Narragansett Indian Tribe of Rhode Island

Tribal Child & Family Services Year End Report

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The Narragansett Tribal Child & Family Services (TCFS) Department in 2025 functions in a hybrid operations model inclusive of both satellite and on-site day -to -day activity.

Detailed information regarding case or client specifics is not permitted due to strict client-confidentiality protection assurances and departmental policy. The following is an appropriate synopsis of the TCFS department's ongoing charges and responsibilities:. Please feel free to contact the department for further allowable information or questions about Indian Child Welfare or Family Violence Prevention.

- Client services throughout the year have been facilitated both remotely and in person on a case by case basis, barring the necessary distribution of relative documents and forms to the tribal administration office.

- TCFS provided Family Violence / Domestic Violence Prevention to FVPSA clientele inclusive of temporary shelter(both relative to covid-19, circumstances and not), housing, related shelter & housing expenses, emergency food, referred counseling, and legal referral but only with that capability until the fiscal year end of 9/30/2024-2025. Due to on-going governmental infrastructure transitions and interruptions, both existential caveats of funding for the 2025-2026 (FVPSA & TITLE iv PARTS 1 &2) were temporarily paused, never allocated.

Additionally the department wrapped the funding cycle for ARP project(s), however progression towards actual project completion remained in effect through the calendar year, and is projected to continue through the 1st half of 2026 (with or without funding).

- TCFS continued to maintain interstate and tribe/ state involvements relative to on-going DCYF matters including; tribal child placements, all court I legal based activities including hearing and other appearances (via virtual meeting), as well as in person advocacy / court appearances throughout the year. The department maintains provision of emergency shelter /-housing needs and their related expenses to relative cases, relocation assistance, educational assistance and legal advocacy for clients assisted under the services of the department.

· TCFS received and responded to regular enrollment inquires throughout the ' year which averaged to roughly twenty-a month from around the country. This process includes vetting inquiry authenticity, correspondence with the tribal records/ enrollment clerk, and appropriate determination or response delivered back to the inquirer.

- All regular interactive collaborations between states nationally as well as various organizations remained status quo and also fluctuated between remote and in person contacts

- General assistances (non-DCYF or FVPSA related) remains limited, and the department initiated referrals to other appropriate tribal departments as well as the tribal pandemic relief resource when applicable.

- All administrative duties including federal reports, revolving grant applications and all related matters were provided to the corresponding agencies

- The department implemented additional support staff coverage at the end of the year to aid in overall programmatic need.

The department continued maintenance for the Okasu project running through 2025 centered around preserving the knowledge and praxis of intergenerational matrilineal teachings based within the Narragansett culture in the wake of pandemic losses. The project uses mixed media approaches coupled with community engagement designs to capture, involve, preserve, educate and share the richness of multi-generational (past, present and future) matriarchs as held within the voices of our inter-tribal and sister-community survivorships.

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