



## LEADERSHIP PASSES TO PJ Simon

On October 13th, the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors elected a new Chief/Chairman to lead the organization – PJ Simon of Allakaket/Galena. Five candidates ran to lead the organization after former Chief/Chairman Victor Joseph who had completed his two consecutive terms.

“I will work as hard as I can every single day to bring you the best service. Like I said, I want running water in the villages, high speed internet, law and order; we deserve this. Alaskan Native people are Alaska’s first people,” said Chief Simon during his acceptance speech, ‘. As we trudge forward, we have the intellect, we have the energy, we got the human resources, let’s work together to build the greatest and healthiest Alaskan Native people here in the interior. When I say I love you all, I mean it. I have al-

ways fought hard for our native people.”

Chief Simon was officially sworn in with tribal leadership from throughout the region watching. As former Chief Joseph bestowed a Chief’s necklace to Chief Simon he said, “It gives me great honor to put this on your as our new chief/chairman. Remember, you just don’t work it for one, you work for all in our region. It’s not just one area, it’s the full region. You’re going to start working for my grandchildren, our grandchildren, and our future. Do it with a good heart, as I know you will.”

Chief Simon comes to TCC with years of knowledge and experience behind him. He currently serves on the EXCEL Alaska board, which provides high school students and young adults in 7 rural school districts from the Lower Yukon and Kuskokwim region with the nec-

essary transitional skills and career exploration opportunities. He has served on several other boards including the Alaska Trappers Association, Bureau of Land Management Alaska Resource Advisory Council, as secretary/treasurer on Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) executive board, Chena Bingo Board, TCC advocacy committee, and in the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Water and Sewer focus group. Not only has he worked as a political advocate and First Chief for the Allakaket Tribe, he has worked as an alternate Doyon representative on the Alaska Federation of Natives board of directors. He currently has his own big game transport business, and has worked as an assistant big game guide for the Alaska Challenge Guide Service and Mountain Monarchs of Alaska, LLC.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Tanana Chiefs Conference provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people.

## VISION

Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes



## TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Donald Honea Sr./Ruby  
*1st Traditional Chief*

Trimble Gilbert/Arctic Village  
*2nd Traditional Chief*

PJ Simon/Allakaket/Galena  
*Chief/Chairman*

Charlene Stern/Arctic Village  
*Vice President*

Jerry Isaac/Tanacross  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

Herbie Demit/Tanacross  
*Upper Tanana*

Nick Alexia Sr./Nikolai  
*Upper Kuskokwim*

Nancy James/Fort Yukon  
*Yukon Flats*

Eugene Paul/Holy Cross  
*Lower Yukon*

Frank Thompson/ Evansville  
*Yukon Tanana*

Norman 'Carl' Burgett/ Huslia  
*Yukon Koyukuk*

Peter Demoski/Nulato  
*Elder Advisor*

Jolie Murray/Beaver  
*Youth Advisor*

## 2020 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

TCC would like to thank our employees for their hard work and dedication towards TCC's mission and vision!



### Employee of the Year:

**Tiffany Simmons** *Fairbanks*

Tribal Development Director and Planning Director



### Employee of the Year:

**Marilyn Andon** *Fairbanks*

Deputy Director of Health Services



### Employee of the Year:

**Tessiana Paul** *Rural*

Tribal Administrator - Holy Cross







## 2020 TCC ELECTION RESULTS:

The election results are as follows:

### TCC OFFICER POSITION

TCC President/Chairman (previously held by Victor Joseph) – **ELECTED:** PJ Simon

### TCC EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Upper Tanana Subregion; **ELECTED:** Herbie Demit– 3 year term (2020-23)

Yukon Koyukuk Subregion; **ELECTED:** Carl Burgett – 3 year term (2020-23)

### TCC REGIONAL HEALTH BOARD

Yukon Flats Subregion; **ELECTED:** Patricia Salmon – 3 year term (2020-23)

Upper Kuskokwim Subregion: **ELECTED:** Agnes Tony – 3 year term (2020-23)

