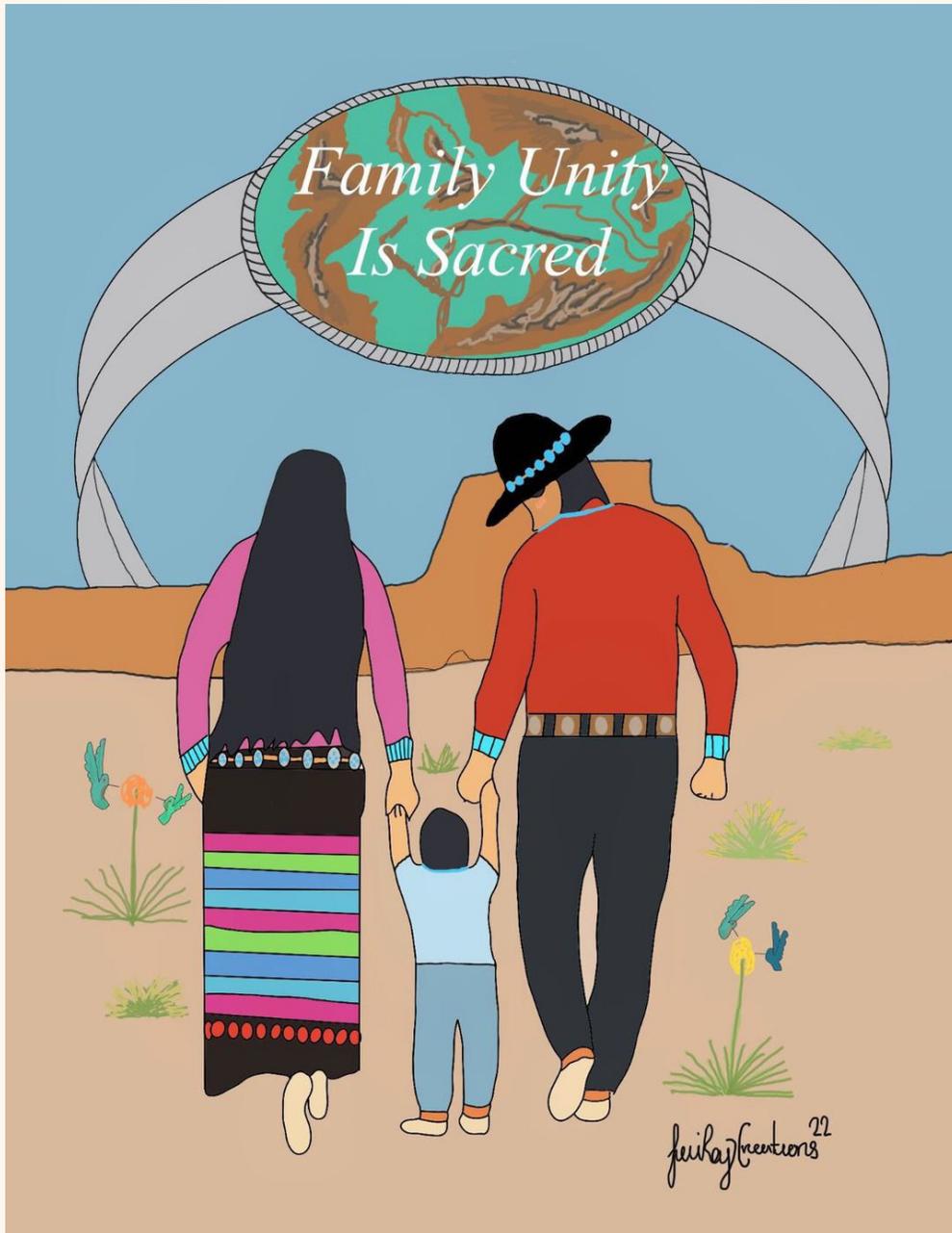


18th Annual "Fatherhood Is Leadership" National Conference



Submitted by Levi Yazzie
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Welcome to the 2022 “Fatherhood Is Leadership” Conference

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I welcome you to our 18th Annual “Fatherhood is Leadership” National Conference. I would like to thank each one of you for attending and also encourage you all to become reacquainted with old friends, and meet new friends. We all belong to the NAFFA family.

We are now over 2,000 facilitators strong throughout North America and continue to grow with our online and in-office training. NAFFA’s partner list is growing as we expand our reach to many who will strengthen families in business, education and safety. NABEDC is still with us and we have added Waterford.org, Biometrica, Native Search Solutions, Inter-Tribal Council of California, Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach and Support and Kids Need to Read. Native Search Solutions and Biometrica formed a MMIP Fusion Center at the NAFFA complex which allows families to search for and find their missing family members.

We are in our second year at our new NAFFA Plaza in Mesa and have added on a NAFFA Wellness Center with an Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). This rehabilitation program is to help individuals recover and realize their own self worth and work towards becoming a valuable member to society with their families.

Exciting events are in store for the coming year as NAFFA will be planning online webinars and in-person seminars for areas of North America to reach out with our curricula and strengthen families. One very exciting bit of news is that we will have our Suicide Prevention curriculum ready for those who want to be trained facilitators starting in January 2023. Check out our website for more information at www.nativeamericanfathers.org. NAFFA also has our own phone application in either android or apple cell phones. Ask any of the staff to help you download yours.

I’m sure you will enjoy the workshops and speakers we have gathered for this year’s conference. Please make yourself at home and consider NAFFA and other conference participants as an extension of your family. We are here to work together on how to strengthen our families and keep families together. We would love the chance to meet and get to know each and every one of you.

Please let us know if we can help you navigate this year’s conference so that you can get the most out of all we have to offer. We encourage you all to take the initiative to get to meet other people and learn about each other’s programs and the work you are doing. I am excited for your presence and participation.



