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A REPORT TO THE MEMBER TRIBES OF TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

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## Hughes Hosts First Housing Summit

On April 8th and 9th, various Tribal leaders convened in Hughes to learn how they creatively partner to build homes. The first day focused on how to build a subdivision from start to finish, including planning process, partnership with the City, creative ways to achieve

housing and advocacy. The second day began with a discussion on economic development. Tribes identified that once they have homes, they need to have jobs for those families. Therefore, an economic development summit will be planned for this summer. Then vari-

ous presentations were provided on resources available to Tribes to help their infrastructure projects be a success, including grant writing by Jeff Weltzin, TCC Housing by Mitchell Shewfelt, TCC Energy by Dave Pelunis-Messier and TCC 477 program by Amber Vaska.



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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

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## CHIEF'S REPORT



Dear Tribes and Tribal Members,

Last month, TCC's Executive Board of Directors and executive management team met during a four-day retreat to determine the organization's strategic goals and priorities moving forward. The outcome of the retreat meetings will be a new five-year strategic plan for the organization, and in the coming weeks we will share details with our employees, Tribes, and Tribal members.

The longer days and warmer temperatures are a welcome relief after a challenging winter. We know spring means breakup and the potential for flooding in our communities. It only takes seconds for flood waters to put our villages and Tribal members in danger.

TCC is closely monitoring the weather projections and current conditions. The National Weather Service predicts that there may be a good chance of flooding in villages that have previously experienced breakup flooding. It is important for our Tribes and Tribal members to prepare now, and help keep their families safe in case of flooding.

Floods and other natural disasters happen quickly and without warning. You and your family need to be ready at a moment's notice. Every Tribal member needs an emergency "go bag." Whether you shelter in place or need to evacuate to Fairbanks, a go bag should include essential items you may need to feel safe and comfortable for at least five days.

Go bags should contain nonperishable food, water, and medications. Additionally, a flashlight with batteries, clothing, cash, a first aid kit, facemasks, and hand sanitizer should also be included. Customize your go bag to fit the needs of your family and pets. Remember to include a waterproof container with your important paperwork like driver's licenses, Tribal identification cards, and insurance cards.

We can't control the weather or prevent a natural disaster like flooding. However, Tribes and Tribal members can focus on what is in our control by packing a go bag and making an emergency plan. TCC is here to help our Tribes during disastrous situations and, Tribes and Tribal members need to be prepared before flooding happens.

As always, TCC will continue to work towards our vision of *Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes*.

Anaa Baaseé,  
PJ Simon  
Chief/Chairman

## TCC Calendars Still Available!



TCC calendars are here and have been mailed to all tribal offices in the TCC region!

### Do you live outside the region or state?

Send your mailing address to  
Communications\_Dept@tananachiefs.org  
and we will mail you one!





## Expansion of Clinic Remains on Schedule

On March 30th, Chief/Chairman PJ Simon along with other Executive staff from Tanana Chiefs Conference had the opportunity to tour the expansion site of the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center (CAIHC) in Fairbanks. Corey Richardson, Arcadis Project Manager, and Frank Thompson, TCC Facilities Director, walked the group through the construction site to show the current status of the project.

With the building now fully enclosed, interior framing, mechanical and electrical systems are being set in place on the 2nd floor. The imaging department on the 1st floor and staff offices on the 3rd floor began to be framed in March as well. Conduit, floor boxes, and embeds were set and backfilled. Installation of exterior doors and frames began in March. With the door frames in place, exterior sheathing began to wrap the 7" of foam installed previously.

Construction of the facility remains on scheduling with the opening of services planned for 2022.



## Gathering of Remembrance

On April 26th, Alaska Native leaders, law enforcement officers, clergy and community members gathered together to remember victims of unsolved homicides and those who are missing for the annual Gathering of Remembrance held at the Centennial Bridge over the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks.

The Gathering of Remembrance honors the murdered and missing in Interior Alaska. Those who have a connection to a victim could throw a carnation into the Chena River in their memory. Rev. Shirley Lee affirmed "It's hard but we come together to become a collective voice, a collective voice that says, 'We remember, we will not forget.'"





