

NOOKSACK REVITALIZING FATHERHOOD PROJECT (RFP)





MISSION STATEMENT

**“To revitalize fatherhood with our generations,
to recognize the importance of pride and
responsibility.”**

RFP FUNDING



Funded by the Family
Preservation Grant



3-year Program



Funded through the ANA
agency (Administration for
Native Americans)



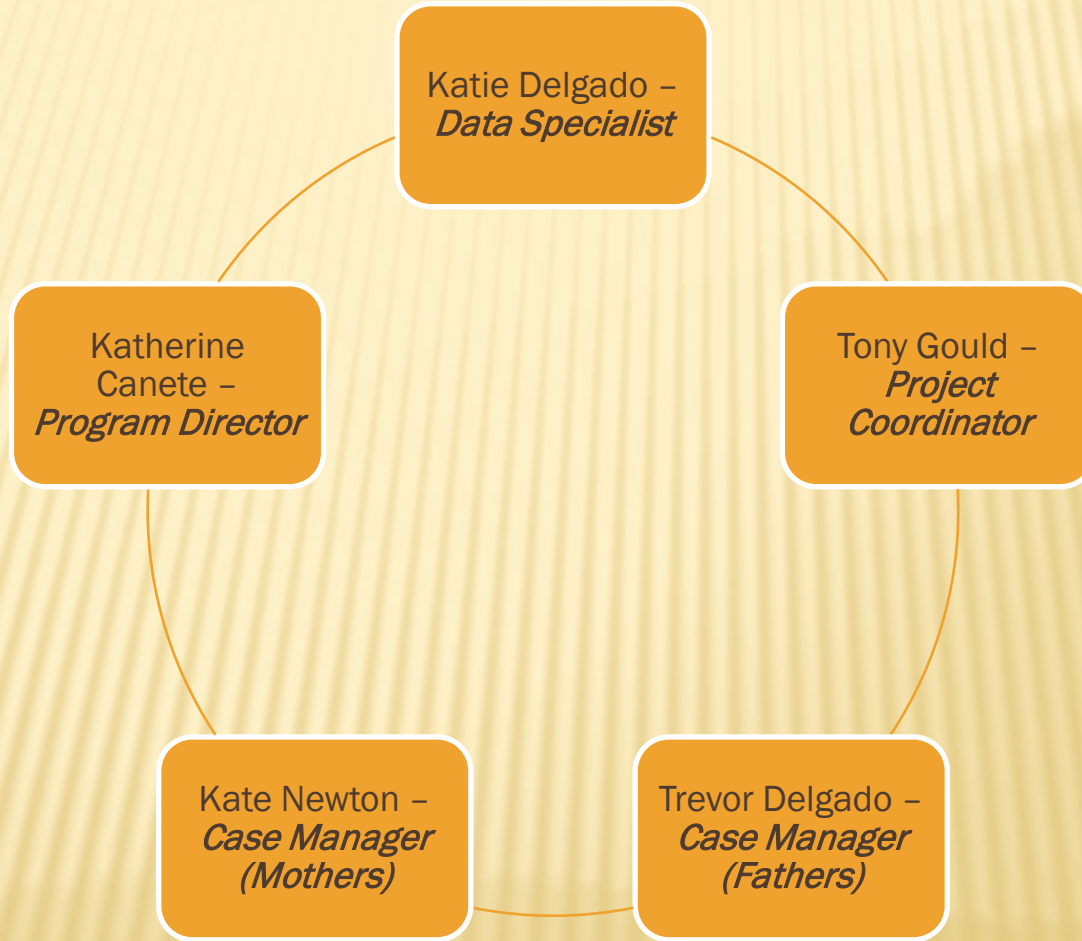
VISION OF RFP

- ✘ Reintroduce fatherhood with native culture
- ✘ Recognize the importance of native fatherhood
 - + Native fathers are teachers
 - + They pass down hunting and fishing skills
 - + Father/life skills (respect, honor, pride)
- ✘ Father/child involvement
 - + Absent fathers
 - + Split parent relations

