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CLIENT SUCCESSES

In May, Plumas Rural Services (PRS) supported clients in a variety of ways, including providing donated home furnishings, free clothing, and support in applying for grant funding for home reconstruction and mitigation. PRS also assisted in the funding of one Simple Unmet Needs Funders' Roundtable request in May, processing payments for a client to receive furnishings (a bed, washer and dryer) for their home.

TOWN HALL MEETING

DISTRICT 2

On Tuesday, June 11th, Supervisor Goss will be hosting a Town Hall Community Meeting at the Historic Taylorsville Hall which is open to the public. Dinner will be provided from 5-6 PM by Way Baby with support from local volunteers. From 6-8 PM, community questions will be answered regarding Dixie Fire Settlement Taxes, US Copper Mine, and the Solar Project for Plumas County.

Speakers at the event will include Kevin Goss (District 2 Supervisor), Jennifer Gray Thompson (Executive Director, After the Fire), and Anthony Gorman (Representative for Senator Brian Dahle). Fire settlement tax issues addressed will include updates on the bill to overturn wildfire settlement taxes in Congress, tax return amendment implications, and more, as well as an FAQ sheet to better understand tax implications that attendees can take home. Updates, community discussion and Q&A will also address US Copper Mine and the question of Plumas County building a solar power grid on Stampfli Lane.

For more information about this event, contact Supervisor Goss at 530-816-1020 or kevin.goss4district2@gmail.com.



Julie Hatzell

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

*JULIE HATZELL, COORDINATOR
TRAUMA RECOVERY & EDUCATION*

Julie Hatzell has lived in Plumas County since 2001. She moved here to escape the increasing craziness of the Bay Area. She loves living in the forest up here – she pined for nature while living in the Bay Area, saying she’s just not a city girl: “When I can look outside and see trees, it changes something in me. It brings a calmness – for me it’s absolutely necessary to be able to touch what we have here daily. To be able to walk in the woods, to be able to go up to the lake – I don’t know what I would do if I couldn’t live in the woods.”

Julie came to work at Plumas Rural Services when she was going to Feather River College in her 50s. There was a position open to work overnight at the Domestic Violence Shelter while she was going to school during the day. Once she got into the shelter work, she realized working with domestic violence survivors was what she wanted to do. This work, in turn, started her on her path of trauma recovery training and work. “What brought me to do trauma recovery work was my own experience with domestic violence and addiction and dealing with recovery from both,” Julie says. “My personal history gave me a passion for lessening other people’s suffering where I can.”

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Julie launched the Trauma Recovery & Education program at PRS in 2016 and completed her Advanced Certified Trauma Practitioner Certification in 2017. “My favorite part of the work that I do is - after the crisis - watching people rebuild their lives. I get to see the lights come on in their eyes, a realization that they don’t have to live like that anymore.” Julie’s work reaches beyond survivors of domestic violence now. She has done trauma recovery work with Dixie Fire survivors since 2021 and with parents involved in the Child Welfare System longer than that. She also provides trainings on trauma, how it affects the brain, and how to modify trauma-based behaviors that aren’t serving people in their lives. The AmeriCorps team arriving in June will take this training with Julie before working in the community.

When she’s not working, Julie spends time in the forest with her dog. In the summertime she tries to get to the lake as often as she can. She also tries to grow a garden, with varying degrees of success in this mountain climate.

TEAM ARRIVES

The AmeriCorps NCCC Team visiting Indian Valley this summer will arrive Tuesday, June 18th. Internal program changes with AmeriCorps led to PRS being matched with a different 9-member Team than originally expected, as well as a slightly reduced timeframe for their visit. For 5 weeks, this Team will support a variety of organizations and efforts around the community which were impacted by the Dixie Fire.

We encourage the community to join PRS in welcoming the Team to Indian Valley and thanking them for their support and work.



AmeriCorps

DCMP HAPPENINGS

In the month of May the Disaster Case Management Program (DCMP) completed their final outreach project at the Wildfire Preparedness/Children's Fair in Quincy on May 11th. Disaster Case Managers (DCMs) from PRS provided coloring books, crayons, and school supplies for the children and information on wildfire preparedness for the adults. PRS DCMs shared their booth with Dixie Fire Collaborative Coordinator Patrick Joseph, PRS 211 Coordinator Nina Peay, and United Policyholders volunteers.

Adjacent to the DCMP booth, representatives from ReCoverCA talked to community members about the Housing and Community Development ReCoverCA Grants (see next column). The DCM team and ReCoverCA team directed Fair goers to each other's booths so visitors were informed of what each program offered.

PRS DCMs staffed the ReCoverCA Open Office Hours at the Dixie Fire Collaborative office on Friday, May 24th. DCMs encouraged their clients to attend the event in order to apply for the ReCoverCA grant, talk to a ReCoverCA Case Manager, and submit and sign necessary documents. Many PRS DCMP clients attended and were helped by DCM Bridgett Bustamante or DCMP Coordinator Nancy Presser.

