



Alaska  
Adoption  
Services



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# PROGRAM UPDATES

## **Pregnancy Support Program**

AAS connected with **42** expectant parents in 2022 and nearly 60% chose to parent. Those parents who chose to parent were referred to community partners such as The Nurse-Family Partnership, Safe Families through Beacon Hill, and early head start programs. AAS provided those families with a parenting starter kit that included diapers, wipes, and other baby essentials.

AAS provided education and support to **14** expectant parents who made a plan of adoption.

## **Domestic Infant Adoption Program**

Adoption finalizations: 7

Adoption placements: 14

Adoptive Parent Workshop participants: 28

## **Adoption and Guardianship Home Studies for Resources Families**

AAS has a grant through the State of Alaska to provide home studies for children in foster care to be adopted or be under guardianship with their current foster/kinship placement.

Adoption Home Studies: 261

Guardianship Home Studies: 51

## **Wendy's Wonderful Kids**

AAS has a grant through the Dave Thomas Foundation. Through this grant AAS partners with OCS in finding permanent homes for children in foster care.

Adoptions Finalized: 4

Children on Caseload: 19

## **Community Diaper Pantry**

Diapers Provided: 81,869

Total Families served (duplicated): 1,710

Total Families serviced (un-duplicated): 195

# AAS ADMINISTRATION

## Tami Jo Watson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tami Jo is a wife and mother of four. She attended the University of Alaska Anchorage and graduated with her bachelor's degree in Human Services in 2007 and then went on to Southern New Hampshire University and graduated with her Master in Community Mental Health Counseling. She worked in the mental health field for four and a half years at a local children's mental health agency before going to Catholic Social Services in 2011 to work in their Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services. She was the director of the program for 9 years before they closed their program. She co-founded AAS in 2019 and has a passion for adoption and working with birth/expectant parents and adoptive parents through their adoption journey. She is an adoptive mom of two through the foster care system and is an advocate for older youth finding permanency and their forever family. She is a strong believer every child deserves a home regardless of age. Tami is excited to continue her work in the adoption field and provide education and support to birth families and adoptive families in our community.



## Victoria Ross

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Victoria was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. She is a wife and a mother of six children, four of which she adopted through the foster care system. She received her bachelor's degree in Counseling at Grace College in Winona Lake, Indiana and her Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Southern California. She received her LCSW in 2015. Victoria has experience working with various demographic populations including, adults in substance abuse treatment, children and preteens in a local mental health hospital, new mothers in a hospital setting in the NICU and Maternity Center, and special needs infants and toddlers in a local Infant Learning Program. Victoria has worked with families pursuing adoption since 2016. When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, camping, gardening, and exploring Alaska. Victoria is passionate about adoption and enjoys her work through Alaska Adoption Services.



# AAS STAFF



## **Jasmine Rattanvong**

PERMANENCY COORDINATOR/EXPECTANT PARENT ADVOCATE

Jasmine was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. She is a mother to two boys. She attended the Denver Graduate School of Social Work for her MSW. Jasmine has experience working with various populations. She has worked with unhoused families and individuals, seniors, assault victims, and veterans. Jasmine joined Alaska Adoption Services in March 2023. She is excited to be working with birth moms working through the adoption process. She looks forward to seeing families grow and experience the joy of having children. Jasmine's faith is very important to her, and she enjoys spending time with her boys, biking, traveling, trying new foods, walking, spending time with family, and exploring.

## **Jennifer**

PERMANENCY COORDINATOR/EXPECTANT PARENT ADVOCATE

Jennifer has 10 years' experience working in the social services field. She has a passion for advocacy and serving children and families in our local community. She is excited to be part of the AAS team and working with expectant mothers considering adoption. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, baking, and spending time with family and friends.

## **Faaleu Faumuina**

DIAPER PANTRY COORDINATOR

Faaleu Faumuina started employment with Alaska Adoption Services in the fall of 2022. She graduated in 2003 with an AA in Medical Assisting from Remington College, but her heart took a different direction when she moved to Los Angeles and became a preschool teacher. She is married with three children. Upon moving to Alaska, she became the Afterschool Director for a local youth program. She has always been heavily involved in youth community programs. In 2018, Faaleu and her sisters, opened a Community Closet providing clothing for children at no cost. She still operates the Community Closet in her free time. Also in her free time, she enjoys watching movies with her family, eating bar-b-q, rearranging her furniture at home, and thrift shopping is her therapy.

## **Laney Tatom**

WWK® RECRUITER (CONTRACTOR FOR AAS)

Laney was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. She received her Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences with a minor in Psychology from Montana State University in 2017. After college she returned to her home state and began her career working in a behavioral health role with teen

boys diagnosed with Autism and FASD at AK Child & Family and eventually became a Case Manager for children in Therapeutic Foster Care. She then took on the role of Family Engagement Specialist at a local Head Start program working with preschool aged children and their families before joining Alaska Adoption Services. Laney found her passion for working with children and families through her own experience at the Alaska Military Youth Academy when she was a teenager. Laney was married in 2019 and has a dog and a cat with her husband. Laney hopes to be able to adopt foster children eventually and has a special spot in her heart for teenagers in foster care. She hopes to be a foster teenagers when she is older. When she is not working, Laney enjoys skiing at Alyeska, hiking and camping in the summers, traveling and trying foods from all over the world and enjoys hot yoga with her husband on the weekends. Laney is passionate about adoption and is excited to assist with finding forever homes for children in foster care.

## **Luke Vermillion**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Luke is a husband and a veteran of the United States Air Force. He grew up in Southern California where he joined the military at the age of 17. He served in the Air Force for six years as a Firefighter in Anchorage, Alaska and Del Rio, Texas. After he separated from the Air Force in 2022, he began looking for a job where he could pursue his dream of helping children in adoption services. That is when he joined our team at Alaska Adoption Services! When Luke is not at work he likes to read books, hike, kayak, and spend time with his wife and dog.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS

### Support

Governmental Grants	\$759,958
Contributions	\$96,599

**SUBTOTAL, support \$856,557**

### Revenue

Program Service Revenue	\$343,746
Fundraising	\$6,649
Other Income	\$1,350
Inkind Contributions	\$18,327

**SUBTOTAL, revenue \$370,072**

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE  
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS **\$1,226,629**

### Expenses

Program Services	\$1,007,996
Management and General	\$86,446
Fundraising	\$3,786

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,098,228**

## ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$404,072
Accounts Receivable	\$5,900
Inventory	\$29,932
Total Current Assets	\$439,904
Non-Current Assets	
Security Deposits	\$2,050
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$441,954</u></b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 7,877
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 28,496
Deferred Revenue	\$ 1,805
<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,178</u></b>

### Net Assets:

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$248,283
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$155,493

<b><u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>\$403,776</u></b>
	<b><u>\$441,954</u></b>

# SUCCESS STORIES

These families finalized their adoption in 2022