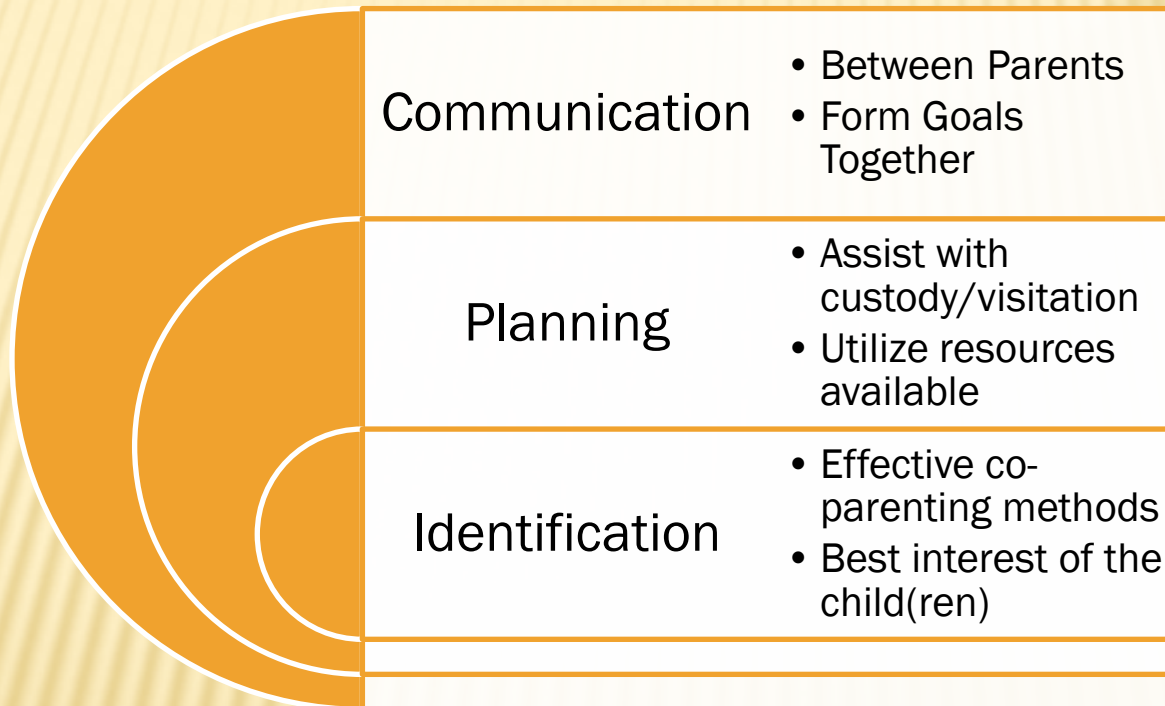
RFP FOCUS: HELP FATHERS



RFP STAFF – HERE TO HELP YOU!



