



# ASK Project

(Advocate for Strong Kids)



Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

“Little Boston”

Tribal TANF/ICW Coordination Grantee

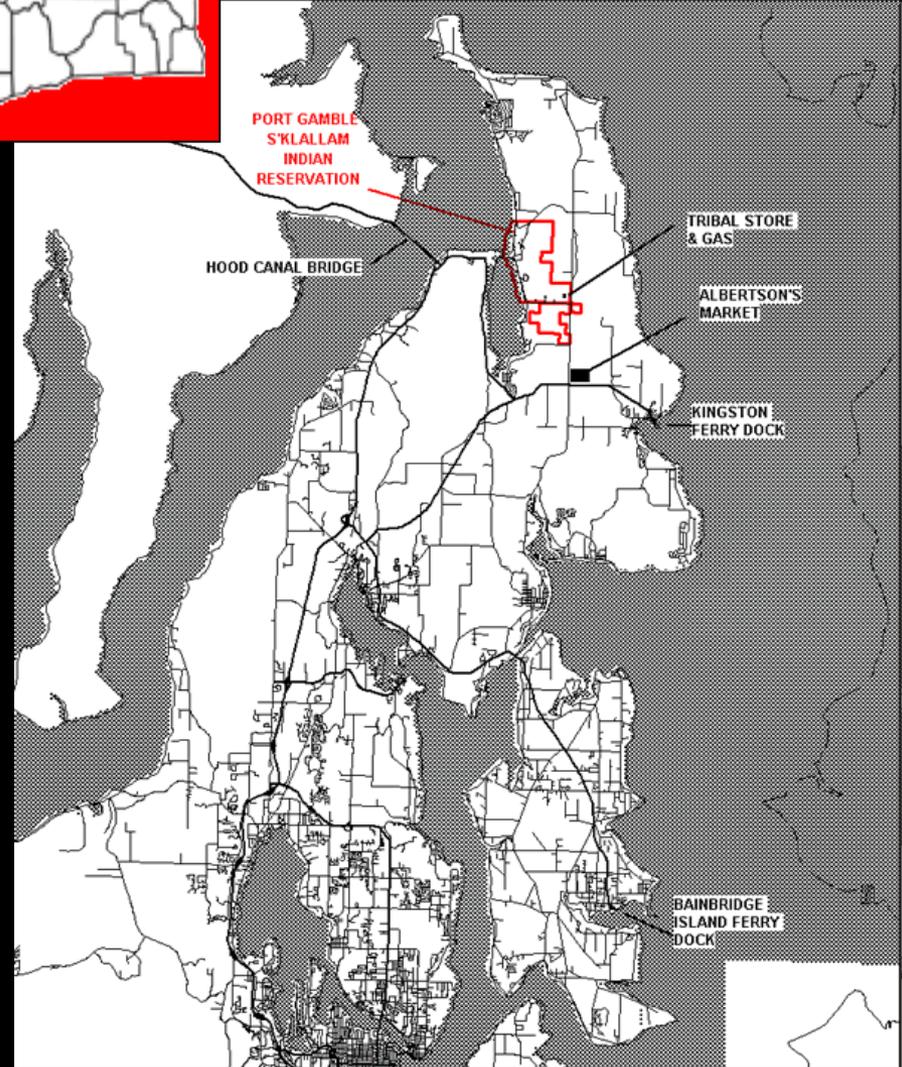
Grantee Key Staff: Steph Carpenter & Abby Purser

Coordinating Staff Present: Stacy Mills (Family Assistance Manager)

**Kingston  
Kitsap County  
Washington State**



**Reservation:  
1229.75 Acres  
285 Developed Acres**



# ASK Project in Tribal Structure

Tribal Council



Executive Directors

Child and Family Services

Community Services Division

Youth Services

ASK Project



# Child & Family Services Department

## Behavioral Health Division

### -Wellness

Chemical Dependency and Mental Health

### -Family Preservation Services

Family Crisis Services, Together for Children (Home Visiting)

## Community Services Division

### -Youth Services

ASK Project, Healing of the Canoe Project, Prevention, Youth Leadership, Support Groups, Mentoring, Recreation, Culture

### -Family Assistance

TANF, Child Welfare, Energy Assistance, Food Bank, Basic Food, Summer Food Program.