### TCC EDUCATION COUNCIL

Lower Yukon Subregion, Vacant – 3 year term (2020-23)

Yukon Tanana Subregion, **ELECTED:** Phyllis Erhart – 3 year term (2020-23)

### INTERIOR ATHABASCAN TRIBAL COLLEGE BOARD TRUSTEES

Upper Kuskokwim Subregion – **ELECTED:** Martha Runkle – 3 year term (2020-23)

Upper Tanana Subregion – **ELECTED:** Gerald Albert – 3 year term (2020-23)

### AFN INTERIOR VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE –

**ELECTED:** Julie Roberts-Hyslop – 1 year term (2020-21)

### IRHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS –

**ELECTED:** Fred Bifelt – 3 year term (2020-23)















## Exercise Can Help Prevent Diseases & Health Conditions

By Kailer Sato  
Prevention Coordinator

Exercise is an amazing way to stay active and healthy. Here are a few ways exercise can help you!

- Prevent you from diseases such as diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, back pain, obesity, diabetes and stroke
- Promote good heart and lung health
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Increases your energy and mental health!
- Help with stress levels

Exercise doesn't have to be in boring and strictly gym sessions. You can also engage in activities like hunting, blueberry picking, snowshoeing or just walking. The most important part is that we keep moving while we can.

**For more information on how it prevents diseases & health conditions:**

### Health Benefits of Physical Activity

<https://bit.ly/31v0FA7>

### Exercise and Chronic Disease

<https://mayoclinic.org/37sReoD>

### Physical Activity Prevents Chronic Disease

<https://bit.ly/2Te8HZE>

### Physical Activity Fundamental to Preventing Disease

<https://bit.ly/31pgDf9>

For More Information from our **Commit to Be Fit Project:**  
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## From the Students at Innoko River School: *Thank you!*

Joyanne Hamilton sent a thank you on behalf of the students at the Innoko River School in Shageluk. Back to School backpacks filled with school supplies were sent out to the villages by administration in September.





# Hughes Concludes TANK FARM CONSTRUCTION

By Dave Messier  
Rural Energy Coordinator

David Attla owner of Subzero Electric LLC stands in front of the Hughes Tank Farm Control Panel that he recently wired. Dave's company is based downriver in Huslia and they juggled a number of challenges in completing the project from change orders to COVID19 restrictions.

Construction has just wrapped up on a brand new 80,000 gallon bulk Tank Farm in the community of Hughes, AK competed by the City of Hughes in partnership with the TCC Energy Program. The city of Hughes received an \$817k Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award from the state of Alaska Department of Community and Regional Affairs passed through from the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In 2018 Hughes began receiving barged in freight from local barge company Ruby Marine at about half the cost of air freight into the community. Ruby Marine made it clear that they could only continue coming up to Hughes if the community would begin buying their fuel in bulk to help subsidize the long trip up the Koyukuk River.

The City of Hughes began looking at options to expand their existing tank farm which had only 10,000 gal of gasoline and 12,000 gal worth of diesel storage available. Small tank farms work well when aircraft that can only haul 4000 gal of fuel per plane

are the only option but with the potential for barged in fuel it made sense to add tankage. When requests for assistance from the state came up empty, the city of Hughes allocated their own local funds and commissioned a team of engineers based in Fairbanks to put together a plans for the expansion. With the plans completed in 2018 the city held a number of community meetings and received positive support from the community. This allowed the city to apply for funding through the highly competitive CDBG Program in late 2018 and Hughes was fortunate to be selected for funding. Once funds were allocated the city ordered their new fuel tanks which, commissioned a group of local equipment operators to expand the tank farm pad and had a local welding contractor based in Fairbanks, Inner Creations LLC, move and re-weld the diesel and gas lines. Summer 2020 saw a flurry of activity in the small community as the tanks were delivered and moved

into position in late June, had piping completed in July and finished up the electrical and control connections in August. The community is awaiting one final Facility Response Plan which is needed for the EPA and will be ready to purchase fuel and fill the tanks for the 2021 barge season. Estimates show that bringing fuel in by barge rather than air craft should save the community on average \$1/gal and help bring the cost of freight brought into the community down from \$1/lb. for air freight to barge rates of \$.55/lb.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our Judy Haymaker with the state of Alaska DCRA for guiding us through the process and to our main contractors who put in countless hours of extra time to make sure this project was a success and protect the community during a summer construction season that was made more challenging by COVID19. Thank you Subzero Electric and Inner Creations LLC for all of your hard work and dedication!



