

Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Case Worker

Reports To: Behavioral Health Director

Location: Yreka Social Services Office

Salary: Depends on Experience

Summary: The Karuk Child and Family Services Program provides counseling and Assistance to Tribal members to promote stability and a safe environment for Tribal children and their natural families. The Program also provides assistance in identifying certifying, and supporting Tribal Foster Homes in accordance with guidelines established by the Indian Child Welfare Act. Case management, counseling, and assistance to court dependents are also provided.

Under general supervision, the Case Worker shall provide paraprofessional and treatment support services for Department of Social Services and ICW clients in an assigned program or service area; shall provide counseling educational services under appropriate guidance; shall develop and facilitate client service and case management plans, and do related work as required.

Incumbents in this class provide assistance to social workers by performing a variety of less complex functions in the child and adult program area that do not require the skill and training of a social worker. Including managing data base systems, communicating directly and in writing with clients and children, assisting social workers in their compliance with legal responsibilities, and instructing parents in developing parenting and household management skills.

1) What are your typical job responsibilities?

Go to court/transport to treatment/transport to visitation/go to probation/parenting classes/help with foster care/enrollment enquiry for court/ICW caseworker

2) How do you *really* spend your day?

In court / on the road/ with clients

3) How do you organize your day to ensure you get everything done?

We do what we have to.

4) What education/career paths lead you to this position? Were there any life changes that guided your way to this position (ex; closing of the mill, desire not to leave area, family)?

I am a certified alcohol councilor.

5) Uppers; what is the thing that you love most about your job?

Knowing that our people have a voice in the court.

6) Downers; what is the thing that you love least about your job?

Knowing we need places to live for our people that get out of treatment and prison and not having the money to start a program to do this.

7) What inspires, excites, and/or motivates you in your job?

Helping people.

8) What does your average work week schedule look like (ex; hours worked, meetings, appointments, traveling, etc.)?

All our time is used.

9) How do you relieve stress?

Just knowing that we can only do so much.

10) Does your job include a lot of traveling? Do you enjoy it?

When I can learn new things to help our people it great.

11) What advice would you give to someone interested in this line of work?

Go to school and have an open mind .and listen to our elders.

12) What does *a typical day in your world* look like?

I am here to help our people like the elders taught me