



*“Keeping Families Safe and Happy”*

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## **2022 NAFFA Events Packet**

Training | Conferences | Workshops | Etc.



*“There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood” - Al Pooley*

## Welcome Message



On behalf of the Native American Fatherhood & Families Association (NAFFA), I am excited to present to you the 2022 Events Packet. It will highlight opportunities for people to come together to learn, network, interface, and share in the latest topics relating to families.

It is the goal of NAFFA to create a synergistic environment and deliver information in the form of sessions, keynote lectures, presentations, professional training, and social engagements that showcase and address the most recent information relating to strengthening fathers, mothers, and families.

NAFFA began its movement to encourage “Happy and Safe Families” among Native Americans in 2002 with just one father attending. As of January 1st, 2022 our programs have spread

rapidly. We have trained over 1,900 facilitators and have helped approximately 40,000 fathers and mothers.

In just over 20 years we have affected the lives and families of thousands with little direct assistance from federal and state funding or private foundations. We have sustained ourselves solely through agencies soliciting our training. Because of the relevance of our curricula, approach, and results, the number of agencies that turn to us continues to increase. We appreciate everyone who continues to help us on our mission of strengthening, reuniting, and keeping our families together.

## NAFFA Vision Statement

To strengthen, keep, and reunite families by responsibly involving fathers and mothers in the lives of their children, families, and communities to provide happy and safe families.

## NAFFA Mission Statement

To support fathers and mothers in becoming models of healthy parenting everywhere.

*“NAFFA programs are about people first, then principles,  
and finally the program” - Al Pooley*

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## **Fatherhood Is Sacred® & Motherhood is Sacred®**

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| 2. April 25-27, 2022 (HI) | 6. August 9-11, 2022     |
| 3. May 10-12, 2022        | 7. September 14-16, 2022 |
| 4. June 8-10, 2022 (TN)   | 8. November 15-17, 2022  |

## **Strengthening Relationships®**

### Training Dates

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. March 8-10, 2022      | 4. August 22-24, 2022    |
| 2. June 14-16, 2022      | 5. September 12-14, 2022 |
| 3. July 18-20, 2022 (ND) | 6. December 6-8, 2022    |

## **Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®**

### Training Dates

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| 1. Jan. 11-13, 2022  | 4. August 24-26, 2022 |
| 2. April 12-14, 2022 | 5. Oct. 4-6, 2022     |
| 3. July, 12-14, 2022 |                       |

## **Recertification**

### Webinar Dates

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. April 19, 2022  | 4. October 18, 2022  |
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| 3. August 16, 2022 |                      |

## **Workshops offered by NAFFA**

We offer workshops to enhance the skills of parents and agency staff.

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## **April 5-7, 2022, 1st Annual National Healing Together Conference**

The first time ever that four organizations, NAFFA, Native Dads Network, White Bison, and Native Wellness Institute, will collaborate their Indigenous approaches to present on prevention, intervention, treatment, and wellness.

## **Nov. 2-4, 2022, 18th Annual “Fatherhood Is Leadership” Conference**

This National Conference is a educational platform to learn more about our most pressing topics in Criminal Justice, Education & Prevention, Health & Human Services, and Fatherhood & Motherhood.

## **Families Learning Together Seminars**

These regional seminars are designed to encourage and promote responsible fatherhood and mother and to keep families together. The seminar is a platform to learn how you can support families in your community and how early academic experiences are important for setting a lifelong path of learning.

**April 28-29, 2022 Honolulu, Hawaii**

**June 7-8, 2022 Memphis, Tennessee**

**July 21-22, 2022 Bismarck, North Dakota**

## **Webinars**

1. April 19, 2022
2. May 3, 2022
3. June 14, 2022
4. July 12, 2022
5. August 9, 2022
6. September 20, 2022
7. October 11, 2022
8. November 22, 2022
9. December 20, 2022

## **June 17, 2022 - 10th Annual Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day**

Native American Responsible Fatherhood (NARF) Day is a special day to honor and celebrate the importance of fathers and the great contributions that they bring to strengthening families and communities.

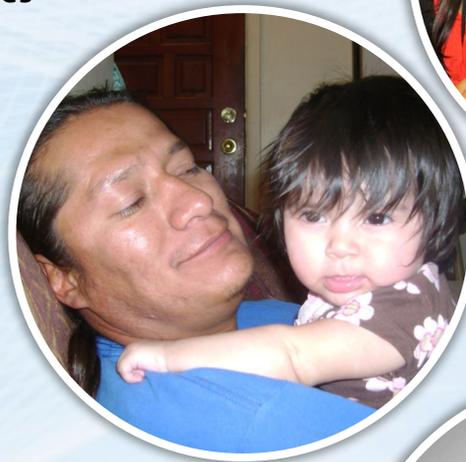
# Facilitator Certification Training for Fatherhood Is Sacred® & Motherhood Is Sacred®

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A Certified Facilitator is able to lead a group of individuals, clients, and participants through 12 sessions (approximately two hours each) of the Fatherhood Is Sacred® and Motherhood Is Sacred® curriculum. This offers participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible parenting.

This training will provide a Certified Facilitator the technical skills to:

- ◇ Assist fathers, mothers, and families to realize their full potential
- ◇ Understand the power of wise choices
- ◇ Build character and integrity
- ◇ Understand the sacredness of fatherhood and motherhood
- ◇ Gain practical skills in parenting, relationships and social judgment
- ◇ Develop skills to be responsible and nurturing parents
- ◇ Promote unity within community to help families and individuals face life's challenges



## Training Dates & Location:

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# Fatherhood Is Sacred® , Motherhood Is Sacred®

## Facilitator Certification Training

### AGENDA

Training starts promptly at 8a.m. (Arizona time) to 5p.m.

#### Day 1

- ◆ **Welcome and Introductions**
- ◆ **Facilitator Certification Information**
- ◆ **Overview of NAFFA and the Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® Program**
- ◆ **Session One: Introduction to the Program**
  - Introducing the program
  - Define the purpose of life
  - Understanding the sacredness of fatherhood/motherhood
  - Understanding the importance of heritage
- ◆ **Session Two: Laying the Foundation**
  - Understanding the concepts of character and integrity
  - Understanding the concepts of order and chaos
  - Define laws and rules, explain the difference
  - Understanding the need to improve relationships
  - Understanding the importance of fathers and mothers as leaders

#### **Lunch (On Your Own)**

- ◆ **Session Three: The Creator**
  - Understanding the Creator as an integral part of Native American cultures and heritage
  - Understanding the concept of prayer and its importance in Native American cultures
  - Understand and explain the importance of faith/belief
- ◆ **Session Four: Choice**
  - Understand and value the freedom of choice
  - Understanding and appreciate the power of choice
  - Understanding the consequences of both good and bad choices

#### Day 2

- ◆ **Session Five: Essential Part of Choice**
  - Understanding the importance of vision
  - Understand and explain how vision is powerful
  - Understand the results of absence of vision
  - Understand why vision is needed
  - Understand the impact of vision in our relationships



- ◆ **Session Six: Teachable**
  - Understanding the concept of being teachable
  - Understand and explain the benefits of being teachable
  - Understand the importance of truth
  - Describe how to learn truth

## **Lunch (On Your Own)**

- ◆ **Session Seven: Barriers to Being Teachable**
  - Understand and identify the barriers to being teachable
  - Understand and explain how to remove the barriers to being teachable
- ◆ **Session Eight: Wisdom**
  - Understand the importance of wisdom
  - Explain the three components of wisdom
  - Understanding how to value wisdom
  - Define and give personal examples of wisdom

## **Day 3**

- ◆ **Session Nine: Service**
  - Understand the importance and benefits of service
  - Understand the concept of sacrifice and why it is important
  - Explain how to value the small and simple things
- ◆ **Session Ten: Self Identity**
  - Understand how the core concepts of the program apply to who we are
  - Understand why it is important to know who we are
  - Understand the importance of improving attitude
  - Understand why it is important to respect your children's mother/father
  - Understand how our parents had ideas about who we would become

