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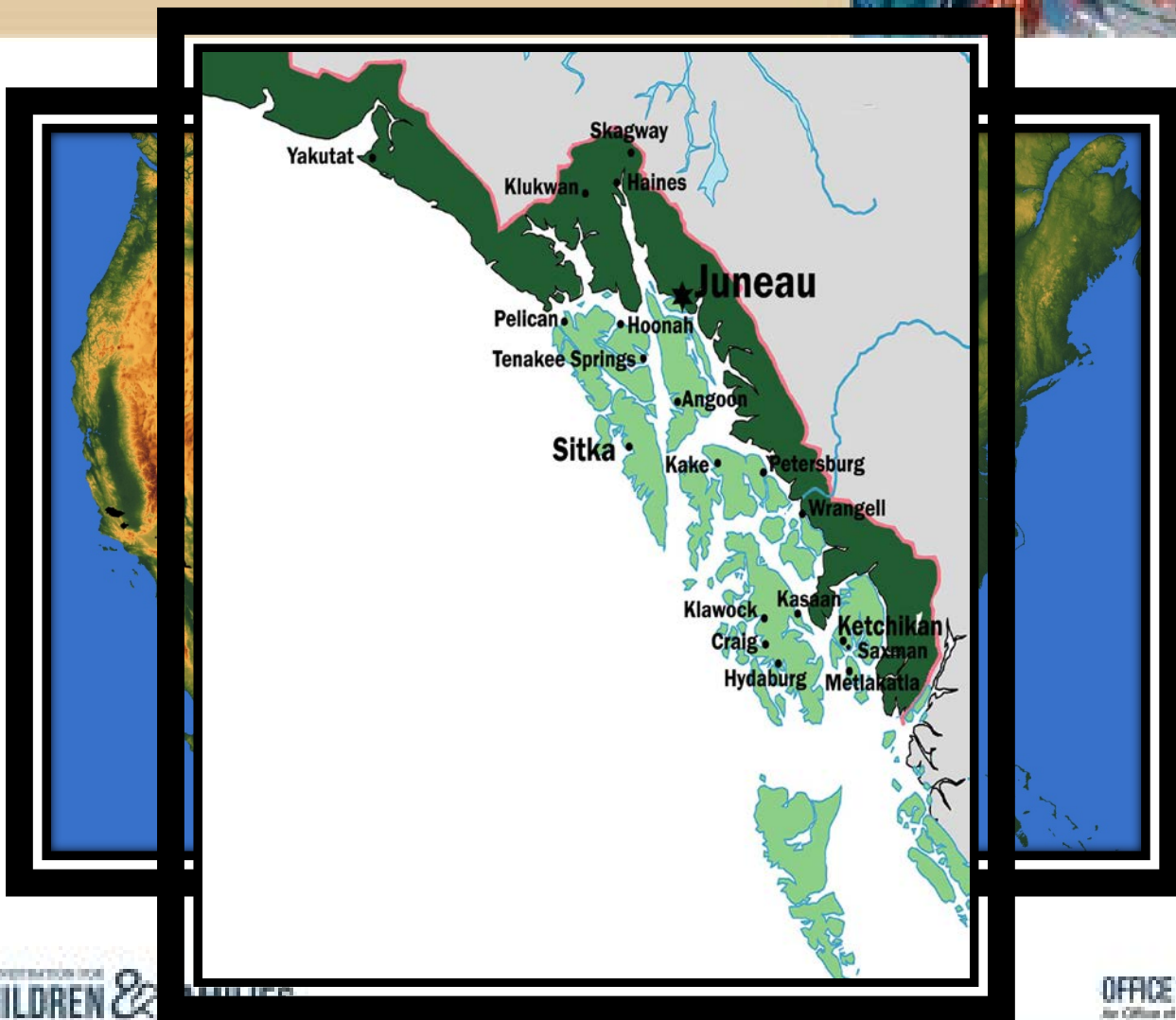


Agenda

- **Overview of Tlingit & Haida services and In-Home Case Management Model**
- **Demonstration of Structured Decision Making for family prevention services**
- **Discuss the successes and challenges of collaboration and service delivery**
- **Questions**



