

# Please welcome our new San Poil Treatment Facility/Health & Human Services Employees 😊



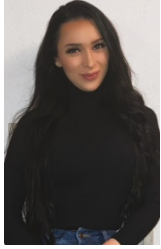
SimHayKin Swawilla Jack (Nez Perce/San Poil/Moses/Columbia/Lakota) is a PhD candidate in Native American Studies at UC Davis whose research advances language resurgence as/in/with her home community, the Colville Confederated Tribes. She is/was raised in Keller and Inchelium. Her areas of expertise include language revitalization, Indian education, intergenerational trauma, and fanfiction. She is the Clinical Cultural Specialist for the San Poil (sənpɪˈwɪlx) treatment center.



My name is Roberta Hall, and I am excited to be joining the HHS team as the new Healthcare Business Office Supervisor. I was born and raised on the Miller allotments along the Methow River in Pateros Washington. I graduated from Pateros High School in 2017 and then proceeded to Wenatchee Valley College where I obtained my AA degree in Business. Since then, I have completed my Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Western Governors University and I now reside in Bridgeport Washington in the home we built back in 2019. My career with the Tribe started two years ago when I was hired with the Human Resources department. I have enjoyed serving the Tribe and its members and look forward to continuing serving my people in my new position.



Naomi C. Yazzie, Assistant Administrator, San Poil Treatment Center. Hello, I am an enrolled Colville Tribal member, coming from the Entiat, Moses, Palouse, and Wenatchi bands and half Diné/Navajo from the Tachiinii/Red Running into the Water People Clan. With 15+ years of administrative assistance working at Colville Tribal Credit Corporation, Colville Tribal Court, and Colville Business Council. I am a detail oriented employee and value professionalism. I am excited to be a part of the San Poil Treatment Center and look forward to learning and expanding my job skills by taking on this position.



I am Talitha Laducer. I descend from the Colville and Umatilla tribes. I'm a licensed Substance Use Disorder Professional, SUDPT & Agency Affiliated Counselor, ACC. I Graduated from Wenatchee Valley College with an Associate of Arts and Science Degree in 2016 and went on to Central Washington University for a Bachelor's in Psychology and minor in Family Science. I am now pursuing a Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling Fall of 2021. I am a Chemical Professional Dependency Trainee for Behavioral Health.



My name is Megan Grigg.

I hold a Master's degree in Applied Geography from the University of North Carolina Greensboro with a concentration in geographic information science (GIS). I have a great love and passion for all things spatial. I believe in being as simplistic as possible with data analysis and graphic representation through cartography allows for just that. Data integrity and community voices are key to successful and honest conversations that lead to more effective decision-making. In my free time, I enjoy following baseball, visiting art and science museums, and spending time with my family including my two cats Fredrick and LouAnne.



Hello my name is Deborah (Deb) Drennan, I have lived in the Ferry county area on and off for approximately 30+ years. From 2006 – 2008 I was the first Crime Victim's Advocate that was employed by FCCS/Connections and provided services to the Colville Confederated Tribes Reservation. From 2008 -2010 I provided advocacy for the children of Ferry & Stevens County as the Ferry County Visitation Supervisor for DCFS. 2011 - 2016 I was an Administrative Assistance and HR Director for a Mental Health Facility in Oklahoma. In 2017 I graduated my Bachelor's program and began my employment as a Parent Peer Partner for the WISe Team in Stevens County. I moved to Great Falls, Montana in late 2017 to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a Child Protection Specialist (CPS) for the State of Montana. I lived that dream for three wonderful years, until my granddaughter was born and I moved back to Washington State. I worked seven months as an Integrated Housing Caser Manger for Catholic Charities. I am a single mother of two amazing adult boys and I am a proud grandmother of three grandchildren (two grand-boys & one granddaughter).



