

Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Preserving Native Families Tribal In-Home Prevention Services Program



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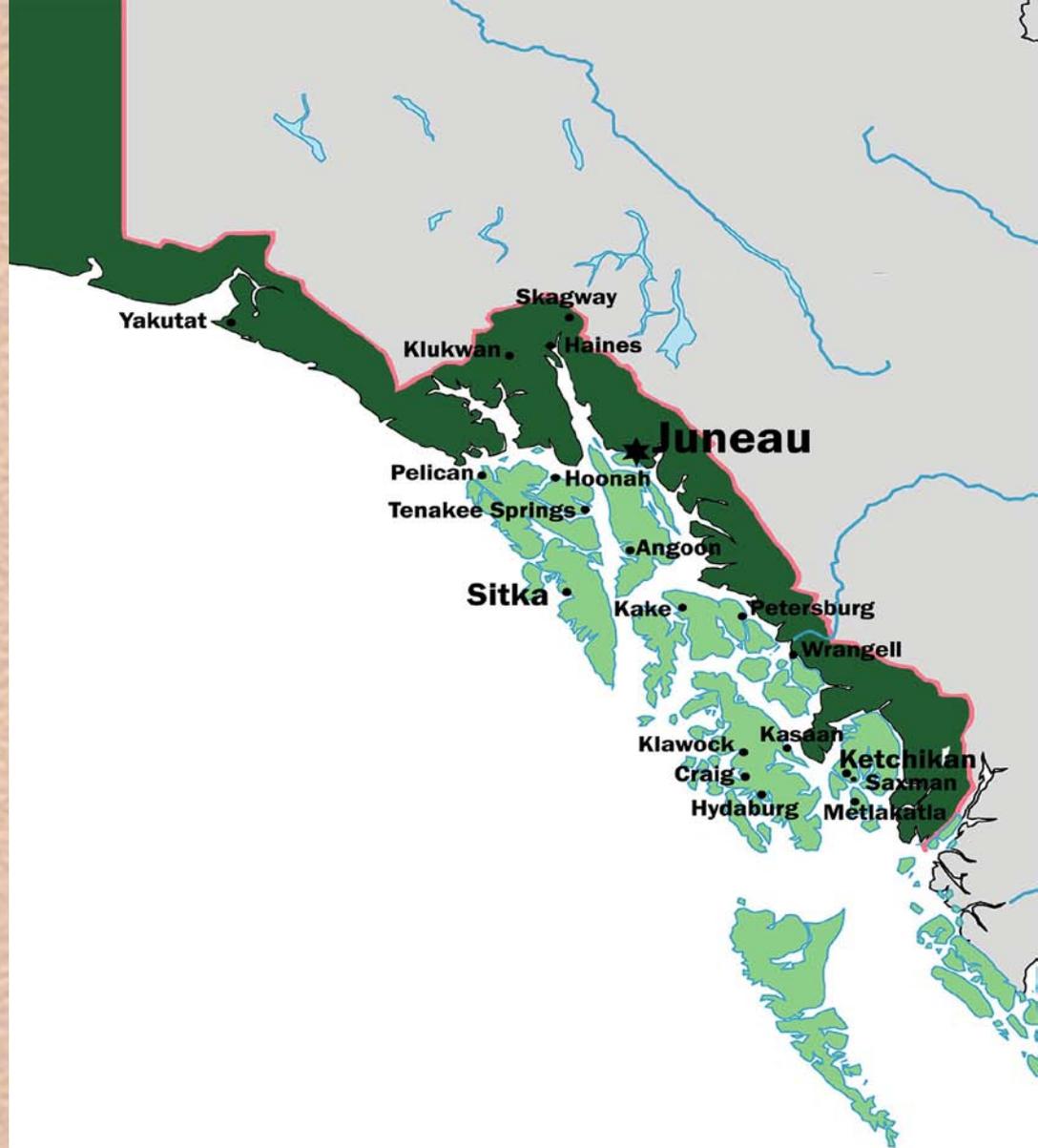
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Southeast Alaska Tlingit Country

- 27,000 enrolled Tribal members, globally
- 18,000 reside in SE Alaska, Anchorage, and Seattle
- CCTHITA serves 7 communities under our Indian Child Welfare Act Program
 - Skagway
 - Haines
 - Juneau
 - Wrangell
 - Craig
 - Klawock
 - Saxman





Integrating Child Welfare and TANF Programs

A big systems change was needed to implement this Child Welfare -TANF project:

- Change in Tribal Leadership and TANF staff
- Developed and implemented new database
- Developed a new client in-take process
- Staff development and cross training
- Incorporated Wraparound and Family Group Decision Making tools
- Ongoing streamlining of Tribal programs
- Regular monthly joint case managers meetings



Improved Coordination of Services

Implementing our new Rite Track database has assisted in standardizing and improving client coordination of services across programs:

- Data entry of documents and case notes
- Easier access to case specific information
- Basic client information
- Access to Service/Case Plan
- Identifies services the client is receiving
- Name of assigned caseworker
- Names of relatives and extended family
- Tribal and clan affiliation



