



**Washoe Tribe Native Youth
 Services Coordinator
 TANF and Circles of Support**
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What Are Some Challenges?

- ❖ Adjustment from elementary school to the increased demands of middle school
- ❖ Need for organizational skills
- ❖ Falling behind and giving up
- ❖ Excessive absences; trancies
- ❖ For some, an inability to thrive in the public school setting
- ❖ Social/peer issues
- ❖ Repeat 8th graders



**What Can a Native Youth Services
 Coordinator Assist With?**

- ❖ Based in a classroom where students can drop in between classes (a home base)
- ❖ Collaborate with school administration and staff, and tribal programs including education and Native TANF/Circles of Support
- ❖ Monitor attendance daily and address absences early
- ❖ Liaison: student/school/family
- ❖ Develop interventions, incentives, credit recovery and creative approaches as needed