# Spring Flood Planning

Spring is in the air, and breakup is just around the corner. Spring flood planning and work can begin now to save you time and worry later. Tanana Chiefs Conference Office of Environmental Health (OEH) offers these tips to help you get ready for possible flooding:

## A MONTH BEFORE BREAKUP:



- Find the high points around your property and other parts of the village where you can move items above flood level if needed.
- Make a list of any equipment (generators, snow machines, and chainsaws) that will need to be moved to higher ground during a flood.
- Locate any fuel storage that will need to be secured during a flood.
- Start putting together an emergency kit of items needed if you must leave your home.
- Ask your Tribal or City Administrator about the community flood preparations. This may include a local area to evacuate to, designated people to observe the river level and alert the community.

**This groundwork can go a long way in avoiding damage and decreasing stress during breakup flooding. OEH is ready to support TCC villages with their environmental health concerns before and after flooding.**

## TWO WEEKS BEFORE BREAKUP:



- Finish putting together your emergency kit. Remember food, water and medications!
- Remind others to plan for potential flooding, and help if needed.
- Track down available emergency response equipment in the village (boats, flotation devices, and maintenance and rescue tools).
- Get essential facilities (clinic, water treatment plant, electric utility, records storage with the City and/or Tribe, etc.) ready for possible flooding.
- Help identify "at risk" residents of the community. These are the people that need to be evacuated before flooding for medical reasons.
- Identify elders or other people that may need assistance during a flood and help to make sure they are prepared. Remember their medications.

**Contact us for more information:**

[OEH\\_Dept@tananachiefs.org](mailto:OEH_Dept@tananachiefs.org)

## WHEN A FLOOD WARNING HAS BEEN ISSUED:



- Flood proof the essential facilities and other public buildings.
- Secure fuel tanks, small fuel containers and barrels to keep them from floating away.
- Move all vehicles and equipment to higher ground.
- Move all dry goods and canned food items above the high water level in your home.
- Mattresses and other items that could be damaged by water should be moved above the high water level in your home.
- If a shelter has been identified, move your needed items to this location.





# Parents Supporting Parents

Navigating life as a parent can be difficult. This past year we have been experiencing a worldwide pandemic that may have increased stressors for parents and their children. During these times supporting one another through parenthood can increase positive outcomes for everyone in the family. Building a team with friends and family will contribute to a child's healthy development. There are also great programs out there that can provide support to parents. A great one is Positive Indian Parenting – an eight week course where parents spend time learning about traditional and cultural practices and values for parent-

ing. This course also discusses how parents can apply these values to the challenges of modern parenting skills. Another great way to find support is through a parent to parent talking circle. In a parent to parent assembly, parents can talk about their challenges, successes, and share what has worked well for them through tough situations as peer support.

If you are interested in joining the Division of Wellness and Prevention Parent to Parent Assembly contact Lonnie Buresch, Prevention Coordinator at [Lawreen.buresch@tananachiefs.org](mailto:Lawreen.buresch@tananachiefs.org).

**For more information visit websites and resources:**

**PARENTING HOTLINE:** (907) 456-9099

**Resource Center for Parents & Children**  
<https://www.rcpcfairbanks.org/parenting-hotline/>

**CDC - Childrens Mental Health**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/childrensmentalhealth/features/supporting-parents.html>

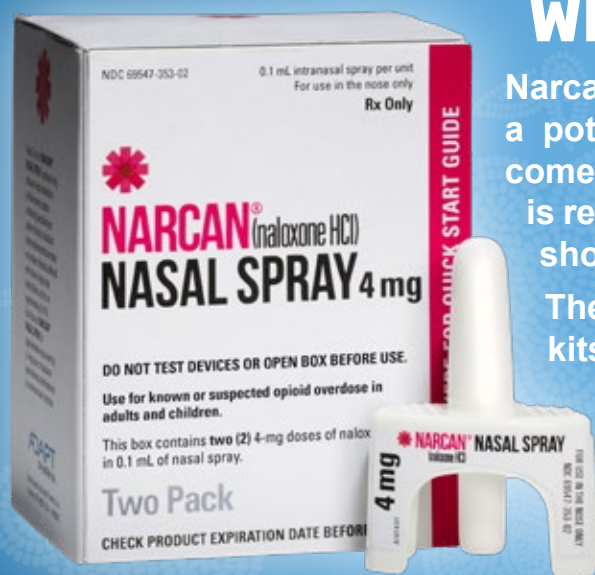
**5 Ways to Build a Support System**  
<https://intermountainhealthcare.org/blogs/topics/heart/2016/04/5-ways-to-build-a-support-system-among-family-members/>

**Resource Center for Parents & Children**  
<https://www.rcpcfairbanks.org/>

For More Information on Parenting Support or Positive Indian Parenting, Contact:

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## WHAT IS NARCAN NASAL SPRAY?