## TCC's COVID-19 Testing Site has *Moved!*

The Tanana Chiefs Conference COVID-19 testing site has changed locations on **Tuesday, October 20th!**

The site will be moved from the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center to the **Bertha Moses Patient Hostel** located at **1321 17th Ave** in Fairbanks.

This is to ensure the health and safety of both our employees and patients who are being tested. Patients will still call the CAIHC main line at 907-451-6682 to schedule their COVID-19 test.

**Patients must have a scheduled appointment prior to getting tested.**

If you have multiple family members who need to be tested - each will need their own individual appointment scheduled. We appreciate our patience as we continue to work on ensuring the best care for our patients.



## Tips on Gun Safety

By Cole Cantu  
Prevention Coordinator



Here are a few tips for cleaning your guns that will help keep you, and your loved ones out of harms way while maintaining your firearms.

- Always wear eye protection when working with solvents and gun lubricants.
- Unload your gun in a room other than where you'll be cleaning it
- Triple check that your gun is unloaded before disassembling to begin the cleaning process.
- Never clean your gun with any ammunition in the same room.
- Limit distractions such as listening to music or watching TV.
- If possible do not clean your firearms with other people in the room.
- Always point the muzzle of your gun in a safe direction

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# COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE *Spotlight*

## Herbie Demit-Tanacross

By Linden Staciokas

Sometimes you go looking for a job, and sometimes the job finds you. Herbert "Herbie" Demit never had any intention of becoming a health aide. He'd been a carpenter, a trucker, a heavy equipment operator, and a village public safety officer, but learning precise details about the body and then applying that knowledge to diagnose and treat humans had never entered his mind.



"This lady in the Tanacross village office was telling me about the job being open and all the benefits it offered, but how hard it was to fill the health aide positions. As a laugh my big mouth said, 'Well, if no one applies, put me down.' Two weeks later I was notified that I'd gotten the job. I didn't intend to, but I got interested in it real quick. It was so challenging, learning how the body works and then using what you know to help people. And there is so much variety in the work." The job had come at just the right time for Herbie, who had become a single parent to six children and needed the more regular routine the health aide position offered. As he says, "It can be hard to find a permanent job in rural Alaska, let alone one that is so interesting, pays well, and has normal hours. We do respond to emergencies around the clock, but I share the workload with another health aide, Kara Jonathan, so we trade off being

on call on nights and weekends." When not at the clinic, Herbie is surrounded by children. Over the three years he has been a health aide, Herbie's oldest three children have started off on their own lives. However, his three youngest have been joined by another sibling, the daughter of his new partner, as well as a group of youngsters that he informally mentors. The area surrounding Tanacross, a village of about 170 people located on the south bank of the Tanana River, about 12 miles from Tok, offers an abundance of opportunities for passing on traditional skills and knowledge to these children. This past summer, Herbie and his family, sometimes joined by other children, were home only three weekends; the rest of the time they were camping, fishing, hunting, and learning how to use what they'd gathered.

"Last weekend, six kids came over and we all butchered a moose leg and then turned it into soup. It was so much fun to watch them master these skills. It is so much easier to go to the store to buy something to eat than it is to find and put up traditional foods. I worry that the techniques our grandparents used are not being taught to the younger generation... Of course, there is some self-interest on my part, too," Herbie says with a laugh. "When I am too old to do this

stuff for myself, I want to be sure there are younger people who can harvest and share their food with me!"

