

BHA Spotlight – Cesa Agnes

Meet Cesa Agnes from the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) who won the BHA “Super Star Award” for someone who has had an outstanding accomplishment that has made a substantial impact on their community and/or client care.

Her supervisor wrote “It is my honor to nominate Cesa Agnes, BHA I, for the "Super Star" award. Ms Agnes' commitment and dedication to her role as a BHA has made a substantial impact to her community of Huslia and the TCC Region. Ms. Agnes consistently provides high quality services within the scope as a BHA and is widely regarded as an invaluable member of the TCC Behavioral Health Department. However, it is her persistence to bring new, unique, and creative healing opportunities to Huslia that I believe qualifies her as a "Super Star."



In addition to her regular duties as a BHA, Ms. Agnes agreed to plan, develop, organize, implement, and facilitate the first ever "Traditional Healing Gathering" for the community of Huslia. This event required an immense amount of time and energy and Ms. Agnes willingly volunteered to work extra hours to ensure this event was a success. The event itself took place over three days and included workshops that featured Traditional Ways of Healing, Building Cultural Resilience, and processing intergenerational trauma. She invited speakers, Traditional Healers, Artists, and other local leaders to be part of the event which included both youth and adults. Participants were able to attend the Alaska Blanket Exercise and a group of young men trapped their first beaver! The event culminated with a community potlatch where people were invited to share about their experiences and many expressed their appreciation for Ms. Agnes' hard work, sacrifice, and dedication to the Huslia community. Even more impressive is that this is just ONE event and example of Ms. Agnes' amazing work to improve the health and wellness of her community and the TCC Region. However, I believe it perfectly reflects Ms. Agnes' exceptional service and I strongly believe she deserves to be recognized as a "Super Star!"