RFP FOCUS: HELP CO-PARENTING



RFP FOCUS: HELP CHILDREN



WORKSHOPS

Teen Violence Prevention

Char Roberts

Nutrition

Barb Himes

Basic Computer Skills

Ashley Sweeney

CPR Training

Glen Yorks

Fitness and Health

Jeremiah Johnny

Financial Literacy

Ashley Sweeney

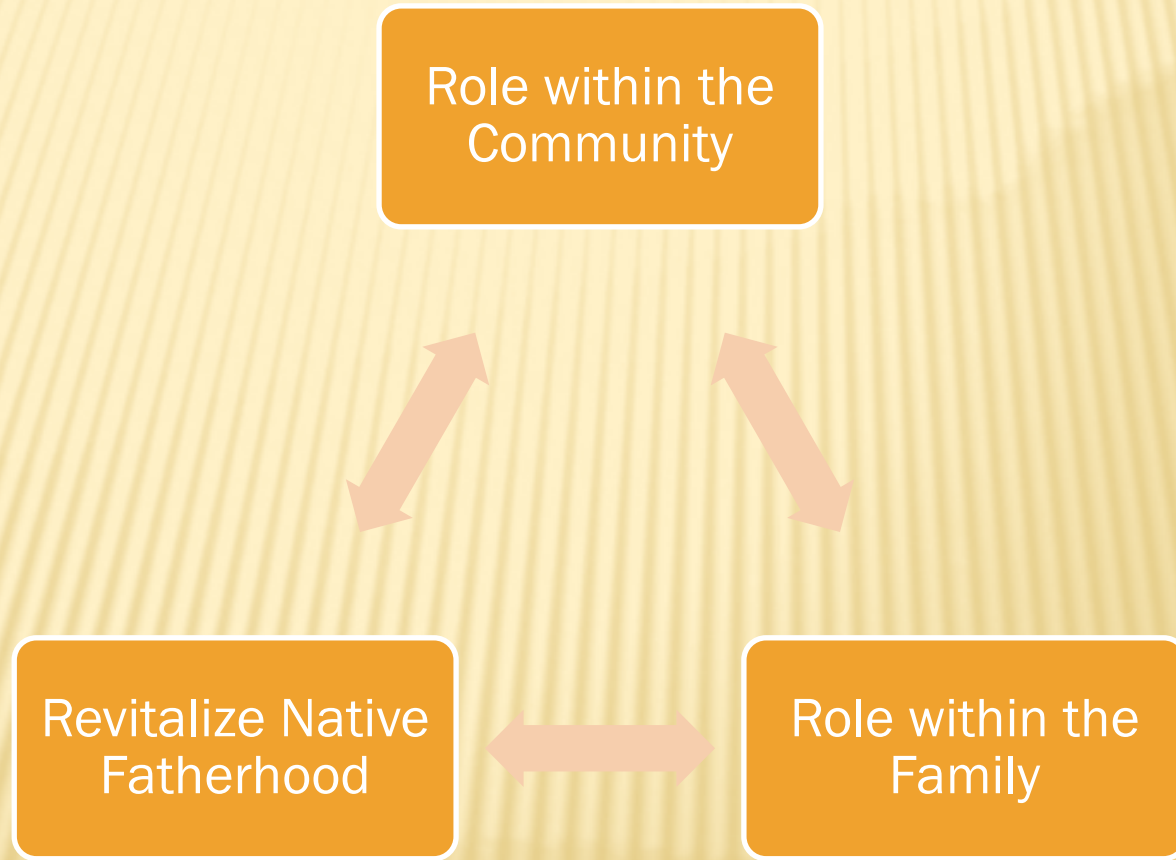
Child Support

Ken Levinson

Elder Abuse Prevention

Char Roberts

NATIVE FATHERHOOD



WHAT RFP NEEDS FROM YOU

- ✘ Consistent Participation
 - + Attend Weekly Meeting with Caseworker
 - + Attend Workshop Every Monday
 - + Attend Group Meeting Every Friday
 - + Attend Additional Meetings as Necessary
 - + Attend Monthly Family Fun Night
 - + Attend Cultural Canoe Project
- ✘ Honest Feedback & Open Communication
- ✘ The Best Way to Contact You

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM RFP

- ✘ Applicable and Interesting Topics
- ✘ Support and Advocacy
- ✘ Family Activities
- ✘ Information Resources
- ✘ The Importance of the Native Culture

CULTURE

- ✘ What is culture?
 - + “State or form of civilization”

- ✘ Traditions
 - + Passed down from grandparents or elders

SUCCESS WITH RFP

We have had a great deal of Success with the Revitalizing Fatherhood Program.

Multiple Fathers in our program have received jobs while attending our fatherhood classes. If they do not have jobs, then they have goals for what they want to do in life and have plans on how they will achieve those goals.

Multiple Fathers in our program enrolled in the Nooksack Tribe's "NACTEP" program. (Native College Program)

We have seen past participants of the Fatherhood Program being more interactive with their children out in the community.

BARRIERS/SOLUTIONS

✘ We have had Barriers in the Fatherhood Program.

- Instructors have emergencies that require a workshop or meeting to be cancelled.
- Getting clients to attend our mandatory classes.
- Clients to bring in paperwork for their Portfolios.

✘ Some of our Solutions to the Barriers.

- See if there is anyone else that can take over class. If not, reschedule to most convenient date.
- Stipends for attendance, Certificates for workshops, Free activities outside of work if they have good attendance.
- We have our own Portfolios to show the clients as examples. Assure the clients it will help them get a job and help in an interview.

CULTURAL CANOE PROJECT

Who: RFP Staff and RFP Clients

What: Making Canoes.

Where: George Swanaset Sr. Shop.

When: Near Future

How Many Canoes: (2) Singles, (2)
Doubles, (1) Ocean.

Activities: Take Ocean Canoe on Canoe
Journey. Possibly take Canoes on
Camping trips.



