

YUROK TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Services FY 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

Present Social services Staff

Director: **James St. Martin**
Assistant Director: **Kelly Gibson**
TANF Manager: **Teela Robison**
USDA Coordinator: **Chris Peters**

Eureka Social Worker: Rob England (Humboldt Co.)
Klamath Social Worker: Karrie Colegrove (Del Norte Co.)
ICWA Advocate: Angela Sundberg (Humboldt/south)
ICWA Advocate Part-time/TEMP: Sarah Lindgren (Humboldt/south)
ICWA Advocate: Cole Cross (Del Norte/north)
OJJDP Youth Prevention Coordinator: *Position Vacant*

KLAMATH STAFF

Klamath Clerical Assistant: Sascheen Bowen (GA)
Klamath Clerical Assistant: *Position Vacant*

EUREKA STAFF

TANF Site Supervisor: *(Vacant)*
TANF Reception: Spring Wind Rojas
TANF Case Worker: Erica O'Rourke
TANF Case Worker: Aubrey Rivas
TANF Case Worker: Jami McCovey
TANF Case Aide: Patti McCovey
Employment Technician: *(vacant)*

CRESCENT CITY

TANF Receptionist: Yvonne
IS Coordinator: Alphonso Colegrove
TANF Case Worker: Patricia Bilderback
TANF Case Worker: Ruby Grubbs
TANF Case Aide: Abby Wattz
Employment Technician: *(Vacant)*

USDA Crescent City

Warehouse Worker: April Ritter

Warehouse Worker: Zac Webster

WEITCHPEC

TANF Case Aide: Laura Kinney

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fern Bates, Chair (Requa)
Bonnie Green, Council Liaison;
Marjorie Buckskin, Council Alternate; Sid Nix, Council Alternate
Tene Kremling, (Orick); *Vacant*, (South);
Chlena McCovey-Ugarte, (Pecwan); Jene McCovey, (Weitchpec);
Donna Matilton, (East); Selena Norris, (North);
District Alternates
Dave Serens, (Requa); Teri Davis, (North); Lavina Bowers, (Requa);
Sherri Reese, (South)

Mission

To Provide for the social services needs of the Yurok Membership with two emphasis:
One, to provide culturally appropriate services; and,
Two, to provide such services that promote and support individual, families, and Tribal community health and stability.

Social Services Narrative:

2007 has proven to be a year of staff transition. 13 social services positions were vacated and new people were employed as replacements. The Social Services Director and TANF Manager were two key positions where vacancies occurred. Long standing vacancies and staff turn over affect the delivery of services to clients in a variety of negative ways. When key positions are vacant it means that another SS staff has to cover, and that means that affected staff are often overworked. New staff, of course, are learning and becoming better Social Service providers. 2007 is an example for the need to work hard to establish stability among staff members. Social Services is trying to hire the best candidate for each position and then institute training to the new employee in an effort to provide well-qualified social services workers to serve our clients.

SOCIAL SERVICES

The Klamath position was vacated for several months. As a result the duties were handled by Rob England. Rob reports, "I started my job as the social worker for Humboldt County for the Yurok Tribe at the end of March 2007. There was no accessible [client] data for me to compile." Client data reports are not available prior to March, 2007. From March forward Rob also had to cover the Klamath Office because of a vacancy there.

Category	Clients Served	Total
Client Contacts		
Emergency assistance	99	327
LIHEAP	54	117
General Assistance	19	98
Domestic Violence	02	11
Burial Assistance	04	07
Food Distribution	07	12

Rob reports, "Since clothing does not usually constitute an emergency and noticing the requests people were approaching me with, I collected some clothing and organized some downstairs. ... I gave members the option of taking whatever they needed... "numbers of people signing up for clothing between November and December totaled 24." I also assist[ed] with purchase orders for necessary items for ICWA clients. Spring Fling donations from 13 businesses with a \$858 value."

Rob also conducted home visits and provided services to clients in the Weitchpec Area.

