

NATIVE RESOURCE HANDBOOK
ANCHORAGE REGION



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INTRODUCTION

The Native Resource Handbook for the Anchorage Region will help you in your quest to keep all Native children connected to their culture and heritage. The following pages will also give you information on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), definitions, cultural activities, books, educational opportunities and resources. This book is for you to keep as a tool to help you keep all Native children connected to their culture and to share resources available for Native people in the Anchorage area. We hope that this booklet will help you help your children/teens.

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UNDERSTANDING THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

What is it?

This landmark 1978 law known as the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), is designed to establish standards for the placement of Indian children in foster care or adoptive homes and to prevent the breakup of Indian families.

Why is it needed?

In the past and today, a disproportionately large number of American Indians and Alaska Native children are removed from their homes because of alleged parental abuse and neglect. Many of these children are removed not just from their families but also from their culture. They are placed in non-Native substitute care and adoptive settings, and often have no further contact with their parents, extended families or tribes.

ICWA emerged from the clear need to help protect the unity and stability of American Indian and Alaska Native children , families and tribes.

What Does ICWA do?

Declaring there is no resource more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Native American tribes than their children, the ICWA:

- Reaffirms the jurisdiction and authority of tribal courts in Native child welfare matters.
- Requires notification of the tribes during involuntary custody proceedings in state courts and establishes the tribes right to intervene.
- Mandates that active efforts are to be made to return Native American children to their families whenever possible.
- Requires clear and convincing evidence that continued parental custody would mean physical or emotional harm to the child.
- Requires the testimony of experts who come from the child's tribe or have substantial experience in Native American child and family services.
- Requires active efforts toward family rehabilitation and reunification be made before termination of parental right or final placement decisions are made.
- Requires, when foster care and adoption placements are necessary, placement preferences be given to member of the child's family, tribe, or other Native families.

When is ICWA Involved?

ICWA cases involve an American Indian or an Alaska Native child under involuntary custody, and there must be a petition in state court for foster care placement, termination of parental rights, pre-adoptive placement, or adoptive placement.

Who has Rights Under ICWA?

The child, the family, and the tribe.

- The child has the right to remain as close as possible to his family and to his Native culture.
- The parents have the right to training, counseling, and treatment, to help regain custody of their children.
- The extended family has the right to priority consideration in foster care or adoptive placements.
- The tribe has the right to notification of Native child custody proceedings and the right to intervene.

In Summary

The United States Congress, through ICWA, has expressed its clear preference for keeping Alaska Native and American Indian children with their families, deferring to tribal judgment concerning child custody, and placing children who must be removed from their homes within their own families or Indian tribes. Courts and child welfare agencies have the responsibility of implementing ICWA regulations to prevent children suffering unnecessary separation from their family and tribe. ICWA exists to remind us that children have a right to their own unique heritage.



CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD

The Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) is a very important document for Native children. The certificate will allow Native children access to Native health, social and other services, which are usually at no cost. All Native children should obtain the certificate.

Instructions on How to Obtain a Certificate of Indian Blood for an Adopted Alaska Native Child:

An application for a Certificate of Indian Blood can be obtained from:

The United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Indian Affairs
West Coast Alaska Field Office
3601 C Street, Suite 1200
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5947
Or can be mailed by phoning (907)271-3917

- If the child has not received a CIB before adoption, the enrollment office has to have the names and dates of birth of the biological parents and possibly grandparents.
- Your OCS social worker or tribal worker may have access to original birth certificates.
- An adoption decree and a certified birth certificate with the child's new name and family information are also needed.
- As an adoptive parent if you don't have the original birth certificate, you can submit your current birth certificate and your adoption decree. They will contact vital statistics to verify the child's birth family. This may take up to four weeks for you to receive the child's Certificate of Indian Blood.

ROLES

Indian Custodian: Any Indian person who has legal custody of an Indian child under tribal law or custom, or to whom temporary physical care, custody, and control has been given by the parent of the child. 25 U.S.C. 1903 (6) An Indian Custodian has the same rights and responsibilities as a biological parent. An Indian Custodian has his/her own attorney and is given the same visitation rights as a birth parent.

OCS: (Office of Children's Services) The Office of Children's Services works in partnership with families and communities to support the well-being of Alaska's children and youth. Services will enhance families' capacities to give their children a healthy start, to provide them with safe and permanent homes, to maintain cultural connections and to help them realize their potential.

