



# Spilyay Tymoo

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## Estate plans free to members

Roberta Armstrong, of the University of Washington Law School, will be in Warm Springs for the next few weeks, helping tribal members with estate planning.

The service is free to tribal members, and is of increasing importance, because of recent federal legislation.

The goal of the program, Armstrong says, "is to keep tribal land in tribal members' hands."

Because of a change in federal law governing disposition of property following a tribal member's passing, having a will has taken on greater importance, said Armstrong.

The law dictates how property will be distributed following the passing of a tribal member who does not have a will.

The way to avoid the situation, and control the distribution of the estate, is to have a will, said Armstrong.

Armstrong has her office at the Family Resource Center. She will be in Warm Springs until August 13.

To contact Armstrong, call 553-3438, ext. 109.

Individuals who schedule appointments with



Above, youth artwork from a coloring contest that Armstrong conducted during Pi-Ume-Sha.



Roberta Armstrong

Armstrong should obtain the following information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Realty Office (553-2419) prior to the scheduled appointment:

1. A Report of Individual Trust Interests (ITI) that lists all trust land ownership interests for that individual;
2. A current IIM account balance may be obtained from either the BIA or the Office of the Special Trustee (OST) IIM Office (553-2409).