



CENTRAL COUNCIL  
*Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*  
ANDREW P. HOPE BUILDING  
320 West Willoughby Avenue • Suite 300  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1726

---

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF TLINGIT AND HAIDA INDIAN TRIBES OF ALASKA  
Seventy-Ninth Annual Tribal Assembly  
April 9-12, 2014  
Juneau, Alaska

Resolution TA/ 14-35

Title: Request for Greater Office of Children Services Caseworker/Clerical Support on Prince of Wales Island

By: Klawock Tlingit and Haida Community Council

WHEREAS, the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is a federally recognized tribe with more than 29,000 tribal citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services (OCS) goal in partnership with local tribes is to protect Alaska's children; and

WHEREAS, Prince of Wales Island (POW) is 135 miles (217 km) long, 45 miles (72 km) wide, and has an area of 2,577 square miles (6,674 km<sup>2</sup>), which is about 1/10 the size of Ireland and slightly larger than the state of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, with a 2,500 mile road system, only a small percentage of this road system is paved, currently no further than Naukati; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Census estimates the population to be 5,786, of which 39.9 % is Alaska Native; and

WHEREAS, due to workload, mileage to consider, lack of clerical support, isolation from available support system there is a high turnover of OCS caseworkers on POW; and

WHEREAS, OCS employs one full time employee on POW; and

WHEREAS, the OCS caseworker is forced to travel to other sides of POW, and without clerical support, the OCS office is left unattended for emergency calls and appointments; and

WHEREAS, according to Casey Family Programs, our Native children are already at a disadvantage: "Once in care, children of color experience a greater number of placements and

moves. They receive fewer support services, have less contact with case workers and stay in the system longer”; and

WHEREAS, whenever there is a turnover in an OCS worker, family case plans get stuck in limbo as families repeat/educate the new OCS worker, which results in families losing hope and giving up on the system; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of high turnover of OCS staff makes inconsistent services available to native and non-native families; and

WHEREAS, our native children deserve healthy families and consistent OCS workers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska delegation convened in Juneau, Alaska on April 9-12, 2014, hereby respectfully requests the State of Alaska provide clerical support and another caseworker position on Prince of Wales Island.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014, by the Seventy-Ninth Tribal Assembly of Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.

**CERTIFY**



\_\_\_\_\_  
President Richard J. Peterson

**ATTEST**



\_\_\_\_\_  
Tribal Secretary Jolene Edenshaw