Herbie, who is also the Chief of Tanacross, is leaving the health aide job that he loves so much. In October he was elected to the executive board of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, and the bylaws prohibit board members from being employees. His new position will allow him to serve his community in other ways but he won't soon forget his experiences as a health aide. He is full of praise for his co-worker Kara, as well as all the other members of the health aide program. "The CHAP family is filled with great people who are willing to help you every step of the way. I could not have asked for a better group to work with. Just a few weeks ago my niece asked me about becoming a health aide and I told her 'Go for it! You will not regret a minute of it.'"

Angela Lucien, Herbie's supervisor is sorry to see him leave but knows he is not done helping his community. As she said, "The CHAP program is very grateful for Herbie Demit's commitment and service over the last three years as a Health Aide in Tanacross. We will miss his jovial attitude and caring demeanor, but are very excited for him to start in his new role on TCC's Executive Board representing the Upper Tanana region. We have no doubt that Herbie will continue to make great contributions!"





## Letters to the Editor:



Hi,  
I really wanted to share this photo of my son, Freddy (Burk) Gadson. He is only 11 years old but he is the most amazing little fisherman ever. When we got home from fishcamp he struggled to adjust to city life in Fairbanks. He started biking out to Tanana Lakes. At first I took him but then he wanted to go every day so I let him go by himself. He catches a few fish most days, mostly trout and an occasional pike. He comes home, he cleans them and either freezes them or cooks them. His favorite is fried with Louisiana Fish Fry. I am very impressed with this little man. He is already a provider.

I want to encourage others who live in the city to teach their kids simple survival skills and find a place where they can practice their traditions on their own, it builds a lot of self awareness and confidence. It is also an excellent coping skill to adjust to solitude and virtual school, basically the isolation we are experiencing from COVID19.

Baasee',  
Eva Dawn

## Open Comment period for the Regional Transportation Strategy

The Tanana Chiefs Conference Tribal Transportation Program is dedicated to promoting safe transportation systems and representing Tribes in the TCC Region by addressing their transportation concerns.

**There is an open comment period for updates through November 13, 2020 by 5:00pm.**

It is time to do annual updates for the **Regional Transportation Strategy**. The Regional Transportation Strategy was a directive from the Executive Board for the TCC Region.

It was completed and adopted by the Executive Board in 2019.

As a living document, changes are made when necessary.

Some changes to be made are: Airline carriers to communities, and a A2A Rail update.

If there are other important updates, please contact [constance.reimerely@tananachiefs.org](mailto:constance.reimerely@tananachiefs.org)

**To download the Current TCC Transportation Strategy visit:**  
[tananachiefs.org/open-comment-period-for-the-regional-transportation-strategy/](https://tananachiefs.org/open-comment-period-for-the-regional-transportation-strategy/)



## Ways to Learn About *Your Heritage*

By Ashley Powe  
Sub-Regional Prevention Coordinator

Teaching youth the way of our people is how we keep our culture alive. It's important to learn what our ancestors have been through and what they have done for us. Protecting our heritage ensures that future generations can build strength and resiliency. Our values, traditions, and cultures promote a healthy and safe environment for our youth. Promoting our heritage can lead to a positive outlook and a sense of pride of who we are as Alaska Natives. There are so many ways we can learn about our heritage. It is important to keep our culture alive and thriving for generations to come. Here are a few ways to learn more about your heritage.

### **ASK!**

Ask your great grandparents, grandparents, aunties, uncles, and elders where they grew up. Ask what type of food they ate or what traditions they practiced.

### **READ!**

Read history books or attend classes about Alaska Native history to learn more about your heritage. Visit of a cultural museum or an online learning website.

### **ENGAGE!**

Learn the ways of your culture. Learn the dances, music, and subsistence ways. This is a great way for learn and put your heritage into practice.

### **For more information on Alaska Native History see below:**

<http://alaska.gov/kids/learn/native-culture.htm>

### **For more information on Alaska Native Heritage see below:**

<https://www.alaskanative.net/>

### **For more information on Alaska Native classes see below:**

<https://catalog.uaf.edu/courses/ans/>

### **For more information on Alaska Native dance, music, and cultures see below:**

<https://lauraleeak.atavist.com/alaska-native-music-and-dance-in-culture-and-education>

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## DORA ESAI NIKOLAI

Dora Esai was born in the village of Nikolai January 24, 1934.

