

33rd Annual BIA Tribal Providers Conference
November 28-30, 2023 | Anchorage, Alaska

HUMAN SERVICES

Location: Tikahtnu D

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

1:15 p.m. – **Victim Services/Law Enforcement Cross Holistic Services**

2:45 p.m. This panel will share how Tribal victim services are working with law enforcement to strengthen local responses.

Tami Jerue, Executive Director, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Lauree Morton, Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Fabienne Smith, Advocacy Program Manager, Alaska Native Justice Center

Lantz Dahlke, MMIP Investigator, Alaska Department of Public Safety

James Hoelscher, FBI and Former VPSO, Native Village of Hooper Bay

Eileen Arnold, Executive Director, Tundra Women's Coalition

2:45 p.m. – **Afternoon Break**

3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – **Domestic Violence Tribal Curriculum**

4:30 p.m. This session will preview a domestic violence training curriculum designed to improve the creation, issuance, registration, and enforcement of tribal protection orders, thereby improving the safety of domestic violence victims in Alaska Native villages. This program is designed specifically for Tribal communities on the issuance and enforcement of tribal protection orders for victims of domestic violence.

Rick Garcia, Law and Policy Court and Advocate Specialist, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Kimberly Martus, Project Director, Alaska Tribal Justice Resource Center, RurAL CAP

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3:00 p.m. – **Funding Resources for Public Safety, Tribal Courts**

4:30 p.m.

This session will provide information about the different funding sources for Alaska Tribal Courts and Public Safety, including: DOJ Justice Programs and Commitment, COPS funding and CTAS general information, OVW funding and technical assistance, and BIA funding and technical assistance. Questions and Answers (Q & A) by audience may also be allowed by presenters during their presentations, as time allows.

Eileen Garry, Director of Special Projects, Office of the Assistant Attorney General, Executive Advisor

Alyce Spotted Bear, Walter Soboloff Commission on Native Children—presenting remotely

Melissa Harrington, Lead Grant Program Specialist, Grants Administrative Division, COPS- presenting remotely

Tammy Ashley and Samantha Dziaikiewicz, OVW Technical Assistance-Alaska

Bennie Francisco, Tribal Court Assessment Director, Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services, Department of Interior, Indian Affairs

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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Opening Prayer <i>Andrew Beaver, ICWA Director, Native Village of Kwigillingok</i> Welcome <i>Jolene N. John, Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs-Alaska Region</i>
9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	Resources for Alaska Tribes <i>Alex Cleghorn, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska Native Justice Center</i> <i>E. Ingrid Cumberlidge Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator (MMIP) US Attorney’s Office – District of Alaska</i> <i>Debra O’Gara, Assistant Professor, Tribal Governance Program, University of Alaska Fairbanks</i> <i>Tricia A. Tingle, Associate Director Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services U.S. Department of the Interior - Indian Affairs</i> <i>Bryan Wilson, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Tribal Liaison, DOJ MMIP Detailee, US Attorney’s Office – District of Alaska</i>
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Break
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Alaska Boarding Schools Research and Project Updates During the past two years, extensive research has been conducted by Alaskans about former boarding schools in Alaska and the painful, complicated history of the U.S. boarding school system. Presenters in this session describe some of the findings and projects that research has generated. Introduction <i>Ken Pratt, ANCSA Program Manager, BIA Alaska Region</i> The Alaska Boarding Schools, Cultural Genocide & Cultural Revitalization <i>Emily Edenshaw, Benjamin Jacuk, and Angie Demma</i> <i>Alaska Native Heritage Center</i> Pilgrim Hot Springs Update <i>Anahma Shannon and Amanda Toerdal, Kawerak, Inc.</i> Carlisle-mek Angiyulluke: Returning Them from Carlisle <i>Dehrich Smidt-Chya and April Counciller, Alutiiq Museum and Archaeological Repository</i> Idlughet Duch’edeldiht Ka’a qenq’a: The Eklutna Vocational School <i>Aaron Leggett, Eklutna Native Village</i>
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break

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- 1:00 p.m. – **Transfer of Jurisdiction from State to Tribal Court ICWA**
2:45 p.m. This session will discuss best practices related to transferring a child welfare case from the State to Tribal court, including what state resources stay in place and resources that do not.
Will Kronick, Family Services Administrator, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
Maria Guerra, Family and Social Services Director, Kenaitze Indian Tribe
Terri Coletta, Family Services Specialist, Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island
Ali Wykis, Child Welfare Attorney, Kawerak
- 2:45 p.m. – **Afternoon Break**
3:00 p.m.
- 3:00 p.m. – **Indian Child Welfare Listening Session: The U.S. Supreme Court Case**
4:45 p.m. **Brackeen v. Haaland and What Comes Next**
This session will review the outcome of the U.S. Supreme Court recent decision upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the impact to tribes, children, and families. Presenters will also share updates about efforts to improve state ICWA compliance and increase funding and capacity for tribal child welfare programs. This session will include a Listening Session. Tribal leaders and Tribal staff are invited to share their tribe’s child welfare priorities.
Erin Dougherty-Lynch, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, Alaska
Sydney Tarzwell, Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, Alaska
Grace Singh, Law Fellow, Native American Rights Fund, Alaska

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8:00 a.m. – **Welcome by BIA Human Services**

8:15 a.m.