OCS builds on the strengths of the past, while exploring new opportunities and goals for the future. Since its reorganization on July 1, 2003, the Office of Children's Services continues to work to ring together the three programs for supporting children, youth and families that are at its core:

- Infant Learning Program;
- Early Childhood Comprehensive System's planning; and,
- Child Protection and Permanency.

AAG: (Assistant Attorney General)

The AAG is the legal counsel representative for OCS, in Child in Need of Aid court proceedings.

Licensing: The unit within OCS that recruits, processes, monitors, and supports resource families.

Resource Families: Previously known as *foster families*. Resource Families provide children who come into state's custody, a temporary, safe place to live until they can be reunited with their families or, in some cases, placed permanently with another family.

Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) acts to advocate for a child's best interests and rights throughout the child's involvement in the court process.

ACTIVITIES

Cultural activities are very important to Native children. These activities help them to stay connected to their culture. As a care-giver to Native children, you are encouraged to participate in activities with foster children. Here are some contact numbers for more information.

Dance Groups and Music Groups

ALUTIIQ:

Imamsuat – Loren Anderson 301-6774

INUPIAQ:

- King Island Singers & Dancers – Esther Koezuna 351-6698
- Kingikmiut Singers & Dancers – Jane Atuk 338-4222

TLINGIT & HAIDA:

- Naa Luudisk Gwaii Yetki – Janet Graham 632-0066
- Tlingit & Haida Dancers of Anchorage – Hazel Tumulak hmtumulak@hotmail.com or Mattie Jackson 764-2539

YUPIK/CUPIK:

- Miracle Drummers & Dancers – James Afcan 376-5099
- Kicaput – Angie Young 903-7410
- Yurapik – Valerie Tony 854-4040 or yurapik@hotmail.com
- Cupiit Yurartet – Linda Daney 350-0407 or daney@gci.net

ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND YUPIK:

- Masingka – Yaari Kingeekuk 223-4124
- St. Lawrence Island Dance Group – Marisa Kingeekuk 310-2187 or Brianne Gologergen 317-9857 or brianne_gologergen@yahoo.com

TSIMSHIAN:

- Lepquinm Gumilgit Gagoadim – Theo Bayou 250-5549 or www.lggdancers.com
- Sleeping Lady Drum Group- 907-351-3429 or 729-4920

YUPIK DANCE AEROBICS:

Celebrating Dance as Exercise. Fridays 5:15-6:15 p.m. at the Health Education & Wellness Center, 4201 Tudor Centre Dr. 2nd floor. 729-2689

Pow Wow Contacts

Native Village of Eklutna Pow Wows (every even year) contact:
Dorothy Cook (907)688-6020

Native Youth Olympics (NYO)

NYO is an annual athletic event which takes place in Anchorage. Teams of junior and senior high students travel from across the state to participate in the three-day event. The annual event is sponsored by CITC (Cook Inlet Tribal Council). Events include the stick pull, the scissor broad jump, the wrist carry, the one-hand reach, and many more events. The annual event is for youth who are in 7th through 12th grade. There is also NYO junior event which involves 1st through 6th grade students. Cook Inlet Tribal Council 743-3284.

Web site: <http://www.citci.com/index.aspx?pageID=91>

World Eskimo Indian Olympics <http://www.weio.org>

Held every July, goes back and forth between Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Jewelry Supplies

Black Elk Leather Beads and Stones: They have patterns for mukluks, parkas, kuspuks and beads. There are no classes offered. 562-2703

Alaskan Bead Company www.alaskabead.com/ 563-2323

The Bead Shack: 243-3950 Do not offer classes but carry lots of beads.

Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts www.joann.com for location

Michaels www.michaels.com

ACTIVITIES, continued

Craft Web Sites

www.nativeessence.com

www.wanderingbull.com

www.qiviut.com

www.alaskafurexchange.com

www.alaskanativeartists.com

www.nativeonline.com



Native Churches

Anchorage Native New Life Fellowship (meets at Evangelical Covenant) (907)277-3322

Anchorage Native Assembly(907)276-1781

Alaska Native Lutheran (907)277-3930

First Native Baptist(907)272-5547

First Church of God Native Ministries(907)561-1562

Festivals

Native Community Festival, Wasilla Middle School (annually in June)

Celebration in Juneau, held every other year. Next one is in 2012.

http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/celebration/celebration_2010.htm

Musicale: Sponsored by the Anchorage Native New Life Fellowship <http://www.nativenewlife.org/general.html>

Alaska Federation of Natives Convention

<http://www.nativefederation.org> Convention held every October, goes back and forth between Anchorage and Fairbanks.