PRS DCMs are using the time remaining with the FEMA contract to contact their current cases and support clients in achieving their recovery goals. Contact your DCM for any fire related needs that have been out of reach during your recovery. PRS DCMs are transitioning clients that have completed their recovery goals out of the program in order to allow those that are still most vulnerable to receive more focused attention on their recovery.

While the current FEMA funding for the Disaster Case Management Program ends August 25, 2024, PRS is working closely with other funders who support Dixie Fire recovery efforts to secure at least an additional six months' worth of funding to continue the program and help as many fire survivors as possible to achieve their recovery goals.

OPEN OFFICE HOURS

HCD RECOVERCA GRANT SUPPORT

Staff from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) are hosting Open Office Hours every other Friday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Dixie Fire Collaborative office (127 Crescent Street, #2 in Greenville) to support the community in applying for ReCoverCA Grants for Home Reconstruction and Home Mitigation. ReCoverCA Case Managers and administrative staff are available during these hours to answer questions, start applications, and help collect, copy and process application paperwork. PRS Disaster Case Managers are also onsite at these hours for support.

It is recommended you make an appointment with your ReCoverCA Case Manager to drop off paperwork during these times. ReCoverCA staff can be reached at 916-202-1764 or ReCoverCA@hcd.ca.gov. You may drop in anytime during the open office hours to start a new application or ask questions about the grant. In the month of June, office hours will be held June 7th and June 21st.



POOL OPENS JUNE 10TH

The Indian Valley Community Pool (4536 Main St., Taylorsville) opens for the season on Monday, June 10th. Swim school sessions are July 8-July 18th and July 29-August 8. Water aerobics classes begin June 10, and Open Swim will be held Tuesday-Saturday from 1:00-4:00 except during swim school sessions.

More information, including swim school schedule, is available on the [pool's Facebook page](#). Sign up for swim school by emailing nikihammerich@gmail.com.



JUNE EVENTS

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Nature Made Kids' Camp
Wild Plumas, 1323 Greenville Wolf Creek Road
pre-registration required, [click here](#)

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

1st Saturday Market (*weather permitting*)
Crescent Country, 15771 Hwy 89, Crescent Mills

Saturday, June 1, 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Community Open House
Ayooob House, 105B Ayooob Drive, Greenville

Thursday, June 6, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Mommy & Me Playgroup
Greenville Elementary Cafeteria, 225 Grand St.

Fridays, June 7 & June 21, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ReCoverCA Open Office Hours
Dixie Fire Collaborative, 127 Crescent St., #2, Greenville

Monday, June 10

Indian Valley Community Pool Opens
4526 Main St., Taylorsville

Tuesday, June 11, 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Town Hall Community Meeting
Historic Taylorsville Hall, 4322 Main St., Taylorsville

Saturday, June 15, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Dixie Fire Collaborative Community Meeting
Greenville Elementary Cafeteria, 225 Grand St.

Wednesday, June 19

JUNETEENTH, PRS Offices Closed

Thursday, June 20, 1:00 PM

Roundhouse Council Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
330 Bush Street, Greenville
RSVP required: GreenvilleRoundhouse@gmail.com

DFRC UPDATES

The Dixie Fire Resource Center has been busy supporting community members using the computer lab, printer, and fax machine to help gather the necessary documents for the ReCoverCA grants.

The May Mommy and Me Playgroup was a success! PRS Mindful Living Coordinator Leslie Wall was a guest speaker to discuss Mindful Parenting techniques. The group also did an arts and crafts activity for Mother's Day. The next Mommy and Me Playgroup is meeting on Thursday, June 6th, from 3:30-5:00 at the Greenville Elementary School Cafeteria. This gathering will feature a yoga instructor and a fun arts and crafts activity for Father's Day.

In May, the DFRC was able to help one family with donated furniture and provided 20 community members with gently used clothing. As the summer months draw near, staff will be bringing out more warm weather clothing from storage. The DFRC will not be providing assistance for air conditioners or fans this season.



June is a love song written by nature.
- Patience Strong

PLUMAS VOAD

PRS is partnering with Marty Walters and United Way of Northern California in standing up the Plumas VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) to provide disaster preparation and prevention education.

MAY SERVICE STATISTICS

DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT

Survivors Served - 114 (717 total to date)

Cases Closed - 66

Client Referrals Provided - 10

Value of Client Referrals - \$100,540

Unmet Needs Applications Funded - 1

Unmet Needs Funds Awarded - \$4,645

FUNDS DISTRIBUTED as of 5/31/24

SHOP Funds - \$90,618

Phase 1 Funds - \$3,540

Stabilization Funds - \$276,653

Unmet Needs Funds - \$126,937



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Thank you to Dixie Fire funders

Thank you to the 13 organizations that have jointly funded grants totaling nearly \$200,000 for Dixie Fire relief. We are working together to stretch the dollars that were donated to help relief and recovery efforts in affected communities. Together we are stronger.

