

**From:** Kennerson, Marilyn (ACF) **Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 01:26 PM **To:** ACF - Region08 Denver **Subject:** FW: changes at ACF: our own Gina Jackson takes Casey position at ACF/BIA and Bryan Samuels resigns as of Friday the 13th of September

Good Morning-

Please see the information below from Jerry Gardner, who is one of the TTA providers for the Children's Bureau and an addendum from Sue Settles at DIO/BIA. In summary, three pieces of info are noted, (1) Casey Family Services will fund a position that will work half time with DOI and half-time with HHS/ACF on major tribal human services areas; (2) the Commissioner for ACYF, Brian Samuels announced his resignation last Friday and he will become the Executive Director of the Chapin Hall Center for Children in Chicago. So, he is going home; and (3) BIA in Washington is posting a Child Welfare specialist position to concentrate on tribal child welfare issues. This position has been vacant for some time and is critically needed. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them to see the posting information below and go to USAJOBS.

Thanks,  
Marilyn

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Elizabeth; Joe Walker; Kathy Deserly; Terrilena Dodson; Ann Deaton; Cathryn Potter; Deb Painte; Jessica Allen; Kim Just; Maria Alidio; Naomi Miguel; Robin Leake; Sandra Bercier (NATI) ([sandrab@nativeinstitute.org](mailto:sandrab@nativeinstitute.org)); Stacie Hanson; Hankie Ortiz; Kennerson, Marilyn (ACF); West, Eileen (ACF) **Subject:** Re: changes at ACF: our own Gina Jackson takes Casey position at ACF/BIA and Bryan Samuels resigns as of Friday the 13th of September

Dear All,

Speaking from within one of those bureaucracies, we are very pleased and optimistic within BIA to have this partnership formalized with Casey Family Program and ACF. We initially were planning for the placement to be strictly within BIA, but when the opportunity came up at ACF, it seemed "golden". Now, with the selection of Gina Jackson, we know we have someone who has great potential for bringing together many of the possibilities that a collaboration at this level holds. Our Assistant Secretary Washburn has supported this idea from the beginning and it is great to finally see this become a reality. I will be here to welcome Gina on board, as well as our Courts Director Tricia Tingle. We see such possibilities and can't wait to see where we can go with this. It is great to see the support from the Advisory Board on this move and we are very grateful to Anita Fineday and Casey Family for doing the work to make this happen!

Meanwhile, I have been given permission to advertise and fill the essential Child Welfare Position in the Central Office BIA. We are looking for a Social Worker who has direct experience both with ICWA and providing child protection services. Please contact me if you have an interest in this job. I will post the USA JOBS on our listserv here and will count on all of you to help recruit some great candidates for us. The position will be a GS-0185 12/13 and will be filled at the level of experience the best candidate possesses. Keep your positive thoughts together for our move to effect positive changes with the support of our BIA Leadership and Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs.

Susie

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On Sat, Aug 3, 2013 at 1:02 PM, Rose M. Orrantia  
<[rmarrantia@gmail.com](mailto:rmarrantia@gmail.com)> wrote:

Already sent my best wishes to Gina. I expect those bureaucracies will be seeing a lot more of one another than they ever thought possible cause our Gina will make sure of it and they will enjoy it cause she will make it not only productive but fun!! Casey Family, what a coup!

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On Fri, Aug 2, 2013 at 6:06 PM, Jerry Gardner <[jerry@tlpi.org](mailto:jerry@tlpi.org)> wrote:

Congratulations to our own Gina Jackson who was offered position at Casey Family Programs through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) to be embedded 1/2 time under Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn, Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs and 1/2 time under Acting Assistant Secretary George Sheldon, Administration for Children and Families. It is an opportunity which will allow her to bring two large federal agencies together strengthen communication, cooperation, and collaboration with a focus on Native children and families. I cannot think of a better person for that position. If Gina cannot get these two

bureaucracies to work together, then no one can.....

Also: Bryan Samuels announced today that he is resigning as Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) effective Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 13<sup>th</sup>. He has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

Regards,  
Jerry

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