## **Lunch (On Your Own)**

- ◆ **Session Eleven: Relationships**
  - Understand the importance of relationships
  - Learn positive ways to build relationships
  - Understand the importance of communication
  - Understand how communication affects relationships
- ◆ **Session Twelve: Nurturing**
  - Understand the importance of nurturing
  - Learn how to nurture your family and children
  - Understand how love and discipline relate to nurturing
  - Experience nurturing

# Facilitator Certification Training for Strengthening Relationships®

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**Building strong relationships is an important key to success in all aspects of our lives. This training will offer the opportunity to learn the truths and myths of strong, positive, and healthy relationships.**

### **Topics discussed include:**

- ◆ The importance of fathers and mothers as leaders
- ◆ Capacity to improve and engage in healthy relationships
- ◆ Understanding the power of attitude
- ◆ Avoiding dangerous & inappropriate online relationships
- ◆ Characteristics damaging and strengthening to a relationship
- ◆ Positive communication & interaction skills
- ◆ Choosing a spouse & partner (setting standards)
- ◆ Changing or ending a relationship (surviving the loss)

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# Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships®

## Facilitator Certification Training

### AGENDA

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#### Day 1

- Welcome and Introductions
- Facilitator Certification Information
- Overview of NAFFA and the Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships® Program
- Session 1: Introduction and Building on the Foundation of Fatherhood Is Sacred® and Motherhood Is Sacred®
  - Define the purpose of life
  - Understand the importance of fathers and mothers as leaders
  - Understand the concepts of character, integrity, chaos, and order
- **Session 2: Fatherhood Is Sacred® Core Principles**
  - Creator
  - Choice
  - Teachable
  - Wisdom
  - Service
- **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- **Session 3: Thoughts**
  - Understand thought and character are one
  - Learn the importance of controlling your thoughts
  - Learn the impact of uncontrolled thoughts
  - Understand the relationship between thoughts and desires
- **Session 4: Attitude**
  - Understand the power of attitude
  - Learn how to create an attitude of solving problems
  - Understand the importance of positive attitudes
- **Session 5: Learning**
  - Understand and recognize the value learning
  - Understand how learning is a sacred and individual responsibility
  - Learn the three areas where learning can take place
    - Study and Education
    - Experience
    - Instruction

#### Day 2

- **Session 6: Self-worth**
  - Understand what is self-worth and what it is tied to
  - Learn the difference between self-worth and self-esteem
  - Understand how problems and failures are tied to self-worth
  - Understand the true nature of self



➤ **Session 7: Improving Relationships**

- Identify five major areas critical for improving and strengthening relationships
  - Kindness
  - Safety
  - Fairness
  - Appreciation
  - Joy and laughter
- Understand family relationships

➤ **Lunch (On Your Own)**

➤ **Session 8: Personal Characteristics Damaging to a Relationship**

- Identify three areas common to unhappy relationships
  - Selfishness
  - Emotional immaturity
  - Laziness
- Understand the blaming and whining cycle

➤ **Session 9: Getting Caught Up**

- Blame Game
- Inappropriate Online Relationships

➤ **Session 10: Love and Intimacy**

- Learn to recognize love, accept love, communicate love, and show love
- Understand what intimacy is
- Understand the sexual responsibility of both partners
- Identify the myths and truths about intimacy
- Understand what passion is

**Day 3**

➤ **Session 11: Communication and Interaction**

- Learn how to improve communication and interaction skills
- Learn to recognize problems in communication and interpretation
- Understand how we interpret and perceive information
- Learn the benefits of positive family communication and interaction

➤ **Session 12: The Road to Marriage**

- Learn how Native American cultures traditionally viewed marriage
- Understand the importance of marriage, dating, and courtship
- Learn the importance of preparing yourself for the right person
- Learn the importance of setting personal standards

➤ **Lunch (Own Your Own)**

➤ **Session 13: Ending or Changing a Relationship**

- Understand why relationships end
- Learn when to consider a divorce or final separation
- Learn how to minimize the damage from the termination of a relationship
- Learn how to survive the loss of a spouse or partner

➤ **Session 14: Keys to Strong Family Relationships**



# Facilitator Certification Training for Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®

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This training helps individuals to understand different forms of domestic violence and abuse and how to heal and prevent this tragedy from occurring in our own families and communities.

Our training includes true identity theft, anger and resentment, simple and willful rebellion, addictions, bullying, human trafficking and how to combat family violence and abuse.

NAFFA's mission is to stop this violence and abuse by teaching principles of healing and support to uplift and help those experiencing violence and abuse in their families.

## Join us to hear solutions to domestic violence

*This training examines how as a child, parent violence affects them. It gives opportunity to forgive yourself so that you can be that sacred father or mother that you are.*

*There's no other curriculum that provides the facilitators step-by-step guide to assist our parents, children and communities. —*

**Executive Director of the Hoopa Valley Tribal TANF**



### **Training Dates & Location:**

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# ***Addressing Family Violence & Abuse***<sup>®</sup> **Facilitator Certification Training**

## **AGENDA**

Training starts promptly at 8a.m. (Arizona time) to 5p.m.

- Welcome and Introductions
- **Session One: Introduction and Overview-Fatherhood Is Sacred<sup>®</sup>, Motherhood Is Sacred<sup>®</sup>**
  - Define the purpose of life
  - Manhood and Womanhood
  - Fatherhood and Motherhood
  - NAFFA Core Principles
- **Session Two: The Path to Family Violence and Abuse**
  - The Family
  - What is Family Violence and Abuse?
  - Factors & Effects Leading to Family Violence and Abuse
  - Verbal, Emotional, Physical and Sexual Abuse
- **Session Three: Effects of Abuse: Bullying, Human and Sex Trafficking and Suicide**
  - The Molding of Our Youth
  - Bullying and Cyberbullying
  - Teen Violence and Dating
  - Human and Sex Trafficking
  - Suicide
  - The Safety of Our Children
- **Session Four: Life's Journey**
  - Work and Learning
  - Opposition and Adversity
  - The Power of Thoughts and Desires
  - Actions, Habits and Addictions
  - Lifestyle
- **Session Five: The 3 Pillars: Self-Worth**
  - Self-Worth and Self-Esteem
  - Self-Worth Comes from Self-Control, Self-Respect, Usefulness and Purpose
  - What Influences our Self-Worth
- **Session Six: The 3 Pillars-Identity and Purpose**
  - True Identity Theft
  - Criticism and Correction
  - Submissions: Giving Up Your Identity
  - Lies, Deception and Ignorance
  - The Worth of Your Identity
  - The Anchor of the 3 Pillars
- **Session Seven: Progression of Family Violence and Abuse**
  - Our need to Belong
  - The Process of Family Violence
  - Hurt, Pain and Trauma



- **Session Eight: Anger, Resentment, Hatred, Revenge and Evil**
  - Hurt and Broken Trust
  - Overcoming Anger
  - Learn How Quickly Anger Can Lead to Evil
  - Resisting Evil
- **Session Nine: The Path to Family Violence and Abuse**
  - The Need for Order and Obedience
  - Chaos and Order
  - Rebellion
  - Lack of Self-Control and Emotional Immaturity
  - False Pride and Vanity
  - Greed and Power
- **Session Ten: Gathering Tools for Our Journey**
  - Attitude
  - Gratitude
  - Hope and Humility
  - Choice and Courage
  - Service, Sacrifice and Sacredness
  - Determination
- **Session Eleven: Change and Choice**
  - Our Ability to Change by Choice
  - The Power of Vision
  - Forward-Thinking, Forward-Looking and Forward-Moving
  - Keeping Promised and Personal Rules
  - Stability
- **Session Twelve: The Importance of Learning Truth**
  - Being Teachable
  - Desire to Find, Recognize, Accept, Communicate and Showing Truth
- **Session Thirteen: Healing**
  - Traditional Healing
  - The Wisdom of Forgiveness
  - Repentance and Restitution
  - Healing is Personal, Private and Sacred
- **Session Fourteen: Strengthening Our Families**
  - The Importance of Direction
  - Understanding Past Generations
  - The Importance of Family
  - Suggestions for Successful Change
  - Love At Home
  - Final Thoughts



# WORKSHOPS

**We believe that by helping to encourage the growth and development of healthy fathers and healthy mothers, we promote the growth of healthy children and healthy families. Healthy children and families, in turn, promote the growth of healthy neighborhoods, healthy communities, healthy tribes and, thus, a healthy America.**

**Sponsoring agency will select the workshops that best fit the needs of their community. The workshops may be presented to engaged, co-habiting or married couples, as well as staff that work with those considering marriage, such as marriage counselors, therapists, parent educators, family workers, clergy and social workers.**

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## **1. Addictions and Families:**

Rejection, loneliness, emotional pain, and feelings of worthlessness all create the inability for healthy relationships. Addictive behaviors cause family and friends the greatest sorrow. With the methodology of uplifting, encouraging, assisting, and teaching, we can identify the source of our addictions. Success in overcoming addiction is possible with positive thoughts, hope, and gratitude.