ALBERT M. POOLEY

President & Founder of Native American
Fatherhood and Families Association





AMY FA'ATOAFE

Executive Director of
Native American
Fatherhood and
Families Association

Welcome and enjoy the 18th Annual “Fatherhood Is Leadership” Conference

Welcome to our 18th Annual “Fatherhood Is Leadership” National Conference. This year marks our 20 year anniversary of working to strengthen families. I am so excited that we are able to gather together again for another year to celebrate families. After the couple of years of the pandemic, it has made me so much more grateful for the little things in life. As many of us were able to spend more time at home, it allowed time to ponder on the importance of what truly matters most, our FAMILY! Family is the heart of our culture and we as Fathers and Mothers must pull together to fight the destroyer in the many evils throughout the world, to protect our children and future posterity. This year will be my 7th year with NAFFA and I love it more and more each day. I have been married to my husband Justin for 14 years and together we have three children Talia (10), Kimbal (8), & Taimane (6). I love my family and the great support they have been as I work with alongside my father and our NAFFA family to work and expand our services in taking our message to more of our Native families. I am honored to have so many of you here in attendance and I pray that the Creator may continue to bless you and your family throughout the years.

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About NAFFA

Our Story

Native American Fatherhood & Families Association (NAFFA) began in 2002 with just one father and the mission of bringing men back to strengthening their families. Since then, NAFFA has successfully impacted thousands of lives and families.

NAFFA is an Arizona based non-profit 501(C) (3) organization that provides programs to strengthen families through responsible fatherhood and motherhood. Our programs are one of a kind, creating a real passion in parents to take a leadership role in keeping families together and growing healthy children.

We have three signature curricula, 1.) Fatherhood Is Sacred[®], Motherhood Is Sacred[®], 2.) Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships[®], 3.) Addressing Family Violence & Abuse[®], and we are thrilled to announce that we will be debuting our newest curriculum, 4.) Suicide Prevention[®], in January 2023. Our Fatherhood Is Sacred[®], Motherhood Is Sacred[®] program is our foundational curriculum, the Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships[®], Addressing Family Violence & Abuse, and Suicide Prevention[®] builds upon that foundation. For details of our upcoming facilitator training, see below.

Upcoming Facilitator Training Dates:

Fatherhood Is Sacred[®],

Motherhood Is Sacred[®]

November 15-17, 2022 (Mesa, AZ)*

January 10-12, 2023 (Honolulu, HI)**

March 6-8, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

May 10-12, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships[®]

December 6-8, 2022 (Mesa, AZ)*

February 1-3, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

April 17-19, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

Addressing Family Violence &

Abuse[®]

March 8-10, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

May 8-10, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

Suicide Prevention[®]

January 10-12, 2023 (Honolulu, HI)**

January 30-February 1, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

April 19-21, 2023 (Mesa, AZ)*

* In-person training or Virtual

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This 3-day intensive training is for individuals wanting to be certified as facilitators. Training will provide knowledge and skills to implement a 12 to 14 week program that assists fathers, mothers, and families to fully realize their potential. These highly effective programs offer participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible parenting and offers specific techniques to help facilitators work with a wide variety of families. The curriculums are for a diverse population.

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2022 Keynote Speaker

CAPT Karen (Kari) Heard is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and directs SAMHSA's Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (OTAP). Her office acts as SAMHSA's primary point of contact for Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, federal departments and agencies, and other governments and organizations on behavioral health issues facing American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

Previously, she led the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances (OTASA) within CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, where she coordinated CDC programs and policies benefiting or affecting AI/AN populations. CAPT Heard has also served as the SAMHSA Regional Administrator for HHS Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas) working to advance the agency's mission and improve the delivery of behavioral health services within the region. Prior to joining SAMHSA, CAPT Heard was a behavioral health consultant for the Indian Health Service (IHS) Oklahoma City Area (Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas). She also chaired the IHS National Zero Suicide Advisory Committee and served as a member of the National Suicide Crisis Policy Committee, working to establish the IHS National Suicide Care Policy.

Earlier in her career, CAPT Heard served as the Behavioral Health Director for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma expanding services related to suicide prevention, forensic sexual assault, domestic violence advocacy, and substance use education, prevention, and treatment. CAPT Heard led the establishment of the Wind Horse Family Counseling Center bringing family centered substance use treatment to areas that had previously had little access to care.

CAPT Heard holds a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Oklahoma and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She commissioned into the United States Public Health Service in 2006 and has deployed multiple times in support of both natural and man-made disasters.



CAPT KAREN HEAROD

Director, Office of
Tribal Affairs and Policy
for Substance Abuse
Mental Health Services
Administration

2022 Keynote Speaker

Frantz Beasley is the president and founder of AZ Common Ground, a Phoenix-based nonprofit which provides services to youth and adults recently released from incarceration, while honoring those victimized by crime. Frantz also founded, Makarios Youth Prevention Project, a nonprofit which provides critical thinking programs, mentoring and advocacy for children of color to assist them in not developing lifestyles of crime or entering the criminal justice system. In 2019, Frantz began the nonprofit organization, Respect Our Daughters, to educate and raise awareness to the reality of sex trafficking and how it impacts and devastates our society.

Frantz serves on the African American Advisory Councils for the Phoenix Police Department, Congressman Ruben Gallego, and Mayor Kate Gallego. Frantz also sits on the Arizona Department of Corrections' Constituent Services Advisory Committee and is co-chair of the Maricopa County Re-entry Coalition.

In 2015, AZ Common Ground was awarded The Innovative Program of the Year by the Arizona Correctional Educators because of its work in reducing recidivism in Arizona, and in 2019, Frantz was awarded The Citizen of the Year by the Horace Rumpole American Inn of Court, which is an organization comprised of judges, attorneys and prosecutors, who recognized Frantz for his service to his community.

Frantz is a nationally sought-after public speaker who enjoys working with youth across the country to inspire them to learn their identity, understand the importance of their decisions, and to work for the futures they wish to achieve. Frantz recently completed a four-month journey throughout the country, travelling 4,100 miles to raise awareness to the violence, murder, and trafficking of Black, Brown, and Indigenous Women and Girls. Frantz is currently preparing for an education and awareness campaign in Alaska due to the epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous Peoples taking place in that state.



