

## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Divine Alternatives for Dads Services

DATE OF AWARD: 2016 Q3

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GENERAL GOALS: To have a positive impact on the epidemic of fatherlessness in America.

To restore families by empowering absent fathers to be responsible family leaders. To stop the cycle of family violence and brokenness in order to

improve the lives of children.

#### SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

This award went to supporting programs and operational expenses.

For more information please read the attached report from Divine Alternatives for Dads Services.



## **Divine Alternatives for Dads Services**

## Q3 2016 14.2 Grant Report- The Tulalip Tribes

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## **2016 Grant Program Goals and Status**

#### **Program Goals:**

- To stop the cycle of family violence and brokenness in order to improve the lives of children.
- To encourage fathers to become agents of positive change in their families and communities.
- To improve the capacity of government agencies and community resources to support meeting the needs of the most vulnerable families.

#### **Client Service Goal:**

This project will benefit 400 fathers, their children and families, for another estimated 1040 children based on projected intake records.

#### **Program Objectives:**

- 1. Develop mentoring relationships with 200 fathers
- Develop 150-200 work plans for fathers to resolve identified issues during intake and assessment
- 3. Enroll 30 incarcerated fathers in fathering classes taught in WA State DOC facilities by instructors using an approved curriculum
- 4. Assist 100 fathers in compliance with Child support orders
- 5. Assist fathers in obtaining immediate employment using direct employer relationships and referrals to other community employment resources
- 6. 50 fathers reuniting with their children and/or families

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### **Success Measures**

Client Counts:	2016	Projected 2017
Office visits	534	700
First time intakes	193	250
Prison outreach	n/a	150
Men's support group visits	746	1100

Results of 2017 Bi-annual WA State Data Match Agreements DCS Findings – Direct-match data sharing 2016

- 1. After working with DADS, the number of dads paying toward their child support debt increased 8%. (25% to 33%).
- 2. The money owed to the State in Child Support Arrears by DADS clients decreased by \$3 million.
- 3. Our clients, on average, are making a \$1000 per month more in wages than when they applied for DADS services. (\$1,879 to \$2,893).
- 4. For the fiscal year 2016, DADS work with clients helped the State of WA avoid (save) \$2.3M in the cost of aid to families, including TANF (Welfare), SNAP (food stamps), and Medicaid.

DOC Findings – Direct-match data sharing 2017 (from a set of 877 DADS clients directly matched to DOC records categorized as "inmate")

- 1. DADS clients recidivate at one-third the rate of the state average. (13.8% compared to 32.5%).
- 2. 285 men would have been expected by the state to recidivate, 121 did.
- 3. The expected savings to the WA state's cost of incarceration in one-year is \$5.7M. (based on their published annual cost of \$35,000)

## Thank you!

The 2016 Tulalilp Tribe grant award was essential to the substantial increase in our service counts and evaluation measures. That grant and an increase in contributions from individuals that allowed us to add 2 half-time intake specialists in August 2016. One was an experienced volunteer and the other was himself a D.A.D.S. client, and within one year of his prison release has successfully been excused from parole supervision and regained a joint-custody relationship with his children. You can imagine his ability to relate and give hope to our fathers in similar circumstances! This expanded capacity showed immediately in an increase in a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter increase in new client cases (59%) and office visits (7%).

In addition, for the first time we were able to complete a data match agreement with the WA State Department of Corrections, along with our partners at the Division of Child Support. The results above in reduced recidivism confirmed what we have experienced, reconnecting with family is a powerful motivator for positive change and preventive force for re-offense!

These increased levels have continued so far into 2017 and our 2017 proposal anticipates serving over 700 fathers this year to help them reunite with their children and families.

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