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Southeast Traditional Tribal Values

- **Endorsed by our Elders**
- **Reflects basic human needs**
- **Restoring the balance of tribal peoples**



SOUTHEAST TRADITIONAL TRIBAL VALUES

“OUR WAY OF LIFE”

- Discipline and Obedience to the Traditions of our Ancestors
- Respect for Self, Elders and Others
- Respect for Nature and Property
- Patience
- Pride in Family, Clan and Traditions is found in Love, Loyalty and Generosity
- Be Strong in Mind, Body and Spirit
- Humor
- Hold Each Other Up
- Listen Well and with Respect
- Speak with Care
- We are Stewards of the Air, Land and Sea
- Reverence for Our Creator
- Live in Peace and Harmony
- Be Strong and Have Courage

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Tlingit & Haida Family Services

Tlingit & Haida offers many family related services to support our tribal families. Easy access to professional, respectful services is our commitment. Our goal is a community of healthy families invested in the future of their Tribe.

We Offer:

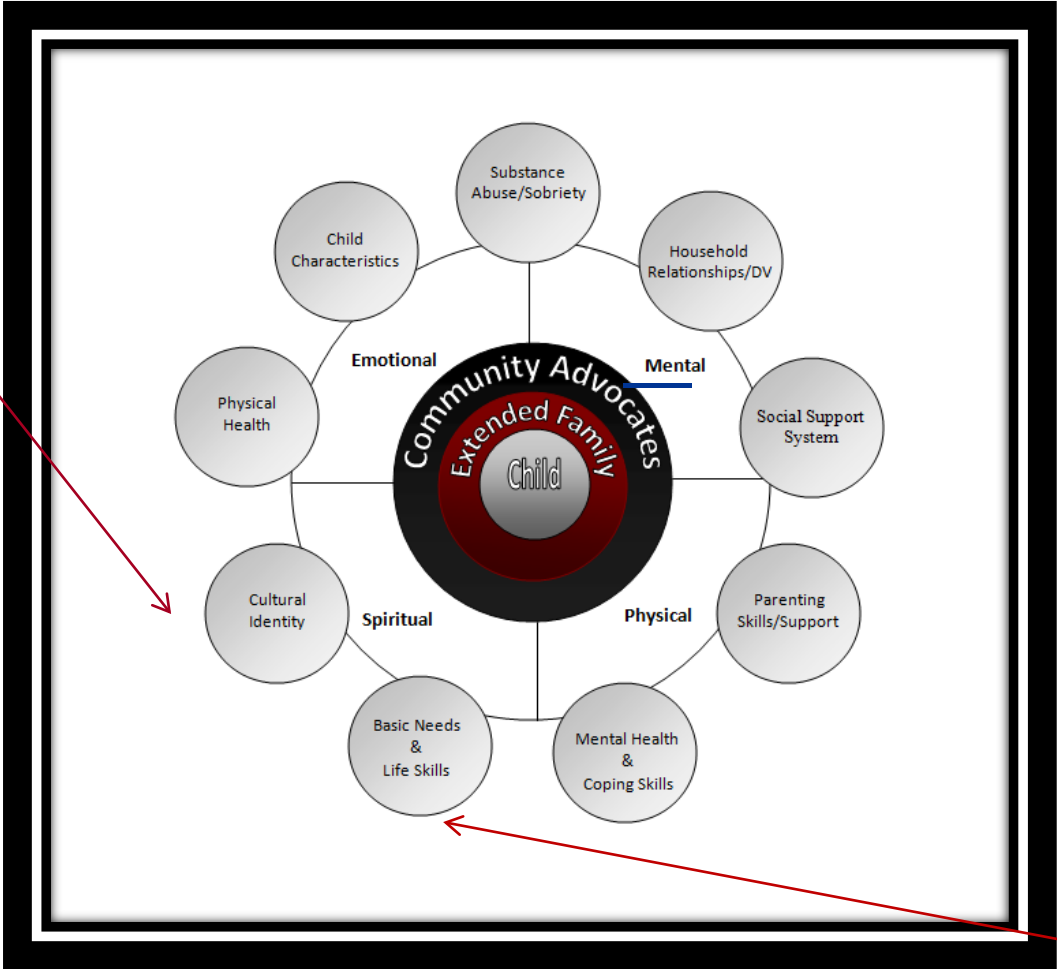
- **Tribal Child Welfare**
- **Child Care**
- **Elderly Services**
- **Employment & Training**
- **Wellness (Suicide Prevention, DV support)**
- **Financial Assistance**