## **2. Addressing Adverse Childhood Experiences in Native American Communities:**

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), both positive and negative, have a significant impact on mental health, alcohol and drug use, future violence, victimization and perpetration, and lifelong health and parenting outcomes. We examine how ACEs are strongly related to the development and prevalence of a wide range of health problems throughout a person's lifespan. As such, early experiences are an important public health issue. This workshop will explore the impact of ACEs upon Native American children, adolescents, parents, and families.

## **3. Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®:**

The presentation will define this devastating problem, explore contributing factors, and discuss culturally sensitive ways in which to help victims and abusers overcome the cycle of abuse and violence and the disturbing effects it causes in the lives of families and communities. This session will provide opportunities for exploration of a range of emotional responses to typical personal and family situations that may lead couples to get angry and express their responses in harmful and dangerous ways. It also addresses ways for individuals to increase their capacity to create positive outcomes in their emotional responses to conflict in their primary relationships and provides unique insight into the challenges the Native American population face in dealing with this matter.

## **4. Cultural Awareness & Diversity:**

This presentation includes information on the importance of how we interact with others and dealing with feelings of discouragement, rejection, depression, and anger. Tools of encouragement, attitude, self-worth and learning are taught to improve family communication and interaction.

## **5. Cultural Identity for Parents:**

This PowerPoint focuses on the traditions and sacredness of culture in the home. The love of learning, good attitude and self-worth, strong work ethic, positive thought, stability, and more all contribute to a strong cultural identity for parents.

## **6. Enhancing Problem Solving Skills:**

This course will help participants understand the struggles that we face along with some of the personal habits that complicate our problem-solving capacity. Participants are presented with the opportunity to find proper solutions to their problems.



# WORKSHOPS CONT.

## **7. Family and Fatherhood Engagement:**

This workshop focuses on the importance of the responsibility of fatherhood and presents strategies that promote fathers' involvement in parenting. Native American men are often viewed as the cause of many families and social problems. This presentation discusses the cultural model of fatherhood identifying important principles of life adapted to strengthen fathers' relationships with their families and that fathers are the true leaders in families using positive tools such as positive attitude, work, life-long learning, and goodness.

## **8. Fatherhood Is Sacred®/Motherhood Is Sacred® Condensed:**

This session outlines the approach to a highly successful parenting curriculum developed by a Native American father for Native American fathers and mothers. It is the model overview of training fathers and mothers to be leaders in their own homes. The workshop identifies the five core principles of the curriculum offered to facilitators that work with Native American parents on and off reservations - the Creator, Choice, Teachable, Wisdom, and Service. Parents learn the importance of loving and caring for their families, assisting with problem-solving, and teaching the true principles of fatherhood and motherhood.

## **9. A Father's Place:**

This presentation discusses the role of the father in the home with the influence of five core principles: Belief in the Creator, making wise choices, being teachable, learning wisdom, and being of service.

## **10. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren:**

As more grandparents assume responsibilities for parenting their grandchildren, they struggle with a range of difficulties in recognizing and addressing issues that the younger generation will be confronting, from new technologies to school concerns, to contemporary social problems. This session will offer suggestions to overcome these concerns.

## **11. Healing from Trauma:**

This presentation focuses on the power of positive change. It discusses how individuals can help themselves heal from the trauma of the past. By learning positive self-worth and attitude, and strong family relationships, we can heal.

## **12. Impact of Life-Long Learning:**

Designed to engage parents, teachers, and youth in a desire to pursue life-long learning opportunities and to see its impact on the family. Learning is a process of building ourselves up to have the desire to learn the truth about the outside world and ourselves. This Truth restores human dignity and confidence. It shares the traditional views that Native American forefathers taught regarding learning, work, and attitude and why learning is so vital to returning Native people to their innate greatness. The presentation highlights what motivates and prevents us from progressing toward a meaningful future and examines how our attitudes affect our capacity, as well as our ability to work with and relate to people from different cultures and backgrounds. It also focuses on some of the barriers that Native American youth and families face in providing a good and healthy environment for growth and knowledge and how to overcome them.

## **13. Impact of Parents on Learning:**

This presentation teaches the purpose of learning and its importance and focuses on three areas of learning. Tools of positive attitude, self-worth, understanding, stability and the process of thinking are included in this opportunity for parents to help their children learn.

## **14. Importance of Relationships:**

This presentation discusses how to enhance the capacity to engage and maintain healthy relationships as married couples, adult siblings, co-parenting, and children within the family. The presentation will illustrate the truths and myths of strong, healthy, and positive relationships. It will address specific ways to engage and improve healthy relationships as well as personality traits that prevent us from building strong foundations with the people that we associate it, specifically our family.



# WORKSHOPS CONT.

**15. Importance of the Role of Parents:**

This presentation focuses on the importance of parents through our cultural model in communication, interaction, positive attitude, work, learning, and self-worth.

**16. Keys to Keeping Families Together:**

This presentation cites information on the cause of damaging families and NAFFA's approach to inspire and motivate family members to build each other's self-worth and overcome these barriers by communication, interaction, attitude, learning, and other tools to strengthen the family.

**17. Leadership in the Home and Work:**

PowerPoint focuses on assisting fathers, mothers, and families, to enhance their capacity to engage in their inherent leadership roles at home and how this process will provide the foundation for them to become leaders in the workplace and community.

**18. Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships®:**

This PowerPoint focuses on building and maintaining strong relationships in marriage. Building strong relationships is an important key to success in all aspects of our lives. Through positive thought, desire, attitude, and many other positive qualities, partners can support each other in their relationships.

**19. Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® - Empowering Families:**

This PowerPoint focuses on building and maintaining strong relationships in a family. Through positive thought, desire, attitude, and many other positive qualities, family members can support each other in their relationships.

**20. Marriage Preparation: Finding a Mate:**

This workshop will offer suggestions for individuals to consider in establishing a strong foundation for a committed relationship and exploring their strengths and challenges.

**21. NAFFA Overview:**

Addressing the problems of single parenting with poverty, suicide, alcohol, drug abuse, incarceration, teen pregnancy, and school dropout.

**22. Positive Indigenous Parenting:**

This presentation centers on working with fathers and mothers along with professionals working with Native American families. The focus is on the need for both fathers and mothers to be responsibly involved in nurturing, communicating, and interacting with their children to provide a happy and safe environment. The workshop discusses the importance for parents to cultivate a healthy work ethic and a love of life-long learning and then to pass these attitudes on to their children to prepare them for a successful future.

**23. Positive Parent Involvement:**

This presentation discusses the characteristics of positive parenting: nurturing, communication, interaction, work, and learning. With these positive characteristics, parents can improve the setting of their homes and the happiness of their children.



# WORKSHOPS CONT.

## **24. Power of Attitude:**

This presentation is an in-depth look at the importance that individual attitudes have in everyday life. It focuses on aiding participants in their understanding of how attitudes affect several aspects of life, some damaging influences, personal characteristics that prevent individuals from improving their attitudes, and a few simple steps to reaching their optimal attitudes.

## **25. Power of Positive Attitude and Learning:**

It focuses on how learning is the ability to observe, recognize and understand. By using the process of how to use our knowledge, experience, and observation, we can change and improve our attitude.