Narcan Nasal Spray is an emergency medicine used for a potential or suspected opioid overdose. Opioids can come in prescription pills for pain relief or other forms. It is recommended that any household that has opioids in it should also have Narcan Nasal Spray on hand.

The Division of Wellness and Prevention has sent out kits to the rural clinics throughout the TCC region. These kits include two Narcan doses and directions on how to use them. Please see your local clinic if you would like a Narcan kit for your household. It is better to have them and not need them, than to need them and not have them.

Image Courtesy of VCU Capital News Service





## TCC *Receives Award* from Interior Region EMS Council

Tanana Chiefs Conference was recently presented a Special Achievement Award from the Interior Region EMS Council for the commitment and support of EMS their Region COVID-19 Vaccine Project for First Responders. Special Achievement Awards are intended to honor individuals or organization who deserve recognition for an outstanding event, lifesaving procedure, or for special service performed for their community or the region.

TCC was nominated for their dedication to Community Outreach in the interior, specifically for the efforts of ensuring that the rural EMS First Responders were provided the

opportunity for receiving COVID-19 vaccinations.

When the State vaccination plan was announced, Crystal Stordahl, Director of the Community Health Aide Program and Dan Nelson, Director of Pharmacy, quickly realized while rural First Responders were approved to be vaccinated in the State of Alaska tier 1.a, no vaccines had been allocated. Regardless, TCC sought out and offered vaccines to anyone identified as a rural First Responder. To support this endeavor, a coordinated effort was made to advocate to the Alaska COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force for an allocation of vaccine specifically for rural First Responders of the region.

As a result, 60 doses of vaccine were allocated.

TCC went above and beyond expectations to initiate a distribution plan that included all of the interior's remote communities. From planning ways to store and transport the vaccines safely to coordinating and funding the means of transporting staff and equipment, they worked tirelessly to ensure that all of the interior communities, no matter how remote, would have access to the vaccine.

Chief Financial Officer Brian Ridley and Executive Director of Health Services Jacoline Bergstrom accepted the awarded virtually on behalf of the organization on April 2nd.



## RELIEF MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Relief money is available for subsistence fisheries users who were negatively impacted by COVID-19 during the 2020 fishing season. Relief money is available per household. Households must apply, not Tribes or Tanana Chiefs Conference.

Subsistence users were allocated just under \$2.5 million in the spend plan for Alaska fisheries. This will be split among all qualified subsistence applicants and the shares to each subsistence household will be partially calculated based on household size and income level.

APPLY ONLINE AT:



**Must be postmarked by May 21st or  
submitted online by May 28th at 4:00pm.**

Applications must be submitted to Pacific States  
Marine Fisheries Commission.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Stephanie Quinn-Davidson  
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907-328-8088



# COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE *Spotlight*

## Debra Reed - Itinerant Health Aide

By Linden Staciokas

She'll never be featured in Law & Order, but Debra Reed's job as a health aide often requires her to become a detective. "It's fun to figure out what a person's medical symptoms mean. If they have to leave the village, I work out how to get them to town. Arranging travel may require hours of investigation and paperwork because, for example, if it is a weekend, Medicare won't cover the travel. Or the planes might be full, causing appointments to be rescheduled. The care for one person can be like a giant puzzle where I have to find ways to make the pieces fit just right."

Debra's been doing her health aide detective work for 28 years. She had always been interested in medicine and after high school graduation completed the training to become a medical assistant in a doctor's office. But working in the medical field had to wait, because when she was 18, Debra left California, where she had been born and raised, to find adventure in Alaska. After arriving, she worked as a waitress and then as a laborer on the pipeline; she spent 17 years with the Laborer's Union.

When Debra moved to Steven's Village, her dear friend suggested she apply for the health aide position, reig-

ning her original interest in medicine. After two years there, she moved to Rampart to work. Two years later, Debra left direct patient care, to spend the next 12 years training health aides, first at the TCC CHAP Training Center and then as the CHAP Regional Instructor.

After working as an Itinerant CHA for the last 10 years, Debra states, "I still love this work. It is not a job, it is a calling," while still acknowledging that the job has its difficult aspects. "It can be very stressful to be sure that you have done everything right. I have a tendency to beat myself up, to feel like I could have done more, done better. I second guess myself."

Asked what she would advise people thinking about becoming health aides, Debra noted how all-consuming it can be. "If you have a family, they have to be supportive, and they have to understand it is going to be more than a 9 to 5 position. For the right person, however, it can be a fulfilling career, one that gives meaning and purpose to your life."

