The number of survivors of domestic violence is devastatingly high within Native communities: more than four out of five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence with more than half (55.5 percent) who have endured physical violence by an intimate partner. Over 90 percent of those committing such crimes against Native women are non-Native.

Domestic violence is one or multiple types of abuse, such as physical, emotional/verbal, sexual, financial, cultural, spiritual, or digital aimed at a relative. Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a form of domestic violence when a current or former spouse or intimate partner engages in a repetitive pattern of fear-inducing abuse toward their partner to maintain power and control in a relationship. This pattern of abuse can take place in relationships where couples are dating, married, living together, have a child together, or after the relationship has ended. The vast majority of victims of IPV are women with primarily male offenders. In Indigenous societies, domestic violence is not traditional.Colonization imposes and promotes the domination and ownership of Native women by men, as reflected in the increasing rates of violence against Native women since first contact. This has laid the foundation for present-day violence. This violence ends when we reclaim Indigenous values of respect and compassion, and we honor the sacredness of women and children.

Legislation providing urgent and critically needed funding streams for lifesaving tribal domestic violence shelters and supportive services—such as the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA)—currently remains unauthorized. Tribal domestic violence shelters provide critical advocacy, such as safety planning, resources, and support, to Native victim/survivors, yet there are fewer than 45 tribal shelters in Indian country, which points to an urgent, unmet need.

Furthermore, fewer than half of all 574 federally recognized Indian tribes receive FVPSA funding for domestic violence services. Now is the time for Congress to reauthorize and increase FVPSA funding for Indian tribes, tribal shelters, and supportive programs to ensure Native survivors have the necessary improvements and lifesaving enhancements so desperately needed.

Credit: Indian Law Resource Center and partner organizations.
**Elder Spotlight - Janet Daniels**

Janet was born in a Quonset hut in Palmer, joining her parents and four older brothers.

**A fun fact:** One fun fact is that she will cry at the drop of a hat. That is totally at odds with the way her family reacted and she was always urged to hold her emotions back. She states, “I didn’t know how to do that then and I still don’t.”

**A life goal:** Janet’s life goal at this point is to be remembered as someone who was not afraid. “Not afraid to love, not afraid to admit I might be wrong and not afraid to face whatever life has in store.”

**Who is her hero:** She doesn’t have one hero or heroine. Janet’s aunts, uncles and all their cousins have all done things in their lives that were heroic. One that stands out is her mother’s cousin who contracted polio at an early age, survived treatment in an iron lung, spent the rest of his life in a wheelchair and went on to be active enough to testify to the California State government about the need for wheelchair accessibility. Newspaper articles credited his testimony with the passing of legislation that made wheelchair accessible curbs the law.

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**Council Spotlight - Kari Shaginoff**

**ANA Language Teacher**

**Where she was born:** She was born in Daurte, California.

**Her family:** James Shaginoff- Sta’, Karen Nugent - Snaan, Tim Shaginoff - Sunghae, Sondra Stuart - Sadae el Nay’dini’ aa Na’ Kayax.

**A fun fact:** She was Greatland Arabian Horse Show State Champion with Akadama.

**A bucket list item:** Her bucket list item would be to tan a Moose hide into a buttery soft smoked hide!

**A life goal:** Her goal is to do the best I can to pass down any cultural knowledge learned for our next generation!

**Who are her heroes:** Her heroes are Sta’ (Dad) el (and) Snaan (Mom).

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**Staff Spotlight - Kelly Burrill**

**On Call Transit Driver**

**Where she was born:** Kelly was born in Merced, California to parents, Betty and Joseph Gillians

**Her other family:** She is one of 5 girls, Cheryl, Leslie, Lori, Me, & Jodi

**A fun fact:** Kelly is a wooden clock artist specializing in Alaskan style Cuckoo Clocks and also make quilts and design T-shirts.

**A bucket list item:** She has always wanted to see Ireland, Scotland and the UK

**Who are her heroes:** Kelly’s heroes are our First Responders, firemen/women and our Police forces. Every day they put their lives on the line for their fellow citizens!
Accounting Department

Our Fiscal Year End (September 30th) was a very busy time for CVTC Accounting, getting ready to close out the year and start preparing for the Annual Financial Audit. CVTC had over 90 active programs, grants and contracts in Fiscal Year 2020!

September Budget Tip
Set aside time to reflect on your money decisions. “Small choices become actions, actions become habits, and habits become our way of life.” What kind of changes can you start to make to have a better financial future?

Administration Department

The Chickaloon Village Traditional Council offices remain closed to the public but continue to provide services for the Tribal Citizens and community.

