

Irma Goodwine, BSW



Vocational Rehabilitation Program Manager, Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP)

Irma Goodwine, BSW, is the manager for the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program. She has worked for AVCP (that serves 56 tribes) for the past 26 years. In this capacity, she has assisted people with physical or mental disabilities to gain employment, maintain employment, or become productive in their subsistence lifestyle. Irma has been working in the Social Services field for the past 35 years in different capacities. She has worked with at-risk teens and young children under state custody, as well as assisting parents reunite with their children.

Irma is currently a member of the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation, Alaska Consortia of Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Statewide Independent Living Council. She is a former member of the Governor's Committee on Rehabilitation & Employment of People with Disabilities and of the Alaska Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board. She has also volunteered as a Tribal Veteran's Representative to recruit Alaska Native Veterans who were not receiving benefits for several years.

She is proud to be Alaska Native and applies many traditional values to her work: Respect, Sharing, Love, Humility, Hard Work, and Patience.