"Those days, growing up, we used to be poor," says Esai, remembering that her mom and dad would always travel with Esai and her siblings when they went hunting or gathering. They would go to a place called Silver Tip, up on the mountain. "Good place right there, that's where they get food. Lots of caribou, moose, sheep, and grizzly."

The family had an underground cache at Silver Tip. "There's frost, so that's where they keep their berries," explains Esai. "Sometimes they put fish under there too. As soon as it's cold, they get them out. No freezer, nothing." Esai was raised to appreciate what she had, especially the food they were given. "Grandpa and Grandma, they told us that you kids gotta eat everything we have that's on the table, because starvation might come back anytime," she remembers.

To hear Dora's full story,  
visit [www.tananachiefs.org/legacy-of-our-elders/](http://www.tananachiefs.org/legacy-of-our-elders/)

LEGACY  
OF OUR  
ELDERS

TCC's Legacy of our Elders series documents the lives and stories of Elders throughout the TCC region.

These videos are available on our website.





# Meet The TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PROGRAM

The Tribal Government Services Program (TGS) is a tribal support program that is housed in the Tribal Development division on the 2nd Floor of the Chief Peter John Tribal Building. The program currently consists of 5 employees, nonetheless we are currently growing, and creating more positions both in Fairbanks and in rural villages. Keep an eye out this winter for new job opportunities!

TGS program provides technical assistance to member villages on constitutions, codes, tribal court development, tribal fee land management, and membership and enrollment issues to strengthen tribal governments, and more recently victims of crime services.

As the region's tribal government technical assistance provider, the program is often involved in the following: tribal court trainings, staff presentations at various statewide conferences, development of training materials and fillable templates, and staff advocacy for member villages and other federally recognized Indian tribes. The program also provides one-on-one technical assistance to tribal courts; participating in hearings upon request and facilitation of inter-

tribal courts. In addition, staff review or draft court orders and process tribal adoptions.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PROGRAMS:

### Tribal Government Training and Technical Assistance

As described above, the TGS programs provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to the TCC Region. TTA is organized and scheduled by the Tribal Government Specialist position. The tribal government specialist, is Brittany Madros.

### Tribal Government Specialist/Manager

Hello TCC Region! My name is Brittany Madros, my parents are Jennifer Bolin and Dennis Smith of Washington State. I moved to the village of Nulato as a young teen, and

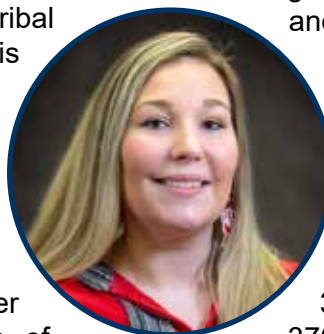
married my high school sweetheart, Henry Madros in 2015. My husband and I share three children, all Nulato tribal members. I started working for TCC in 2018, on a temporary position. I was fortunate to be offered my current position, as Tribal Government Specialist, at the end of the grant-funded position.

My passion is working with tribal governments and assisting them to find local solutions to local problems through exercising their inherent tribal sovereignty and reawakening the use of the restorative tribal justice system. My other passion is grant writing, and I am always researching funding opportunities for our tribes and/or organization to contribute to strengthening tribal governments and tribal justice.

I encourage tribal leaders interested in training and/or strategic development of their councils or courts to contact me.

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3132; or work cell 907-388-3762





## Tribal Enrollment

The Tribal Enrollment program, which is the foundational program of TCC, as well as each of the Tribes we serve, is housed within the TGS program. This program is foundational because, tribal membership is the key to each tribe's on-going existence. Tribes are federally recognized by the federal government as sovereign nations, and have a political relationship with the Federal government. This relationship with the federal government has certain agreements to provide services and funding to tribal governments, and tribal regional nonprofits. For a tribes' citizens to be eligible to access these services, verification of membership is required. Tribal membership and population also is used by the federal government as one of many factors to determine services needs and funding award amounts. For more information please go to: <https://www.tananachiefs.org/services/tribal-enrollment/>

TCC Tribal Enrollment is overseen, by the Tribal Enrollment Specialist, Jessica Wilson.