FRANTZ BEASLEY

President and Founder
of AZ Common Ground

Lunch Entertainment

“Humor-Healing” with James Junes

James Junes is Dine' from the Navajo Tribe and also part Hopi from Hotevilla, AZ. His Clans are: Red Water Clan and Bear People. He resides in Farmington, NM with his wife, Rose, and their four children. At 49 years old today, he has been an entrepreneur as a Motivational Speaker, Stand-Up Comedian and Actor for the past 18 years. He is also one-half of “James and Ernie Comedy” duo and also part of the “49 Laughs Comedy” troupe. He thoroughly loves what he does for a living and continues to travel and share laughs, motivate our Native People, young and old at many functions across the states. He continues to speak with an inspiration and motivation on many topics of interest and shares his personal stories and experience. He is a Cancer SURVIVOR and shares his story of a challenging time in his life and how he overcame and beat it. Today, he continues to advocate to our Native People to get checked and to be proactive. His new Motivational Speaking Presentation is titled *“Humor-Healing”*, a presentation about enduring life's challenges and obstacles and how it made him a better person.



JAMES JUNES

Motivational Speaker,
Comedian, Actor,
NAFFA Certified
Facilitator

Lunch Entertainment

Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Dance Group

Our group is called Chi'Chino Spirit O'Odham Dance group. We first started in 2006, and we were originally from Gila River Indian Community from the village of Chi'Chino (Co-Op Village District 6). Today, our group is made of 3 O'Odham tribes "Akimel O'Odham, Onk-Akimel O'Odham, and Tohono O'Odham". (Gila River, Salt River, and Tohono O'Odham Nation) We share the songs and dances of the Akimel O'Odham people taught to us by our great grandparents and relatives, which some have passed away.



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Lunch Entertainment

Motivational Speech with Kyle Sumatzkuku

Kyle Sumatzkuku was born and raised in the Hopi community in northeastern Arizona near Tuba City. He is the son of Leroy and Rebecca Sumatzkuku, and grew up in the Village of Moenkopi. Kyle is a proud graduate of Tuba City High School in 2015, and was a part of the Arizona State Championship Cross Country Team his junior year.

Between years of collegiate running, working as a student and serving the community throughout the pandemic, Kyle is working on nurturing the skills required for the 2024 Olympic qualification round.

In recent years, Kyle spent many sessions mentoring youth in many tribal communities through the Wings of America Training Program. He has helped the youth and many adults with adopting a healthy lifestyle and incorporating fitness into daily living.

As a Hopi Tribal member, Kyle has many aspirations to assist his community. He plans to help the Hopi Tribe with economic development and step into leadership roles. In addition to the recent Boston Marathon experience, Kyle endeavors to chase his dreams of running in many other big stage races yet to come.

Kyle is committed to fostering a strong connection to Hopi culture and advocating for a healthy life.



**KYLE
SUMATZKUKU**

Hopi Endurance
Runner

Guest Speaker

Deran Martinez is a Professional MMA Fighter from the Gila River Indian Community (Akimal O'odham) at a very young age he was inspired by his father to compete in wrestling, finding passion for the sport and the lessons the sport has embedded in him. After competing in many tournaments as a teen and young adult he took a break from competing and a few years later in 2015 he decided to return to combat sports but this time in MMA as an Amateur, He has held the Amateur Heavyweight title and the #1 ranking spot in Arizona before turning PRO. In November 2021 he signed with a globally recognized Management team "First Round Management" where he began his Professional MMA career.

He has been considered a leader in his community displaying love and pride for his people. Giving back to the community by hosting seminars, food drives, motivational speeches etc. With his Professional career at its very beginning, he has kept the integrity to be a light for his people and also a positive force for Indian Country, leading by example and now facilitating and becoming the BHT for NAFFA Wellness. The continuous drive he has to better himself and the people has crossed over not only in MMA but in his personal career as well. Creating a loyal following throughout different tribes in Arizona and blazing a trail for our native youth and adults has set him up for a promising, impactful and inspiring career.



DERAN MARTINEZ

Professional MMA
Fighter, NAFFA
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Guest Speaker

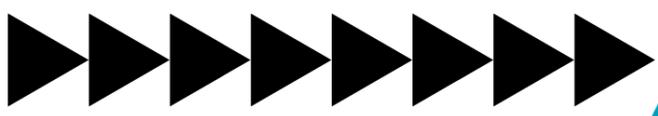
Joe Mathews is Cahuilla from the Morongo Indian Reservation in Southern California, and has been facilitating Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred and other NAFFA courses since 2014. Joe is currently employed with Riverside County Workforce Development as an Employer Services Consultant and prior to that was a supervisor with Morongo Tribal TANF for the better part of 8 years.

Even though Joe does not currently work with his tribe, he continues to share the NAFFA curriculum with tribes throughout Southern California. Also, Joe is a Professional Wrestler and was able to bring wrestling to the Dream the Impossible Native American Youth Conference in early 2022.



JOE MATHEWS

Professional Wrestler,
NAFFA Certified
Facilitator



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Native American Fatherhood & Families Association is the official collaborating partner on this grant and assists with recruiting AIANNH clients from their training cohorts. NAFFA also works alongside AIANNH Project NABEDC staff to perform outreach to individuals (one-on-one) in various communities.

To learn more about NABEDC and/or to register for services, visit www.NABEDC.com or email Info@NABEDC.com.

*(AIANNH=American Indian, Alaska Native, & Native Hawaiian)

Conference Agenda - Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Traditional Attire Day- Wear Your Traditional Attire

7:00 am– 5:00 pm, Red Mountain Ballroom Entrance

Registration

7:00 am– 8:15 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Breakfast

8:15 am– 9:00 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Posting of Colors & Drummers/ National Anthem: Gila River Valley Veterans Association & the Mandaree Singers. National Anthem by Carly Farabee

Opening Prayer: Sistine Lewis, Miss Indian AZ SRPMIC

Overview of Program: Amy Fa'atoafe, Executive Director of Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

Welcome Address: Congressman Greg Stanton & Albert Pooley, President & Founder of Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

9:00 am– 10:00 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Keynote Address: CAPT Karen Hearod, SAMHSA

Testimonial: Paul Tupaz (Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians/ Washoe Tribe), California

Door Prize Drawing (must be present)

10:00 am– 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am– 11:30 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Plenary Session 1: 3 Pillars, Albert Pooley, President & Founder of NAFFA

