

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN**

Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE)

and

Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA)

Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. (AWARE) and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska recognize the need for interagency coordination to facilitate effective services and maximize community safety. This Memorandum of Agreement is designed to facilitate referral and coordination procedures.

Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies, Inc. (AWARE):

1. Refer clients eligible for tribal services to Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, including TFYS and Tribal TANF, for services.
2. Request releases of information from AWARE clients to facilitate case coordination efforts with Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska.
3. Provide presentations regarding AWARE services, victimization and domestic violence issues to Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska staff and clients on request.
4. Receive on referral from CCTHITA any appropriate client who may need prevention and/or victim services in the areas of domestic violence or sexual assault. Services available include:
 - Safe Shelter and safety planning
 - Advocacy and support
 - Legal Advocacy (including applications for pro bono attorneys)
 - Education and Support groups
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Information and Referral
 - Case management and coordination
 - Counseling services for child sexual assault victims and non-offending parents.
 - Personal safety education, life skills and creative playgroups for children.
 - Domestic violence and sexual assault prevention for preschool-college age populations.
 - Services for adult survivors of child sexual assault.

AWARE serves the nine rural communities of Elfin Cove, Gustavus, Haines, Hoonah, Klukwan, Pelican, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, and Yakutat. [When appropriate, AWARE will co-present with CCTHITA in Juneau and in the rural communities, as funding permits.](#) AWARE provides additional services in rural areas including:

- Rural Outreach Coordinator to travel to the above communities
- Emergency transportation to safe shelter at AWARE in Juneau
- Training for rural law enforcement, service and safe home providers
- Personal safety presentations for school aged children
- Advocacy, support, and safety planning
- Community education

- Specific needs for each community as they arise; eg- help a community develop their own domestic violence task force
5. AWARE will keep statistics on the above services and report them to CCTHITA on a monthly and quarterly basis.

Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska agrees to:

1. Refer women and child clients to AWARE for above services as needed.
2. Provide presentations on CCTHITA services including TFYS and TANF to AWARE on request.
3. Receive on referral from AWARE any appropriate client who may need services. Services available include:
 - Employment and training
 - Head Start
 - Vocational Training and Resource Center programs
 - Tribal Family & Youth Services including:
 1. Circles of Care
 2. Elder Caregiver Support, Emergency Services & Nutrition
 3. FASD Diagnostic Evaluations
 4. General Assistance
 5. ICWA and IJA Assistance
 6. Individual Counseling and 12-16 week Counseling Groups
 7. Tribal Wellness
 8. Youth Leadership
4. Provide a representative for the Domestic Violence Task Force chaired by AWARE for coordination of community response to domestic violence.
5. Provide funding, when possible, for AWARE and DV Task Force members to attend trainings, subject to CCTHITA funding, to ensure better coordination of community response to violence against women and children.

AWARE and CCTHITA agree to:

1. Provide support, information and expertise as needed to accomplish the goals of each other's programs in the areas of:
 - Information
 - Staff Training
 - Consultation
 - Education
2. Send and post notices regarding new and on-going programs and services for client and staff information.

3. Adhere to all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations concerning client confidentiality. It is understood that information is shared in-house purposes only, to facilitate case planning and coordination; information so shared will not be disclosed to any other party.
4. Adhere to all applicable Federal, State, and Local regulations concerning child and disabled adult abuse reporting.
5. Coordinate community education and professional training efforts whenever possible.
6. Work cooperatively to assess and address the service needs of domestic violence and sexual assault populations through joint planning and delivery of services. Directors will meet bi-annually to review joint funding opportunities, coordinate new and on-going programs, and to continue to explore possibilities of staff exchange and/or jointly provided services.

**Saralyn Tabachnick, Executive Director
AWARE, Inc.**

Date

**Francine Eddy Jones, Director
Tribal Family & Youth Services
CCTHITA**

Date