

## SECTION C-4: RECOGNIZING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN PLANNING SERVICES FOR OLDER NATIVE AMERICANS

Policy 7.01 Implementation Plan for Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs)				
Timeframe: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2023				
Implementation Plan				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff & Target Date	(5) Status Update for the previous year.
<p>Southeast Washington Aging and Long Term Care (ALTC) and Yakama Nation Area Agency on Aging (YN AAA) will work together to ensure consumers receive appropriate services and to maximize training and grant opportunities through our partnership.</p>	<p>1) ALTC will continue to provide information &amp; assistance (I&amp;A) support to clients whom call our office while also providing a connection to the YN AAA.</p> <p>2) ALTC will invite YN AAA to all trainings that would benefit their staff.</p> <p>ALTC will partner with YN AAA on any grant opportunities that arise in the future.</p>	<p>1) Consumers will have their needs met &amp; coordination between our two agencies will be seamless.</p> <p>2) ALTC and YN AAA will maximize their resources (space &amp; time) &amp; ensure that staff are afforded necessary training.</p> <p>ALTC and YN AAA will leverage available dollars to increase service &amp; training opportunities.</p>	<p>1) Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Suprina Harrison, ADRC Lead; <a href="mailto:harrisd@dshs.wa.gov">harrisd@dshs.wa.gov</a> and YN AAA Staff Lead Case Manager (CM) (vacant),</p> <p>2) ALTC Program Manager and YN AAA Lead CM, (vacant).</p> <p>3) ALTC Director and/or Program Manager and YN AAA Program Manager and/or Lead CM (vacant)</p>	<p><a href="#">ALTC Contact Information for ALTC staff: phone: Admin 509.965.0105 and ALTC ADRC Yakima Office 509.469.0500</a></p> <p><a href="#">Yakama Nation AAA Contact Information: 509.865.7164 or 509.865.5121</a></p> <p>YN Program Manager Marie Miller retired in June 2019 and the position is currently vacant.</p> <p>YN Lead Case Manager Beth Downs retired in May 2019 and the position is currently vacant.</p> <p>The activities described continue to occur &amp; will remain in place as part of quality service to the communities we serve. There is a long standing approach to teaming between ALTC and Yakama Nation Area Agency on Aging &amp; we continue to value this relationship &amp; sharing information &amp; opportunities between our two entities.</p>

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			By Dec. 2023	3.21-22.18 – ALTC’s Planner Eliticia Sánchez attended/presented ALTC’s/Yakama Nation’s 7.01 Plan to the Yakama Tribal Council and to Arlen Washines, Yakama Human Services Deputy Director at the Joint 7.01 Meeting with the Yakama Nation, Yakama AAA, Developmental Disabilities Administration, Home and Community Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, & Community Services Division.
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To share COPES Waivered/Ancillary Services, Environmental Accessibility Adaptations, & Durable Medical Equipment (DME) contractor information with YN AAA.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Assist YN AAA in accessing COPES waivered/ancillary resources.</li> <li>2) Provide YN AAA with the list of waivered contractors in Yakima County, specifically Environmental Modifications (EMOD), Skilled Nursing, &amp; Professional Supports</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) YN will increase its COPES waivered/ancillary options &amp; contractors list.</li> <li>2) Gain knowledge on various types of waivered contractors to enhance activities of daily living for persons who are vision impaired, have limited mobility, or range of motion issues.</li> </ol>	Joyce Lucas, ALTC Contract Specialist, <a href="mailto:lucasjl@dshs.wa.gov">lucasjl@dshs.wa.gov</a> and ALTC Program Coordinator Christy Ivy, <a href="mailto:ivyck@dshs.wa.gov">ivyck@dshs.wa.gov</a> , Admin and YN AAA Lead Case Mgr. (vacant) 509.865.7164; by Dec 2023	<p>ALTC will email the EMOD, Skilled Nursing, &amp; Professional Supports contractor list twice a year (January &amp; July) &amp; upon request to the YN Program Manager. The Contractor list was sent in January, April, and July 2019. Ongoing.</p> <p>2.28.18 – ALTC’s Program Coordinator sent some sample monitoring tools (EMOD, PERS, RCL, &amp; Skilled Nursing programs) to Maggie Gutierrez, Yakama AAA Contracts Specialist</p>
<p>Kinship Navigator (ALTC Subcontracts with Catholic Charities)</p> <p>YN Kinship Navigator will be assisted with information &amp; suggestions from the ALTC contracted Kinship Navigator. The YN Kinship Navigator is housed within Nak-Nu-We-Sha a family preservation</p>	KINDred Spirits, a local collaboration of agencies interested in supporting Kinship caregivers, serves as a resource for the YN Navigator. Meetings are monthly, every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday, at the Casey Family Programs office.	Diversify the participation of families of different cultures and backgrounds within the Kinship projects.	Mary Pleger, Kinship Navigator, 509.965.7100; <a href="mailto:mpleger@catholiccharitiescw.org">mpleger@catholiccharitiescw.org</a> coordinates with Yakama Nation Kinship Program, Navigator June Adams, 509.865.5121, ext6807; <a href="mailto:june_adams@ya">june_adams@ya</a>	Upon request, Mary Pleger continues to provide information & technical assistance to YN AAA & has informed the YN AAA Program Manager of events & activities open to Kinship caregivers in the Yakama Nation area. All YN Kinship caregivers were invited to all activities sponsored by the KINDred Spirits Collaboration, including Back to School event, Kinship Caregiver Day 11.14.18 and also for 11.14.19, & any Kinship Caregiver educational opportunities. June works with Mary Pleger with the Kinship Navigator referrals. Laura Day does the day to day

