

Illinois Valley Community Response Team

Community Profile:

Population 1,500 (Cave Junction); 5,000 (Illinois Valley)

Location Cave Junction

Position Description:

Sponsor Illinois Valley Community Response Team (IVCRT)

Supervisor Winfried Danke, Executive Director

Assignment

The RARE participant is responsible for grant writing for the Illinois Valley Community Response Team. This includes identifying and collecting information from funding sources for an extensive list of projects. The participant works with the committee to prioritize projects, collaborates with appropriate agencies to develop coordinated approaches and writes and submits all proposals and requests for funding. The RARE participant also supervises and develops community educational programs. This includes the Illinois Valley Community Education Project and the Distance Delivery and Extended Campus Learning Facilities.

Required Skills

Grant writing, volunteer coordinating, technical writing, administrative, organizational and public relations skills.

RARE Member: *Oshana Catranides - 1998-1999, Year 5 Participant*

In 1975, Oshana moved to Oregon, near Estacada, where she learned organic gardening and assistant-midwifery. In 1983, the Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Turtle family adopted Oshana as spiritual 'Daughter'. Oshana lived with her Cheyenne dad and family in Nevada for four years, attending traditional Native American Ceremonies until returning to Oregon in 1986. While in Nevada, she studied and learned many old songs and ceremonial ways of Kiowa, Comanche, and especially the Cheyenne people. In 1988, she began working as administrator of the Dome School, a parent-cooperative alternative school housed in rural southern Oregon. Her duties included administrative responsibilities as well as parent volunteer orientation, communication with state and local agencies and grant writing. Oshana was hired as RARE participant in September 1997.