

PURE SOUND CAMP

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NOOKSACK TANF-CHILD WELFARE COORDINATION GRANT HEALTHY FAMILIES PROJECT

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NOOKSACK HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

Nuts and Bolts

- Housed in the Family Services Department
 - Administered by the Nooksack ICW Program
- Staff
 - Program Manager and Caseworker
 - Hoping to add 2nd Caseworker in third year
- Main Tools
 - Home visitation
 - Child Protection Team
 - Coordinated Case Management
 - Family Preservation Services

NOOKSACK HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

Purpose/Mission/Why?

- Prevent disruption of families at risk for abuse and neglect
- Focus on coordinating services so that we reach families before the crisis

HOME VISITATION



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- We need to reach families where
 - They are
 - They are comfortable/in charge (home turf)
 - The issues are

HOME VISITATION – cont.

- Caseworker attempts to:
 - Identify issues in the home
 - Create a relationship with the family
 - Offer advice
 - Make referrals
 - Model behaviors

EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES – cont.

- Parents as Teachers
- Assessment Tools
 - Danger Assessment
 - Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ)

The Child Protection Team



THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

- Consists of representatives from:
 - ICW
 - TANF
 - Behavioral Health
 - Clinic
 - Education
 - Law Enforcement
 - Housing
 - Culture
 - Child Support
 - Domestic Violence
 - Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment
 - Neighboring School District
 - State CPS/CWS

THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM – cont.

- Chaired by ICW Program Manager
- Meets monthly
- In a confidential and comfortable setting
- Cases to be staffed are identified in advance
- Decisions made based on consensus
- Team canvassed for families/individuals about whom they have concerns at the end

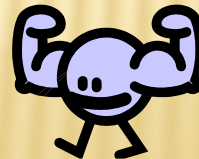
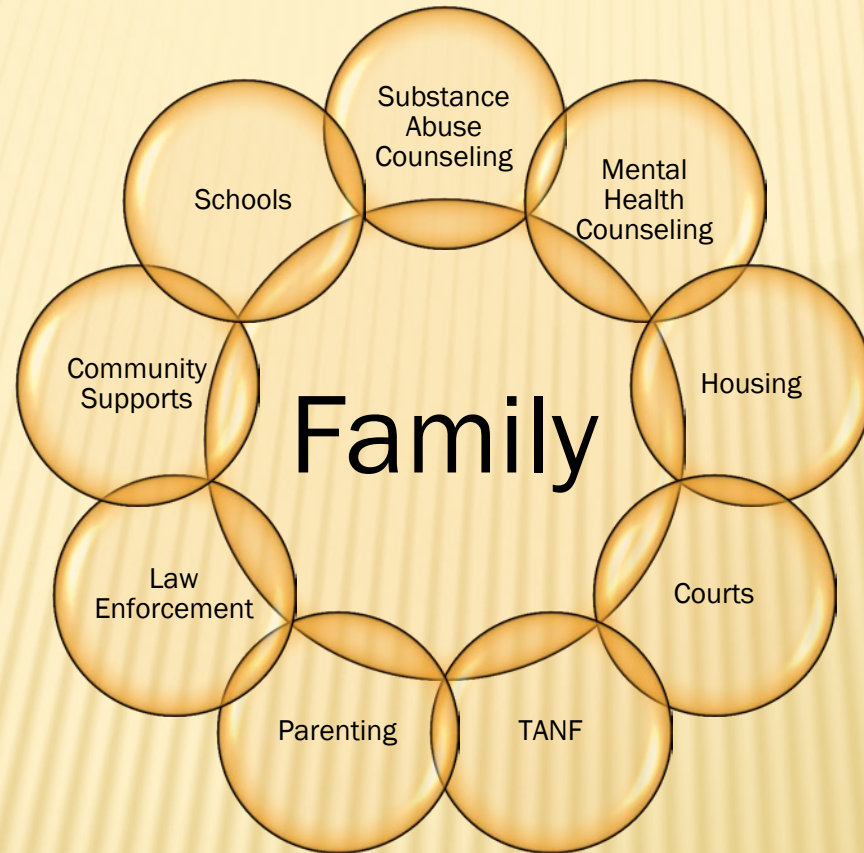
THE CHILD PROTECTION TEAM – cont.

- Receive training
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Evidence Based Practices
 - Darkness to Light
 - Wish Family Journal
 - ICWA
 - Washington State ICWA
 - Wraparound Services

Coordinated Case Management



COORDINATED CASE MANAGEMENT



Caseworker

COORDINATED CASE MANAGEMENT – cont.

- Keep everyone talking
 - Family/Caseworker/Service Providers
- Share information
 - Releases
- Make it doable
- Reduce invasion and repetition for family
- Provide all services needed – Fill the Gaps

COORDINATED CASE MANAGEMENT – cont.

- with TANF
- TANF is often first contact
- People want to talk with TANF
- Referrals back and forth
 - Joint creation of referral form
- Planning for joint wraparound training with Deb Painte

Family Preservation Services



FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES

- Family Education Services in the home
- In home crisis intervention
- Home safety items
- Car seats
- Cleaning supplies
- Facilitating Visits/Appointments

Challenges



CHALLENGES

- Life
- Limited Time
- Limited Energy
- Coordination
- Administration

TRUTH, HEALING RECONCILIATION COMMUNITY FORUM

- Community event/gathering
- Sandra White Hawk, First Nations Repatriation Institute
- Officially welcome Tribal members who have been impacted by foster care or adoption into the community
- Fundamental to the core mission of the NHFP/ICW Program:
to prevent disruption of families and improve case management

CHALLENGES

- Limited Time
 - Only so much time in the day
 - Over/Flex/Comp Time

CHALLENGES

- Limited Energy
 - Hard work
 - Self-care
 - Vicarious Trauma

CHALLENGES

- Coordination
 - Bringing Tribal Partners to the table
 - Getting buy-in from partners
 - Competing grant requirements
 - Role Clarity

CHALLENGES

- Administration
 - Grant Reporting
 - Grant Solutions
 - Timing of Funding/Approvals

- Questions?





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