Please help us keep our people healthy by wearing a mask when out in public or around others who exhibit symptoms.
School has started, by Bradley Bishop (10th Grade)
Ya Ne Dah Ah School is back in session, and we have been busy! So far, we have fleshed a moose hide with help from Elder David Harrison; which means taking all of the leftover meat off of the inside of the moose’s hide. We then put it on a stretcher so we can later make drums out of the rawhide. We have also processed an udzih (caribou) meat from its two front legs into burger meat with the help of Maio Nishkian. Packages of the udzih meat went home with the students. Our Chef Daniel Harrison has been preparing lunches for all of us too! We have also picked Tsanitsaey (cranberries) for making jam. We are learning to make our own masks and make natural hand sanitizer. Our school got off to a good, safe start.
Fishing Trip by Don Shaginoff

Once upon a time, a year or two ago, Albert and my dog, Bozo, were around Shirley’s place thinking about something to do. I just got back from Palmer with a new fishing pole and stuff. Someone mentioned fishing and I said I know of a lake up the highway close to Eureka lodge. I think it is called Lilla Lake. I been fishing there years ago and caught a few fish. I had a small boat and motor.

We found the lake and built a fire. Me and Albert put the boat in the water. It looked like it might be good fishing, the fish were jumping and we were getting bites. We got to the middle of the lake and I got a bite, it was a big one. Just then the engine quit on the boat. I had a fish on the line so I handed my pole to Albert while I tried to start the engine. I wasn’t having good luck at starting the engine. The lake wasn’t very deep there, so I jumped overboard, the water was about up to my waist and started pushing the boat to shore.

Shirley and the dog, Bozo, were standing by the fire eating hotdogs and laughing at us. Bozo let out a couple of woofs. I guess that was dog laugh in dog talk. We did not get completely skunked. I lost a new fishing pole, we lost a big fish that got away, but we had a good time. Shirley still laughs about that trip.

Elders Coloring Contest

First Place - Dorothy Krown

Second Place - Delice Calcote

Third Place - Jess Lanman

Honorable Mentions: Dolly Norton, Dorothy Krown, Cynthia Scott, Pat Younack
Intrepretive Guides 2020 style

Every summer, Chickaloon Native Village has interpretive guides at various locations in the Valley and Anchorage, providing Ahtna language and Chickaloon Native Village history presentations. The guides have a shadow box of artifacts to show visitors what tools and implements the ancestors used.

In these days of COVID19, we became creative with the presentations and added YouTube channel PowerPoints so visitors to the Ahtna Dena’ina area can view them anytime. The website is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG41croGXYB3ndaFpKcpvNg and you can subscribe be notified when additional presentations are added. Feel free to comment any suggestions for future videos.

In this video you will learn how to say the different months and seasons in Ahtna language. You will also learn about some of the traditional activities that were practiced by Ahtna people seasonally for thousands of years. Tsin’aen! (Thank you!)

In this video you will learn about how dogs were used within Ahtna culture and how to say different sled dog words in Ahtna language.

In this video you will learn about "The Athabascan Winter Lodge" located at the Alpine Historical Park located in Sutton Alaska. This structure was built to help educate people about the Ahtna people and their history and how they thrived and survived during the winter season. http://www.alpinehistoricalpark.org/

In the last few months, Environmental Stewardship Department staff members and Council members have worked with partners to ensure cultural site protections with regard to Glenn Highway expansions and development projects. Project staff have held weekly meetings to review technical documents and draft responses for Council’s consideration to road development proposals that could or would impact cultural sites. Part of this effort is to also advocate for identification of cultural sites (both active and archaeological). Over this summer project staff members have spent days in the field with Fran Seager-Boss and Angie Wade (also project staff members) who were leading the CVTC effort of cultural site identification. We have also written one cultural site research proposal, one ethnographic research proposal and edited one research proposal for another area of the Glenn Highway.

Emily Ling and Maio Nishkian, with guidance from Rain Wade, have begun to provide occasional in-person Ahtna cultural interpretation to visitors and school groups! They have made outdoor presentations at Palmer Museum, Wasilla Museum, and the Alpine Historical Park as well as multiple school group presentations! They have all done great work sharing Ahtna culture within the community, both virtually and in-person!
Facilities & Housing Department

Our Facilities and Transportation Departments and Committees have been coordinating forces to build a Visitor Pavilion at our Moose Creek Campus in honor of our Clan Grandmother Katie Wade. Katie’s Hwnax (Aunt Katie’s Visitor Pavilion) will be open to our Tribal Citizens, Staff & Community for gatherings. Site prep has been completed this year with plans for Pavilion construction to begin Spring 2021.

Environmental Stewardship Department

It’s Hunting Season by Richard Chiolero, Tribal Response Program

Nahwlu (autumn) is here, and for many people that means it’s hunting season. I’m hunting, too. And though you might see me out and about, I’m not looking for deniigi (moose) or gigi (berries): I’m looking for potential brownfield sites! In particular, I’m hunting for these things: 1. junk/scrap yards, 2. abandoned buildings, 3. quarries/mines, 4. three (3) or more junk vehicles on a property, and 5. other things like: former gas stations, buried fuel tanks, etc. I have created a list of the “points of interest” that I find in our community.

