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# TCSA Policies & Procedures

Section: Foundations & Basic Commitments

Reference: 1.2

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## Policy Title:

## Mission Statement

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### Policy Statement:

The TCSA reaffirms the mission statement of the Agency:

*For thousands of years, Tłı̨chǫ people have lived in harmony with their families, their communities and with the land. Our people took pride in passing on our knowledge, skills and values to each generation and in the excellence of this tradition, our survival as a people was assured. In this century we became dependent on the church and the government and in this loss of control, we find that our families, the community, language and culture are threatened. Our very survival as a people is at stake. Thus...*

*We, the members of the Tłı̨chǫ Community Services Agency are committed to the development of a continuum of care that will return control of education, health and social programs and services to the people of our communities, support them in the task of strengthening their families, promote the knowledge and skills they need to survive today and model the values they need to live in harmony with their families, our communities and our land.*

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### Purpose:

The mission statement of the Tlı̨cho Community Services Agency is called "Strong Like Two people" which is the vision of the Agency.

*From the document, A Strategic Framework & Business Plans 2005-2009... "The vision and mission of the Agency emerged from a process of action research conducted in the Tlı̨cho communities in the early years of the Dogrib Divisional Board of Education (1989-1997) (see the document Strong Like Two People: DDBE 1991). The outcome of this research resulted in a vision and mission for a Board of Education. However by 1991 this work was modified to include the delivery of health and child and family services, and re-validated by the Dogrib Community Services Board in 1998. In the fall of 2006 the new Tlı̨cho Community Services Agency reviewed the vision and mission and validated it as remaining relevant for the Agency.*

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The original process brought together elders and young people from each Tlicho community to address educational issues. The meetings were held in Tlicho without translation, but the speakers were recorded. Transcriptions of the meetings were made from the recordings and themes were then extracted from the transcriptions and later taken back to be validated by the participants and by the Board members. These themes were then developed into a preamble from which emerges the mission statement of the Board. The preamble is a description of the shared experiences of the Tlicho people, where they are today and where they hope to go in the future, from which emerges a description of the role and responsibilities of the Agency.

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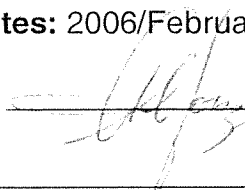
**Authorities:**

TCSA Act 13; Education Act, 117; Hospital Insurance & Health and Social Services Administration Act, 10(10), 13(1)

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