BOOKS

The following is a listing of some of the books that relate to Native Alaskan's and American Indian culture. You should be able to find these books in your local libraries or bookstore so you can share them with your children and youth. By reading and talking about these books, you and your family will learn more about the child's cultural connections. Please review each book before reading to your child. Every book may not be appropriate for your child.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Beck, Mary. North Coast Tales of the Supernatural. Alaska Northwest Books, 1991.

Devries, Douglas. Muscles Visits Anchorage. Jade RAM Publishers, 1990.

Dixon, Ann. How Raven Brought Light to People. Atheneum Publishing, 1992.

Dwyer, Mindy. Aurora: A Tale of the Northern Lights. Alaska Northwest Books, 2000.

Edwardson, Debbie Dahl. Whale Snow. Charlesbridge Publishing, 2003.

Gill, Shelley. Alaska's Three Bears. Paws IV Publishing, 1992.

Gill, Shelley. Danger, the Dog Yard Cat. Paws IV Publishing, 1995.

Gill, Shelley. Kiana's Iditarod. Paws IV Publishing, 1992.

Gill, Shelley. Mammoth Magic. Paws IV Publishing, 1986.

Gill, Shelley. North Country Christmas. Paws IV Publishing, 1992.

Gill, Shelley. Thunderfeet, Alaska's Dinosaurs. Paws IV Publishing, 1988.

Dabovich, Lydia. The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale retold. Sandpiper Publishing, 1999.

Gregg-Fowler, Susi. Circle of Thanks. Scholastic Paperbacks, 2001.

Hall, Amanda. The Stolen Sun. Wm B.Eerdsman Publishing Co.,2002.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, continued

- Hall, Amanda. The Stolen Sun. Wm B. Eerdsman Publishing Co., 2002.
- Hoyt, Diane. POTLATCH—Tsimshian Celebration. Holiday House, 1997.
- Joose, Barbara M. Mama Do You Love Me? Chronicle Books, 1998.
- Lewis, Paul Owen. Storm Boy. Tricycle Press, 2001.
- Munsch, Robert & Krykorka, Michael. A Promise is a Promise. Annick Press, 1992.
- Nicolai, Margaret. Kitaaq Goes Ice Fishing. Alaska Northwest Books, 1998.
- Roe, Joann. Alaska CAT. Montevista Press, 2002.
- Rogers, Jean. King Island Christmas. Harper Trophy, 1998.
- Scott, Ann Herbert. On Mother's Lap. Clarion Books, 2000.
- Seibert, Patricia. Mush! Across Alaska in the World's Longest Sled-Dog Race. Econo-Clad Books, 1999.
- Shetterly, Susan H. Raven's Light. Atheneum Publishing, 1991.
- Shields, Mary. Loving a Happy Dog. Pyrola Publishing, 1992.
- Standiford, Natalie. The Bravest Dog Ever; The True Story of Balto Random House Books for Young Readers, 2003.
- Thomson, Ruth. Footsteps in Time "The Inuit" Children's Press, 1996.
- Wisiewski, David. The Wave of the Sea-Wolf. Sagebrush Bound, 2001.

ACTIVITY BOOKS

McNutt, Nan. The Bentwood Box: An Activity Book.
Sasquatch Books, 1997.

McNutt, Nan. The Button Blanket: A Northwest Coast Indian
Art Activity Book. Sasquatch Books, 1997.

Stanley, Robert E. Sr. Northwest Native Arts: Creative Colors
2. Hancock House Publishing Ltd., 2003.

ADULT BOOKS

Duncan, Kate C. and Carney, Eunice. A Special Gift: A Kutchin
Beadwork Tradition. University of Alaska Press, 1998.

Duncan, Kate C. Northern Athabaskan Art: A Beadwork Tradi-
tion. University of Washington Press, 1989.

McClanahan Alexandra. Growing up Native in Alaska. The
CIRI Foundation, 2001.

Shanigan, Jeanette. Beaded Adornment. Krause Publishing,
1998.