## **26. Process of Healing:**

This presentation focuses on the power of positive change. It discusses how individuals can help themselves heal from the trauma of the past and the process to accomplish that. By learning positive self-worth and attitude, and strong family relationships, we can heal.

## **27. Strengthening Relationships:**

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to discuss and develop healthy boundaries to allow participants to define their limits and determine appropriate responses to violations of those boundaries. It will also explore how compulsive behaviors affect healthy relationships.

## **28. Suicide Prevention:**

This presentation includes the behaviors, signs, and emotional pain and suffering, that someone feels when thinking about suicide. Positive steps were taken for family members and friends after the suicide. Powerful messages of attitude, hope, gratitude, humility, in building strong relationships to prevent suicide.

## **29. Understanding Addictive Behaviors:**

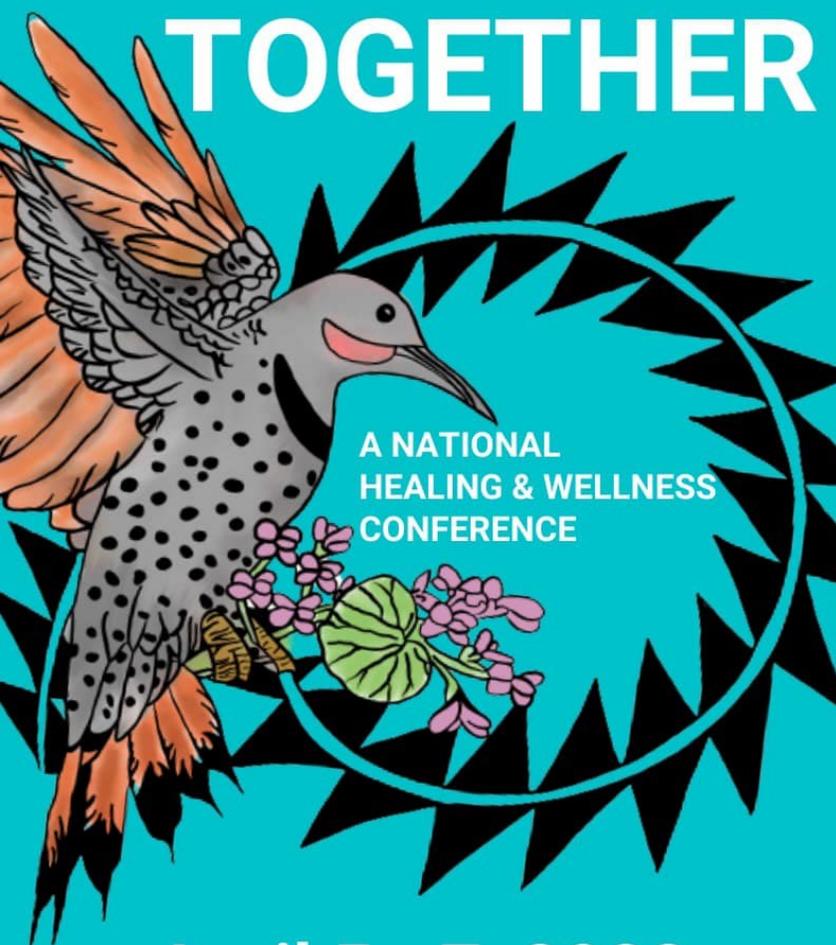
Addictive behaviors are difficult to stop, even when there is a strong personal desire to change. They are enslaving habits, particularly when mind-altering substances are used. Addictive behaviors often override reason and rational thinking. The challenge of changing brings a new outlook of optimism toward life through strengthening personal commitment and self-control. An addicted person may feel ashamed, alone, and abandoned. They often feel that the pain and struggles are almost too difficult to bear. This workshop will offer the optimism and skills for change to create new healthier behaviors.

## **30. NAFFA Overview:**

This presentation shows the essence of Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA). NAFFA's curriculum focuses on three areas: 1. Developing Self-worth 2. Strengthening Personal Identity and 3. Cultivating a Purpose Driven Life. Through this model, lives are changed as parents are uplifted, encouraged, assisted, and taught the principles and responsibilities in developing a successful family. NAFFA's curriculum of Fatherhood Is Sacred®/Motherhood Is Sacred®, Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships®, and Addressing Family Violence and Abuse® bring families together as well as reunite divided families and reduce recidivism for incarcerated parents. Our greatest happiness and sorrows come from our relationships with our family and NAFFA's curriculum help strengthen parents to be leaders in building safe and happy families.



# HEALING TOGETHER



A NATIONAL HEALING & WELLNESS CONFERENCE

## April 5 - 7, 2022

### Who Should Attend

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/healing-together-conference-tickets-174019094797>

For more information contact  
Mike Duncan (Maidu/Wailaki/Wintun)  
Executive Director  
Native Dads Network  
916.544.1085  
[mikedndninc@gmail.com](mailto:mikedndninc@gmail.com)



We are closely monitoring the COVID pandemic and will make decisions based on the safety of our communities.

## SPECIAL GUEST SUPAMAN

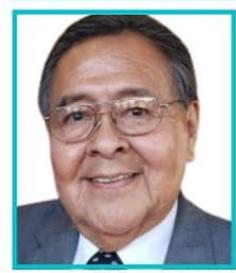


### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Jillene Joseph**

Executive Director  
Native Wellness Institute  
(NWI)



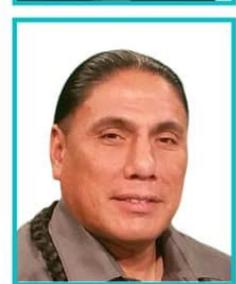
**Al Pooley**

Founder & President  
Native American Fatherhood  
and Families Association  
(NAFFA)



**Kateri Coyhis**

Executive Director  
White Bison



**Mike Duncan**

Executive Director  
Native Dads Network



### OTHER SPEAKERS

Albert Titman, Theda NewBreast, Gene Tagaban, The Indigenous 20 Something Project, and more!

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



# Healing Together Conference Agenda

## Tuesday, April 5, 2022

- 7:00am-5:00pm Registration  
8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast  
9:00am-10:00am Opening Session and Keynote Presentation  
**Mike Duncan– Executive Director, Native Dads Network**  
10:00am-10:30am Break  
10:30am-11:30pm Keynote Presentation  
**Albert Pooley– Founder & President,  
Native American Fatherhood & Families Assoc.**  
11:30pm-12:00pm Sponsor Recognition/ Break  
12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch  
1:30m-3:00pm Workshop Sessions (4 tracks)  
3:00pm-3:15pm Break  
3:15pm-4:45pm Workshop Sessions (4 tracks)  
7:00pm **Entertainment by Supaman**

## Wednesday, April 6, 2022

- 7:00am-8:00am Yoga / Talking Circle  
7:00am-5:00pm Registration  
8:00am-9:00am Continental Breakfast  
9:00am-10:00am Keynote Presentation  
**Jillene Joseph– Executive Director, Native Wellness Institute**  
10:00am-10:30am Break/ Narcan Skit  
10:30am-11:30pm Keynote Presentation  
**Kateri Coyhis– Executive Director, White Bison**  
11:30am-12:00am Break  
12:00-pm-1:30pm Lunch  
1:30pm-3:00pm Workshop Sessions (4 tracks)  
3:00pm-3:15pm Break  
3:15pm-4:45pm Workshop Sessions (4 tracks)  
7:00pm **Culture Share & Talent Show**

## Thursday, April 7, 2022

- 7:00am-8:00am Yoga / Talking Circle  
8:00am-9:00am Breakfast  
9:00am-9:30am Opening Session  
9:30am-10:30am Testimonies  
10:30am-11:00am Break  
11:00am-12:00pm Closing Ceremony/ Shakehead  
12:00pm Retrieval of Colors, Closing Prayer

## Workshops of Interest:

- ◆ Power of Attitude
- ◆ Fatherhood Is Sacred®,  
Motherhood Is Sacred®
- ◆ Self-Resiliency in Recovery
- ◆ Navigating Adult Bullying
- ◆ Healing Through Culture
- ◆ The Braided Way– Opioid  
Education
- ◆ River of Life
- ◆ 7 Circles of Wellness
- ◆ And many more....



