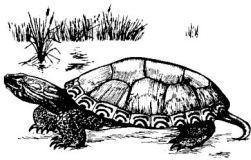
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### **MOVING/CHANGE OF ADDRESS?**

If you are planning on moving or changing your address, please contact NACS so we may update our mailing list. Call (716) 874-2797, ext. 378 or send an email to: [gghosen@nacswny.org](mailto:gghosen@nacswny.org)

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An unexpected change in benefits can have unintended consequences, but not if you're informed and have financially prepared yourself. Visit our benefits planner webpage at:

[www.socialsecurity.gov/planners](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners) for information about your options for securing your future.



## **Welcome To New Employees**

### **Nicole Smoke- Prevention Specialist**

*Akwesasne Mohawk, Wolf Clan*

I graduated from Syracuse University in 2017 with a B.S. in Human Development and Family Sciences with a minor in Native American Studies. I do plan on furthering my education in the future but until then I am enjoying my free time, and I am very excited to be joining the NACS Health and Wellness team!

### **Rebecca Dirschberger**

**Part-time Health Educator**

**Part-time Prevention Specialist**

I received my undergraduate degree at SUNY Oswego in Health Promotion Wellness in 2015 and am currently in my second year of graduate school at Daemen College for Public Health. My time at Daemen has led me in the direction of sexual and reproductive health. I was an intern at the Pride Center of WNY in the summer of 2018 where I was able to work with a population I had never worked with before. I was able to learn much more about what health looks like for those in the LGBTQIA+ community. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone at NACS and dive deeper into both health education and prevention specialist jobs. In my spare time, I enjoy training to run Spartan Races and cooking healthy vegan food.



**GAMING CORPORATION**

**NOTHING ELSE COMES CLOSE**

**Nya:wëh**

**MATTHEW WANG**

**Native Recruitment Specialist**

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**A** recruiter from the **Seneca Gaming Corp.** will be at NACS, Buffalo Office, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to discuss employment opportunities within the gaming sites located around Western New York. Times will typically be from 1-4 pm (however in November, only until 3 pm). Contact Tom Jamieson at (716) 874-4460, ext. 317 for more details.

# Health & Wellness Update

*submitted by Sean Foster, Health & Wellness*

October was a very busy month for the staff in Health and Wellness. To start off the Month, the PEEPs (Peer Educators Empowering People), successfully finished filming their PSA videos. The videos include, "A Trip to the Clinic", which is meant to help clear the stigma of getting tested. "Tea Time", which goes into detail about different feminine hygiene products that young women can use. "Suicide Prevention", covers some issues that can potentially lead to suicidal thoughts and provides viewers with a list of mental health resources. The last is "Microaggressions", which touches on combating stigmas and microaggressions in today's society. The PEEPs

and the Health and Wellness team are very excited to see their finished work and looking forward to sharing them with the community.



Another big October event was the Health and Wellness Halloween Party. This year's Halloween Party included, a spooky freaky feels room, a freeze-dance contest, a very ghoulish costume contest, spooky stories, and a craft

table where the children could make their own mask. Both sessions had a great turn out and everyone had loads of fun. The Health and Wellness staff are extremely thankful to everyone in the community who came out and made this year's party such a success. We are now looking forward to helping develop the NACS Holiday Party, which will be taking place early December.



## After School Program Attending the UB Homecoming game on October 13<sup>th</sup>

Pictured are: Left side: Keyshawn Little-John Wilson, Michaela Vickers, James Vickers; (Front row) Jacob Seth, Michael Seth

Right side: Jalen John, Jalisa John, Sampson John; (Front row) Logan Brown

# NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

## "All Our Relations" Project



# GIVING THANKS HAUDENOSAUNEE SOCIAL DANCE

Corn Soup  
&  
Fry Bread



Pot Luck  
Please Bring  
a Dish to Pass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2018

→ 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM ←

1010 MICHIGAN AVE, NIAGARA  
FALLS, NY 14305

Alcohol  
and  
Drug Free  
Event

For more information:

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The "All Our Relations" Project is funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, as well as businesses, foundations and caring individuals, like you! Nya:weh



## **DRNY Advances the Civil Rights of Native Americans with Disabilities**

### **What Is DRNY?**

DRNY is the Protection & Advocacy System and Client Assistance Program (P&A/CAP) for persons with disabilities in New York (NY). DRNY is a nonprofit organization. We protect the civil and legal rights of New Yorkers with disabilities. DRNY is **not a federal or state agency**. DRNY receives grants from the federal government to operate the programs listed later in this fact sheet. DRNY is an independent nonprofit that is a watchdog for people with disabilities. We ensure that organizations running public programs, employers, schools, business, and the like are providing the proper supports and services to people with disabilities as required by law.

### **What is DRNY's Purpose?**

DRNY provides free legal and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities. We Work tirelessly to protect and advance the rights of children and adults with disabilities. DRNY advocates to ensure people with disabilities are able to exercise their own life choices and fully participate in community life. DRNY envisions an inclusive world that provides equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities - one that is free from discrimination, abuse, and neglect.

### **What does DRNY do?**

- Provides free direct legal representation to people with disabilities under all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Pursues mediation, negotiations, administrative, and other appropriate advocacy to further the civil rights of people with disabilities.
- Provides information about the different services that are available to individuals with disabilities and provides self-advocacy "Know Your Rights" trainings.
- Provides information and referrals about various programs that help people with disabilities who are seeking specific services and supports.

### **DRNY does not provide the following services:**

- Criminal defense representation;
- Representation in family court matters (Ex.: Divorce and child custody);
- Non-legal services (Ex.: service coordination and job placement).

If you are looking for these services, DRNY staff can refer you to other organizations or attorneys who may be able to help.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## NACS 2018 HOLIDAY PARTY

### HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD!

NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES

1005 GRANT ST. BUFFALO, NY 14207

DECEMBER 1, 2018

11AM-1PM

RSVP INFO COMING SOON



For more information please contact: Simone Shuster-Zimicki

(716) 874-4460 [SSHUSTER@NACSWNY.ORG](mailto:SSHUSTER@NACSWNY.ORG)

\*Flyer and more details coming soon.



*Annual Niagara Falls*

**Native American Community Holiday Party**

*Saturday, December 8, 2018, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.*

*Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*1010 Michigan Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14305*

**IMPORTANT: Please register to attend by calling**

***Linda @ (716) 282-2615***

**Deadline to Register: Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE**

**THIS IS AN ALCOHOL-FREE AND DRUG-FREE EVENT**

***Supported by Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc. (NACS), the Niagara Native American Coalition and several local, caring individuals and businesses.***

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