Wallis, Velma. Two Old Women. Epicenter Press, 1993.

MAGAZINES

American Indian Art Magazinewww.aiamagazine.com
Printed quarterly.

Native Peoples Arts & Lifeways.....www.nativepeoples.com
Printed every other month.



CAMPS

Chugach Alaska:

Nuuciq Spirit Camp (every summer)

Contact: Chugach Heritage Foundation: (907)563-8866

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (A/PIA):

Cultural Heritage Department sponsors a day camp.

Urban Unanga Culture Camp

Contact A/PIA.....(907)276-2700

SeaAlaska Heritage Institute (Juneau, Alaska):

Language camps (every year)

Tlingit Immersion camps

Contact.....(907)463-4844

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC): Cultural Enrichment and Service

Learning program provides Alaskan Native and American Indian youth ages 12-19 residing in the CIRI region the opportunity to gain pre-employment skills and work ethics, learn culturally relevant traditional activities, explore environmental education and practice group dynamic and conflict resolution styles in a rural camp setting in Ninilchik, Alaska!

Contact CITC.....(907) 793-3275

Royal Family Kids Camp (Faith Christian Community) is a camp for children ages 7-11 that are in foster care system.

Contact Chris Scott.....441-5221

Camp Hope (Volunteers of America) Camp Hope provides a unique opportunity for **children ages 7-11** to break these unhealthy rules and begin to make some sense of their parent(s)' disease. The **six-day overnight** camp offers a safe, fun environment for campers to explore some of the issues and feelings involved in living with substance abuse, how it relates to them, and to learn healthy life skills for themselves.

Contact Trish Smith.....279-9646

Native Village of Barrow- Young Hunters Camp

http://www.nvbarrow.com/young_hunters_66.html

CAMPS, CONTINUED.

Raise Healthy Kids Camp— Southcentral Foundation. Contact the Pediatric Clinic 729-1000

Sisaulik Camp— Native Village of Kotzebue <http://kotzebueira.org/>

EDUCATION

Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Youth Conference

..... www.firstalaskans.org/473.cfm

Alaska Native Studies Curriculum and

Teacher Development Program: www.alaskool.org

Alaska Native Regional Corporations:..... <http://fairbanks-alaska.com/alaska-native-corporations.htm>

Alaska Native Knowledge Network www.ankn.uaf.edu

Alaska Tribes Standing Our Ground..... www.ienearth.org/alaska.html

Alaska State Council on the Arts www.educ.state.ak.us/aksca

Arctic Council..... www.arctic-council.org

Arctic Studies Center www.mnh.si.edu/arctic/index.html

Bethel Council on the Arts www.bethelarts.com

Eskimos In Alaska..... <http://library.thinkquest.org/3877/Index.htm>

Kuskokwim Community College... www.kuskokwim.bethel.alaska.edu/

Living Traditions of Yup'ik Masks..... www.si.umich.edu/CHICO/yupik/

Lower Kuskokwim School District www.lksd.org

Profiles of Tribal Communities in Bristol Bay Region Scholarship,
Grants and Fellowship Programs www.ciri.com/tcf/

Tlingit Culture <http://www.capefoxcorp.com/tingitculture.html>

Rural Cap Child Development <http://www.ruralcap.com/>

Mediak, and other CITC programs..... <http://www.citci.com/page/29>

FOOD

Some of the Native children placed in your care may be from Rural Alaska where they eat traditional Native foods. Alaska Natives value their traditional foods and providing native foods are an important way to keep children connected to their culture. Following are resources that provide Native foods:

The Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) cafeteria serves native foods through NANA Corporation, such as fry bread, tundra burgers (either reindeer meat or buffalo meat) and reindeer stew. The Native foods are also available if you are a patient at ANMC but it cannot be catered off the hospital campus.

List of places that carry salmon, smoked salmon, reindeer sausage and jerky:

Indian Valley Meats..... (907)653-7511
HC 52 Box 8809, Indian, AK
www.indianvalleymeats.com

Alaskan Game and Gourmet..... (907)278-8500
1021 W Northern Lights BLVD, Anchorage, AK

Alaska Sausage and Seafood (907)562-3636
2914 Arctic BLVD, Anchorage, AK
www.alaskasausage.com

10th & M Seafood (907)272-3474
1020 M ST, Anchorage, AK
www.10thandmseafoods.com

Favco, Inc..... (907)278-1525
1205 W 29th AVE, Anchorage, AK

State of Alaska has a website with a Suppliers Directory:
www.alaskaseafood.org/marketing/retail/retail.htm click on Suppliers Directory. On the Retail page there are some recipes.