# 18th ANNUAL

If you serve men, women, and children, We encourage you to attend our largest educational platform. Workshops will focus on the most pressing topics in Criminal Justice, Education & Prevention, Health & Human Services, and Fatherhood and Motherhood. You may choose from 16 workshops that will inform, inspire, and provide a positive learning experience with issues that affect us all.

# “Fatherhood Is Leadership” NATIONAL CONFERENCE

## Conference Registration:

- Includes Breakfast and Lunch.
- Early Registration: \$400
- General Registration: \$425
- Banquet (Nov. 2, 2022): \$125  
\$100 for Facilitators

Please inquire about table costs.

- Certified NAFFA Facilitator Discount: \$25 off

## Conference Host Hotel:

DoubleTree by Hilton, Phoenix, Mesa  
1011 West Holmes Avenue  
Mesa, AZ 85210

# NOVEMBER 2-4, 2022



For more information, contact 480-833-5007 or

Email [conference@aznaffa.org](mailto:conference@aznaffa.org).

To register:

[www.nativeamericanfathers.org/events](http://www.nativeamericanfathers.org/events)



# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## Wednesday, November 2

7:00am-5:00pm	Registration—Red Mountain Ballroom Entrance
7:00am-8:15am	Breakfast
8:15am-10:00am	Opening Session & Keynote Presentation
10:00am-10:15am	Break
10:15am-11:30pm	Plenary Session: Albert M. Pooley Suicide Prevention
11:30pm-12:00pm	Break
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm-3:00pm	Workshop Sessions
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30pm-5:00pm	Workshop Sessions
5:15 pm	NAFFA Plaza Tour

## Thursday, November 3

7:00am-5:00pm	Registration—Red Mountain Ballroom Entrance
7:00am-8:15am	Breakfast
8:15am-10:00am	Opening Session & Keynote Presentation
10:00am-10:15am	Break
10:15am-11:30pm	Plenary Session: Albert M. Pooley Family History
11:30am-12:00am	Break
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm-3:00pm	Workshop Sessions
3:00pm-3:30pm	Break
3:30pm-5:00pm	Workshop Sessions
5:15 pm	NAFFA Plaza Tour

## Friday, November 4

7:00am-8:15am	Breakfast
8:15am-8:20am	Opening Session
8:20am-10:15am	Facilitator Attestations
10:15am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:45pm	Plenary Session: Albert M. Pooley Gratitude
11:45am	Retrieval of Colors, Closing Prayer
12:00pm	Fry Bread Luncheon
1:00pm	NAFFA Plaza Tour

### Workshops of Interest:

- ♦ Criminal Justice Tracks
- ♦ Health and Human Services Tracks
- ♦ Education and Prevention Tracks
- ♦ Fatherhood and Motherhood Tracks
- ♦ And many more....



# Families Learning Together Regional Seminar

April 28-29, 2022 • Honolulu, Hawaii

*Parents are their child's first and most influential teacher, inspiring their desire to learn*

A regional seminar designed to encourage and promote responsible fatherhood and motherhood and to keep families together. Come be a part of a unique opportunity to learn more about how you can support families in your community and how early academic experiences are important for setting a lifelong path of learning.

## Location of Seminar:

Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra

410 Atkinson Drive • Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

(808)955-4811 <https://book.passkey.com/e/50303122>

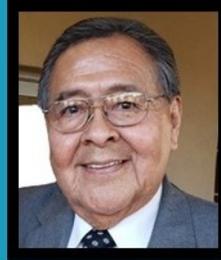
## Seminar Topics:

- Fatherhood & Motherhood Involvement
- Strengthening Relationships
- Overcoming Adversities
- Solutions to Inspire Lifelong Learning

**Cost:** \$50.00

Attend in-person or virtual

## Keynote Speakers:



**Albert Pooley,**  
**Native American Fatherhood  
& Families Association  
Founder & President**



**Candra Morris,**  
**Waterford  
Director of Family  
Partnerships**



**Julio Carranza,**  
**Epic 'Ohana, Inc.  
Deputy Executive Director**

## Who Should Attend:

We encourage everyone working with mothers, fathers, children and those that are striving to make a change in their family and community to attend.

*We are confident you will benefit personally and professionally from this seminar!*

Register at:  
**NativeAmericanFathers.org**

(480) 833-5007 • [seminars@aznaffa.org](mailto:seminars@aznaffa.org)

 Waterford.org

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& Families Association

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'OHANA, INC.

# CONFERENCE AGENDA

## Thursday, April 28

Noon– 6:00pm	Registration
1:30pm– 2:15pm	Opening Prayer Cultural Welcome (Epic 'Ohana)
2:15pm– 3:00pm	Fatherhood Is Sacred/Motherhood Is Sacred (NAFFA)
3:00pm-4:30pm	Overcoming Adversity through learning (parent panel)
4:30pm– 5:00pm	Upstart Hawaii (Waterford)
5:00pm -6:30pm	Networking & Snacks

## Friday, April 29

7:30am-8:30am	Registration / Breakfast
8:30am-8:45am	Opening Prayer Welcome Remarks
8:45am-10:15am	Build Trusting Relationships, Waterford
10:15am-10:30	Break
10:30am-12:00pm	What you Learn at Home Lasts the Longest, NAFFA
12:00pm-1:30pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:30pm-3:00pm	Educator's Panel
3:00pm-4:00pm	Epic 'Ohana
4:00pm	Closing Remarks



# Families Learning Together Regional Seminars

April 28-29, 2022 • Honolulu, Hawaii

June 7-8, 2022 • Memphis Tennessee

July 21-22, 2022 • Bismarck, North Dakota

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## Location of Seminars:

**Honolulu Hawaii-** *Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra*

410 Atkinson Drive • Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

(808)955-4811

**Memphis, Tennessee,** details to be announced soon.

**Bismarck, North Dakota,** details to be announced soon.

## Keynote Speaker:

- **Albert Pooley**, Founder of *Native American Fatherhood & Families Association*

- **More Speakers announced for each location.**



## Seminar Topics:

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- Strengthening Relationships
- Overcoming Adversities
- Solutions to Inspire Lifelong Learning

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 **Waterford.org**

# Free Monthly Webinars

Watch a video of what NAFFA's three cultural curricula offers and to hear solutions to strengthen individuals, families and relationships.

We encourage everyone to attend to be part of change in their family and community.

All webinars will commence at 11am, Arizona Time.

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April 19, 2022	September 20, 2022
May 3, 2022	October 11, 2022
June 14, 2022	November 22, 2022
July 12, 2022	December 20, 2022
August 9, 2022	

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## Topics include:

- ◆ Fatherhood Is Sacred®, Motherhood Is Sacred®
- ◆ Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships®
- ◆ Addressing Family Violence & Abuse®
- ◆ Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- ◆ Freedom & Choice and SO MUCH MORE!

*A movement in promoting unity  
and prosperity for families*



Presented By Albert M. Pooley,  
Founder of Native American  
Fatherhood & Families Association

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*“There is no other work more  
important than fatherhood  
and motherhood.”*

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Register online at  
[https://  
www.nativeamericanfathers.  
org/webinar-registration](https://www.nativeamericanfathers.org/webinar-registration)

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# 10th Annual Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day June 18, 2022

## What is it?

Native American Responsible Fatherhood (NARF) Day is a special day to honor and celebrate the importance of fatherhood and the great contributions fathers bring to strengthening families and communities.

## Why celebrate?

Fathers are the greatest untapped resource to help solve issues that many families and communities face. There is an immediate need to bring fathers back to their innate leadership role as fathers as established by our forefathers. The family is the heart of Native American cultures. There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood.

