

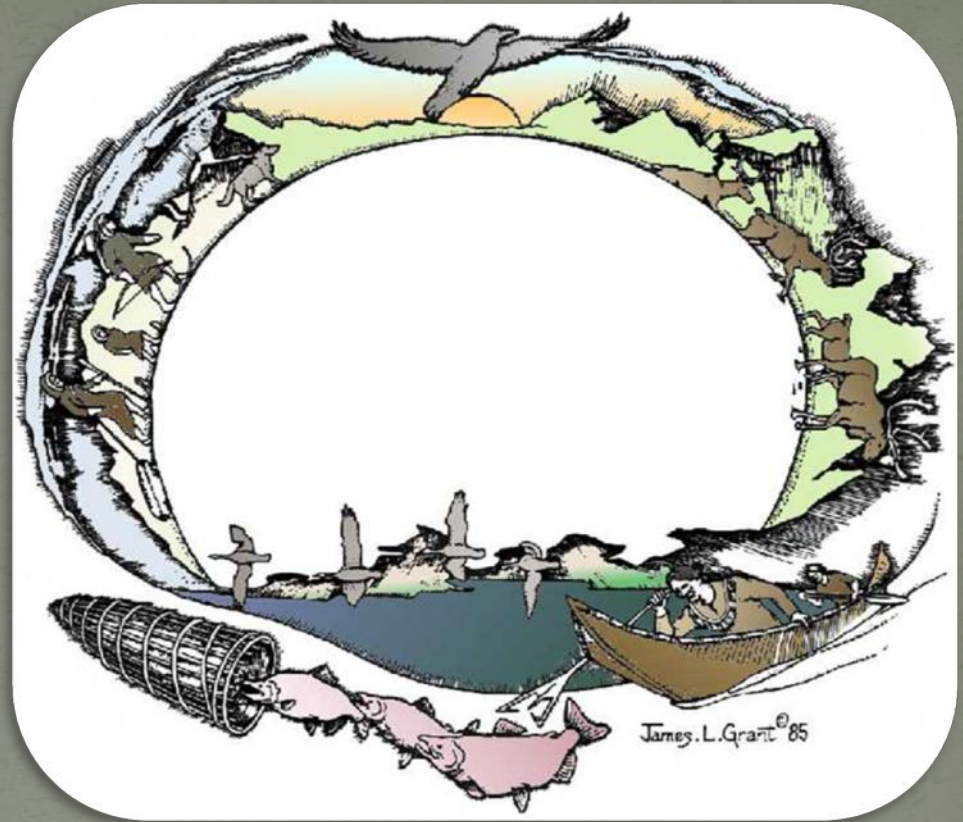
Parent Navigators

Foster Parent Navigators

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About Tanana Chiefs Conference

- Regional Native non-profit corporation in the state of Alaska
- Services 37 federally recognized Athabascan Tribes
- Provides community development, health, and social services
- Serves over 12,000 Alaska Native and American Indians who live in Fairbanks and 42 remote, isolated villages of the Yukon River drainage
- At 235,000 square miles, the service area of the Tanana Chiefs Conference comprises over 1/3 of the state of Alaska
- The village populations average between 150-200 residents
- Distances between communities are great, with the majority of villages accessible by air or boat



What is a Parent and a
Foster Parent Navigator?

Project Summary

- To improve case management for families who are eligible for assistance from the Athabascan Self-Sufficiency Assistance Program (ASAP) [Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families].
- To help the children that have become or are at risk of becoming under the protective custody of the state of Alaska Office of Children Services or one or more of the 37 federally recognized tribes of TCC.
- Child Protection and ASAP Program will collaborate on case plans involving families whose children are in out-of-home care or at-risk of becoming in protective custody.
- To coordinate efforts to strengthen the collaboration between the two systems (State and Tribal)
- To provide supportive services and assistance to tribal children in out-of-home placement, including families who adopt such children .

Objective

Parent Navigator:

- The project propose is to recruit and train Parent Navigator who maintain weekly contact with parents whose children are in protective custody or at-risk of becoming under protective custody and assist them with obtaining and participating in supportive services focused on their ASAP, State, or Tribal case plan objectives.