**ALASKA NATIVE REGIONAL FOR PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS**

The Native Corporations often have educational, vocational, counseling, health services and other programs available for Native children. The following is a list of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) For Profit Corporations as well as the villages they serve. Some of these corporations have a non-profit organization.

AHTNA, INC. (907)868-8203

Ahtna Includes Copper River Basin, Cantwell, Chistochina, Copper Center ,Gulkana, Mentasta Lake,and Tazlina
206 W. Fireweed Lane, Suite 201
Anchorage, AK 99503
www.ahtna-inc.com

ALEUT CORPORATION (907)561-4300

Aleut includes Aleutian Islands, Akutan, Atka, Belkofski, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, St. George, St. Paul, Sand Point, Unalaska, and Unga
1 Aleut Plaza
4000 Old Seward Highway Suite 300
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
www.aleutcorp.com/

ARCTIC SLOPE REGIONAL CORP..... (907)339-6000

Arctic Slope includes Arctic Alaska, Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasook, Barrow, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, and Wainwright.
3900 C Street, Suite 801
Anchorage, AK 99503-5963
www.asrc.com/intro.html



ALASKA NATIVE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
continued

BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORP.. (907)443-5252

Bering Straits includes Seward Peninsula, Nome, Brevig Mission, Council, Golovin, King Island, Inalik/Diomedes, Koyuk, Mary's Igloo, St. Michael, Shaktoolik, Shishmaref, Stebbins, Teller, Unalakleet, Wales, and White Mountain.

PO Box 1008

Nome, Alaska 99762

www.beringstraits.com/

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE CORPORATION (800)279-3602

BBNA includes Aleknagik, Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Clarks Point, Dillingham, Egegik, Ekuk, Ekwok, Igiugig, Iliamna, Ivanof Bay, Kokhanok, Koliganek, Levelock, Manokotak, Naknek, Newhalen, New Stuyahok, Nondalton, Pedro Bay, Perryville, Pilot Point, Portage Creek, Port Heiden, South Naknek, Togiak, Twin Hills, and Ugashik.

111 West 16th Avenue, Suite 400

Anchorage, Alaska 99501-6299

www.bbn.net

CALISTA CORPORATION..... (907)279-5516

Calista Corporation includes the Yukon- Kuskokwim Region, Akiachuk, Akiak, Alakanuk, Andreefsky, Aniak, Atmautluak, Bethel, Bill Moores, Cheforak, Chevak, Chuathbaluk, Chuloonawik, Crooked Creek, Eek, Emmonak, Georgetown, Goodnews Bay, Hamilton, Hooper Bay, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Lime Village, Lower Kalskag, Marshall, Mekoryuk, Mountain Village, Napaimuite, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Newtok, Nightmute, Nunapitchuk, Ohogamuit, Pilot Station, Quinhagak, Red Devil, Russian Mission, St. Mary's, Scammon Bay, Sheldon's Point, Sleetmute, Stony River, Tooksook Bay, Tuluksak, Tuntutuliak, Tununak, Umkumuit, and Upper Kalskag

301 Calista Court STE A

Anchorage, Alaska 99518

www.calistacorp.com/

RESOURCES

NATIVE RESOURCES:

- Alaska Native Heritage Center (800)315-6608
www.alaskanative.net/49.asp
- Alaska Native Knowledge Network (907)474-5086
www.ankn.uaf.edu/
- Alaskool Central (907)786-7710
www.alaskool.org/
- Alaska Native Arts Resource Directory (970)264-2491
www.alaskanativearts.net/
- National Congress of American Indians (202)466-7767
www.ncai.org/main/pages/tribal_directory/alaska_native.asp

EMPLOYMENT:

- Alaska's People (907)265-5964
www.alaskaspeople.com/
- Job Service 907)269-4800 or (888)830-4473
www.labor.state.ak.us/esjobs/jobs
- Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (907)543-6000
www.ykhc.org
- Trans Alaska Pipeline System Resources (907)278-1611
www.alyeska-pipe.com
- Southcentral Foundation (907)279-4977
www.southcentralfoundation.org/index.cfm
- State of Alaska (800)587-0430
www.state.ak.us/