## Activity Ideas:

- Have children/schools/youth groups create banners and posters commemorating the day
- Invite your tribal government develop a proclamation recognizing NARF Day
- Host a parade, potluck, concert or sporting event
- Establish a "Father of the Year" award
- Coordinate a camping trip with activities such as hiking and fishing

For more information, contact **NAFFA**  
at (480) 833-5007 or email at  
[info@aznaffa.org](mailto:info@aznaffa.org)



**NATIVEAMERICANFATHERS.ORG**

# Meet our Wonderful

## NAFFA Staff



**Amy Fa'atoafe—Executive Director:** Amy is part Navajo and Hopi and was raised in Mesa, Arizona. She joined NAFFA staff in October 2015 as their Program Director. Prior to working for NAFFA Amy worked with the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for nearly 10 years in their Social Services Department. Amy received her Master in Social Work from Arizona State University with an emphasis on Planning, Administration & Community. She is a mother and wife and loves spending time with her family. **Email Amy:** [amyf@aznaffa.org](mailto:amyf@aznaffa.org)

**Cheryl Honnie— Training Coordinator:** is Ta'baaha (Water's Edge clan), born for To'ahani (Near the Water clan) and a member of the Diné (Navajo) Tribe. She was born and raised on the Navajo Reservation. Being an advocate that Fatherhood and Motherhood Is Sacred, Ms. Honnie joined Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) in May of 2021. Before working for NAFFA, Cheryl worked in the Human Resources field, with a degree in Administrative Justice. Cheryl is a mother of four and a wife that loves caring for her family.

**Email Cheryl:** [cherylh@aznaffa.org](mailto:cherylh@aznaffa.org)



**Neil Tift—Outreach Coordinator:** Neil has worked with fathers for the past 30 years in Minnesota, Maryland and now Arizona. He is a parent educator, family mediator, university instructor, game maker, staff trainer and overweight jogger. Neil is the proud father of three, grandfather of twelve and foster father of many. **Email Neil:** [Neilt@aznaffa.org](mailto:Neilt@aznaffa.org)



**Valerie Hollobaugh—Public Relations/Economic Coordinator:** Originally raised in New Jersey, Valerie moved to Mesa to be closer to her daughter's family and has learned to love the desert. She has been a family advocate for 30 years and is the author of 6 books and hundreds of articles about strengthening the family. The mother of 9 children and grandmother to 16, she enjoys spending time with her family. **Email Valerie:** [ValerieS@aznaffa.org](mailto:ValerieS@aznaffa.org)



**Susan Sharp— Receptionist:** Susan is part Navajo and Hopi and was raised in Mesa, Arizona. Before coming to NAFFA in April 2019, Susan worked at the Casino Arizona Talking Stick as a phone operator. Her husband, Mike and her like to travel and their family includes two cats: Sushi and Fluff Ball. Susan enjoys the friendship of the NAFFA staff. **Email Susan:** [susans@aznaffa.org](mailto:susans@aznaffa.org)





**Marissa Brown: Facilitator Liaison:** Marissa is a full Apache from San Carlos, Arizona, and a single mother of four beautiful children. She also currently works as a Behavior Health Technician at a Group Home for adolescent girls here in Mesa Arizona. **Email Marissa:** [marissab@aznaffa.org](mailto:marissab@aznaffa.org)

**Sam Rossi: Financial Specialist/Accountant:** Sam was born and raised in Tennessee and worked for Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community as the accountant handling budgets and grant funds. **Email Sam:** [samr@aznaffa.org](mailto:samr@aznaffa.org)



**Darien Guzman - Case Manager:** Darien is part Navajo and Hispanic and was born and raised in Phoenix. His family is from Ganado Arizona. He received his associate degree from Phoenix College in Administration of Judicial Studies and bachelor's degree from Arizona State University in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Darien joined the NAFFA staff in May of 2021 as a Case Manager. **Email Darien:** [darieng@aznaffa.org](mailto:darieng@aznaffa.org)

**Alyson Rogers— Administrative Assistant:** Alyson Rogers is a native of Mesa, Arizona, but has lived away for many years across 3 states and 2 countries. She has a BA in Political Science from Brigham Young University and a Certificate in Non-Profit Management from Harvard Extension School. Outside of work, she takes care of her 4 children, attempts gardening, and listens to audiobooks. **Email Alyson at:** [alysonr@aznaffa.org](mailto:alysonr@aznaffa.org)



**Malcolm Redhair—Peer Support Specialist:** Malcolm is from the Navajo tribe and grew up in Window Rock, AZ. He is the father of 4 children and volunteered for NAFFA in 2020. He became part of the staff in 2021 as a Peer Support Specialist and works in NAFFA's Criminal Justice department. **Email Malcolm:** [malcolmr@aznaffa.org](mailto:malcolmr@aznaffa.org)



**Susan Ellsworth: Administrative Assistant:** Susan is a native of Mesa, Arizona. She holds an associate degree from Rio Salado Community College. Outside of work, she loves spending time with family, working outdoors and cooking. Susan is the mother of 5 children.

**Email Susan:** [susane@aznaffa.org](mailto:susane@aznaffa.org)



# NAFFA 2021 Annual Report



**NAFFA Staff**

- Albert Pooley: President/Founder
- Amy Fa'atoafe: Executive Director
- Elvira James: Facilitator Coordinator
- Neil Tift: Outreach Coordinator
- Valerie Hollobaugh: Public Relations/Economic Coordinator
- Cheryl Honnie: Administrative Assistant
- Sam Rossi: Financial Specialist
- Susan Sharp: Receptionist
- Chris Kill: Project Coordinator
- Alyson Rogers: Administrative Assistant
- Jennifer Sampson: Senior Case Manager
- Darien Guzman: Case Manager
- Malcolm Redhair: Peer Support Specialist
- Mike Sharp and Jesus Chavez: Grounds Keeper/Maintenance

It is my pleasure to present the Native American Fatherhood and Families Association's 2021 Annual Report. 2021 has been a big year for NAFFA. We moved into our new building and added on several departments, including our Health E 80 and Community Transitional Resources program with court navigators for Mesa Community Court in helping the homeless and other populations.

We have expanded our training schedule to include several of our Certified Facilitator Trainers to train others in their community to be facilitators and we have added more trainings scheduled for all three curricula.

We are still using Zoom to connect with others around the world. This opportunity allows many to be trained and saves on travel time, which has become more difficult.

We are moving forward with more local seminars in Hawai'i, Tennessee, and North Dakota to strengthen, unite and keep families together.

## **Office Address**

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Mesa, AZ 85210  
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## **Overview of NAFFA**

Established in 2002, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association (NAFFA) works with over 240 tribes and tribal agencies across the country and has trained over 1,700 certified facilitators who have helped approximately 50,000 fathers and mothers strengthen and keep their families together, with limited direct federal or state funds.

It is the goal of NAFFA to create a synergistic environment and deliver information in the form of workshops, keynotes, webinars, presentations, seminars, professional training, and social engagements that showcase and address the most recent information relating to building strong families and healthy communities.

Based in Arizona, NAFFA provides programs to strengthen, keep and unite Native American families through responsible fatherhood and motherhood. These unique programs create a passion in parents to take a leadership role in keeping families happy and safe. Through the programs' success, NAFFA has found that their purpose and methods extend to people of all ages, cultures, and backgrounds.

Our three courses include:

**Fatherhood Is Sacred®**, **Motherhood Is Sacred®** (FIS/MIS) program was created and designed for fathers and mothers using a Native American approach. The goal of the program is to strengthen families through responsible parenting. NAFFA teaches parents in a 12-session course to connect with their heritage as they become actively involved in the lives of their families.

**Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships®** (LGSR) is a 14-session course to assist fathers, mothers and families to enhance their capacity to engage and maintain healthy relationships, such as married couples, adult siblings, co-parenting and children within the family. The sessions offer participants the opportunity to learn the truths and myths of strong, healthy, positive relationships. It builds upon NAFFA's Fatherhood is Sacred® and Motherhood is Sacred® program and works to assist parents in regaining a sense of self-worth, understanding and healing.

**Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®** (AFVA) was developed and implemented in 2018. This course helps parents understand forms of violence and abuse and how to heal and prevent this tragedy from occurring in their own family. Session topics include violence is true identity theft, anger and resentment, simple and wilful rebellion, addictions, bullying, human trafficking and how to combat family violence and abuse.

## Overview of NAFFA's Impact in 2021

NAFFA certified **284** new facilitators. **180** for Fatherhood Is Sacred®, Motherhood Is Sacred®, **35** for Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® and **42** for Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®.