Guest Speaker: Deran Martinez, Professional MMA Fighter

Door Prize Drawing (must be present)

11:30 am– 12:00 pm

Break/ Visit Exhibit tables

12:00 pm– 1:30 pm, Red Mountain Ballroom

Lunch

Prayer: Jackie Littlegeorge (Winnebago Tribe), Nebraska

Lunch Entertainment: "Humor-Healing" with James Junes

1:30 pm– 3:00 pm Tracks

The Cove

Aging/Dementia: Michelle Anderson & Brian Browne

Ocotillo

Course Corrections: Michael O'Connor

Palo Verde

Story Doorways for Families- Supporting Children's Early Language Development: Tiarha Huerta & Jessy Polzer

Mesquite

For NAFFA Certified Facilitators

NAFFA Facilitator Workshop: NAFFA Staff

3:00 pm– 3:30 pm

Break/ Visit Exhibit tables (Snack)

3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Tracks

The Cove

988 Crisis Line & Impact on Native Families: Ray Daw

Ocotillo

The Ashlyne Mike Amber Alert in Indian Country Action of 2018: Tyesha Wood & Valerie Bribiescas

Palo Verde

Understanding our history and how trauma affects us as parents: Edison Red Nest III

Mesquite

Energize Your Personal Energy & Vitality for Health & Well-Being: Denise Alley

5:00 pm

Adjourn for the day

5:00 pm

"Precious Gem" Awards Silent Auction begins

6:00 pm– 8:00 pm

"Precious Gem" Awards Banquet

Conference Agenda - Thursday, November 3, 2022

MMIP Observance Day—Wear Red

6:00 am– 7:00 am, DoubleTree Lobby

Sunrise Shakeout with Kyle Sumatzkuku

NAFFA invites you to an early morning run. Please meet in the lobby of the Hotel between 6:00 am- 6:15 am.

Join Hopi Endurance Runner Kyle Sumatzkuku for an early morning shakeout run with an opening routine of dynamic exercises to prepare the body for a simple and easy 3 mile or 30 minute session. Bring your favorite running shoes for trails and enjoy the early morning cool climate in your best running apparel. Don't forget the water.

7:00 am– 5:00 pm, Red Mountain Ballroom Entrance

Registration

7:00 am– 8:15 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Breakfast

8:15 am– 10:00 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Opening Prayer: Cheryl Haozous (San Carlos Apache Tribe), Arizona

Welcome: Amy Fa'atoafe, Executive Director of NAFFA

Partnership Spotlight: Native Search Solutions

Keynote Address: "My Sister's Keeper" with Frantz Beasley

Sponsorship Recognition

Door Prize Drawing (must be present)

10:00 am– 10:15 am

Break

10:15am– 11:30 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Guest Speaker: Joe Mathews, Professional Wrestler

Plenary Session 2: Suicide Prevention, Albert Pooley, President & Founder of NAFFA

Door Prize Drawing (must be present)

11:30 am– 12:00 pm

Break/ Visit Exhibit Tables

12:00 pm– 1:30 pm, Red Mountain Ballroom

Lunch

Prayer: Darlene Begay (Navajo Tribe), New Mexico

Lunch Entertainment: Motivational Speech with Kyle Sumatzkuku & the Chi'chino Spirit O'odham Dance Group

1:30 pm– 3:00 pm Tracks

The Cove

Human Trafficking & how it affects the United States: Sgt. Liliana Duran

Ocotillo

Trauma Informed Care: Living past being a Victim and a Survivor: Leon Aragon LCSW & Cindy Myers LCSW

Palo Verde

Understanding The Dark & Deep: Diving Under The Surface

Web: Wyly Wade

Mesquite

Native American Research– The Importance of Family History: Emerson Mose

3:00 pm– 3:30 pm

Break/ Visit Exhibit Tables (Snack)

3:30 pm– 5:00 pm Tracks

The Cove

Understand the Indian Child Welfare Act: Family, Community and Culture: Jack F. Trope

Ocotillo

Drugs in the community (Drug Awareness): Danny Garcia

Palo Verde

Criminal Justice Systems and Native American Communities: Rodney States

Mesquite

Balancing fatherhood/motherhood roles in the rural communities using cultural teachings: Leland Becenti

5:00 pm

Adjourn for the day

Conference Agenda - Friday, November 4, 2022

7:00 am– 8:15 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Breakfast

8:15 am– 10:15 am, Red Mountain Ballroom

Opening Prayer: Christina Basham, Hawaii

Facilitator Presentation: Moderator– Carly Farabee,
Facilitator Coordinator

Door Prize Drawing (must be present)

10:15 am– 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am– 12:00 pm, Red Mountain Ballroom

Plenary Session 3: Gratitude, Albert Pooley, President & Founder of NAFFA

Closing Remarks, Albert Pooley, President & Founder of NAFFA

Retrieving of Colors: Gila River Valley Veterans Association & the Mandaree Singers.

Closing Prayer: Marnella Kucate-Yepa (Pueblo of Zuni) , New Mexico

12:00 pm

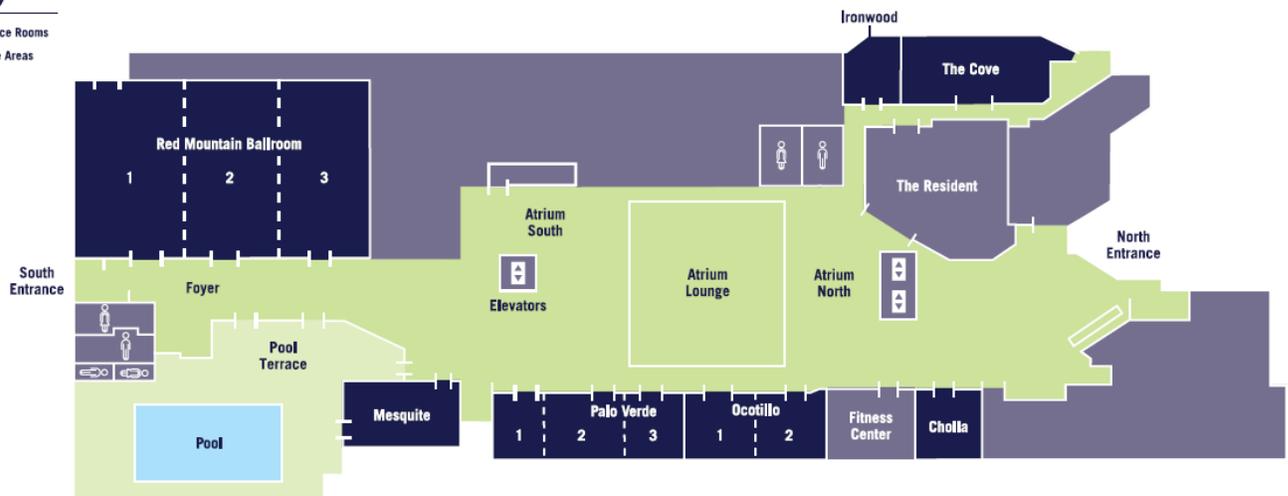
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Venue Map