ENTERTAINMENT:

- Alaska Native Heritage Center (907)330-8000
www.alaskanative.net
- Cama'i Festival www.bethelarts.com/
- Medicine Dream (907)632-2212
www.medicinedream.com

RESOURCES CONTINUED

HEALTH:

- Excel Physical Therapy (907)376-4325
www.excelphysicaltherapy.com/index.cfm
- US Dept of Health & Human Services, Washington DC...(877)696-6775
www.os.dhhs.gov/
- State of Alaska Health and Social Services..<http://health.hss.state.ak.us/>
- Indian Health Service..... (907)729-3686
www.ihs.gov
- Quyana House..... (907)278-6619
<http://touchngo.com/akmhcweb/quyana.htm>
- Norton Sound Health Corporation (907)443-3311
www.uchsc.edu/ai/hni/nort/index.htm
- Southcentral Foundation (907)729-4955
www.southcentralfoundation.net/
- Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation..... (907)543-6000
www.ykhc.org

MAPS:

- Alaska Native Language Center (907)474-7874
www.uaf.edu/anlc/
- Alaska Native Knowledge Network (907)474-5086
www.ankn.uaf.edu/anl.html
- Alaska Native Languages..... (907)474-7874
www.uaf.edu/anlc/languages.html

NATIVE ARTS, CRAFTS, DOLLS AND MASKS:

- Anchorage Museum (907)343-4326
www.anchoragemuseum.org/ag.asp
- Native People Magazine www.nativepeoples.com

RESOURCES continued

NATIVE EMPLOYMENT WORKS (N.E.W.) PROGRAM IN ALASKA

The N.E.W. Programs can be found at(206)615-2547
www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/dts/qa-ext.htm

NATIVE NEWS

CIRI Newsletter(907)274-8638
www.ciri.com/newsletter/newsletter.htm

Heart Beat Alaska(907)563-7440
www.jeaniegreene.com

KNBA Public Radio (907) 793-3500
<http://www.knba.org/>

RURAL NEWSPAPERS

The Nome Nugget (Nome) <http://www.nomenugget.net/>

The Arctic Sounder (Kotzebue) <http://thearticsounder.com/>

The Bristol Bay Times (Dillingham) <http://thebristolbaytimes.com/>

The Cordova Times (Cordova) <http://www.thecordovaitimes.com/>

The Dutch Harbor Fisherman (Aleutian Chain) <http://www.thedutchharborfisherman.com/>

The Tundra Drums (Bethel) <http://www.thetundradrums.com/>

LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Inupiaq Language CD Available through NANA: http://www.nana.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=249&Itemid=560

Sealaska Heritage Institute: http://www.sealaskaheritage.org/programs/language_resources.htm

University of Alaska Fairbanks Alaska Native Languages Program
<http://www.uaf.edu/anlc/languages.html>

ALASKA NATIVE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
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CHUGACH ALASKA CORPORATION..... (907)563-8866

Chugach includes Chenega, Eyak, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Tatitlik.

3800 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 601

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

www.chugach-ak.com/

COOK INLET REGION, INC. (907)274-8638

CIRI includes Chickaloon, Eklutna, Knik, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Tyonek

P.O. Box 93330

Anchorage, Alaska 99509-3330

www.ciri.com/

DOYON LTD. (888)478-4755

Or (907) 459-2000

Doyon includes Alatna, Allakaket, Anvik, Beaver, Bettles Field, Chalkyitsik, Dot Lake, Eagle, Fort Yukon, Galena, Grayling, Healy Lake, Holy Cross, Hughes, Huslia, Kaltag, Koyukuk, Manley Hot Springs, Mc Grath, Minto, Nenana, Nikoli, Northway, Nulato, Rampart, Ruby, Shageluk, Steven's Village, Takotna, Tanacross, Tanana, and Telida

1 Doyon Place, STE 300

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701-2941

www.doyon.com/

KONIAG, INC.....(907)486-2530

Or 1(800) 658-3818

Koniag includes Afognak, Akhoik, Kaguyak, Karluk, Larsen Bay, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie, Port Lions, and Woody Island

104 Center Avenue, Suite 205

Kodiak, AK 99615

www.koniag.com/koniak/index.cfm

NANA REGIONAL CORPORATION (907)265-4100

NANA includes Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, and Shungnak

1001 E Benson BLVD

Anchorage, AK 99508 www.nana.com/

ALASKA NATIVE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
continued

SEALASKA CORPORATION..... (907)586-1512

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Here is a list of common acronyms and abbreviations that caregivers need to know.