**New Building for NAFFA:** In February of 2021, NAFFA packed our entire office and moved to a new location: 525 West Southern Avenue, Mesa AZ 85210. We are in four offices: front office and kitchen, staff office, training room and conference room.



## New Partners added to NAFFA:

1. **Native Search Solutions:** Mark Pooley – Founder/Executive Director

<https://www.nativesearchsolutions.org/>

Native Search Solutions works with MMIP Advocacy groups by giving them a resource in their search for missing family members and help liaison with law enforcement agencies by navigating through in the investigative process. NSS has partnered with Native American Fatherhood and Families Association (NAFFA) and [Biometrica](#) has established an MMIP fusion center located in NAFFA's' new office building, Suite #128 in Mesa, this fusion center is a place to meet with other anti-human sex-trafficking groups; to collaborate efforts as one resource.



2. **Waterford.org:** Contact person: Tiarrha Huerta



This organization teaches children the skills they need to be prepared for kindergarten through their UPSTART program. This program available at NO COST to the families and works. Low-income or affluent, rural or urban, children who receive their academic start with Waterford UPSTART begin on the path toward success. Waterford is based out of Salt Lake City, Utah.

3. **Kids Need to Read:** Contact person - Jessica Payne



<http://www.kidsneedtoread.org/>

[Kids Need to Read works to create a culture of reading for children by providing inspiring books to underfunded schools, libraries, and literacy programs across the United States, especially those serving disadvantaged children.](#)

4. **Arizona Law Enforcement and Outreach and Support**

Contact person: Cindy Hill <http://www.arizonaleos.com/>

Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach & Support is the first of its' kind "Collaboration and Fundraising Hub" for Arizona Law Enforcement and Community members. They create new outreach programs and collaborate with existing programs that allows the law enforcement community and the community at large to strengthen positive bonds and serve community needs.



## NAFFA Partners:

**Casey Family Programs:** Contact Person: Monte Fox

<https://www.casey.org/>

Founded in 1966, Casey Family Programs works in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and with tribal nations across North America to influence long-lasting improvements to the well-being of children, families and the communities where they live. The Casey Family Programs organization is one of the largest foundations focusing on foster care and child welfare systems in the United States. As our partner, they have provided funding for many of our events and continues to be a support in NAFFA's work around the country.

**NABEDC:** Continuing our second year with NABEDC, NAFFA continues to help those American Indians, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) business owners and entrepreneurs. Goals for NABEDC include fostering relationships and understanding the importance of entrepreneurship with those they nurture in their program. During the first year of operation, AZHCC, NABEDC, NAFFA were able to present to more than four hundred (400) partners and members, as well as community partners and other minority owned businesses. NABEDC provides workshops, one-on-one consulting, networking opportunities, introductions, and technical assistance. NABEDC has signed a total of 478 business owners, entrepreneurs, and community partners in less than one year in operation far exceeded their goal. This was based upon outreach efforts, community partnerships, and attending numerous events in person (pre-COVID-19) and online webinars. Visit [www.NABEDC.com](http://www.NABEDC.com) for more information.



**Chris Kill for NABEDC**

## Native American Fatherhood and Families Association Board of Directors



1. **Matias Tafoya:** Retired Mesa City Community Court Judge



2. **Tom Freestone:** Former member of the Arizona State Senate District 30



3. **Steve Chucuri:** Maricopa County Board of Supervisors  
NAFFA Board Secretary and Treasurer



4. **Thomas Intrieirie:** Mesa Police Commander  
NAFFA Board Chair



5. **Kevin Pooley:** Salt River Pima Maricopa Prosecutor Office in Domestic Violence



6. **Rod Jarvis:** Attorney at Law and a member of the Mesa City Advisory Board



7. **Doreen Garlid:** Member of Tempe City Council

**New Staff Hired in 2021:**



Cheryl Honnie  
Administrative  
Assistant



Jennifer Sampson  
Senior Case Manager



Darien Guzman: Case  
Manager



Malcolm Redhair:  
Peer Support  
Specialist



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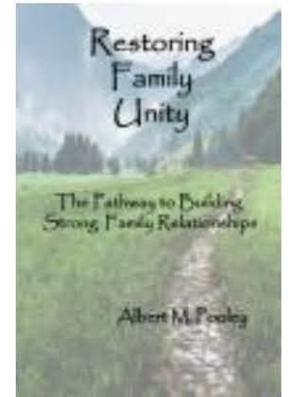
## Certified Facilitator Trainers:

NAFFA is increasing the number of certified facilitator trainers to help with the expansion of our programs and services across the US and Canada. They include:

Mike Duncan: Round Valley Indian Tribe, Woodland California  
Katie Ray: Washoe Tribes of Nevada and California, Monterey Park, California  
Ian Petershoare: CCTHITA Tribe, Juneau, Alaska  
Terry Medina: Winnebago of Nebraska, Winnebago, Nebraska  
Stephanie and Joseph White Eagle: Ho-Chunk Nation, Baraboo, Wisconsin  
Jean Swanson: Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Sitka Alaska  
Chris Kill: San Carlos Apache, Fort McDowell, AZ

## Publications:

NAFFA published our manuscript of the FIS/MIS program with personal stories of success from participants describing how NAFFA's programs have impacted their lives. Copies have been on sale since August on Amazon and we have received many positive reviews.



**Native Hoop Magazine:** This beautiful publication has requested NAFFA to contribute monthly articles about Native issues and strengthening the family.

See: <https://nativehoop.org/>

## Television spots:

The Community Collaborative TV show on the STN (Social Television Network) in downtown Phoenix invited Al Pooley twice as a special guest. The Community Collaborative is hosted by Eric Sperling and gave Al the chance to speak about his insights about gratitude and Thanksgiving from a Native American perspective in November. He also discussed how NAFFA strengthens families to help the homeless in December.



**Presentations to NAFFA:** On January 20, the NAFFA staff watched a presentation from Tyri Blondel from the Phoenix Indian Center called RX360: Prevention of Opioid Epidemic in Youth. This presentation discussed our role as parents, teachers and counselors and how we can prevent opioid abuse through awareness in our homes. By starting young in talking to our children about addictions and abuse, we can educate them about overdose awareness.



**Webinars:** NAFFA continued the webinars series in 2021 on Fatherhood Is Sacred®/Motherhood Is Sacred®, Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® and Addressing Family Violence and Abuse® to help other organizations become aware of who we are and our programs. These were presented in January, June and September with over 60 in attendance each session.

**Facilitator Meetings on Zoom:** With over 1,700 facilitators, NAFFA wanted to keep in touch with our facilitators by scheduling periodic zoom meetings. These meetings were an hour long and provided facilitators an opportunity to visit with other facilitators online and share ideas and exchange encouraging words. There was a featured facilitator sharing a special message each time. In March, Mike Duncan from Native Dad's Network spoke, in May Mark Pooley spoke, and in September Cheryl Haozous from San Marcos Parent Education and Chris Kill, Certified Facilitator Trainer.

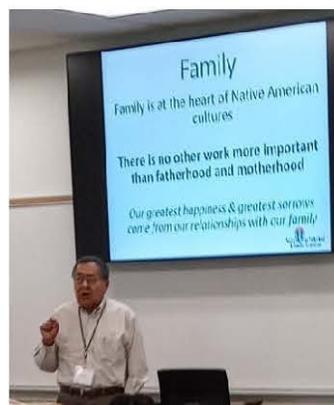
## Events

**NAFFA's Open House:** On Friday, May 14th, NAFFA sponsored an open house from 2pm to 6pm which showcased our new office complex. Activities for the day included opening comments by the Mesa Mayor, John Giles, NAFFA founder Al Pooley, music performed by Philip Robert and his drum band, the Blue Sage Warriors along with fantastic food and a tour of all the offices. Tenants of the building also had the opportunity to visit and share their businesses. Food was prepared by volunteers in our new dining area that included Chef Chrys. NAFFA's open house was a great success with over 100 visitors.