DISTRICT	CLIENTS SERVED
South	105
East	41
Weitchpec	24
Orick	01
Pecwan	14

Karrie Colegrove was hired in January 2008. Her report reflects the activities and tasks as the Social Worker for the Klamath/Del Norte Area. "I have been the Social Worker for the Yurok Social Services Department since January 2, 2008. Since I have been here I have worked on Domestic Violence cases which I have completed intakes and assisted with support services and referred out to other resources, a Child Welfare case which involves intensive case management; this particular case includes monitoring client

progress, providing support services, appearing in Tribal Court, etc. Other cases I am working on are Elder cases and Emergency Assistance (EA) applications. Currently EA cases are being referred to other resources, such as NCIDC and Rural Human Services in Crescent City due to being out of funds. I meet routinely with Del Norte County Social Services, United Indian Health Services, and other agencies to improve the relationship with Yurok Social Services.


ICWA

Angela Sundberg: "I came into Humboldt County position around June 1 [2007]. January to June I was the ICWA Advocate for Del Norte County. Right before I came to work in Humboldt the ICWA office moved from the [Tribe's] Cutten office to the TANF office. Everything was in a huge pile in my office. For the first three months that I worked in Humboldt there were no monthly reports kept. We have worked extremely hard to get the office in working order. I think we have done a great job in organizing the office and getting things functional again.

We have also hired a part-time ICWA Advocate for the Humboldt area as well. This has been very helpful and we wouldn't be where we are today without that position. I look forward to working toward another full time Advocate in the future.

YUROK TRIBE TANF PROGRAM Annual Reportstaff:

Teela Robison	Program Manager
Alphonso Colegrove	IS Coordinator
Open Position	Eureka Site Supervisor
Open Position	Employment Technician – Eureka
Open Position	Employment Technician – Crescent City
Patricia Bilderback	Caseworker – Crescent City
Ruby Grubbs	Caseworker – Crescent City
Kenna Miller	Caseworker - Weitchpec
Sandra Aubry-Rivas	Caseworker - Eureka
Erica O'Rourke	Caseworker – Eureka
Jami McCovey	Caseworker - Eureka
Patti McCovey	Case Aide - Eureka
Abby Mattz	Case Aide – Crescent City
Laura Kinney	Case Aide - Weitchpec



Yvonne Miller Clerical Assistant – Crescent City
Springwind Rojas Clerical Assistant - Eureka

The Yurok Tribe TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) has completed their first year of providing service to Tribal Member Families. During this year the program has continued to grow each month, TANF started with only 7 families in April 2007 and at the end of March 2008 we have 134 families that are receiving cash assistance. Each caseworker has families that are in the process of being approved. The TANF program is also providing assistance to families that have returned to or newly entered the work force to provide assistance with Child Care, and/or transportation to assist them in maintaining employment. These families are not included in the 134 families receiving monthly cash aid. During this first year of operation the Yurok Tribe TANF program has expended **\$703, 876** in monthly assistance to needy families.

The TANF program has four purposes:

1. To provide assistance (or other forms of help) to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
2. To end dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;
3. To prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and
4. To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

Purposes 1 & 2 are cash assistance portions of the TANF program and are subject to strict income guidelines. Purposes 3 & 4 are used in providing activities for TANF clients and community members that may have a higher income limit and may not qualify for monthly cash assistance under purposes 1 & 2.

During this first year of operation the Yurok Tribe TANF program has expended **\$195,138** in supportive services to eligible participants.


Examples of Support Services provided by the TANF program are:

- Job referral and placement services

- Work subsidies
- Job search assistance
- Job counseling
- Personal and family counseling, including: a) domestic violence prevention – child, elder, and spousal abuse prevention; b) financial; c) health and hygiene
- Substance abuse counseling
- Substance abuse treatment
- Transportation, including: a) vouchers, tickets , b) vehicle repairs, and related services in conjunction with employment, training, job-related education, and required TANF related activities
- Child Care
- Elder Care
- Initial screening for qualification for other related programs and services
- Referrals to other tribal, state, and local support services and related employment and training programs
- Health service systems referrals
- Housing referrals and assistance
- Limited medical assistance, i.e. glasses and dental as related to getting or retaining a job (when HIS, tribal, or public medical services, or insurance do not or cannot cover them)
- Clothing, tools, and equipment needed for training or to get or retain a job
- Books and supplies for job-related educational activities
- Educational counseling and services
- Educational programs, including, Adult Basic Education, GED, and stay in school initiatives
- Youth services and activities related to TANF goals
- Traditional cultural support activities
- Nonrecurring, short-term benefits (emergency assistance)
- Diversion Services

Adult members of eligible families must participate in work activities each week. At this time each adult must have 20 hours per week of work activities. The Yurok Tribe TANF program is required to meet a minimum of 30% of caseload work participation rates; at this time we have meet all of our required work participation hours.

