

BHA Spotlight – Jodicee Sawyer

Jodicee Sawyer from the Copper River Native Association (CRNA) was awarded the 2024 Rising Star Award due to her outstanding contributions as a Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) Trainee in the Native Village of Gakona and Gulkana Village. In just one year, she demonstrated remarkable dedication and compassion, providing personalized care that fostered trust and respect with her clients. Jodicee goes above and beyond to understand the unique needs of each individual, ensuring they receive the best possible support. Her commitment to client care is evident in the positive feedback she receives from the community, who consistently praise her kindness, empathy, and dedication.



In addition to her work with clients, Jodicee has also become a trusted figure among the youth in the communities she serves. Young people actively seek her out for support and guidance, drawn to her approachable demeanor and genuine concern for their well-being. Her positive interactions with youth have helped to create a supportive environment where they feel heard and valued. Jodicee's ability to connect with the younger generation has made a significant impact on their lives, providing them with the resources and encouragement they need to grow and thrive.

Beyond client interactions, Jodicee actively contributed to improving mental healthcare delivery in the villages. She seeks innovative solutions to challenges to enhance patient outcomes. Her proactive approach to healthcare has not only improved access to services but has also promoted a culture of health and well-being within the community. By building strong relationships and engaging with community members, Jodicee has become a trusted and valued presence, significantly strengthening healthcare in the villages. Her dedicated, compassionate, and innovative mindset makes her a deserving candidate for the Rising Star Award, as she continues to make a profound impact on the communities she serves.