When she is not working, Debra recharges her batteries by spending time with her family and friends, when she can tear herself away from her grandkids; she recently took six of

them to Hawaii. During COVID, her Tanana grandkids lived with her for five months, although they thought they were coming to visit Grandma just for spring break. With them, Debra's household swelled to 11 people and she enjoyed every minute. She and her extended family members regularly engage in seasonal activities together, including an annual fishing trip to Valdez that is the highlight of the summer for them. Debra also loves to read. When life was less hectic, she beaded, but for now various beading projects have been put aside until she has more time for such concentrated work.

Angela Lucien, Debra's supervisor, had this to say about her. "Deb has been a committed CHAP member and health aide for many years. What stands out most to me about Deb is her genuine ability to connect with the communities she itinerates in. She is very beloved and a familiar face in our rural villages, contributing from both a health perspective and a heart perspective."

Right now, Debra has no plans to retire. She has the energy to work and there are patients who need her, so it won't be long until she is packing her bags and her detective skills for the next posting to one of the villages in the TCC region.





# Resources are Available to Obtain Your *Veteran Allotments*

Are you or someone in your family a Veteran of the Vietnam War? And did you or your loved one never receive an allotment?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is currently accepting applications for selections of land through the Alaska Native Vietnam-Era Veteran Allotment Program of 2019. The application period is set to run until December 29, 2025. To be eligible for up to 160 acres of federal land, you must be an Alaska Native that served in the armed forces between August 5th, 1964, and December 31st, 1971, and have never received an allotment under a previous program – not including inheritance of an allotment. Importantly, this program does not impose a use and occupancy requirement on eligible individuals, which was required in past programs.

If an eligible veteran has passed away, the program allows for a personal representative appointed in Alaska state court to apply on behalf of the veteran's estate. The personal representative is not entitled to receive the certificate of allotment, but will have the authority to select lands, complete an application on the estate's

behalf, and correspond with the BLM throughout the application process. Currently, the BLM expects the time from application to certification of an allotment to take approximately one year.

To date, there have been approximately 40 completed applications received by the BLM, accounting for just over 2% of the 1,975 veterans identified as eligible for the program. Eligibility notices went out to all eligible veterans between July and September of 2020, however, nearly 700 eligible veterans and the families of deceased eligible veterans have not been notified due to outdated contact information with the BIA. The BLM is encouraging anyone who believes they may be eligible, or any family member of a deceased veteran they may think is eligible, to contact Candy Grimes with the BLM's Native Allotment Department at (907) 271-5998 or [CGrimes@blm.gov](mailto:CGrimes@blm.gov), to confirm eligibility. Once eligibility is confirmed with the BLM, the veteran, or the family of a deceased eligible veteran, should contact the BIA at (907) 271-4506 to update their mailing address and contact information.

By Cameron Means, *ALSC Staff Attorney*

For those who have received notice of their eligibility and need assistance with their application, please contact your BIA Tribal Realty Service Provider. For families of deceased eligible veterans, Alaska Legal Services Corporation has developed free self-help resources and information to help you prepare a petition to open probate and appoint a personal representative in Alaska state court. Among the free resources available are informational videos and content on the probate petition process in Alaska, and a free online tool that identifies the correct probate forms, fills them out based on information you provide about the deceased veteran and the veteran's family, and provides them to you with detailed instructions on how to file.

If the family members of a deceased veteran are unable to access the free self-help tool, or navigate our online resources, ALSC may be able to assist you with the probate petition process and appointment as personal representative. To apply for our services please contact our statewide intake line, toll-free, at: 1-888-478-2572, or contact your local ALSC office.



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## PATIENT NAVIGATOR

The Patient Navigator will be highly visible at the Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center assisting patients and/or families having difficulty navigating the healthcare system, helping to answer questions, and assisting patients with complaints and appeals. This position will provide elder navigation and support.

**Apply Today: [careers.tananachiefs.org](https://careers.tananachiefs.org)**





# Youth Training Opportunity: *Leadership through Arts*

Sponsored by TCC's Division of Wellness and Prevention, Partnership for Success program

TCC's Division of Wellness and Prevention Indigenous Wellness Academy (IWA) Youth Wellness Warriors (YWW) project is teaming up with the We Are Living Arts project to offer a "Leadership through Arts" training this spring for youth and young adults in the TCC region. This training is a unique experiential program designed for youth to find their voice. Youth from throughout the region will be connected virtually and given the opportunity to work with Youth Peer Trainers along with nationally and internationally known Native artists as well as to support each other. Attendees will be divided into clans throughout the training and each clan will learn about expression and influence through several art

forms. By being able to explore different artistic outlets, youth are presented with an opportunity to create, heal, and inspire at a personal and communal level. Attendees will gain skills in being solution oriented, resilient, and positive self-identity. The training is a one-month commitment.