### Tribal Enrollment Specialist

My name is Jessica Wilson. I'm Koyukon Athabascan and Inupiaq enrolled in the Hut'odleekkaakk'et Tribe. My mother is Barbara (Moses) Beatus from Allakaket, and my father was the late Norman Beatus from Hughes. I enjoy reading, making lists, and hearing stories from friends & family. I am a Tribal Enrollment Specialist and I assist 28 tribes within the Interior of Alaska. I provide their tribal members with enrollment verification letters or tribal identification cards. I process tribal enrollment applications and research

lineage, utilizing the considerable data this program possesses as well as contacts I have with other tribes. I perform tribal membership audits. The work that I do, wouldn't be possible without the assistance of the much appreciated tribal employees that keep my records updated. Please contact me at: [tribal\\_enrollment\\_dept@tananachiefs.org](mailto:tribal_enrollment_dept@tananachiefs.org) for Tribal Enrollment or ext. 3274.

Jessica is responsible for:

- Assisting applicants in becoming enrolled in a Native Village or other federally-recognized Indian tribe that chooses to contract with TCC for services. assists village and tribal personnel with processing applications and providing tribal membership cards to new members
- Provides proof of tribal membership to tribal members as requested for the purpose of things that required verification, including child care assistance, registration at IHS clinics, educational grants, and scholarships.
- Researching information on tribal enrollment applications and/or family history to determine verification documents as needed, requests additional information or pertinent documents as needed
- Processes tribal resolution approved enrollment applications and calculates Alaska native blood quantum based on family lineage
- Establishes and maintains individual tribal membership records and client files
- Researches individual village constitutions, or tribal enrollment ordinances for eligibility purposes
- Preparing and produces photographic on non-photographic tribal membership cards or documents.

## Tribal Courts

The Tribal Court program main task is providing technical assistance at tribal court hearings upon request. Additionally program staff assist with the facilitation of inter-tribal courts, reviewing or drafting court orders and processing tribal adoptions. Staff also work with the tribal government specialist to provide trainings to tribal court personnel. The tribal court program has two positions, the Tribal Court Facilitator, Mishal Gaede, and the Tribal Court Support Specialist, Elizabeth Jerue.

### Does the TCC Tribal Enrollment Department provide help for all the Interior Alaskan tribes?

No. TCC provides tribal IDs and enrollment assistance to the following tribes:

- |               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| • Allakaket   | • Koyukuk         |
| • Anvik       | • Minto           |
| • Beaver      | • Nenana          |
| • Birch Creek | • Nikolai         |
| • Dot Lake    | • Rampart         |
| • Eagle       | • Ruby            |
| • Grayling    | • Shageluk        |
| • Holy Cross  | • Stevens Village |
| • Hughes      | • Takotna         |
| • Huslia      | • Tetlin          |

### Tribal Court Facilitator

Hi I am Mishal. My parents were the late Elmer and Ruby Gaede, of Soldotna, and the late Dora Tooyak Weston, of Point Hope. I am an enrolled tribal member of Native Village of Point Hope. Being a Native person adopted outside of my own Tribe and culture has taught me to be strong, yet sensitive to many issues relating to identity and valuing and practicing culture and traditions. I have had the privilege of working







with TCC region Tribes in the child protection arena since 1996. I worked with the village based social workers in the TCC region, as well as with the Tribal Court Judges and the families involved with their children in protective custody, mainly in Tribal Court jurisdiction. I am enthusiastic about Tribes and communities that are pro-active and coming up with innovative and caring ways to help their tribal members move toward positive change.

