

Transforming the Child Welfare System in Alaska

BIA Tribal Provider's Conference
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Working Together For a Common Goal



Tribal State Collaborations

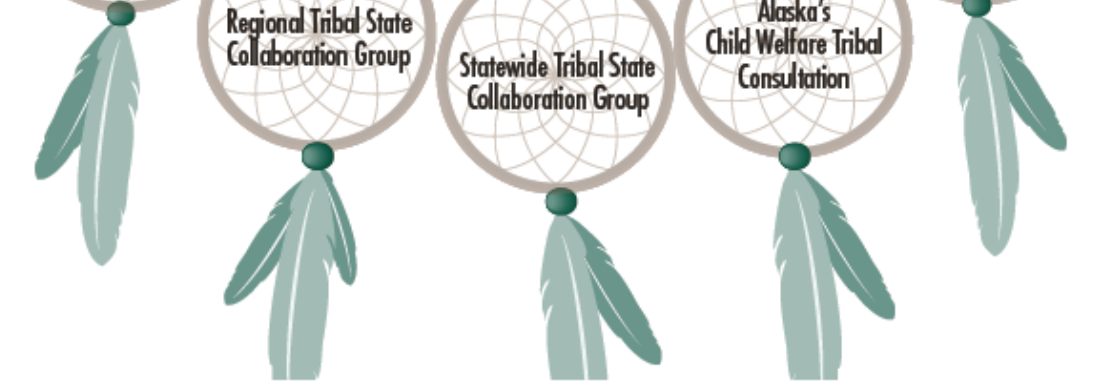
Tribal State Advisory Team

Regional Tribal State Collaboration Group

Statewide Tribal State Collaboration Group

Alaska's Child Welfare Tribal Consultation

Title IV-E/IV-B



Transforming Child Welfare Outcomes for Alaska Native Children Strategic Plan 2016-2020

To read more and/or print a copy of the plan go to:

http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/Publications/pdf/AK-Transforming-Child-Welfare-Outcomes_StrategicPlan.pdf



Vision

Alaska Native culture keeps Alaska Native children safe.

Mission

Alaska Native children, families and communities are thriving through respectful government-to-government collaboration, community leadership and aligned systems of care.

The Six Strategic Priorities of the Plan

1. Respectful Government-to-Government Collaboration & Partnership
2. Self-Governance
3. Embrace & Implement the Spirit of ICWA
4. State Government Alignment
5. Community Engagement
6. Continuum of Culturally Specific Services & Supports

Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact Video



<https://vimeo.com/239051841/745c56b68b>

Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact

- A government-to-government agreement between the State of Alaska and Alaska Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Recognizes Tribes' inherent sovereign authority to serve their citizens as they have since time immemorial
- The compact defines the services to be carried out by Tribes and Tribal Organizations in a defined jurisdiction or service area

For a copy of the compact, visit:

<http://www.dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Documents/Publications/pdf/TribalCompact.pdf>

What else does the Compact Provide?

- This is Alaska's first Tribal-State compact and opens the door to create other government-to-government agreements in other service areas beyond Child Welfare and beyond Health & Social Services.
- Article 10 memorializes the Sovereign Immunity considerations and establishes a framework for future Tribal-State agreements that ensure recognition of Tribal self-determination and sovereignty.
- This compact memorializes how information can be shared through either direct or indirect access and provides a solid foundation for the future.



18 Tribes and Tribal Organizations have signed the Compact

- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Arctic Slope Native Association
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- Cheesh'na Tribal Council
- Chugachmiut
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Copper River Native Association
- Native Village of Eyak
- Kawerak, Inc.
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe
- Maniilaq Association
- Mentasta Traditional Council
- Nome Eskimo Community
- Aleut Community of St. Paul Island
- Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak
- Tanana Chiefs Conference

DHSS Tribal Consultation

- First Annual Tribal Consultation between the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and Tribes took place on November 7-8, 2017
- Invitees included:
 - All 229 Tribes
 - All CEO/Presidents of Tribal Non-Profits
 - All CEO/Presidents of Tribal Health Organizations
- Policy is being drafted for future consultations by a workgroup of Tribal and State leaders
 - To join contact: Erin Shine at 269-8021 or via email at erin.shine@Alaska.gov.



DHSS Cultural Services Resource Guide

- Guide to have culturally specific services that social workers can use for case planning.
- Both formal and informal services that either your Tribal agency provides or is offered by some other agency or entity in your community.
- Hoping to hear from more local community experts (elders, natural healers, and helpers) to ensure that the interventions and services used to help families in your region are culturally appropriate.
- Do you know any culture bearers who would be willing to share these activities with parents?
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