



**Wooch.een Yei Jigaxtoonei
(We Will be Working Together)
for Our Children**

2022 Southeast ICWA Workshop

DECEMBER 7-9, 2022

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Planned by Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Tribal Family and Youth Services Department

Wednesday, December 7, 2022—Tribal Representatives Only

8:00-8:30am	<p>Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall</p> <p>Registration and Check-in</p>
8:30-8:45am	<p>Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>Kyle Worl, Wellness Administrator Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska</p>
8:45- 10:15am	<p>Trauma and Child Welfare for Tribal Representatives</p> <p>Patrice Kunesh, Attorney Native American Rights Fund</p>
10:15-10:35am	<p>BIA ICWA Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Federal Register of ICWA Tribal Contacts Agents 2. Quarterly and Annual Report <p>Gloria Gorman, Alaska Social Services Director Bureau of Indian Affairs</p>
10:35-10:45am	<p>Participants will be split into groups and rotate to answer the following questions. Please be prepared to share information gathered.</p> <p><i>What are the primary reasons a family may need help from Child Protection? Do you see other needs within the family and what immediate resources are needed? What strengths do you see?</i></p> <p><i>How can systems change or work together when helping families in timely manner?</i></p> <p><i>What is your role when working with other helping systems, exp. Child care, behavioral health, substance abuse, etc.? What works, what hurts?</i></p>
10:45am-11:15am	<p>ICPC Overview</p> <p>Lisa Marx, OCS ICPC Coordinator</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are cases referred? 2. What happens in child's current state? 3. What happens in state child will move to?

11:15-11:30am	Break	
Wednesday, December 7, 2022, Continued		
11:30-12:30pm	Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Nicole Borromeo, Executive Vice President and General Counsel Alaska Federation of Natives	
12:30-1:00pm	Lunch	
Afternoon Breakout Sessions	Financial and Youth Assistance	Legal and Social Services
1:00-1:45pm	477 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application Process ○ Case Management ○ Subsidized Employment ○ EA/GA ○ Weatherization ○ Job Training ○ Tribal Vocational Rehab ○ Child Care Assistanc 477 Staff	Real Talk ICPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal requirements ○ Changing placements ○ Communication between state & Tribe ○ Documents needed Rachel Weckhorst Espejo, Attorney Tribal Family and Youth Services
1:45-3:15pm	Elders Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application Process ○ Elders Emergency ○ Elders Nutrition ○ Talking Circle ○ Caregivers Anne Stepetin, Elders Coordinator Tribal Family and Youth Services	Family Engagement Presenter: Kitty Eddy Retired JSD School Teacher and TCLL Co-Founder
3:15-3:30pm	Break	
3:30-4:30pm	Qualified Expert Witness Casey Groat and Joshua Ahsoak Alaska Native Justice Center	

Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:00-8:30am	Registration & Morning Snacks & Welcome President Richard Peterson Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	
8:30-9:30am	Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall Life of An ICWA Case Casey Groat and Joshua Ashoak Alaska Native Justice Center	
9:30-10:45am	Trauma and Child Welfare Patrice Kunesh, Native American Rights Fund	
10:45-11:00am	Break	
11:00-12:00pm	Indigenous Framework of Connectedness and Community Wellness Dr. Jessica Sanigaq Ullrich	
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch on Your Own	
Afternoon Breakout Sessions	Financial and Youth Assistance	Legal and Social Services
1:00-1:45 pm	The Healing Power of Native Youth Olympics (NYO) Kyle Worl, Wellness Administrator Central Council Tlingit and Haida	ICWA and partnering with OCS 1. What makes a successful partnership between OCS and Tribes? 2. What do you do to make the partnership work? 3. What can make a partnership fail? What can you do to help get a partnership back on track? 4. What is the role of the state? What is the role of the state? Krista Perala, Sitka Tribe of Alaska Cindy Mills, TFYS Elia Leisman, OCS
1:45-2:30pm	Rescue Plan Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Application Process○ Timeline○ Recommendations Helene Bennet, Manager	How to work with caregivers with processing delays Theresa Sarabia, Director Tribal Vocational Rehab
2:30-2:45pm	Break	
2:45-4:00pm	Services by Removal Casey Groat and Joshua Ashoak Alaska Native Justice Center	

Friday, December 9, 2022	
8:30-9:00 am	Sign In & Morning Refreshments
9:00-9:30 am	Elizabeth Pertorvich Hall
	Group Activity—Two Truths and a Lie Will Kronick Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
9:30-10:30 am	Bed Bugs and Lice Melissa Graham, Head Start <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to deal with lice when you are transitioning children? 2. Myths: Mayonnaise doesn't work, trash bags at 40 below; tea tree oil? 3. Those questions you've been scratching your head about? Or bugging you? 4. There's a prescription you can take 5. Truly learn the meaning of nit picking 6. Lice kits for door prizes
10:30-11:30pm	Judges Panel—Facilitated by Lenora Walker ICWA Specialist Judge Trinidad Contreras Judge Amy Mead Judge Katherine Lybrand Judge Jude Pate Questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you help families feel welcome in your court room? 2. From your observation of many cases in your courtrooms, what do you see as the keys to successful child welfare cases, whether that's reunification or the family agreeing on permanency with a safe relative? 3. What community services or intervention seem to have the best outcome? What gaps in services do you see? 4. What does partnership with Tribes mean to you? What do you do to support collaboration between the state and Tribes? 5. How have you learned about the Indigenous cultures in Southeast? What more would you like to learn about to better understand the families coming into your courtroom? 6. How do you support reunification and family placement in your court room? 7. Can you please explain how the judiciary provides ICWA updates and/or training to the Alaska State judges.
11:30-12:30 pm	Visioning and Strategic Planning Session Dr. Jessica Sanigaq Ullrich

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