# JESSIE RUFFRIDGE

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## Summary

During the last decade, I have been working to address to the unique challenges our state faces in offering support, advocacy and resources for individuals trapped in abuse and positions of marginalization. I have done this through two amazing programs Young Lives Alaska and Priceless Alaska. Through this work, I have learned to partner with other Alaskans meeting needs in this area, as well as communicating needs around the state. Together we are able to provide many of the resources and offer help needed for individuals facing these challenges. I am thankful for the opportunities and experience I have had in these avenues and believe I will bring a strong and valuable perspective to this Council.

## Skills

- Creative and Critical Thinking
- Mentorship
- Training Delivery
- Risk Mitigation
- Policy Development
- Non-Profit Operations Public Relations

- Team Collaboration
- Effective Multitasking
- Community Outreach and Education Constituent
- Communications Interpersonal Skills
- Writing and Editing

## Experience

01/2017 - 01/2019 Young Life

Soldotna, AK

#### Coordinator

- Organized teams and resources to optimize care for teenage parents and their children on the Peninsula
- Coordinated with other organizations and resources, combining group efforts to achieve advocacy for teen parents
- Delegated work to volunteers, setting priorities and goals.
- Provided leadership, insight and mentoring to organizations, law enforcement and medical facilities, with regard to the unique needs teen parents/youth have.

01/2017 - 01/2019 Volunteer Work Soldotna, AK

### **Advocate/Assistant Director**

- Partnered with local resources, law enforcement and advocacy groups to provide survivors of sex trafficking aftercare, shelter and mentoring
- spoke and raised awareness of sex trafficking on the Peninsula, with the help and partnership of Priceless Alaska-Anchorage
- Encouraged and mentored advocates around the state in bringing awareness and resources to their local communities