

ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KAKE

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

Gunalchéesh for taking the time to read our very first community program newsletter! We're Kasey and Paige, and we've been working together to gather updates, highlights, and stories from across OVK's programs. Our goal is to celebrate the incredible work happening in our community and keep everyone connected and informed.

We hope this newsletter helps shine a light on the amazing people and projects shaping our shared future.

With gratitude,
Kasey & Paige

**EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH,
HONORING OUR CULTURE,
STRENGTHENING OUR LAND**

Upcoming Events

- **April** – Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- **May 5** – MMIW Awareness Day
- **June 9 – Aug 15** – 2025 AYS Season
(Apply via hr@kake-nsn.gov)
- **Mid-July** – OVK Culture Camp
- **Ongoing** – Kake Access Road development, DMV visit pending

Partner Collaborations

DV/SA: AWARE, SAFV, AKNWRC, Kake School District, VPSO, Tribal Council, counselors

AYS: Tlingit & Haida, USFS Ranger Districts, Sealaska, Spruce Root, University of Buffalo, SIGN

TTP: Kake Tribal Corporation, Sealaska Corp, City of Kake, State of Alaska, USFS



Congratulations to Lincoln for receiving a prestigious award recognizing his outstanding advocacy and leadership. We're proud to celebrate this well-deserved honor!



Youth & Staff Spotlights

AYS 2024 Crew

Jillian Jackson, Lilyida Jackson, Josiah Jackson, Keontay Jackson, and Tyler Davis

- Trail work at Hamilton Creek & Grave Island
- Crab surveys, food harvesting
- Heritage preservation through action

TTP Crew

Special thanks to:

- *Robert Wooton, Calvin Wilson, Mike James Sr., Josh Wooton*

With support from: *KC, Paige, Karen, Mau*

Program Spotlights

Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault (DV/SA) Program

- Survivor-centered advocacy and support
- Monthly youth events at *The Nest*
- Training and education for prevention
- Member of the Alaska Statewide Expert Panel on Sexual Assault

Alaska Youth Stewards (AYS)

- Summer employment and cultural stewardship for ages 14–18
- Trail work, traditional food harvesting, dual-credit education
- Focus on leadership, identity, and restoration

SAMHSA Suicide Prevention Program

- Youth-focused mental health and education (ages 13–24)
- Building resilience through early intervention and cultural connection

Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)

- Maintains OVK, USFS, State, and Tribal lands infrastructure

Notable achievement: Secured \$10M RAISE Planning Grant for Kake Access Road

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DV/SA PROGRAM

- LAUNCHED CULTURALLY GROUNDED YOUTH PROGRAMMING
- CONSISTENT SURVIVOR SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY
- PREVENTION EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

AYS 2024 SEASON

- 5.25 MILES OF TRAIL MAINTAINED
- 75 GALLONS OF TRADITIONAL FOODS DONATED
- 186 SOCKEYE DISTRIBUTED TO ELDERS AND FAMILIES
- 32 COMMUNITY RESTORATION PROJECTS COMPLETED

TTP / OVK ROADS

- PAVED ROADS IN FOUR T&H HOUSING PHASES
- SUPPORTED OVK DRIVE DOWN DOCK AND CANNERY IMPROVEMENTS
- OVER \$2.5M IN INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT
- FUNDED \$150K LIDAR SURVEY FOR FOREST PLANNING
- PURCHASED BEAVER TRAPS TO PREVENT ROAD DAMAGE

Together, we are building a resilient, connected, and thriving Kake.