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- Cultural Camps
- Totem Pole Raising
- Girls on the Run
- Language
- Aunties House
- Potlatch
- Cultural Practices
- Elders
- Songs
- Memorials
- Subsistence
- Dance
- Beading
- Stories



- Burial Assistance
- Housing
- Food banks
- TANF
- Love, Inc.
- WIC
- St. Vincents
- Churches
- Food Distribution
- Section 8
- Commodity
- Energy Asst.
- SSI/SSDI
- Child Care





TFYS Involvement in a Child Welfare Case





Guiding Principles

- **Tlingit & Haida child welfare services are committed to Alaska Native families**
- **TFYS staff collaborate with other Tlingit & Haida tribal programs and with non-tribal community agencies**
- **Out-of-home placement is prevented whenever possible**
- **Careful planning for out-of-home care**
- **Parents can learn effective parenting techniques and strategies**
- **TFYS staff recognizes historical trauma**





Structured Decision Making®

Prevention Services Model





Why Prevention Services for TANF Families?

- **TANF applicants are at high risk for future child maltreatment (estimates between 20-60%)**
- **Providing additional supports and services can strengthen families before problems become severe**
- **Prevention services are limited and need to be targeted to families at greatest risk**





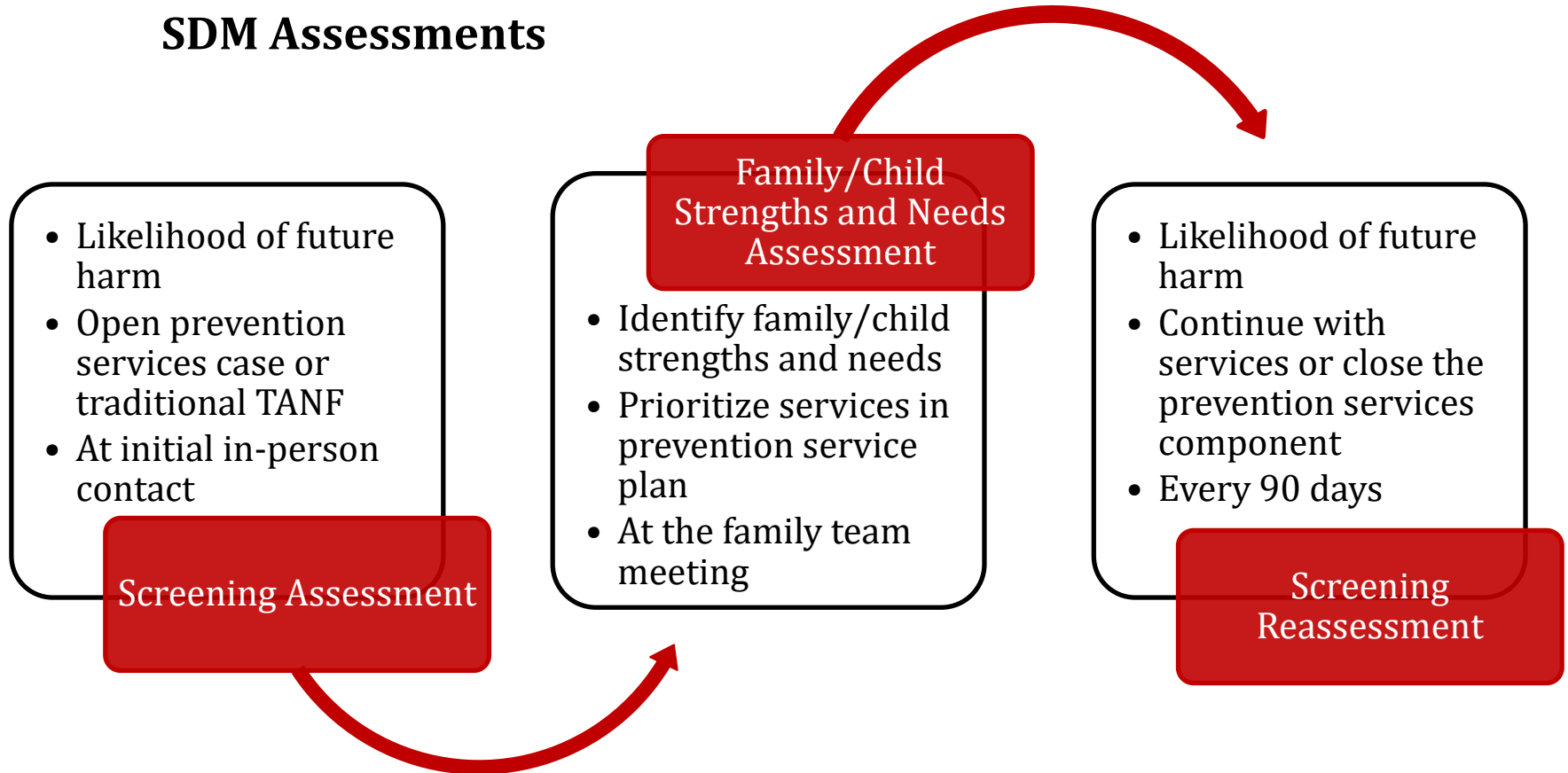
SDM Prevention Services Assessments

- **Use research to inform assessment process**
- **Provide workers with reliable, valid, equitable and useful assessment tools**
- **Provide managers with data to improve planning, evaluation and resource allocation**





SDM Assessments





Screening Assessment

Components

- Child Neglect Risk Factors
- Child Abuse Index
- Scored Risk Level
- Overrides

What is the likelihood of future harm?



Should prevention services be provided?



What intensity of service is required?



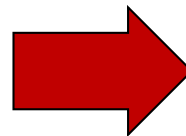


Family/Child Strengths and Needs Assessment

Components

- Caregiver domains
- Child domain
- Prioritization

What are the priority needs that should be addressed in prevention service plan?