#### **This training will be featuring:**

- Hip-Hop
- Professional Dance
- Multimedia
- Movement
- Written Work
- Photography

#### **It will follow the four themes of Gathering of Alaska Natives (GOAN)**

- Belonging
- Mastery

- Interdependence
- Generosity

We are seeking individuals 13-25 years old to participate. Applications will be available soon. Apply early as space is limited! All attendees will receive a Certificate of Completion to add to your resume!

On behalf of the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) – Partnership for Success (PFS) we look forward to seeing you in class.

#### **For more information on the We Are Living Arts:**

[wearelivingarts.com](http://wearelivingarts.com)

#### **For more information on TCC's IWA or YWW:**

[www.tananachiefs.org/services/wellness-prevention/indigenous-wellness-academy](http://www.tananachiefs.org/services/wellness-prevention/indigenous-wellness-academy)

For More Information:

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## Tobacco Prevention & Support Sessions

Learn more about services we can offer to your community and maintain connection with ongoing support.

**Last Wednesday of each month,  
10:00am - 11:00am**

#### **For More Information:**

**Frank Yaska**

**Tobacco Prevention Policy Specialist**

**1-800-478-6822 x3547**

[frank.yaska@tananachiefs.org](mailto:frank.yaska@tananachiefs.org)

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# Customer Experience Team

Please contact us at 451-6682 ext. 1918 for assistance. Our hours are M-F 8am-5pm  
Our Customer Experience team is located at the CAIHC building.



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*Patient Navigator*  
ext. 3484



**VACANT**

*Patient Navigator*



## ANMC-TCC Patient Experience Advocate: *Kristy Supsook*

My role as Patient Experience Advocate gives me a deep embedded sense of purpose knowing we are working together to provide the highest quality health services for our Alaska Native people. As part of TCC's Quality Management Division, I am dedicated to advocating for our patients and serving as a liaison between patients, family members, hospital, and clinical staff to ensure both patient's and family's desires, expectations and needs are considered and met through Patient and Family Centered Care.

### Services as the ANMC-TCC Patient Experience Advocate:

- Works collaboratively with TCC and ANHTC/ANMC Services (Customer Service, TMO, Housing, and Clinical Teams/ Departments) to identify and improve processes.
- Serve as a central resource for information concerning patients' rights and responsibilities.
- Guides patients through the clinical process and campus navigation.
- Help mitigate complaints by providing just-in-time service recovery when possible.
- Provide support for patients/family members/escorts when requested and needed.
- Work Closely with inpatients, family and/or escort, and medical staff to meet patient needs.
- Ensuring the patient/family has sufficient information to make informed decisions while inpatient.
- Coordinate/assist with inpatient and outpatient discharge planning with discharge care coordinators and social workers.
- Facilitating communication with patients care team to ensure the patient understands and satisfied with their care plan.
- Listening to determine patients' needs and providing links to other services and resources on and off campus.
- Assisting with any questions regarding care coordination and/or follow-up appointments.
- Notifying staff of any concerns the patient feels is affecting their care and working to resolve them in a timely manner.

**If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 907-987-9193.**



# A day in the life of a *Patient Navigator*

By Customer Experience Team

With no two days the same, a patient navigator assists patients, family members, clinical staff and various TCC department employees with compassion, respectful listening, and problem solving. Our goal at the end of the day is for our patients to have the best experience possible. We are able to assist in many different areas to include guiding patients through the healthcare system, service recovery, patient feedback, VA patient assistance, and coordinating with staff located in Fairbanks or from any of the 42 tribes we serve.

We do our best to help answer non-medical specific questions and we look into various questions or concerns brought up by patients that need an answer from clinical staff or TCC departments. We are happy to

assist with service recovery by listening to our patient's experience and finding a way to make the experience better. This includes documenting any complaints, grievances and kudos. We monitor SyncTimes- which is the system we use in clinic to monitor patient wait times, survey patient's experiences and communicate within our teams to better serve our patients. We aim to address any patient concerns before the patient leaves the clinic. In the end, we want patients to feel dignity, to feel truly heard, supported, and their wellbeing is being met to the best of CAIHC's ability.