### -Child Support

### -Elder's Program

## **Overview:**

- Original grantee for Coordination Grant in 2006
- .75 and .25 funded Staff under Grant
- Funding- \$125,000 annually

## **Objectives:**

- Improve case management services for families eligible for Tribal TANF.
- Provide support services and assistance to Tribal Children in out-of-home placements and Tribal families caring for the children.
- Provide prevention services and assistance to Tribal families and youth at risk of child abuse and neglect

## **Subordinate Objectives:**

- Provide Advocate
- Provide support and prevention for teen/young adults who are pregnant or parenting
- Support youth by offering mentoring activities
- Provide youth with experiences to develop physical and mental health, life skills, and self-sufficiency
- Support youth for school/work experiences



# Outreach

## High School Age Youth (9<sup>th</sup> grade and older) who:

- Are out of home care
- Whose families are on Tribal TANF
- Continued support services til around 18-25.

## Group Activities for Youth

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older for life skills, mentoring, recreation, & other activities.

# Coordination

## Main Collaborators

- Tribal TANF
- Family Care Coordinators
- Family Preservation Services
  - Monthly collaboration meetings to review coordinated case plans
- Youth Services
  - Coordinate services and funding to provide opportunities to youth
- Independent Living Programming
  - Provide opportunities for youth in out of home care

## Secondary Partners

- Other Tribal Social Service Program and North Kitsap School District
  - Wrap around meetings to support youth and families
  - Coordination of family events

# Project Activities for Youth

## Secondary School Support

- Collaboration with Education Program and offer assistance with homework.
- Weekly check-ins with youth at the High school.
- Advocate for youth and support families with education needs.

## Post-Secondary Education/Planning

- Opportunities for college tours, presentations, and fairs.
- Explore opportunities for apprenticeships and programs like job corps.
- Assist youth with college applications, financial aid applications, scholarships, and coordinating for Educational Training Vouchers.
- Assist 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade youth with College Bound Scholarship pledge.

## Advocate and Assist Youth in Court System

- Provide court advocacy and direction for completing ordered services

## Life Skills

- Life skills classes and activities for all youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older
- Assessing youth strengths and areas of need with the Casey Life Skills Assessment



## **Mentorship Activities**

- Quarterly youth and elder socials in the youth center
- Hiking and youth trips where community adults chaperone
- Annual canoe journey with adults and elders



## **Recreation Activities that Promote Physical and Mental Health**

- Day and overnight backpacking trips in the spring and summer.
- Participation on the annual canoe journey
- Support youth in participation in school and club extra-curricular activities

# June 2013

Port Gamble SKI All I am Youth Services

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(J) Jbe (A) Abby (L) Laura (AM) Amy (SC) Steph (S) Scott  <b>Elementary Age:</b> Rides home are provided everyday @5:30pm for youth that are in Elem.	<b>Activity Bus</b> Youth services provides rides home for youth participating in extra curricular activities @ KMS & KHS. Tuesday- Friday Van Leaves KMS @5:10 pm Van Leaves KHS @5:15pm * Call Abby @633-0109 by 3PM (the day of) if your student would like to ride*					1 (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott
2  Youth Center Rides Rides @ 5:30 & 7pm unless age appro. activity	3  Open Youth Center Until 5:00 pm  (S) Open Gym 9- 15yrs 3:15 16yrs +6:30- 8:30	4  (A/J) MS Support Group 3:15 pm (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	5  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	6  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	7  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott  ----- Parent Teen Retreat ----- (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	8  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott
9  Summer YC Hours Tuesday 12:00pm (L) Laura (SC) Steph	10  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott  (S) Open Gym 9- 15yrs 3:15 16yrs +6:30- 8:30	11  (A/J) MS Support Group Reward Trip 3:15 pm (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	12  (AM) 4th- 5th grade Support group 3:30pm (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	13  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	14  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	15  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott
16  Father's Day 2013	17  End of school year BBQ bash! k- 12th grade 11am- 3pm (S) Open Gym 9- 15yrs 3:15 16yrs +6:30- 8:30	18  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	19  (SC/ A) Kickball Game 1pm (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	20  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott  Elementary Reward Trip @ Noon YC Closes @ 5pm	21  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	22  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott
23 / 30	24  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott  Summer lunch begins K- 18yrs Free Lunch 12- 1pm	25  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	26  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	27  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott	28  (J/A) Pool Tourney 6pm  (A) Kids Movie Night K- 5th Grade 6pm	29  (A) Abby (L) Laura (SC) Steph (S) Scott

# Project Activities for Families

## Young Parent Support

- Phasing out Family Togetherness Group to original model of support group for young families. Group facilitated by Mental Health Counselor and Home Visiting Program staff.

