CCTHITA
Tribal Family & Youth Services
Haa Kusteeyix Sitee
“Who We Are”
“What We Eat”
“How We Live”
Tribal In-Home Case Management Model
Southeast Traditional Tribal Values

- Endorsed by our Elders
- Reflects basic human needs
- Restoring the balance of tribal peoples
Central Council 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
- Youth Employment & Training
- Wellness
- Counseling Services
- Financial Assistance
- Suicide Prevention
Guiding Principles

CCTHITA child welfare services are committed to Alaska Native families.

Out-of-home placement is prevented whenever possible.

Careful planning for out-of-home care.

All TFYS staff work on behalf of children and families.
Guiding Principles

Parents can learn effective parenting techniques and strategies.

TFYS staff recognizes historical trauma.

TFYS staff collaborates with other CCTHITA tribal programs and with non-tribal community agencies.
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
Structured Decision Making (SDM)®
System Goals

- Reduce Child Maltreatment
- Promote Self-Sufficiency
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
- Likelihood of future harm
- Open prevention services case or traditional TANF
- At initial in-person contact

Family Strengths and Needs Assessment
- Identify family strengths and needs
- Prioritize services in prevention service plan
- At the family team meeting

Screening Reassessment
- Likelihood of future harm
- Continue with services or close the prevention services component
- Every 90 days
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?
“Risk” in the SDM Context

- Actuarial Analysis
- Classification by risk level
- Informs:
  - Likelihood of future child maltreatment
  - Need for prevention services
Family 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?
Screening Reassessment

Components

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

What is the likelihood of future harm?

Should prevention services be closed or extended?

If extended, what intensity of service is required?
Screen families who are applying for TANF services

Offer prevention services to those who will benefit the most (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
Preserving Native Families Perspective
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- Prevention
- Reunification
- TANF Relationship
- Comprehensive Service Delivery
Summary

- Collaborative Relationships
- Camaraderie
- Involving the client in the case management process
- Making significant changes