To help improve the patient experience, our department gathers patient feedback. To do this, we call patients and do lobby rounding within CAIHC asking questions to help guide us to

better serve our patients. In performing these surveys, we are able to gather more detailed feedback and offer a heartfelt thank you for sharing and trusting us with their care. We try to make rounds with our clinical teams and the different areas around CAIHC to check in and make our presence known. In addition to complaints or grievances, we document kudos and share them throughout Health Services. This is an important aspect as we want to let our teams know how appreciated they are by their patients and co-workers!

We are here to help, just ask! If we cannot help on the spot, we are happy to investigate and get back with you. At the end of the day, we are here to help in any way we can.



## ANN ALEXIA NIKOLAI

Ann was born on August 8th, 1947 in the village of Nikolai. One of Ann's first memories was going down river to fish camp.

"It was the most wonderful memory to have of just gathering up all your stuff to go camping," she says, "We had the whole family going."

Along with Marie's mother and father, she had five sisters and four brothers. "There was a whole bunch of us and lots of dogs," remembers Ann, who says they had to have a big tent to fit all of them in it. They would have to get spruce boughs to line the floor of the tent.

"We always had to be working at something," explains Ann, "There was never a time that you could just sit around." Since there were so many kids in her family, household chores were often turned into games that they could play. Everyone in their family had to work. "We learn how to work hard," says Ann, "That was good." Ann has had immense heartbreak in her life, but her message to future generations is "If you laugh all of the time, you won't be sick," says Ann, "I tell my grandchildren, as soon as you wake up in the morning, you smile and you'll have a good day, guaranteed!"

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

LEGACY  
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# THE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Letters to the Editor, other written contributions and photo submissions are welcome. However, space is limited and program-oriented news has priority. We reserve the right to edit or reject material. Letters and opinions are not necessarily the opinions of Tanana Chiefs Conference. Material submitted anonymously will not be printed.



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## Find Your Purpose

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### Village Vacancies

- **Alatna:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner-Itinerant, Tribal Administrator - Onsite Supervisor, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist
- **Allakaket:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Community Health Representative, 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, Tribal Administrator - Onsite Supervisor, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Chalkyitsik:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Tribal Village Public Safety Officer
- **Circle:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Family Youth Specialist, Substitute Elder Nutrition
- **Dot Lake:** Behavioral Health Aide
- **Eagle:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Home Care Provider, Tribal Administrator-Onsite Supervisor, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Evansville:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Elder Nutrition Cook
- **Fort Yukon:** Home Care Provider, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Preschool Lead Teacher
- **Galena:** Cook (EHS), Infant/Toddler Teacher, Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care, Physician Assistant-Primary Care, Service Technician
- **Grayling:** Village Public Safety Officer
- **Healy Lake:** Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Holy Cross:** Family Visitor, Home Care Provider
- **Hughes:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner - Itinerant, Family Visitor
- **Huslia:** Preschool Assistant Teacher, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Kaltag:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist
- **Koyukuk:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Tribal Administrator-Onsite Supervisor
- **Manley Hot Springs:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **McGrath:** Preschool Assistant Teacher, Tribal Workforce Development Specialist, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Nenana:** Behavioral Health Aide, Infant/Toddler Teacher
- **Northway:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Preschool Assistant Teacher, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Nulato:** Behavioral Health Aide, Home Care Provider, Village Public Safety Officer, Substitute Teacher/Assistant Teacher
- **Old Minto:** Camp Counselor, Old Minto Family Recovery Camp Traditional Counselor, OMFRC Camp Laborer
- **Rampart:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Ruby:** Behavioral Health Aide, Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Substitute Elder Nutrition Cook
- **Shageluk:** Family Visitor, Tribal Administrator -Onsite Supervisor
- **Stevens Village:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner
- **Tanacross:** Behavioral Health Aide
- **Tetlin:** Community Health Aide/Practitioner, Village Public Safety Officer
- **Tok:** Assistant Crew Boss, On-Call Janitor, Physicians Assistant -UTHC, Service Desk Technician, Sub-Regional Lead RN, Tok Sub-Regional Primary Care Physician, UTHC Team Lead, Wild Land Firefighter Type II Crew Member
- **Venetie:** Tribal Administrator - Onsite Supervisor, Village Public Safety Officer

### Region- Wide Vacancies

- Community Health Aide/Practitioner - Itinerant
- Trades and Training Coordinator

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