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agency for Native American children and their families.			<a href="http://kama.com">kama.com</a> Ms. Adams works full time in the Navigator position for the Yakama Nation. By Dec. 2023	activities and attends the monthly meetings at Casey Family. <a href="mailto:laura_day@yakama.com">laura_day@yakama.com</a> .
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Joint participation of staff & clients in area events & the Health Home program (HHP).	Include members of the YN senior community in community events & involvement with the HHP. Maintain the MOU for joint participation.	YN AAA will participate in trainings & events related to long term care in Yakima County. YN seniors will have the opportunity to participate in the HHP.	ALTC Director; Lori Brown, <a href="mailto:brownlj@dshs.wa.gov">brownlj@dshs.wa.gov</a> Admin Nurse Program Mgr. Emily Watts, <a href="mailto:wattsea@dshs.wa.gov">wattsea@dshs.wa.gov</a> - Admin YN AAA Program Mgr and/or Lead CM (vacant)  by Dec. 2023	In September 2015, ALTC and YN AAA updated their MOU for joint participation with Health Homes, this was valid for two years & is being updated. YN AAA assists ALTC Lead Health Home on jointly enrolled TXIX/Health Home clients & Aging and Disability Resource Center services for those clients who live in their service area. Currently enrolled members of the Yakama Nation have not been passively enrolled in Health Homes based on agreements between the State and the Yakama Nation. There is discussion regarding extending these services to tribal members occurring at the State level. ALTC is kept informed & will assist when roll out of these services occurs.
Powerful Tools for Caregivers will be available for YN caregivers to attend when one is scheduled.	6-week class on self-care & advocacy for family caregivers. YN to be informed as to upcoming classes	YN family caregivers will have opportunity to attend this class to help them deal with caregiving stresses	ALTC FCSP Coordinator Lynne Van Horn, <a href="mailto:vanhol@dshs.wa.gov">vanhol@dshs.wa.gov</a> - Admin  By Dec. 2023	YN AAA has 1 trained PTC class leader, to hold a class if necessary. Upon request, ALTC FCSP Coordinator Lynne Van Horn remains available for technical assistance.

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<p>ALTC staff will be available to YN FCSP staff for technical assistance for the Family Caregiver Support Program and Medicaid Alternative Care/Tailored Supports for Older Adults (MAC/TSOA)</p>	<p>Training &amp; ongoing technical assistance in the use of TCARE &amp; the upcoming MAC/TSOA programs.</p>	<p>YN will have a resource person available to help with TCARE policy, application issues, &amp; the MAC/TSOA program.</p>	<p>ALTC FCSP Coordinator - Admin, and YN FCSP Coordinator (vacant)</p> <p>By December 2023.</p>	<p><b>Sept 2018:</b> LeAnne Turnbull, ALTC, provided MTD &amp; MAC/TSOA training at HACs in Sunnyside that YN staff attended. ALTC FCSP staff (Lynne Van Horn) will continue to be available for technical assistance.</p> <p><b>July 2019:</b> John Littlewolf inquired to schedule a presentation on dementia for caregivers. It is scheduled for 9.26.19 with Lynne presenting.</p> <p><b>Feb &amp; July 2018:</b> Lynne provided TCARE software &amp; policy training to John Littlewolf, TCARE Assessor and Lucy John, TCARE Screener. Lynne also did a workshop on Dementia &amp; Caregiving at the YN caregiver support group which also provided in-service to John Littlewolf. 17 persons attended. Shared Lewy Body information to YN.</p> <p><b>March 2018:</b> Suprina Harrison, ALTC shared MAC/TSOA forms with YN.</p>