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Floor Map Key

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- Amenities/Service Areas
- Public Space
- Outdoor Space



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Wednesday, November 2, 2022

1:30-3:00 pm

Criminal Justice Track (Ocotillo)

Course Corrections, presented by Michael O'Connor

Michael O'Connor will present his own inspiring story and his experiences in helping rehabilitate offenders, preventing future crimes and providing moral support for inmates. This session will address the problems that Native American men face both in and out of prison. How being sober, learning how to be a good friend and father have helped him and the importance of teaching these principles to the Native men.

Education & Prevention Track (Palo Verde)

Story Doorways for Families- Supporting Children's Early Language Development, presented by Tiarha Huerta & Jessy Polzer

Storytelling is embedded in our humanity and culture. Oral and written stories are carriers of knowledge and values from generation to generation. Language is used to co-create purpose and meaning and connect us to one another.

Language skills grant us access to stories . . . to feelings, ideas, people, and communities.

Come and experience storytelling through the eyes of a child developing language from birth through early childhood. Simple tips and resources for supporting children's language development will be provided.

Fatherhood is Sacred®, Motherhood is Sacred® Track (Mesquite)

NAFFA Facilitator Workshop*, presented by NAFFA Staff

*This workshop is for NAFFA Certified Facilitators

This workshop will provide NAFFA Certified Facilitators with an opportunity to meet with NAFFA staff and learn about what NAFFA has been up to and what is in store for 2023. This will also be a great opportunity to meet the other certified facilitators who are in attendance of the conference and learn from each other on how to strengthen our communities.

Health & Human Services Track (The Cove)

Aging/Dementia, presented by Michelle Anderson and Brian Browne

Come join Michelle Anderson and Brian Browne with Care Access as they bring a dynamic and engaging presentation on aging and dementia. This workshop will offer insight on the latest research, the natural process of aging and discussion of what it's like to age with intention in the 21st century. Look forward to being educated, informed, inspired, and empowered!





Wednesday, November 2, 2022

3:30-5:00 pm

Criminal Justice Track (Ocotillo)

The Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Action of 2018, presented by Tyesha Wood & Valerie Bribiescas

The presentation will discuss why and how AMBER Alert was brought to Indian Country through the passage and signing into law of the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act in April 2018, nearly two years after Ashlyne was abducted.

Specific focus will be on how tribes will be able to develop or enhance their existing programs and activities for the support of AMBER Alert communications plans.

- Integrate tribal AMBER Alert systems into state AMBER Alert systems.
- Integrate state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans with an Indian tribe

-An update on the status of the Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018.

Education & Prevention Track (The Cove)

988 Crisis Line & Impact on Native Families, presented by Ray Daw

On July 16, 2022, the National 988 crisis Line became active for suicide prevention & mental health wellness. This presentation will provide an overview of the new crisis line service. Also, a discussion on how the new system is a benefit to Native families and communities, as the crisis line continues developing, will be provided.

Fatherhood is Sacred®, Motherhood is Sacred® Track (Palo Verde)

Understanding our history and how trauma affects us as parents, presented by Edison Red Nest III

We will discuss ways and how the fatherhood is sacred and motherhood is sacred program has helped shape native families in the Nebraska panhandle. We will discuss different strategies used in the Nebraska panhandle to help families move forward and become better than they used to be. We will talk about Native Futures being the only Native American provider servicing families involved with Nebraska DHHS or the juvenile Justice probation system.

Health & Human Services Track (Mesquite)

Energize Your Personal Energy & Vitality for Health & Well-Being, presented by Denise Alley

In this jam-packed, motivational workshop participants will learn powerful tools to do daily, including: a morning energy protocol, forgiveness tool and daily declarations. Come find out what's blocking your peace, what to do if you feel tired and drained and ways to keep your energy field clean to stay on "top of your game" as a parent, employee and leader in your community!





Thursday, November 3, 2022

1:30-3:30 pm

Criminal Justice Track (The Cove)

Human Trafficking & how it affects the United States, presented by Sergeant Liliana Duran

Join Sgt. Duran to learn more on Human Trafficking, how it affects our state and country and what law enforcement and NGO's are doing to help combat Human Trafficking.

Education & Prevention Track (Palo Verde)

Understanding The Dark & Deep: Diving Under The Surface Web, presented by Wyly Wade

We take you beyond the Internet as we know it, to its nether regions and underbelly, to give you a basic understanding of cyber-security for investigators. You can't track what you don't understand, so we walk you through the Clearnet vs the Darknet, TOR, Routing Protocols and End-to-End Encryption, how to protect your transmissions, what digital creeps do (and what you should not), Anonymizing Proxy Servers, Malware, Steganography vs Cryptography, Privacy Issues, and Social Hacking for investigators.

Fatherhood is Sacred®, Motherhood is Sacred® Track (Mesquite)

Native American Research– The Importance of Family History, presented by Emerson Mose

Join me to discuss the work I have done in Native American Research– Family History. I will detail the importance of family history and provide information on how one can start drafting this history on their own. The goal of this workshop is to remind people of they ancestors, all they have overcome, and the importance to carry on a positive family legacy.