Examples of Work and Work Activities:

- Job search/Job readiness training
 - Job skills training
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- On the job training
- Work experience or job sampling
- Subsidized public and private employment
- Unsubsidized public and private employment
- Community service
- Internships
- Vocational education
- Education directly related to employment
- Teen parents in school
- GED program participation
- Adult Basic Education participation
- Providing child care for TANF recipients
- Participation in barrier removal activities, including: a) counseling and/or chemical dependency treatment, and b) family, parenting, and violence prevention counseling
- Participation in basic life skills training (e.g. financial management, and health, and hygiene practices) that will contribute to family wellness and individual's readiness for the job market
- Traditional subsistence activities (e.g. pottery making, weaving, wood carving, jewelry making, farming, herding, etc.)
- Teaching cultural activities
- Work involved in or supporting traditional cultural activities
- Credit for reasonable transportation needs (time spent commuting to and from work or training)

Diversion Services: The Yurok Tribe TANF program provides diversion services for families that may not qualify for monthly cash aid. The purpose of diversion is to assist families that may be in danger of losing employment and being dependent on cash assistance. In the diversion program clients may have a higher income level than those clients that qualify for cash assistance. Diversion has a lifetime limit of \$4,000.

For additional information or to apply for the Yurok Tribe TANF program please contact one of our offices:

Crescent City Office
707-465-8305
Eureka Office
707-445-2422
Weitchpec Office
530-625-4130

USDA

Annual Report For Yurok Food Distribution

We, serve the Yurok Reservation and all Federally Tribal members in our service area, which is Del Norte and Humboldt County also Southern Oregon. We're alternative for the Food Stamp Program, and all clients have to eligibility income to receive Food Distribution. We are not able to serve members that are on Supplement Sercrity Income (SSI) in California, although Oregon clients are eligible for one or the other programs.

We service anywhere from 231 to 268 households a month. The households range from 362 to 507 individuals in the family. We're giving out new products as they arrive in the warehouse, and are still getting question about products that have been removed from the food packages.

LIEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIEAP

Annual Year Report
2007

By: Sascheen Bowen

LIHEAP funds had went by fast for the year of 2007. The funds did last about five months. Keep it organized by using the database and keeping track of each person that has used it. I did have an Intern that did help me and her name was Geneva Shaw.

These are the vendors that we use and for the wood vendors they are individuals in different districts.


For this amount services to members: \$91,188.51

For the amount of indirect cost: \$13,099.71

The total amount for the year of 2007 for LIHEAP: \$ 104,288.22

Vendors

PG&E



**Pacific Power
Amerigas / W.C.
Amerigas / Arcata
Campora / W.C.
Sequoia / Arcata
Pearson's Grocery
L&M – Renner
C- Renner
Jury's Nursery
Wood**

Coordinator also resigned to pursue other endeavors.

The total amount for the year of 2007: 34

General Assistance Program

GA

Annual Report

Jan. 2007-Dec. 2007

By:

Sascheen Bowen

Our monthly Average is around 60 clients.
My highest for one month was about 74 clients.

Total Burials is: 30

This is the amount spent for General Assistances: \$215,174.65

For the Emergency Services: \$4,336.02

On the Funeral Assistances: \$51,624.57

For the total expenses: \$271,135.24

Youth (OJJDP Department of Justice 4 year Grant)

The Tribe was successful in receiving another grant from the Department of Justice for the period of 2008 through 2011. 2007 was a wrap up year for the end of the previous grant period. The Grant was written so that staff would focus on two areas; Prevention and Youth Involved with Courts. The Program was impacted by a reduction in the number of staff, and the SS Director separating employment with the Tribe. In January of 2008 the Youth

