

Biography for Julie Roberts-Hyslop

My name is Julie Roberts-Hyslop, and I am the 2nd Chief for the Native Village of Tanana. I was born and raised in Tanana, and have lived here my entire life. I attended and graduated from Tanana School in 1973. I attended Sheldon Jackson Jr. College and also took many classes from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. I worked as an auto/heavy equipment mechanic for ARCO for 4 years on the North Slope in my early working years. It was during this time that I applied for a position with our village corporation Tozitna, Limited and became a land manager and then became the office manager for approximately 10 years. I was offered a position to work for the Tanana Tribal Council as the Executive Director.

As an Executive Director I was responsible for the overall direction of our tribal government. Our tribe has a 93-638 contract with I.H.S. to operate our Clinic. In 2002 I helped our tribe negotiate a self-governance agreement. Our tribe manages our Indian Housing Program, We have a contract with Federal Highways and we have been operating an Elders Program that is funded by the State of Alaska. My firsthand experience working for the Tribe has given me valuable insight into the needs of our people. I worked for my tribe for about 10 years. It was during that I resigned after many years of working for the tribe to pursue a different career as a CDL Driver.

I am elected by my tribal people to serve on the Tanana Tribal Council. I have served on the Tanana Tribal Council for the past 10 years and have served in the capacity as a Tribal Chief and now am serving as the 2nd Chief. I have served as the Vice President for Tanana Chiefs Conference for 6 years, and I am currently representing the TCC interior villages on the Alaska Federation of Natives board of directors.