sləxlaxt way ʒast sʒəl ʒʒalt (“My friends; hello good day”); My name is Mike Joseph; I am a ‘Clinical Cultural Specialist’ for the Colville Confederated Tribes Behavioral Health, and our new treatment center up on the ‘Sanpoil.’ It took me 42 ‘Continuing Education’ hours to become recertified as a ‘Substance Use Disorder Professional.’ Before this ; for the last 5 years; I worked as a ‘Career Counselor in the Tribe’s Higher Education Program. I began this ‘Substance Abuse Counseling’ work while attending Fort Lewis College, in Durango, Colorado. The cost of living down there is high; so I worked fulltime, and I attended college fulltime. I started off as a Detox Counselor in Durango; for Southwest Colorado Mental Health Center; and they sent me to trainings all over Colorado. I eventually worked my way up to Certified Addiction Counselor III. Then I got a job with the Southern Ute Community Action Program; at the Peaceful Spirit Residential and Outpatient Treatment Center; on the Southern Ute Reservation, in Ignacio, Colorado.(about 27 miles from Durango). There I did DUI Counseling; for Native and Non-Native Clients; and across the street, at

the Southern Ute Detention Center; I counseled Natives from all over the Southwest! I did ‘Substance Abuse’ Counseling, ‘Native American Awareness’ and I conducted Sweat Ceremonies. In 2006 I started the ‘Mountain Spirit Good Medicine Campout, at Lake Capote on the Southern Ute Reservation. In December of 2008 in 3 feet of snow! I graduated from Fort Lewis College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in ‘American Indian Studies’; mine was a self-constructed major, with my new title being ‘Cultural Facilitator.’ I moved back here to Washington in the spring of 2009; I took the NAADAC exam in Spokane Valley; I passed and I became a Nationally Certified Counselor. On my road of life I had to experience many hardships and many travels. All of it to bring me back to our captik<sup>wl</sup>-‘Creation Stories;’ and our sqilxlcawt-‘Indigenous Lifeway. We will bring these positive values like humility, kindness, selflessness and Kinship. We will continue to support ‘Language Revitalization.’ We didn’t have cuss words in our language; if you look at it with a clear mind, you can see that cuss words are what create anger and violence. We’ll have Sweats and many cultural activities for our clients and supportive Community members; we’ll give thanks to our təmix- our plant and animal relatives. liṃlṃt slaʒt J



**Steve Parker**

I have been in the profession of drug and alcohol addiction as a counselor for over 20 years. I am very passionate about helping alcohol and drug abuse clients learn about the disease of addiction and to live a drug free life. I first started at The Center for drug and alcohol addiction in Wenatchee WA where I was a residential addiction counselor; then the Intensive Outpatient counselor and eventually became a manager for the residential program and facility.

In 2012 I moved to Ketchikan Alaska where I helped build and supervise the residential and outpatient programs. In Alaska and in Wenatchee I worked closely with the courts and probation officers to build programs that would extend the accountability of those clients coming out of jail and into residential treatment. Our success for long term sobriety was much higher for clients in these programs. In Ketchikan we also provided clean and sober housing for people completing residential treatment for up to but not longer than 18 months.

In 2018 my wife Shirley and I moved to Grand Coulee where we planned on retiring. We enjoy spending time with family and the adventures of fishing, boating and camping. We purchased an orphaned home and remodeled it. During this time we also did some traveling around the United States. After completing these bucket list items, I found that I was longing to once again be of help to the addicted community and was blessed enough to get hired by the Colville Tribes.



Hello,

My name is Lynn Porter and I am the new administrator for the San Poil Treatment Center. I grew up in NW Montana but my husband and I have been living in the Tri-Cities for the last 6 years. My background is in Healthcare Administration and over the last 14 years, I have managed clinics including primary care, internal medicine, OB/GYN, behavioral health, and even a hospital attached clinic in Southeast Alaska. I am thrilled to be a part of this community and looking forward to the opening of our beautiful new facility in Keller.



Hello, I am Amy Church, the new Revenue Cycle Manager. I am from Selah Washington, a small town north of Yakima. I bring 15 years of Revenue Cycle Management experience with me here to the Colville Confederated Tribes. I have 3 grown kids and a husband of 2 years. We enjoy fishing and can't wait to get a line in the water! ☺



ʔehé (Hello),

My name is Leah Hart-Ross, I am the new Director of Business Strategy for HHS, and I started this past November. I am Nimiipuu and Oglala Sioux (among other things ) and am from Lapwai, Idaho. I am a veteran of the US Navy, have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management- Public Sector from the University of Phoenix, and a Master's Degree in Legal Studies - Tribal Law & Governance from Seattle University School of Law. I have been an operations and business manager in health care for over 15 years and am excited to work for the Colville Tribe and to serve the people here. My primary role is to help develop and market for new facilities and services in Tribal Health, such as the San Poil Treatment Center.  
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