Gathering these points of interest is a requirement for my job, but I want you to know that this list is not shared with anyone! I do not share this information with the state, or with federal entities like the EPA. I keep a record of these places so that we (the Environmental Stewardship Department) can keep track of each site, in case someone plans on building something like a community center or park, or go out somewhere to gather plants, or find food like moose or fish: people need to know the history of contaminated places so that they can make sure nothing that was left in the ground or water can get out and hurt people later. It’s kind of like my favorite berry picking spot: I know where it is, and I’ve written it down so that other people can find it if something happens to me… but I’m not going to tell just anyone where it is!

If people are aware of me at all, or others who do the same kind of work I do (and we’re all over the place), many times people think we’re out to get them into trouble. No! We want to be a resource for Tribes and communities. A lot of times people don’t clean things up because they can’t afford to. (There may be grants to help out with that!) Sometimes people aren’t aware of the reporting requirements if they spill something like gasoline. (I can help with that!) I’m here to be your resource, and to help keep people safe and healthy. I would really like to work together with you!

Have you seen items listed above that you think I should know about? If so, please let me know! You can email me: rechiolero@chickaloon-nsn.gov or call: 907.761.3908. Do you want to tell me something anonymously? Please visit our website and fill out the form. You don’t have to put your name or other information if you don’t want to! https://www.chickaloon-nsn.gov/tribal-response-program/
Ryan Laine - Tribal Opioid Response

The Chickaloon Village Traditional Council Health and Social Services Department was awarded a grant to help address opioid addiction in the community. CVTC now has staff that can provide counseling and emotional support for individuals suffering from addiction of any type, not just opioids.

The biggest issue around addictions is the stigma itself. We are working on destigmatizing addiction since it is complex and individualized and spins into a cycle of shame before being adequately addressed.

Our goal here at CVTC is harm-reduction, versus simply following the abstinence model of treatment. We work with clients to meet each one where they are at with their own wisdom to heal. We approach addiction on a client-focused and solutions-oriented format that is respectful of each client and recognizes their culture.

By developing solutions together with each client, this way of treatment helps the client create safety in their lives.

Our program can provide therapeutic systems to not only Tribal Citizens but to any individuals in the community. We can also provide referrals to necessary resources if additional services are needed to assist with healing.

The topics we cover are sober living, anger management, coping skills, building relationships, among others. Our sessions are based on the individual’s need, and can be structured with just the counselor and client, or include any family members, or the person can attend support groups or talking circles.

Is there someone you are concerned about that would benefit from our program? Please reach out to us or have them reach out to us to start healing. By email to rplaine@chickaloon-nsn.gov or call 907-745-0704.

The C’eyiits’ Hwnax Life House Community Health Center is open to the public for primary care needs.

They offer specialty services including Audiology, Behavioral Health Services, Chiropractic, Dental, and Massage. Most specialty services require an appointment. Some of the specialty services, such as massage, require out-of-pocket payment at the time of service at a reduced rate. For more information contact them at 907-631-7665.

View upcoming dates of services available on their website www.lifehouseclinic.com or follow them on Facebook C’eyiits’ Hwnax Life House Community Health Center.
Justice Department

The Chickaloon Area Transit System (CATs) is pleased to continue to provide rides for our community. Our drivers are keeping our vehicles clean and wiped down with disinfectant to provide a safe environment for riders and staff members.

To schedule a ride, please call 745-CATs or 745-2287. You may need to leave a voice mail message with your name, call back number, dates and time of travel, and specific location you will be traveling to and from.

In order to continue to provide services, CATs limits ride for one person at a time or two if from the same household. Passengers are asked to: 1. Let CATs personnel know if you have symptoms of COVID19 at the time they schedule a ride and when they are picked up. 2. Asked to wear a clean and well-fitting mask during each of their transports. We have masks available, please let the drivers know you need one.

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907-745-0700
Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM—5:00 PM
IF AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Family Promise Mat-Su 907-357-6160
AWAIC 907-279-9581
Or you can email andvsa@andvsa.org

Offices

907-745-9216
OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS NOT TRADITIONAL

If you have concerns about domestic violence, please contact 911 or reach out to the local shelters! A few of the shelters or resources in Mat-Su/Anchorage are:

Alaska Family Services Palmer 907-746-4080
or Wasilla 907-376-4000
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To learn how to say the Ahtna Values, go to https://youtu.be/KuIB2kqXx5s

AHTNA VALUES

Ba c’ehwdetniis - Hard Work
Udiia łudakudo’ohnii - Respectful/Humble
Naeldaan’ - Family Relations
Snakaey’ gha t’ine’esen - Love for Children
Ku’iyaan - Be Wise
Kayax - Village Responsibility
Dlo’ dadedlii - Humor
Koht’aen ke’ dozolts’ii - Living Native Traditions
Ugheli ilaen - Honesty & Fairness
Ts’utsaetne - Honoring Ancestors
Ugheldze’ hwle’ cilaes - Sharing & Caring
Łudołniił - Self-sufficiency.
Ts’iłghan Kedot’ae - Unity