Health & Human Services Track (Ocotillo)

Trauma Informed Care: Living past being a Victim and a Survivor, presented by Leon Aragon LCSW & Cindy Myers LCSW

NAFFA's philosophy of uplifting, encouraging, assisting, and teaching is based on process of solving our problems, some big and some large. When we stop preparing and solving the problems of our trauma(s), we add and can even become the problem. NAFFA Wellness strength base approach of Trauma Informed Service Provision (TISP) goes beyond basic Trauma Informed Care by understanding:

- Identification of being a victim of Trauma (Adverse Childhood Experiences - ACEs)
 - Reflection on being a survivor of Trauma (Historical Trauma and Trauma Transmission)
 - Adaptation on being more than one's Trauma (Strengths Based Approach)
 - NAFFA Wellness concept of: Inherit Goodness, the 1/2 perfection of our Spirit, and the process of change, & return to Greatness)
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Thursday, November 3, 2022

3:30-5:00 pm

Criminal Justice Track (Palo Verde)

Criminal Justice Systems and Native American Communities, presented by Rodney States

This workshop will include an overview of the criminal justice systems involved in and related to Native communities in the U.S., including discussion on the respective jurisdictional authority and limitations of Tribal, State and Federal justice systems.

Education & Prevention Track (Ocotillo)

Drugs in the community (Drug Awareness), presented by Danny Garcia

This workshop will have an overview of the current drugs that are being used within our communities. The workshop is to educate the audience to identify illicit drugs and activity by bringing awareness.

Fatherhood is Sacred[®], Motherhood is Sacred[®] Track (Mesquite)

Balancing fatherhood/motherhood roles in the rural communities using cultural teachings, presented by Leland Becenti

Many parents often face the challenges of finding stable employment in remote and rural communities. Many times parents have to make difficult decisions to leave their homes and have their extended families take on the role of raising their children. Time becomes precious in the eyes of the parents because some will find it too expensive to see their children, so they have to be creative just to make time for their families. Many behaviors may arise for the child when the parent becomes absent and how does a family learn to function when this occurs. There are also some decisions that may be made to relocate the family outside of their homeland and their access to cultural teachings may be limited. However, using Native American cultural teachings can help in raising a child and allow the parent to continue to be involved to acknowledge the different milestones in their child's development. The use of cultural teachings can empower the family to continue to function together and enhance the communication between all of the family members. This workshop will provide some examples on how this can be balanced with our families.

Health & Human Services Track (The Cove)

Understanding the Indian Child Welfare Act: Family, Community and Culture, presented by Jack F. Trope

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (ICWA) was passed by Congress to address the misuse of the states' child protection power. Before passage of the ICWA, it is estimated that 25-35% of all Indian children had been placed outside of their home at some point in time. Some placements occurred despite little evidence of actual abuse and neglect, and 90% of those placements were with non-Indian families. ICWA's intent was to protect Indian children and give them the opportunity to stay with parents whenever possible and to remain connected with their families, communities and cultures. This presentation will provide information about the protections that ICWA provides to Indian children and families, including fathers and their extended families, who are involved with state child welfare systems. It will also discuss why ICWA is considered to be the gold standard in child welfare.





Workshop Presenters Biographies

Denise Alley (Cherokee, Shawnee, Oto, Delaware) is motivational speaker, energy practitioner and author. She has more than 30 years experience working in Indian Country as a speaker and staff trainer in personal and professional development. Denise has delighted audiences with her enthusiasm and genuine spirit. She conducts workshops on customer service, team building, motivation and wellness for tribal programs. Denise and her extended family is annually featured at Willie Nelson's Farm Aid benefit concerts and has been on Native America Calling radio. Her new book on overcoming victim thinking is soon to be published. Ms. Alley resides in Gilbert, Arizona. You can visit her website: denisealley.com.

Michelle Anderson- I have been a bedside nurse for 17 years, working to try to educate my patients on prevention and how to take care of their disease processes. After COVID I decided I needed to make a change. I finished my MPH degree and decided to look for a job where I could educate the community. My passion is to help people it is all I ever wanted to do. When I found Care Access, their mission aligned with my passion "We serve patients and researchers from diverse cultures and communities around the world. We are stronger and better when we build a team that represents the people we aim to support and maintain an inclusive culture where people from a broad range of backgrounds feel valued and respected as they contribute to our mission which is to engage every healthcare professional in clinical research and to make clinical trials a care option for every patient. My job is to go into the community and educate about groundbreaking research that is being done. There is no greater privilege than to be a part of something bigger than myself.

Leon Aragon (Purepecha/Pueblo/Mexican) and **Cindy Myers** (Choctaw) have spent a decade working to empower clients and improving access to behavioral health and wellness programs in Native American communities. They have co-authored private, local, state and federal grants that have directly impacted the Tribal communities in which they served totaling over 10 million dollars. They have worked for Tribal communities in multiple capacities: direct service providers, compliance and evaluation and in leadership positions. They have assisted in creating numerous effective strength-based and Tribally-driven projects. Both Leon and Cindy are Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in NM and AZ with years of experience including presenting their work on a national and state level. They are driven by assisting people and their communities bring out their best by building on their strengths and are supported by NAFFA, CYC, and AECF. Leon and Cindy have worked to develop NAFFA's updated survey to continue the pursuit of drive NAFFA from a grass-root recognized practice-based model to an accredited evidence-based model. Recently, Mr. Aragon and Mrs. Myers have joined NAFFA to build NAFFA Wellness' first ever Family Wellness Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) to support Native Americans in Arizona address co-occurring substance use and mental health challenges while laying the foundation of strength-based family resiliency factors.

Leland Becenti serve as the District Family Involvement Coordinator with Pinon Unified School District on the Navajo Nation. This school district provides K-12th education to 7 rural communities on the Navajo Nation. Mr. Becenti has worked as a Parent Liaison and Social Worker for over 20 years at the tribal, state and federal level He provides a number of Navajo cultural enrichment trainings to communities, schools, programs and conferences. His personal stories of witnessing and surviving domestic violence from his childhood shares insights on how this cycle can be broken. He uses his stories of being raised with Navajo traditional teachings and being around sheep shaped his viewpoint of how to a respectable person. Using these teachings he continues to use this to guide his family, community and encouraging others. He is a father of 7 children and grandfather to 2 granddaughters. He is of the White Mountain Apache, Navajo and Hualapai tribes.