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YN AAA and ALTC partnership regarding home care contract monitoring & technical assistance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fiscal monitoring of the home care agencies that contract with YN AAA &amp; ALTC.</li> <li>2) Respond to requests for technical assistance.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) YN AAA and ALTC staff to gain knowledge with home care agency fiscal monitoring &amp;</li> <li>2) home care information</li> </ol>	<p>ALTC's Program Planner Eliticia Sanchez, <a href="mailto:sancheec@dshs.wa.gov">sancheec@dshs.wa.gov</a> Admin and Program Specialist, Maggie Gutierrez; <a href="mailto:mgutierrez@yakama.com">mgutierrez@yakama.com</a></p> <p>YN AAA – Contract Specialist &amp; Accountant Anita Nez.</p> <p>by Dec. 2023</p>	<p>ALTC's Program Specialist Marianne Lauerente-Cook (<a href="mailto:Lauremc@dshs.wa.gov">Lauremc@dshs.wa.gov</a>) will provide technical assistance to YN staff on the fiscal portion of home care monitoring.</p> <p>Technical assistance will be provided upon request throughout the year.</p>
For YN to be proficient in operating the Community Living Connections Information System (CLC/GetCare)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Share in-service or local training with YN AAA staff.</li> <li>2) Technical assistance with extracting reports.</li> </ol>	YN AAA Community Program Aide will be obtaining technical assistance from ALTC's program assistant for the CLC/GetCare program.	<p>YN Lead CM (<i>vacant</i>) &amp; Community Program Aide Gladys Heath. ALTC Prog. Mgr. Corrie Blythe, Prog. Asst. Jenn Cartmell; &amp; Suprina Harrison, ALTC ADRC Lead CM 509.469.0500 Dec. 2023</p>	<p>YN Lead CM (<i>vacant</i>) will contact ALTC's Corrie Blythe when technical assistance is needed to effectively utilize the CLC/GetCare system. Contact will be made as needed.</p> <p><b>2018:</b> CLC/GetCare training provided to Yakama AAA staff by Suprina Harrison, ALTC ADRC Lead CM (<a href="mailto:harrisd@dshs.wa.gov">harrisd@dshs.wa.gov</a>). <b>Activity Met.</b></p>

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Transportation services to continue benefiting seniors residing on the Yakama Reservation.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) YN AAA and ALTC will write letters of support when requested by YN transportation staff.</li> <li>2) YN AAA and ALTC to attend transportation meetings when requested.</li> <li>3) Share transportation grant information.</li> </ol>	For the continuance of the transit system on the Yakama Nation that connects with the PFP Community Connector, Union Gap Transit, and City of Yakima Transit. Enabling seniors to reach social services & specialized medical services.	ALTC Planner, Eliticia Sanchez, <a href="mailto:sancheec@dshs.wa.gov">sancheec@dshs.wa.gov</a> & Program Coordinator, Christy Ivy, <a href="mailto:IvyCK@dshs.wa.gov">IvyCK@dshs.wa.gov</a> Both in Admin; YN Economic Dev. Director – Karen Cunningham, 509.865.5121 ext. 4040; <a href="mailto:kc@yakama.com">kc@yakama.com</a> by Dec. 2023	The YN Tribal Transit Program, Pahto Public Passage, is continuing growth throughout the service area. Pahto Public Passage provides fixed-route service as well as para-transit services for clients with special needs that prevent them from using the regular fixed routes. Para-transit services require a completed application that includes verification from the client's doctor. Routes also include the Goldendale area, Union Gap & Satus, which has served to provide expanded client access to services as well as recreational opportunities. The routes provide direct links to the People for People Community Connector, Union Gap Transit, & Yakima Transit.
SE WA ALTC will have future discussions with the YN AAA on the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Center (GWEC) program.	ALTC will reach out to YN AAA to start discussions.	To collaborate on discussions with primary care providers in Yakima County	ALTC Director, Manager, and Primary Care Specialist; YN AAA Program Manager By Dec 2020	



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ALTC will assist in supporting the YN AAA TXIX CM staff by offering slots for YN staff in CARE Trainings for new employees provided by ALTC TXIX Trainer.	ALTC TXIX Trainer will notify YN AAA of CARE trainings held in Yakima.	YN will be connected to available TXIX training options provided in Yakima County.	ALTC TXIX Trainer On-going	

### Meetings with YN AAA:

**March 21, 2018** – Joint 7.01 Meeting with Yakama Nation board member, YN AAA Program Manager, Developmental Disabilities Administration, Home and Community Services, Division of Vocational Rehab, and Community Service Division to discuss collaborations of services available to all persons living within Yakama Nation and Yakima County.

**October 4, 2018** – Meeting with YN AAA Program Manager, Lead CM, and Janet Gone, Office of Indian Policy Regional Manager to discuss updates to the 7.01 Plan.

**November 5, 2018** – Meeting with Yakama Nation AAA, HEW Committee and Tribal Administration; Home and Community Services; and ALTC to discuss 7.01 updates.