I believe that while our people have survived generations of cultural suppression and change as well as an explosion of negative forces, that our people are resilient and stepping back into the Circle where healing can begin. If a tribal court and/or a party in a court case need technical assistance or have question in regards to a tribal court child protection case, please contact me. [Mishal.gaede@tananachiefs.org](mailto:Mishal.gaede@tananachiefs.org); ext. 3273

Mishal is responsible for:

- Assisting tribal court personnel and/or tribal Judges in 'child protection' tribal court hearings as requested by the TCC member tribes
- Drafting orders, assisting in registering orders in state court, or having parties participate in court in her office
- Maintaining on-going data on case load and hearings facilitated

### Tribal Court Support Specialist

My name is Elizabeth Jerue, my father is Carl Jerue Jr. of Anvik and my mother is Tamra

Truett Jerue

of Gakona. I

was raise in

Anvik, until

I moved to

Fairbanks to

attend

h i g h

school and

the University

of Alaska Fairbanks. I have a 4 year old

son, Weston who happily occupies my

free time. I have always felt drawn to

be a helping hand to our tribes and

that's what I feel like I do in my current

position. I am the Tribal Court Support

Specialist for TGS and have been in

this position since February 2020.

For tribes needing additional support

handling civil issues in tribal court, or

interested in any of the 3 state/tribal

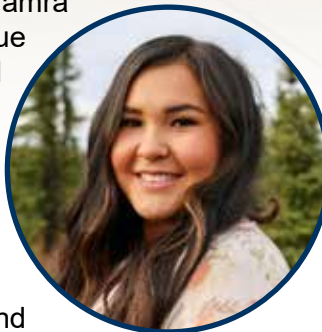
agreements, please contact me.

[Elizabeth.jerue@tananachiefs.org](mailto:Elizabeth.jerue@tananachiefs.org);

ext. 3477

Elizabeth is responsible for:

- Providing technical assistance and support to tribal court handling 'non-child protection' issues that are considered civil.
- Assisting in 'public safety type' tribal court hearings as requested by the TCC member tribes, including scheduling and facilitating hearings.
- Coordinating tribal court activities



stemmed from Civil Diversion Agreements (CDA), Criminal Rule 11(I) Agreements (CR11(I)), and Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Agreements with State of Alaska, and the Legal Department to insure the on-going coordination and articulation of support service is available TCC tribal courts.

### Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Enhanced Victim Services Program

TCC's Enhance Victim Services (EVS) program serves all of the communities in our region. We serve children, older adults, individuals with disabilities, male victims, and adults victimized as children (adolescents). The types of crime addressed are things like child abuse, including physical and sexual abuse and exploitation, sexual and physical assault, (DV), human trafficking, victimization as a result of opioid/drug-related crisis financial crimes, elder abuse, homicide, and cybercrimes.

These crimes all sound grave and they are, it does happen or can happen in our communities. We need to know what is available when or if it has already happened to you or someone you know. Through this project, staff



will help the region's villages develop a strategic plan for any of the crimes of victimization. We need village input to close the gaps in services to get this done. Your communities and Tribal Leaders would be a part of making these strategic plans for each community.

The OVC Project coordinator is responsible for this project and will be an active partner and leader in advancing planning, organization, resources, and advocacy for TCC region victim services. The OVC Project Coordinator is Robin Campbell.

### OVC Project Coordinator

My name is Robin Campbell, and I am from Nenana AK. I have three grown children, and seven other children whom I call my own with ten grands living in Nenana, Rampart, Minto, and Anchorage.



I have worked for TCC for three years, and the Nenana Native Council for 17 years. In 2014 I decided to finish up my Tribal Management degree as well as Rural Human

Services at UAF. Graduated in 2016 with an associates in both. I enjoy camping, hanging out with my family and friends, and traveling to warm destinations for vacation time. Please call or email me at [robin.campbell@tananachiefs.org](mailto:robin.campbell@tananachiefs.org); ext. 3590

Robin is responsible for:

- Organizing meetings of tribal leadership, staff and stakeholders to facilitate a process of situational assessments to identify critical issues in order to fully develop division and department strategic goals and objectives
- Draft documents and internal policies and initiatives for review
- Works collaboratively with key leadership to finalize, implement and monitor progress towards meeting strategic plan goals and objectives
- Partners with tribal membership, leaders, community members, stakeholders and agency partners to determine TCC service area/member tribal victim gaps in service
- Conduct a need assessment in collaboration with subregional village based contractors to evaluate and assesses TCC regional victim services.