What existing strengths can be used to address needs?



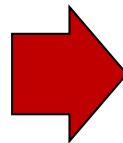


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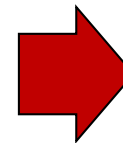
- Static risk factors
- Current conditions
- Progress toward case plan

Screening Reassessment

What is the likelihood of future harm?



Should prevention services be closed or extended?














If extended, what intensity of service is required?



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Web-based System Data

Report Totals			
	Result	Count	%
	Substance Abuse/Use	9	12%
	Household Relationships	8	11%
	Social Support System	11	15%
	Parenting Skills	13	18%
	Mental Health/Coping	27	38%
	Resource Management/Basic Needs	26	36%
	Cultural Identity	3	4%
	Physical Health	3	4%
	Child Characteristics	27	38%
	Other Need Area	4	6%
	No Needs Identified	11	15%
	Total Assessments	72	





Successes and Challenges to Service Delivery

- **Assessment tools easy to use and help guide workers in building plans**
 - **Provides Structure**
- **Families access services when they are in crisis**
 - **Trust and relationship with their caseworkers**
- **Family identifies their strengths and help build case plans**
 - **Strength based and client driven**
- **Wrap around services provided to the family**
 - **Collaboration with TANF staff, the family and other service providers**





Successes and Challenges to Service Delivery

- **TANF turnover and buy in to the program**
 - **Difficulty getting referrals**
 - **Attendance to joint training is low**
- **Families don't keep appointments with caseworkers**
 - **Causes delays in timeline requirements**
 - **Only seek caseworker assistance in times of crisis, not day to day**





SDM® Prevention Services Model Summary

- **Screen families who are applying for TANF services**
- **Offer prevention services to those who will benefit the most (high or very high risk families)**
- **Assess strengths and needs of families to identify appropriate services**
- **With family, develop a prevention services case plan to address priority needs**



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