8:15 a.m. – **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons-Tribal Community Response Plans and Savannah’s Act Guidance**

9:45 a.m.

This session will provide information on the first Urban Alaska Native Tribal Community Response Plan soon to be released and demonstrate how tribes can develop their own MMIP-Tribal Community Response Plans. The session will also discuss the United States Attorney, District of Alaska Savannah’s Act Guidelines developed in consultation with tribes to support response to MMIP services for all Alaska Native and Native Americans. The Annual Report will be shared and open for comment and discussion.

Bryan Wilson, Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Tribal Liaison, DOJ MMIP Detailee US Attorney’s Office – District of Alaska

E. Ingrid Cumberlandidge, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator (MMIP), US Attorney’s Office – District of Alaska

Timothy Rico Rondeaux, Jr., Missing Murdered Unit-Region 1, Regional Agent in Charge, U.S. DOI BIA

Brittany Madros, Tribal Government and Justice Division Director, TCC

Shirley Lee, Strategic Development/Justice Director, Fairbanks Native Association

Tracy Cooper, Executive Director, Native Village of Unalakleet

Dar Johnson, MSW, CRP, CMHS Alaska Tribal Victim Services Rural CAP, Inc.

Rochelle Liedike, Deputy U.S. Marshal, U.S. Marshals-District of Alaska

Tami Truett Jerue, Executive Director, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Lantz L Dahlke, MMIP/Cold Case Investigator, Alaska State Troopers Investigator

Lonny Piscocoy, Investigator, Murder/Missing Indigenous Persons

Courtenay Carty, Former Tribal Administrator, Curyung Tribal Council of Dillingham

Kelsey Potdevin, Education and Outreach Manager, Alaska Native Justice Center

Roxanne Saddler, Tribal Justice Manager, AVCP

Lucille A Lincoln (Elder Listening), Kluti-Kaah Tribal Judge

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10:00 a.m.– **BIA Tribal Court Assessments, Funding & Technical Assistance**

11:45 a.m. This session will review the BIA Tribal Justice Support Assessments and Funding for tribal courts. It will also include updates from state-wide, Alaska-based technical assistance providers.

Bennie Francisco, Tribal Court Assessment Director, BIA Office of Justice Services (OJS), Tribal Justice Support Directorate

Whitney Her, Program Specialist (Alaska), BIA OJS, Tribal Justice Support Directorate

Julius Dupree, Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. DOJ (virtual)

Trish Thackston, Policy Advisor, Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. DOJ (virtual)

Julia Hnilicka, Alaska State Director, Rural Development, USDA

11:45 am – **Lunch Break**

1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – **Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act 2022 (VAWA 2022)**

2:45 p.m. This presentation will discuss the efforts among Federal, State, Tribal and local law enforcement agencies, and victim services to effectively respond to cases of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sex trafficking, sexual violence, and missing or murdered Alaska Natives, and to empower Alaska Native and Native American Tribes to effectively prevent and respond to cases through the exercise of special Tribal criminal jurisdiction, of the pilot project (VAWA 2022).

Alex Cleghorn, Chief Operating Officer, Alaska Native Justice Center

Rick Garcia, Law and Policy Court and Advocate Specialist, Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

E. Ingrid Cumberlandidge, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator (MMIP), US Attorney's Office – District of Alaska

Virginia Davis, Consultant, Alaska Native Justice Center

2:45 p.m. – **Afternoon Break**

3:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – **Qualified Expert Witnesses- ICWA**

4:45 p.m. After the Alaska Supreme Court opinion there have been many questions about Qualified Expert Witnesses (QEWs). This session will provide information on what a QEW is, their purpose in an ICWA case, appropriate compensation protocols, and how they are identified to provide testimony in a court case.

Debra O'Gara, Assistant Professor, Tribal Governance Program, UAF

Ali Wykis, Child Welfare Attorney, Kawerak, Inc.

Josh Ahsoak, Staff Attorney, Alaska Native Justice Center

Liz Mering, Associate General Counsel, AVCP

Savannah Venetis Fletcher, Attorney, Northern Justice Project, Fairbanks, Alaska