Foster Parent Navigator:

- The second purpose of the project is to provide supportive services and assistance to tribal children in out-of-home placement and for tribal families and adoptive parent(s) caring for such children by recruiting and training Relative Caregiver Navigators who provide support and assist families with obtaining services.

Need for the project

- To increase the number of supportive services the families are involved in.
- To reduce the number of months that the child spends in out-of-home placement .
- To increase the number of relative caregivers becoming licensed foster parents by either the Tribe and/or State.
- To increase foster parents access to needed services.
- If a child is in custody for a longer period of time, or adopted; it will be also considered successful if the child was placed with a relative in a timely manner.

NEEDED: Parent Navigators and Foster Parent Navigators!

As a Parent or Foster Parent Navigator You Can:

- help parents with children who are in out-of-home placement or at-risk of falling under protective custody.
- help foster parents apply and obtain foster care licenses.
- increase involvement in supportive services and reduce the time children are out-of-home or in protective custody.
- receive a monthly stipend for services you provide.



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Information Distribution

This is a sample of the flyer distributed by the communication department at Tanana Chiefs Conference. This information is sent to the entire staff at TCC, along with other agencies such as Doyon, Interior Regional Housing Authority, Fairbanks Native Association.

The Project Assistant

Duties:

- Draft the contract for each Navigator .
- Assist the Navigator to obtain a business license.
- Create an agreement to participate in the project that is signed by both the Navigator and the parent or caregiver.
- Create a flyer and distribute to the Tribes, Office of Children Services (OCS) and other partner agencies.
- Create semi-monthly forms, a joint meeting form, a follow up survey and an exit survey.
- Set up an orientation for the Navigator.

The Project Assistant (continued)

- Gather and assemble informational packets on various topics/ issues, such as health and nutrition, mental health concerns, and substance abuse.
- Work with TCC Head Start and Early Head Start program to collect age-appropriate information for children five and younger.
- Cross reference TANF/ASAP case load to the State and Tribal case load.

Responsibilities of the Parent Navigator

- To be a Parent Navigator to one family assigned by the Child Protection Program Project Assistant.
- Participate in an orientation for Navigators provided by TCC.
- Participate in a joint meeting with the assigned family and providers as directed by project assistant.
- Complete a semi-monthly reporting form and submit to the project assistant by the 1st and the 15th of each month for each of the assigned families.

Responsibilities of the Parent Navigator (continued)

- Weekly contact with each assigned family (in-person, telephone, email) and document contact on the semi-monthly reporting form.
- Review each parents case plan with the parent and assist in navigating the child protection system to identify appropriate agencies.
- Work with project assistant if parent expresses challenges with the child protection system.

Responsibilities of the Foster Parent Navigator

- Be a Foster Parent Navigator to two families assigned by the Child Protection Program Project Assistant.
- Participate in an orientation for Navigators provided by TCC.
- Participate in a joint meeting with the assigned family and providers as directed by project assistant.
- Complete a semi-monthly reporting form and submit to the project assistant by the 1st and the 15th of each month for each of the assigned families.
- Weekly contact with each assigned family (in-person, telephone, email) and document each contact on the semi-monthly reporting form.

Responsibilities of the Foster Parent Navigator (continued)

- Review where the foster parent is in the state or Tribal licensing process and assist in navigating the licensing system(s) to identify where further support is needed.
- Work with project assistant if foster parent expresses challenges with the foster parent licensing process.

Success



Parent

Parent Navigator

Case Worker

Matching

Once a match has been made, the with Parent or Foster Parent Navigator and the families will participate in a “joint meeting”

- The joint meeting is with the Navigator, family, TANF/ASAP, Tribal and/or State case worker.
- To review the case plan.
- To ensure the family is directed to the appropriate supportive services.
- To discuss expectations and desired outcomes.
- To discuss how the weekly contact will be made.
- The joint meeting may occur every two months over the six month period of family involvement.

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