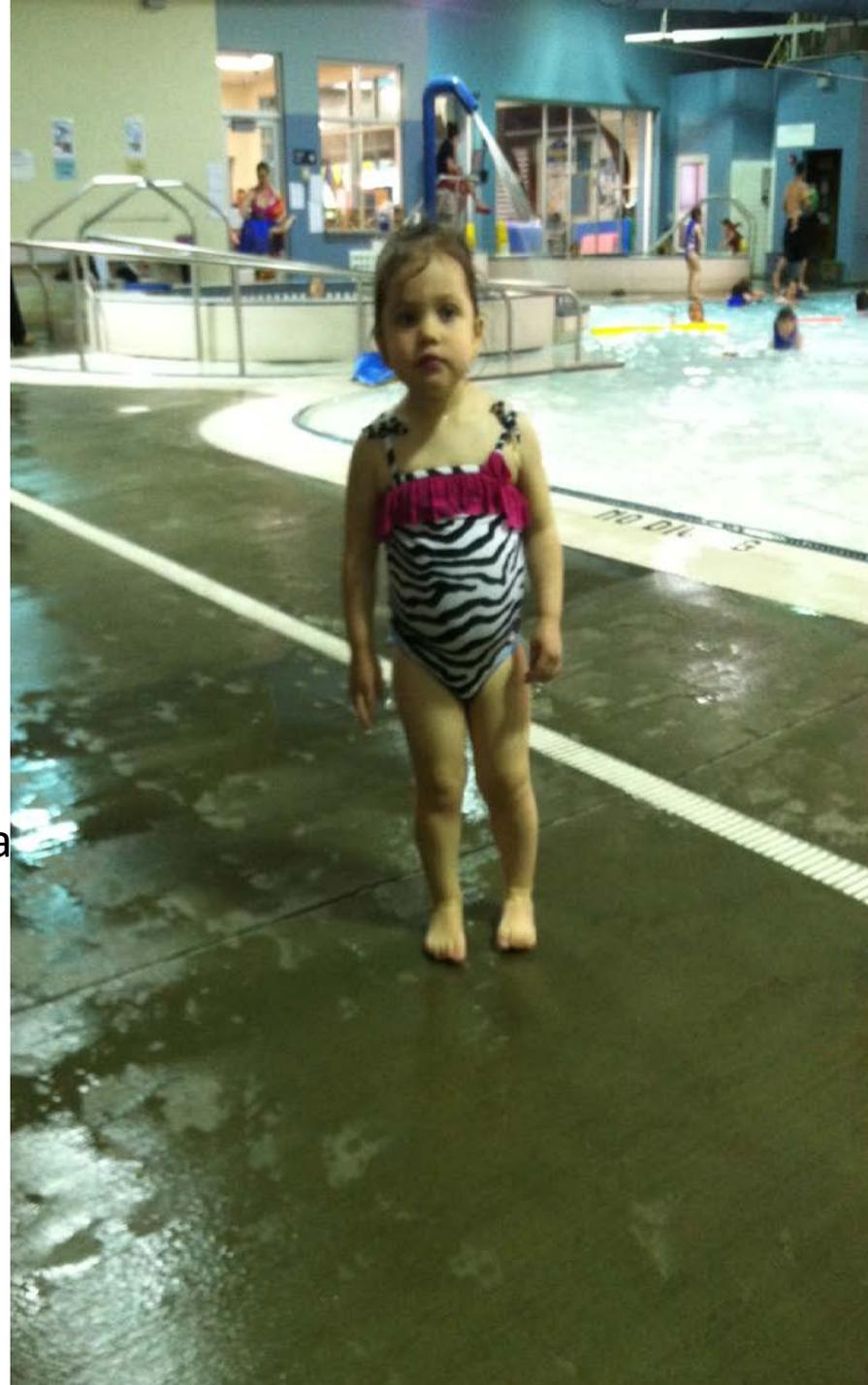
## CFS hosted Family Events

- Family events that promote out of the office interactions between service providers and clients.



## Child Abuse Prevention-April

- Articles in the Community Memo and Newspaper
- Family Events sponsored by ASK (family swim, crafts, family pictures, etc.)
- Multiple opportunities for families in coordination with other Tribal Programs
- Opportunities for Youth to Share about their family.
- Collaboration with ECEP for Child Abuse Prevention Walk
- Child Abuse Awareness materials on display around the community



**Strong Families, Healthy Futures**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**30+ Activities for Families in April**

Sunday

Sign up please contact  
Steph Carpenter 360-633-0112