ACS ---- Alaska Children's Services is a psychiatric residential treatment center for children and adolescents with moderate to severe emotional and behavioral disorders. Other services include aftercare case management, recruitment of therapeutic foster homes, intensive day treatment, and activity therapy.

ADJ ---- Adjudication generally refers to processes of decision making that involve a neutral third party with the authority to determine a binding resolution through some form of judgment or award. [1] Adjudication is carried out in various forms, but most commonly occurs in the court system.

AG ----- Attorney General is the chief law officer of the government.

APD---- Anchorage Police Department

API----- Alaska Psychiatric Institute provides inpatient psychiatric care to individuals from all regions of the state.

ARCA-- Arc of Anchorage assists individuals who experience disabilities with an opportunity to choose and realize their goals or where and how they learn, live, work and play.

ARCH-- Adolescent Rehab Center for Health

ASFA--- Adoption and Safe Family Act is a federal act that establishes timelines and standards for child protection in an effort to move children more quickly out of foster care and into permanency.

AHFC -- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (formerly referred to as ASHA or Alaska State Housing Authority) a state funded agency that assists with low income housing

AWAIC Alaska Women's Aid in Crisis is a safe temporary shelter for women and children impacted by domestic violence.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS continued

AWRC - Alaska Women's Resource Center offers a continuum of substance abuse treatment services.

AYPF--- Alaska Youth & Parent Foundation provides information to youth and families on Alaska juvenile law, short-term counseling and community education.

BIA----- Bureau of Indian Affairs is the principal bureau, within the federal government, responsible for administration of federal programs for federally recognized Indian Tribes.

CASA--- Court Appointed Special Advocate is a volunteer, trained by the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) Alaska CASA Program, to represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in court.

CINA --- Child in Need of Aid a person who is under the age of 18 and is determined by the court to receive help from the State of Alaska because the child is not receiving proper care or is in a bad situation.

CITC --- Cook Inlet Tribal Council has financial assistance and child welfare programs and services for Alaska Native families in Anchorage.

CSED --- Child Support Enforcement Division

DA ----- District Attorney in the legal system of the United States, the public prosecuting officer within a defined district.

DBH --- Division of Behavioral Health

DD ----- Developmentally Disabled

DDP----- Developmental Disabilities Program

DJJ ----- Department of Juvenile Justice holds juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior. Promotes the safety and restoration of victims and communities and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS continued

ADMIN Review - - - Internal OCS review which discusses 5 major components: cultural continuity, case planning, permanency, safety & well being.

DISPO -- Disposition is held after the court has adjudicated the child as a child in need of aid. Its purpose is to determine the best plan for the child.

DV ----- Domestic Violence physically or emotionally harmful acts between husbands and wives or between other individuals in intimate relationships.

ECAC --- Eklutna Child Advocacy Center provides court intervention and social services to improve enforcement of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

EPSDT —Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (Well Child Check)

ETC ----- Ernie Turner Center provides prevention and treatment services which include residential care, day treatment, outpatient care and a family strengthening project. The ETC is one of a handful of residential treatment programs in the US designed specifically for the elderly.

FAS ----- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is a pattern of mental and physical defects which develops in some unborn babies when the mother drinks too much alcohol during pregnancy.

FASD - Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a medical condition describing birth defects in children whose mothers drank alcohol when they were pregnant.

FCC --- Family C.ARE Court (*CARE: Community Assisted Recovery Effort*) is a special court for Child in Need of Aid cases (CINA) where a child has been removed from their home as a result of the parent's alcohol and/or drug abuse.

GAL--- Guardian Ad Litem acts to advocate for a child's best interests and rights throughout the child's involvement in the court process.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS continued

Hx ---- An established record or pattern of behavior: an inmate with a history of substance abuse.

ICC --- Interim Case Conference a second type of pre-adjudication review occurs only in Anchorage. The Anchorage children's court requires parties to meet outside the courtroom 30 days after probable cause has been established to believe that the child is in need of aid. The purpose of the review is to bring the parties together to review the case status and plan for the future.

