

SCHEDULE for The Winding Path to Permanency

January 21 and 22, 2022

Sponsored by the Alaska Center for Resource Families

Friday, January 21, 2022. 9 am to 4:30 pm

Focus on REUNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENT LIVING

MORNING SESSION:

9 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15 a.m. The Basics of Permanency (Sara Alden, Northern Regional Permanency Specialist, and Jessica Veldstra, SCRO Adoption Worker)

10:30 ICWA and Cultural Permanency (Casey Groat and OCS Regional ICWA Specialists)

11:40 Lifebook Activity (ACRF Staff)

AFTERNOON SESSION:

1 p.m. Independent Living Resources for Youth (Amy Magnuson, Anchorage Regional Independent Living Specialist)

2:30 p.m. Through Our Eyes: Foster to Reunify- Birth Parent and Foster Parent Panel

4 p.m. Lifebook Activity (ACRF Staff)

Saturday, January 22, 2022. 9 am to 4:30 pm

Focus on ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP

MORNING SESSION:

9 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15 a.m. Changing the Permanency Plan to Adoption (Tara Pickett, OCS SCRO Adoption Worker, and Dawn Adams, SCRO Regional Adoption Specialist)

10:30 a.m. On the Journey to Adoption: Things to Think About (Erica Johnson, Consultant)

11:40 a.m. Lifebook Activity (ACRF Staff)

AFTERNOON SESSION:

1 p.m. Transition into Permanency: A Road Map for Parents to Navigate the Journey (Brenda Ursel and Maria Vanord, ACRF)

2:30 Lifebook Activity (ACRF Staff)

3 p.m. Through Our Eyes: This is My Journey– Panel of Adoptees