

Children's Protective Services employee profiles

Data controller, Protective Care Supervisor at CPS

My name is Angela Sanders. I am 27 years old. I have a son who is 9 years old and his name is Tyler Anderson. (His father is Ray Anderson). He is one crazy kid who means the whole world to me. I also know this crazy kid named Bryce, my boyfriend's son.

My stepfather is Jeffery Sanders Sr. and Shirley Sanders. I am thankful to my dad Jeff for keeping me and my sister together and raising us here in Warm Springs. I really look up to my dad as a person. I admire all the hard work that he does and what it took him to endure to get to this point. I have learned a lot from him and continue to go to him for strong words, encouragement and advice.

I also have a blended family of four sisters (one is with our Creator) and two brothers. Between all of them I have nine nieces and nephews and two more on the way.

I grew up and attended school here locally all my life. I also attended school at Central Oregon Community College, studying Criminal Justice. I will have the privilege of going back to school this fall to attend and work towards graduating.

I have been employed with Children's Protective Services for about five years now. I was previously the CPS Case Aid.

I completed In-Home Services and a lot of transports of clients to various places for various reasons. I really enjoyed working with families one on one.

I am now in my current position as the Protective Care Supervisor of the CPS Center. I enjoy my job a lot. I enjoy be-



Paula Leilani Kalama (left) and Angela Sanders at CPS.

ing around the kids and listening to them while they play. I enjoy working with all the staff that I work with here at CPS.

I have worked with kids since I was a teen Summer Youth worker through the Workforce Education and Development Department.

I worked at the Community Center and the Early Childhood Education Center.

I also babysat about five young children in my home all most all at once. Our home was the house to be at for the kids.

Hello, my name is Paula Leilani (Smith) Kalama.

I am Daughter of Carmen Kalama of Nisqually, Washington, and James Adrian Smith Sr. of Warm Springs.

I grew up primarily in Nisqually but was fortunate to live in Washington D.C. and Virginia in my younger years. I moved to Warm Springs in 1987 and now have three children:

Darrin, 18, Douglas, 16 and Nalani, 10.

I have worked for the tribes since 1987 in various departments. They are as follow: Kah-Nee-Ta, Purchasing, Office of Information Systems, Natural Resources, Early Childhood Education and now Children's Protective Services.

I am currently the Data Coordinator with the CPS Department here in Warm Springs.

I started out as the receptionist in 2006, moved up to secretary in 2007 and in 2008 was offered the Data Coordinator position, which I accepted.

My job entails a lot. I do all of the Medical Cards of our clients, as well as assisting with medical coverage plans for our clients.

I do all of the Title IV-E applications and send them to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for approval or denial. I work with workers from DHS in Madras and other state workers in Salem on medical and Title IV-E.

I do all of the targeted case management (TCM) billings, monthly, which are done for clients who are denied Title IV-E.

I compile statistical data for CPS. I keep track of placement of clients and how many clients we have, weekly, quarterly and annually.

Also, I keep a log of all ICWA and CAN Reports, quarterly and annually and work with the Family Intake Coordinator on this as well.

Needless to say, I deal with a lot of paperwork and numbers. On top of all my duties at work, I am currently going back to school part-time at Central Oregon Community College to obtain my Associates Degree.

But for fun, I like to travel! I also volunteer umpiring the minor girls softball games. It's fun to watch them play.

Once in a great while I will play a little softball myself, which I used to love to do most. And, I love to take my kids places, keeps them busy and out of trouble and being "bored."

In closing, I would like to say that working at CPS has helped make me realize how important it is to keep our children out of harmful and unhealthy environments.

I am human too and have done things around my own children that I am not proud of. But I made choices so that they could see that what I was doing was wrong. And I am a lot happier now with myself and my life.

I hope that things improve for our future generations, but it is up to you! (And, me, of course.) God bless you all! My son always had the neighbor kids over playing. All in all I enjoy working with the children.

I enjoy being outside whether it's exercising or playing with the boys at the park. I can hardly wait for summer to come! I enjoy the warm air and long days.

McKinnis has always liked being around the kids



come in here to feel safe and cared for.

My children are my life and I would do anything for them. So my goal in choosing this job is to do all I can for the children that come in her, same as I would do for my own kids.

I have always enjoyed being around kids. I started baby sitting at a very young age and have always done well with kids. Pretty much all my life I have been around children. I enjoy spending as much time as possible with my kids. We like to go out to the park, watch movies, and learn new things.

I have a pretty hectic life at times between home and work, but every new challenge is welcomed. Life is a learning experience, and the best thing for me is when the children wrap their arms around me and say "I love you mommy."

It's all for the children. Every day either it's my own or the ones I am caring for.

Each and every child is different in their own way, but there is one thing they all have in common: Each one deserves a fair chance at a good and safe life.

I chose this job in hopes that I can help children who

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