Ice Breakers- - This is a meeting between the birth parent and resource parent. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on sharing information about the child and what the child needs.

ICPC -- Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children is a statutory law in all 52 member jurisdictions and a binding contract between member jurisdictions. The ICPC established uniform legal and administrative procedures governing the interstate placement of children.

ICWA- Indian Child Welfare Act is a federal law that was passed in 1978. ICWA applies to child custody cases where an Indian Child is being taken away from a parent or Indian custodian, or where parental rights are being "terminated" (ended).

IEP ---- Individual Education Program is a written plan developed by the parents and the schools special education team that specifies the student's academic goals and the method to obtain these goals.

ILP ---- Infant Learning Program provides services to communities throughout Northern Southeast Alaska. The infant learning program can help in assisting children in developing, access resources, and encourage your child's natural curiosity and desire to learn.

JPO --- Juvenile Probation Officer monitors, assists, and guides a juvenile and the juvenile's family towards successful completion of court ordered probation.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS continued

KWYA—**Knowing Who You Are** Workshop series and a concept of learning self racial and ethnic identification and assisting others in their progression in racial/ethnic identification.

LD ---- **Learning Disabilities** are hidden disabilities that affect many individuals who usually have average or above average intelligence, but are unable to achieve at their potential.

MYC-- **McLaughlin Youth Center** is a place that offers specialized programs for sex offenders, girls, older teens, those who have participated in gangs, and youth posing significant risk to themselves and others.

OCS--- **Office of Children's Services** works in partnership with families and communities to support the well-being of Alaska's children. Their services attempt to enhance a family's capacity to give their children a healthy start, to provide them with safe, permanent homes, and to maintain cultural connections so that all may realize their potential.

OPA -- **Office of Public Advocacy** provides legal defense services to indigent persons.

PC ---- **Probable Cause** is a reasonable belief that a person has committed a crime. The test the court of appeals employs to determine whether probable cause existed for purpose of arrest is whether facts and circumstances within the officer's knowledge are sufficient to warrant a prudent person to believe a suspect has committed, is committing, or is about to commit a crime.

PD ---- **Public Defender** a lawyer who works for a state or local agency representing clients accused of a crime who cannot afford to pay.

PIC --- **Programs for Infants and Children** provides evaluation and intervention services for children, birth to age three, with special needs and their families.

PO ---- **Probation Officer** provides protection and services through the enforcement of court orders and the investigations, supervision and monitoring of offenders. Probation officers provide up-to-date information and recommendation to the courts.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS continued

RTC-----Residential Treatment Center a facility that provides Level 1 services licensed per 9 A.A.C. 20 to provide services to persons under the age of 21.

SACK - Salvation Army Cares for Kids provides safe haven for children 0-10, who have been removed from their home environment when there is a concern for the safety or welfare of the child.

SCCC - Southcentral Counseling Center assists by providing state of the art behavioral healthcare; provides comprehensive behavioral healthcare services that enhances the lives of people in the Anchorage community.

SCF---- Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native non-profit health corporation formed under the tribal authority of Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated (CIRI).

SED --- Severe Emotional Disturbance describes the presence or psychological trauma or dysfunction. These students often manifest highly observable behavioral symptoms of their mental anguish.

STIP -- Stipulation is a legal agreement signed by all the parties (or attorneys on their behalf when dealing with procedural issues.)

SW ---- Social Worker

TCC--- Tanana Chiefs Conference is the traditional Tribal consortium of the 42 villages of Interior Alaska, it is based on belief in Tribal self-determination and the need for regional Native unity.

THC -- Marijuana is a common name for a drug made from dried leaves and flowering tops of the Indian hemp plant. People usually smoke it.

TDM- - - Team Decision Making Meeting is an approach that involves the gathering of interested parties to join efforts to make good decisions for the best placement of children.

TPR --- Termination of Parental Rights results in the complete legal severance of the parent-child relationship unless a right of visitation is retained through relinquishment.

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS continued

VOA - Volunteers of America provide prevention services offering several components, including Camp Hope—summer prevention camp for children of alcoholics; Classroom Prevention Exploration, No Empty Nest Support Groups; and All Stars Prevention Services in the middle schools

IV-E Review - OCS Review Meeting/Process is a meeting held to make sure OCS is compliant with the federal regulations.



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