

2024 Alaska Tribal Child Welfare & Tribal Justice Conference

Anchorage, Alaska
September 9-11, 2024

“Strengthening Our Roots, Honoring Our Children: Implementing Culturally Responsive Practices for Tribal Justice and Tribal Child Welfare”

Tentative Agenda – Subject to Change

Monday, September 9, 2024

08:30 a.m. **Registration/coffee**

09:15 a.m. **General Session**

Opening & Welcome, Alaska Native Justice Center

10:15 a.m. **15-Minute Break**

10:30 a.m. **Keynote Address**

A conversation with Chief Judge Abby Abinanti, Yurok Tribal Court
Alex Cleghorn

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:30 p.m. **Concurrent Workshops**

Workshop C1: Stages of and Permanency Options in an ICWA Case,
Samantha Cherot, Alaska Native Justice Center

Workshop C2: Panel of the ICWA State Tribal Partnership Best Practices Grant
Alaska Federation of Natives and Tribal Partners

Workshop C3: Understanding the Federal Tribal Access Program and State of Alaska
Information Exchange Agreement for Tribal Protection Orders
Alex Cleghorn, Alaska Native Justice Center

Workshop C4: Tribal Court Authority, Laws, & Structures,
Lily Cohen, Alaska Native Justice Center

03:00 p.m. **30-Minute Break**

03:30 p.m. **General Session**

Nurturing Futures: Healing-Centered Practices in Indigenous Child Welfare,
Christina Love

05:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Tuesday, September 10, 2024

08:30 a.m. **Registration/coffee**

09:00 a.m. **General Session**

Introduction to HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Childhood Experiences),
Alaska Children’s Trust

10:15 a.m. **15-Minute Break**

10:30 a.m. **Concurrent Workshops**

Workshop C1: Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders,
Lily Cohen, Alaska Native Justice Center

Workshop C2: Transforming Child Welfare: Impact of OCS and Tribal Partnerships,
Tasha Yatchmeneff & Robin Charlie, Office of Children’s Services

Workshop C3: The Role of Qualified Expert Witnesses,
Joshua Ahsoak, Alaska Native Justice Center

Workshop C4: The Role of Tribes in the CAC (Child Advocacy Center) Process
Traci McGarry, Kawerak

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:30 p.m. **General Session:**

Peer Support in Practice: Panel Discussion on Strategies for Supporting Parents in Recovery,
Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Recovery and Reentry Services Peer Support Program

03:00 p.m. **30-Minute Break**

03:30 p.m. **General Session**

For the Love of Our Children: Re-centering Indigenous Relational Knowledge,
Jessica Saniguq Ullrich

05:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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Wednesday, September 11, 2024

08:30 a.m. **Registration/coffee**

09:00 a.m. **General Session**

The Alaska Inter-Tribal Working Group & Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2022,
Alex Cleghorn, Alaska Native Justice Center

10:15 a.m. **15-Minute Break**

10:30 a.m. **Concurrent Workshops:**

Workshop C1: Cultural Support Services,
Diane Selanoff & Tasha Yatchmeneff

Workshop C2: Enforcement of Tribal Court Orders,
Lily Cohen, Alaska Native Justice Center

Workshop C3: Understanding the Federal Tribal Access Program and State Alaska Information Exchange Agreement for Tribal Protection Orders
Samantha Cherot, Alaska Native Justice Center

Workshop C4: Mock ICWA Case Walkthrough,
Dawn Harris

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:30 p.m. **General Session**

Domestic Violence, Tribal Child Welfare, and the ICWA: Challenges and Opportunities,
Tami Jerue, Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center

03:00 p.m. **15-Minute Break**

03:15 p.m. **General Session**

TBD

04:30 p.m. **Adjourn**