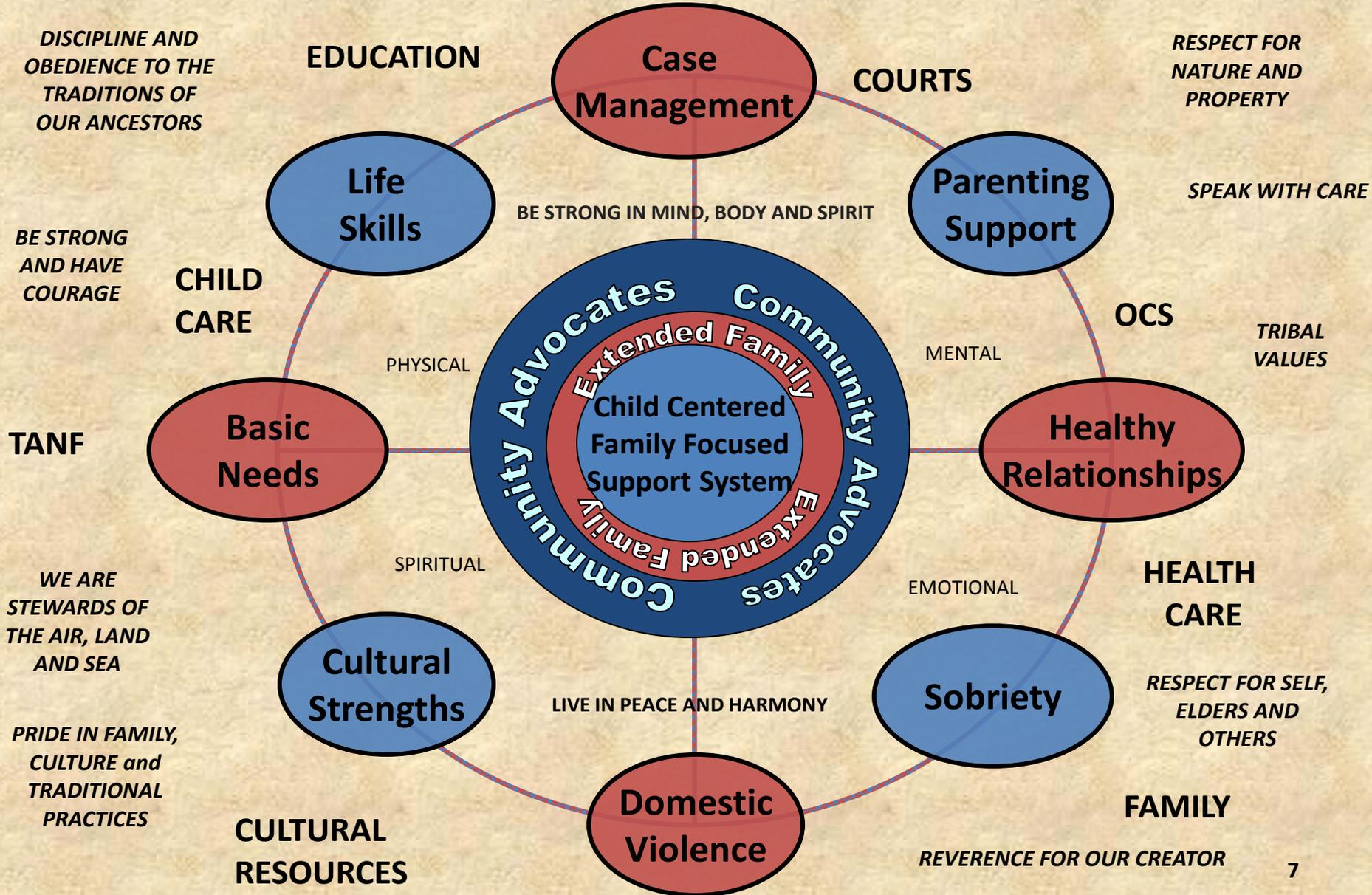
In-Home Prevention Services Model

Implement a Systems of Care Model that identified 8 core elements:

- Case Management
- Parenting Support
- Healthy Relationships
- Sobriety
- Domestic Violence
- Cultural Strengths
- Basic Needs
- Life Skills

Systems of Care

In Home Prevention Services Model





In-Home Prevention Services

Provide culturally appropriate case management services that include:

- Regular Home Visits
- Complete and Review Assessments
- Advocacy Services
- Refer clients to internal/external programs
- Assist with housing, childcare, employment
- Provide visitation and transportation services
- Conduct Family Group Decision Making meetings
- Refer client to Parenting Education/Classes

Process Change

Completed a system-wide business mapping process to identify process flow:

- Identify and Screen Clients
- Make Referrals
- Evaluate for Services
- Provide Services and Re-Evaluate
- Services Complete; Case Closure
- Follow-up Care if needed



Integrating Culture into Practice

- Cultural sharing
- Storytelling
- Language
- Family History
- Elders
- Special Events

***“Pride in Family
and Traditions”***



Child Welfare Challenges

- ICWA Program in a state of crisis; high caseloads
- Reduced Federal funding
- Disproportionality rates remain high in Juneau and Alaska for Alaska Native children in OCS custody
- Alaska Native children are 6.5 times more likely than Caucasian children to be placed in foster care
- In Juneau – Alaska Natives make up 16.6% of the population, yet 73% of the children in State custody are Alaska Native
- High ICWA caseloads
- Lack of Native licensed foster homes
- Gaps in services – housing, jobs, education
- Economic hardships



Outcomes for Families

- More families being referred to In-Home services
- Improved levels of family engagement
- Parents developing advocacy and parenting skills
- Participation in cultural activities
- Obtaining housing
- Parents engaging in their children's education
- Parents requesting Tribal participation in investigations

Outcomes for Tribal Programs

- Utilization of Wraparound and Family Group Decision Making services
- Maintain family stability
- Improve success rates for our children and families
- Tribal programs receiving more recognition in community
- Cross training of program staff
- Team Building!
- Leverage different funding sources
- Improved collaboration



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Thank you for your kind attention!

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