Winter has arrived, along with the hazards that come along with it! Here are some tips to help you stay safe.

#### For safe winter walking:

- Wear proper footwear
- Walk like a penguin (take short steps, walk at a slower pace)
- Wear your gloves or mittens, walking with your hands in your pockets increases the chance of you falling
- Dress warmly
- Be seen (assume drivers can't see you and walk with caution)

#### For safe winter driving:

- Clean off your entire vehicle to keep flying snow and ice from obscuring visibility
- Wear a seatbelt
- Allow plenty of time to travel safely
- Leave extra room between you and the vehicle in front of you
- Make sure your headlights are on
- Keep a snow brush and a cold weather emergency kit in your vehicle
- Check your tires and vehicle fluid

## Anchorage Based Patient Advocate



Kristy Supsook, TCC Patient Advocate, works closely with the medical teams at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) to ensure TCC patients receive clear communication about their care, experience safe discharges and can access support if concerns arise while at ANMC.

Please call Kristy if you need assistance with anything at all. Out of respect for patient privacy, Kristy does not automatically contact patients in Anchorage for care unless the patient or a healthcare provider calls requesting assistance.

For more information, contact Kristy Supsook, TCC Patient Advocate at ANMC  
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## Not Feeling Good? STAY HOME!



If you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, it's important that you stay home, don't go to work, don't visit others, and get tested!

### SYMPTOMS TO WATCH FOR:

- Fever over 100 Degrees
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Cough or Sore Throat
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Diarrhea
- Body, Muscle or Joint Aches
- Fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell

# Celebrate

November as

## NATIVE AMERICAN & ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH

Tanana Chiefs Conference  
Wellness and Prevention



# Find Your Purpose

JOIN OUR TEAM: [WWW.TANANACHEADS.ORG/CAREERS](http://WWW.TANANACHEADS.ORG/CAREERS)

### Village Vacancies

- **Alatna** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Allakaket** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Community Health Representative, Family Visitor, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Anaktuvuk Pass** - Behavioral Health Aide,
- **Anvik** - Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Arctic Village** - Home Care Provider, Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Chalkyitsik** - Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Circle** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Family Youth Specialist
- **Dot Lake** - Behavioral Health Aide, Home Care Provider
- **Eagle** - Home Care Provider, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Evansville** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Fort Yukon** - Home Care Provider, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Preschool Lead Teacher
- **Galena** - Home Care Provider, Infant/Toddler Teacher, Lead Teacher
- **Grayling** - Preschool Assistant Teacher, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Healy Lake** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Holy Cross** - Home Care Provider
- **Hughes** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Family Visitor
- **Huslia** - Home Care Provider, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Kaltag** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Family Visitor, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist
- **Koyukuk** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Manley Hot Springs** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **McGrath** - Family Visitor, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Minto** - Tribal Family Youth Specialist
- **Nenana** - Behavioral Health Aide, Infant/Toddler Teacher
- **Nikolai** - Elder Nutrition Cook, Home Care Provider
- **Northway** - Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Substitute Teacher/Assistant Teacher, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Nulato** - Village Public Safety Officer
- **Old Minto** - Camp Counselor, Old Minto Family Recovery Camp Traditional Counselor
- **Rampart** - Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Ruby** - Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Stevens Village** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Tanacross** - Preschool Lead Teacher
- **Tetlin** - Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Tok** - Physician Assistant - Upper Tanana Health Center, Security Officer, Tok Sub - Regional Primary Care Physician, UTHC Janitor
- **Venetie** - Village Public Safety Officer

### Region- Wide Vacancies

- Community Health Aide/Practitioner - Itinerant
- Tribal Employment Rights Officer

JOBS LISTED WERE OPEN AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2020