

My name is Richara Binion and I was raised here in Anchorage. I attended Mount Iliamna and Orion on Elmendorf AFB before moving on to Wendler Jr. High and graduated from what is now Betteye Davis East Anchorage High School.

I have worked in the Anchorage School District as a paraprofessional for 18 years. I started at Creekside Elementary before moving on to Mount Iliamna until its closing in 2017. Since then, I have been working in the SBBS Program at Kasuun Elementary. I attend as many training sessions as I can throughout the school year put on by TOTEM. In September 2023, I was able to attend the APEA Collective Bargaining training. I was honored to be a member of the TOTEM Negotiation Team where I could share concerns about what it's like to work in a behavioral program and work with the team to make things better for my fellow TOTEM members.