

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
Tribal Liaison Directory  
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Region 1			
Name	Office	Cell Number	Liaison Duty
<a href="#">Mercedes Bekke</a>	Region 1	509-496-6239	All Region 1 Tribes and Recognized American Indian Organizations (RAIOs)
<a href="#">Mercedes Bekke</a>	Colville	509-496-6239	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – Inchelium Office Spokane Tribe of Indians – Wellpinit Office
<a href="#">Carolina Perky</a>	Omak	509-859-6027	Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – Nespelem Office
<a href="#">Gilbert Garza</a>	Toppenish, Yakima	509-780-7794	Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
<a href="#">Perry Martinez</a>	Spokane	509-514-1516	Coeur d’Alene Tribe Kalispel Tribe of Indians Spokane Tribe of Indians – Spokane office American Indian Community Center - (RAIO) NATIVE Project - (RAIO)

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Name	Office	Cell Number	Liaison Duty
<a href="#">Maria Ozmun</a>	Region 2	360-481-9976	All Region 2 Tribes
<a href="#">Jim O'Brien</a>	Lynnwood	425-530-0884	Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
<a href="#">Sarah Tiffany</a>	Everett	360-322-8296	Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians Tulalip Tribes
<a href="#">Dustin Nicholson</a>	Kent	253-656-1179	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
<a href="#">Kari Russom</a>	Mt. Vernon	360-584-7074	Samish Indian Nation Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Upper Skagit Indian Tribe
<a href="#">Amanda Gates-Portillo</a>	Bellingham	360-988-1425	Lummi Nation Nooksack Indian Tribe Samish Indian Nation

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Name	Office	Cell Number	Liaison Duty
<a href="#">Mary Halterman</a>	Region 3	360-701-3207	All Region 3 Tribes and Consortiums
<a href="#">Bonnie Hillman</a>	Vancouver	564-888-1015	Cowlitz Indian Tribe - VR Program
<a href="#">Justin Rinta</a>	Kelso	360-506-1744	Cowlitz Indian Tribe - VR Program
<a href="#">Justin Rinta</a>	Centralia	360-506-1744	Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
<a href="#">Theresa Matteson</a>	Tumwater	360-339-7415	Nisqually Indian Tribe
<a href="#">Chad Wisehart</a>	Shelton	360-688-0762	Skokomish Indian Tribe Squaxin Island Tribe SPIPA (Consortium)
<a href="#">Justin Rinta</a>	Kelso	360-506-1744	Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe Quinault Indian Nation
<a href="#">Rulon "Jay" Hopkins</a>	Bremerton	360-515-8387	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Suquamish Tribe
<a href="#">Lucinda Heidel</a>	Silverdale WS	564-222-0979	Hoh Indian Tribe Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Makah Tribe

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			Quileute Tribe
<a href="#">Amy Diederich</a>	Tacoma	564-599-1823	Puyallup Tribe of Indians
<a href="#">Roseanne Morales</a>	Puyallup	360-870-1309	Puyallup Tribe of Indians

For questions and comments, you can also contact:

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