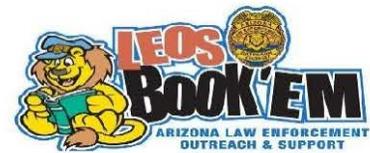
## Utah's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Native American Summit

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, NAFFA's Al Pooley, Amy Fa'atoafe and Christ Kill attended Utah's 15th Annual Governor's Native American Summit at the Utah Valley University in Orem Utah. The summit brought together tribal leaders, community partners, government officials, educators, students and community members to engage in productive dialogue to help Utah's tribal communities grow and thrive. Al Pooley presented information about NAFFA.



## LEOS Book 'EM

Beginning in September NAFFA partnered with the Law Enforcement Outreach and Support (LEOS) organization and "Kids Need to Read", sponsored a Read with a Cop event once a month. Volunteer Mesa Police officers read to children from picture books donated by "Kids Need to Read". Popcorn and drinks are served, and children are given books to read at home.



## Community Transitional Resources Program:

NAFFA secured funding to establish our Community Transitional Resources (CTR) Program from The Arizona Community Foundation on behalf of the Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority. The approved grant focuses on four area populations: ex-offenders, Aged out young adult foster care, Veterans and the Homeless. Through the work of our two court navigators/ Case Managers -Jennifer Sampson and Darien Guzman- they attended the Mesa Community Court. These four populations are assisted to improve their emotional and physical health, strengthen family support, and find suitable employment to become independent in their community.

**Feeding the Homeless:** With the assistance of the Albertson's Company Foundation, our CTR program includes feeding the homeless lunch each Friday by staff members in the Mesa public parks area. They receive a sandwich, chips, fruit snacks, and a drink which is greatly appreciated.

## Eighth Annual Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day

On June 19, NAFFA sponsored a special day to honor and celebrate the importance of fatherhood and the important contributions that dads bring to strengthening families and communities.

## Donation Drive:



This year NAFFA partnered with FMD Warrior in December to sponsor the **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Drive** for those families unable to provide toys for their children. The toys, books and clothing were donated to a nearby non-profit that houses homeless families.

# 17<sup>th</sup> National “Fatherhood is Leadership” Conference

November 2 through the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Double Tree by Hilton in Mesa

With four areas of focus in workshop presentations, (Criminal Justice, Education, Health & Human Services, and Fatherhood and Motherhood) keynote speakers, and entertainment, NAFFA’s national conference was a great success.

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## Keynote speakers:

1. **Dr. Tracy Gibbs and Good Health:** Dr. Tracy Gibbs has conducted extensive study in pharmacognosy which is the study of medicines derived from natural sources. His research provided the inspiration for our Health E80 enzymes that NAFFA markets.
2. **Mark Pooley and MMIP:** From law enforcement to helping his native people find their families, Mark Pooley was the inspiration for the MMIP Fusion Center with Native Search Solutions to solve the missing and murdered indigenous people issues.
3. **Ka Wade and Biometrica:** Ka Wade directs Biometrica’s work that focused upon using large data and software tools to protect children and vulnerable adults. She has led diverse teams across the nation in preventing human trafficking and crimes against children.

## Lunch Time Speaker on Fatherhood: Jonathan Brewer

Jonathan Brewer is of the Blackfeet Nation. He and his wife, Tania, are parents to four children. In addition to being a fantastic father and NAFFA facilitator, Jonathan is most famous for the character “Blunted” in the Mel Gibson movie “Apocalypto” in 2006. Jonathan spoke of the importance of being a good father. Even though he had the opportunity to take part in several different movies, the most important job he has is being a father.



**Lunch Time Entertainment: Tony Duncan** (Apache, Arikara and Hidatsa) has performed for audiences worldwide performances at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, The Smithsonian Museum, The Billboard Music Awards, The Tonight Show, and The White House. Duncan has great achievements in both music and dance. As a hoop dancer, Tony Duncan is among the best in the world, winning the title of “World Champion Hoop Dancer,” an amazing six times. As a flute player, he is currently signed to the largest Native American music label Canyon Records.



Fifteen vendors joined NAFFA at the hotel during the conference. On the last day NAFFA sponsored a traditional frybread lunch for all attendees.

## Social Media and Blog

NAFFA has been active on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pintrest, Youtube and Instagram in 2021, posting inspiring messages, videos and events for our Parent Resource Center, seminars and workshops. Join us on any of those sites and get a message every day from NAFFA.

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/naffastaff> ; <https://www.facebook.com/Native-American-Fatherhood-Families-Association-203941116285466/>
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- Pintrest: <https://www.pinterest.com/nativeamericanfatherhoodandfam/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChs-ZGTNEprVFqMM1f3cLeA>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nativeamericanfatherhood/?hl=en>
- Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native\\_American\\_Fatherhood\\_and\\_Families\\_Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Native_American_Fatherhood_and_Families_Association)

**NAFFA's Blog:** <https://www.nativeamericanfathers.org/blog> Check out our blog posts that offer inspiring messages for families.

### S.A.F.E: Parent Resource Center:

With funding from the Gila River Indian Community, the SAFE Parent Resource Center completed our final year of offering classes, workshops, drop-in group and monthly Family Law Clinics. Since our office was closed for several months in 2020 due to COVID, NAFFA was able to continue providing services through August 3, 2021. While some parents attended in person, most enrolled and joined us on-line through Zoom.



We offered free weekly sessions on our three curricula, Fatherhood is Sacred®/Motherhood is Sacred®, Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® and Addressing Family Violence and Abuse®.

The PRC presented a range of parent education workshops including Ethical Decision-Making, Parenting on the Same Page, Understanding Your Children's Temperament, Anger Management for Parents (3 sessions), Healthy Indigenous Parenting, Girl Brain, Boy Brain, Positive Discipline (3 sessions) Understanding Addictive Behaviors, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, and He Said, She Said.

### Evidenced Based Curriculum Certification:

The Annie E. Casey Foundation continued to fund our researchers to assist NAFFA staff to offer appropriate data to become an evidence-based curriculum and obtain a best practice status. Finishing our third year of research with Kiltani Consulting managed by Leon Aragon and Cindy Myers, NAFFA will collect data in 2022 from our facilitator classes through pre/post surveys for all three curricula. These surveys will be sent directly to Kiltani Consulting to be processed to provide accurate information for a public data base about the experiences and preferences of Native American families from all backgrounds. Once awarded the evidence-based status, NAFFA will become eligible for new contracts and grants.

## NAFFA Online Store:

Our NAFFA Store is selling t-shirts, framed Native pictures, cooler carry bags and more. Check out our online store at: <https://www.nativeamericanfathers.org/shop-1>

## Calendar of Training for 2022:

### **Fatherhood Is Sacred®, Motherhood Is Sacred® (FIS/MIS):**

February 8-11, 2022 – Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
March 22-24, 2022 - Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
April 25-27, Honolulu, Hawai'i  
May 10-12, 2022 – Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
May 16-18, 2022 – Memphis, Tennessee  
June 6-8, 2022 - Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
August 9-11, 2022 – Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
September 14-16 - Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
November 15-17, 2022- Online and in office, Mesa. AZ

### **Linking Generations by Strengthening Relationships® (LGSR)**

March 8-10, 2022 – Online and in office - Mesa, AZ  
June 14-16, 2022 – Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
July 18-20, 2022 – Bismarck, North Dakota  
August 22-24, 2022 Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
September 12-14, 2022 – Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
December 6-8, 2022 – Online and in office, Mesa, AZ

### **Addressing Family Violence and Abuse® (AFVA)**

January 11-13, 2022 Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
April 12-14, 2022 – Online and in office - Mesa, AZ  
June 8-10, 2022 – Online and in office – Mesa, AZ  
July 12-14, 2022 - Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
August 24-26, 2022 - Online and in office, Mesa, AZ  
October 4-6, 2022 – Online and in office -Mesa, AZ

### **Online Recertification Schedule:**

FIS/MIS, LGSR, AFVA Online Recertification  
February 15, 2022  
April 19, 2022  
June 21 2022  
August 16, 2022  
October 18, 2022  
December 13, 2022

Please register on-line (<https://www.nativeamericanfathers.org/training>) to attend or call our office at 480-833-5007 and ask for Cheryl.



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