Valerie Bribiescas is a retired Detective with the Maricopa County Attorney's Office in Arizona where she specialized in crimes of violence, child abuse, and family violence investigations. She has over 25 years experience as a peace officer, with the majority of her policing career with tribal law enforcement. Valerie is the Project Coordinator for the AMBER Alert in Indian Country Program, she holds a Masters Degree of Education through Northern Arizona University, and is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, residing in Chandler, Arizona.

Brian Browne is the president of Cognitive Care Management, founder of Dementia Care Education, and the Editor of Dementia Care News. Brian is a cognitive scientist and neuro-nutritionist and possesses over 20 years of expertise in the fields of aging, dementia, clinical research, and nutrition. He is a noted public speaker and a frequent lecturer at meetings and conferences regionally and nationally. Brian has been featured by many media outlets and produces regular content for various publications. His research interests include examining the role of nutrition and lifestyle intervention to reduce the risk for cognitive decline and abnormal aging.

Ray Daw, MA, is Navajo from New Mexico. He has worked in NM to engage Native families & communities on the new 988 system. He has advocated for inclusion of Native teachings and providers within the 988 system.





Workshop Presenters Biographies

Liliana Duran began her career with the Tempe Police Department in December 2005. She proudly serves in the Criminal Investigations Bureau and oversees the Critical investigations Unit. The unit investigates Human Exploitation and Trafficking (HeAT), Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Digital Forensics (DFU), Cold Case Sexual Assaults and Sex Offender Notification for the City of Tempe. Liliana has extensive experience in public safety, service, administration, community and media relations, multi-agency collaboration and high profile investigations. She has worked steadily in a variety of capacities to include, Patrol Officer, Narcotics Detective, Crisis Negotiator, Public Information Officer, Professional Standards Sergeant and most recently oversees the Critical Investigations Unit. During her eight years as a Narcotics Detective she collaborated in high profile cases with local and federal law enforcement agencies to include the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Phoenix High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). In 2016, Liliana served as the Public Information Office where she was responsible for communicating effectively with members of the media on a local and national level. She also participated with local law enforcement agencies with community forums tailored to assist the Spanish speaking communities. As a sergeant of the Professional Standards Bureau, Liliana represented the Tempe Police Department in upholding the highest level of professionalism and integrity. During her tenure as a sergeant in the Critical Investigations Unit, Liliana has collaborated with NGO's and local law enforcement to combat domestic juvenile and adult sex trafficking in our community by taking a multi-disciplinary approach and engaging in proactive-investigations and providing education and training to community. Liliana has a passion for helping those in need and empowering those who feel they have no voice. Liliana holds a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism and Spanish Literature from Arizona State University. Liliana is a graduate from the East Valley Hispanic Leadership Institute and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Criminal Justice— Organizational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Liliana was born in Chihuahua, Mexico and grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. She has been married to her husband for over 15 years and they have two children and three dogs.

Carly Farabee (Navajo, Hopi)- Carly was born in Mesa, Arizona and is currently NAFFA's Facilitator Coordinator and ASU Gammage Auditorium's Assistant House Manager. She graduated from Arizona State University in May of 2022 with her Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy. Carly joined NAFFA in April of 2022 and is excited to be a part of their journey. She has also recently accepted an internship with Mella Music Therapy which she will begin in March of 2023. Aside from work, Carly loves to visit California, spend time her fiancé, Anthony, and cuddle up to her fur baby, Peaches.

Detective (Det.) Danny Garcia is a Detective with the City of Apache Junction Police Department (AJPD). Det. Garcia began his career in 2002 as a Detention Officer for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), where Det. Garcia worked custody at the Madison Street Jail in downtown Phoenix. In 2005 Det. Garcia became a Police Officer assigned to the Patrol Division of the AJPD. Det. Garcia worked in specialized units as a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Apache Junction High School, and Motor Officer assigned to the traffic unit. In 2013 Det. Garcia was assigned to the Arizona Department of Public Safety (AZDPS) as a Detective on the Border Strike Force in the area of vehicle Theft and organized crime. Det. Garcia is currently assigned to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a Task Force Officer (TFO) combating Drug Trafficking Organizations in keeping drugs out of the community.

Tiarha Huerta is Partnership Manager at Waterford.org, an early literacy nonprofit with a mission to uplift communities with accessible educational resources. She has a degree from UCLA and studied psychology, labor workforce relations, and community development. A devoted server to the community, Tiarha listens to the stories of many individuals to empower communities together.

Emerson Mose (Navajo) is a Native American Researcher for the Mesa Family History Center under the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Mr. Mose has helped the Church for the past 10 years. He's also aided in European, African American and Spanish research.

Michael O'Connor is the Program Director for Culture Mentoring within the South Dakota State Prisons. Michael is a member of the Ihanktonwan Oyate (Yankton Sioux Tribe). He is a recovery drug addict and alcoholic with 27 years of sobriety. He has extensive experience with tribal drug and alcohol prevention and education, tribal case management, state and tribal child welfare, and now state corrections (working with Native American men).





Workshop Presenters Biographies

Jessy Polzer- Former librarian with a degree in psychology and the heart of a storyteller, Jessy Polzer unpacks children's language and literacy development in the context of what makes us truly human. Jessy currently nurtures a partnerships team at early literacy nonprofit Waterford.org, using the power of storytelling to inspire communities towards collaborative action in education. A lifelong bibliophile, Jessy cherishes sharing old and new favorite books with her husband, two girls, and many friends, using stories to build a purposeful life together.

Edison Red Nest III (Wazaza Band, Oglala Lakota) is the owner of native futures. A for-profit business operating in the panhandle of Nebraska, servicing the 13 counties of the Nebraska panhandle. Native Futures holds contracts with The State of Nebraska- Child and family services, district 12 probation, Nebraska Appleseed, and the Box Butte county attorney's office. We use a wrap around approach and incorporate all aspects of the culture into our programming. We teach language, drumming, craft, native history, Native politics, and creators game or lacrosse.

