

**State of Alaska**  
**FY2003 Governor's Operating Budget**

**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Tlingit-Haida**  
**Budget Request Unit Budget Summary**

## **Tlingit-Haida Budget Request Unit**

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### **BRU Mission**

To provide access to services promoting individual and family health.

### **BRU Services Provided**

Providing on-site social services in the Southeast Tlingit and Haida communities of Haines, Petersburg, Wrangell, Craig, Klawock, and Saxman. The services include educational activities to prevent child abuse and neglect, early intervention in instances where abuse or neglect has occurred, working with the Division of Family & Youth Services if out-of-home placement becomes necessary and assisting in family reunification.

Other services may include, but are not limited to, assisting communities in assessing and addressing their unique population needs and intensifying outreach programs, providing regular and on-going prevention services, and increasing cooperation between tribal and state workers in order to accomplish the referenced multi-disciplinary objectives.

Providing early intervention services through the "Safety Bear" program that targets young children between 3 and 10 years of age in the Southeast Tlingit-Haida communities of Hydaburg, Kasaan, Kake, Craig, Klawock, and Hoonah. Other Southeast communities that have been included in the program through participation in health fairs are Yakutat, Thorne Bay, and Juneau.

The alcohol and drug abuse service programs include the local Village Public Safety Officers, who are trained to co-teach this program with those individuals who use the bear suit.

### **BRU Goals and Strategies**

- 1) Reducing geographic isolation through the placement of on-site social worker staff who provide regular and on-going prevention and early intervention services.
- 2) Reducing cultural isolation by employing social workers who are knowledgeable and experienced in the life and cultures of the Tlingit and Haida people, and by separating the function of investigation and treatment.
- 3) Opening communication between the non-native and rural communities enabling smooth cultural transitions.
- 4) Reducing the number of out-of-home placements of native children and hastening the return of those children to their home or that of a relative.
- 5) Increasing workers' knowledge and expertise by increasing worker training opportunities.
- 6) Assisting families and tribal communities in achieving and maintaining self-sufficiency and well-being by making appropriate human services available.

### **Key BRU Issues for FY2002 – 2003**

Tlingit and Haida Social Services works in partnership with the Division of Family & Youth Services in providing quality social services directed at child protection and promoting family stability in the Southeast region.

Tlingit and Haida Social Services works in partnership with the Division of Family & Youth Services in providing alcohol and drug abuse early intervention programs.

### **Major BRU Accomplishments in 2001**

- 1) Provided child protective services through direct family intervention and case management services.
- 2) Provided a foster care program for children in southeast Tlingit and Haida communities who are in state custody.
- 3) Provided adoption and guardianship services for children in southeast Tlingit and Haida communities who are in state custody.

- 4) Presented the "safety bear" program to twelve communities for kindergarten through 4th grade along with the presence of the village public safety officer.
- 5) Participated in health fairs in Yakutat, Hoonah, Thorne Bay, and Juneau.
- 6) Trained village public safety officers to co-teach the program with those trained in using the bear suit.

**Tlingit-Haida**  
**BRU Financial Summary by Component**

*All dollars in thousands*

	FY2001 Actuals				FY2002 Authorized				FY2003 Governor			
	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b><u>Formula Expenditures</u></b>												
None.												
<b><u>Non-Formula Expenditures</u></b>												
T-H Social Services	186.6	0.0	0.0	186.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	186.6	0.0	0.0	186.6
T-H Alcohol & Drug Abuse Svcs	11.8	0.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.9	0.0	0.0	11.9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>198.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>198.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>198.5</b>

**Tlingit-Haida****Proposed Changes in Levels of Service for FY2003**

The Tlingit-Haida Designated BRU is being reestablished for FY2003.

**Tlingit-Haida****Summary of BRU Budget Changes by Component****From FY2002 Authorized to FY2003 Governor***All dollars in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2002 Authorized</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Adjustments which will continue current level of service:</b>				
-T-H Social Services	186.6	0.0	0.0	186.6
-T-H Alcohol & Drug Abuse Svcs	11.9	0.0	0.0	11.9
<b>FY2003 Governor</b>	<b>198.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>198.5</b>