

ITINERANT TRIBAL FAMILY YOUTH SPECIALIST (TFYS) POSITIONS

- WHEREAS,** Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) is an Alaska Native tribal health and social services consortium established by the Interior Alaska tribes and tribal communities, to provide 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; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC employs and has vacant positions for dually-supervised Tribal Family Youth Specialist (TFYS) positions in two-thirds of communities in the TCC Region; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently only seven of those positions are filled. Many vacant TFYS positions have remained unfilled for 2-5 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes struggle to assert their sovereignty and protect their Tribal members in Indian Child Welfare Act matters, and other social justice issues with these positions unfilled; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Tribes in the TCC Region are unable to sustain their tribal courts due to vacant TFYS positions, who often fulfill the duties of a tribal court clerk; and
- WHEREAS,** With turnover and vacancies of TFYS positions, Tribes in the region are unable to protect their minor tribal members, and respond and initiate child protection cases, including the administrative duties attached to child protection work; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC Tribes with vacant TFYS positions would benefit from having an itinerant TFYS that has a rotating schedule working and providing support a couple weeks each month; and
- WHEREAS,** TCC has a history of creating itinerant positions to address long time vacant positions for behavioral health aides, health aides, and VPSOs, successfully for years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to create TFYS itinerant positions, that TCC villages with vacancies can opt to fund in lieu of funding a vacant village-based TFYS position, but with the option to return to a village-based position if an applicant applies and is offered the position, subject to the availability of funding; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors directs TCC staff to designate office space for itinerant TFYS staff to use in Fairbanks during times when staff are not dispatched to a village, subject to the availability of funding.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly passed by the Tanana Chiefs Conference Full Board of Directors on March 16, 2022 at Fairbanks, Alaska and a quorum was duly established.



Charlie Wright
Secretary/Treasurer

Submitted by: Eagle Village Council