Rodney States is an attorney licensed in Arizona and the U.S. District Court with experience representing schools, local government entities, law enforcement agencies, and elected officials on matters including education law, public safety, criminal justice, liability, employment, contracts, procurement, legislation, open meeting, and public records. Rodney was a police officer in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for 8 years, where he was responsible for enforcing Tribal, Federal, and State laws. Rodney has also served as a county prosecutor.

Jack F. Trope is a Senior Director in Indian Child Welfare Programs at Casey Family Programs where he works on national and local initiatives aimed at promoting compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, increasing tribal access to the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Program and improving child welfare outcomes for children and families in state and tribal systems through training and systems improvement. Previously, Jack served as the Executive Director of the Association on American Indian Affairs (AAIA) for more than 13 years (and as Staff Attorney earlier in his career). Jack has worked on Indian child welfare matters since 1985 and is a co-author of the 3rd Edition of the Indian Child Welfare Act Handbook published by the American Bar Association.

Wyly Wade is CEO of Biometrica Systems, Inc., a SaaS and big data company focused on tracking crime and criminals in real time. Considered one of the world's experts on biometrics, he was part of the original team of six that conceptualized and built Aadhaar, India's biometrics program that now has over 1.3 billion people enrolled; worked on using technology to provide access to healthcare and aid in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Haiti, and Rwanda; and also worked, through the World Bank, with governments and security groups in Mexico, Maldives, Vietnam, Tajikistan, Nepal, Afghanistan, Germany, and Ghana on biometrics, benefit delivery, identification and security issues. He has tracked drug cartels in South America, hacked into the Federal Reserve (with permission) to show banking system vulnerabilities, and helped develop biometric standards for the U.S. passport. He is also on the technology advisory board of Lutron, the world's biggest manufacturer of lighting systems, a group on the forefront of the Internet of Things.

Tyesha M. Wood is the Program Manager for AMBER Alert in Indian Country. Tyesha is a former Police Detective with 17 years of law enforcement experience with tribal nations in Arizona. A majority of her police career comprised of work in Criminal Investigations in Sex Crimes and Crimes Against Children. She has experience in working with a Multi-Disciplinary Team in Tribal Family Advocacy Centers to ensure safety and protection of children. Tyesha also served as an Executive Protection Officer for the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice-President for 2 years. Tyesha received her undergraduate from the University of Arizona and her Graduate Degree in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Tyesha is a member of the Navajo Nation and resides in Arizona.



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NAFFA Philosophy

The family is at the heart of Native American cultures.

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

Our experience--and more importantly, research--has confirmed the vital nature of a culturally relevant approach when assisting and educating Native American individuals and families.¹ The teachings in the program have proven to be just effective to **ALL** families, no matter their culture.

For this purpose NAFFA's approach is based on a culturally-rich model that inspires and motivates fathers and mothers to devote their **best** efforts in teaching and raising children to develop their potential and the attributes needed for success in life.

In our efforts to help people, we often move away from two important necessary elements:

- **Truly loving the people whom you serve²**
- **Loving what you bring to the people you serve³**

These elements are absolutely essential in strengthening the desire for positive change. But don't just take our word for it. Decades of scientific evidence have established⁴ what we all intuitively know: **that all human beings have the need to feel loved and respected.**

It is also just as important to understand that real and lasting change must come from within.⁵

Studies and our own experience confirm that outside pressure rarely changes a person.⁶ For example, let's take a young person who may start using alcohol and drugs as a teenager. Their parents and family ask, plead, demand and even threaten them to try to make them stop, but their behavior continues. A few years pass and now this young person has a spouse who is making the same request. Again, the behavior continues and a few more years pass. Now the children are the ones making the request, but still the behavior continues. *How often have you seen this scenario played out?*

So, how is real change achieved? Filling life with **hope, gratitude** and **understanding** has a **powerful effect in changing attitudes and behavior.** There is no better way.⁷ Our program inspires and ignites self-motivation through natural techniques in bringing change to a person.





Precisely, our method is:

TO UPLIFT one's spirit, attitude, self-image and self-worth, while helping everyone feel welcome, wanted, needed and special.

TO ENCOURAGE and strengthen hope, bring new hope, inspire a desire for change and encourage confidence and trust in self and others.

TO ASSIST with recognizing opportunities, identifying resources, improving life skills and problem-solving abilities.

TO TEACH principles, responsibilities toward family, fatherhood, motherhood, marriage and self-control.

Our cultural approach⁹ often moves us away from some modern treatment modalities, which focus on medical objectives that are rooted in illness, sickness, or dysfunction. We take the position that the great majority of people are not ill, as generally believed. We acknowledge that there are some that are truly ill where special assistance is required. However, ***we believe--and clinical research confirms--that most people have been misdirected, misguided, misled and misinformed by their family, friends, community, religion, society, etc. and that their perception is distorted.***¹⁰

As a result, many bad and destructive habits have been taught and promoted by family members, friends, community and society at large by encouraging negative behavior and bad role models.¹¹ The models, television and music industries have contributed to **moving us away** from our **rich** and **vibrant** Native heritage. These learned bad and destructive habits have caused much pain and sorrow in the lives of many people. One survey of over 700 fathers found that the vast majority of them suffered from diminished beliefs and lowered confidence in fathering due to the media and the culture at large.¹²

NAFFA believes that fathers, in partnership with mothers, must take the lead in making the necessary adjustments to head in a new direction with correct information based on true and proven principles. We are simply bringing positive changes. **We must be a forward-thinking, forward-looking and forward-moving people.** We cannot live in or dwell on the past. Experts have called this having a balanced time perspective where past, present and future are in harmony.¹³

Forward-Thinking: Putting good things into our minds that motivate and inspire us to do good.

Forward-Looking: Seeing beyond our problems and imperfections; recognizing our value and potential.

Forward-Moving: Letting go of experiences and bad memories that hold us down or back. The price you paid for the painful lessons of life give you **power** to create a better future.

Rather than being stuck in our mistakes, when we truly understand the past, we have clarity. We can improve upon the present. We can look to the future with hope and confidence. This is accomplished through strong fathers and mothers who are **devoted to their families** by setting an example and showing compassion in both good times and times of adversity.

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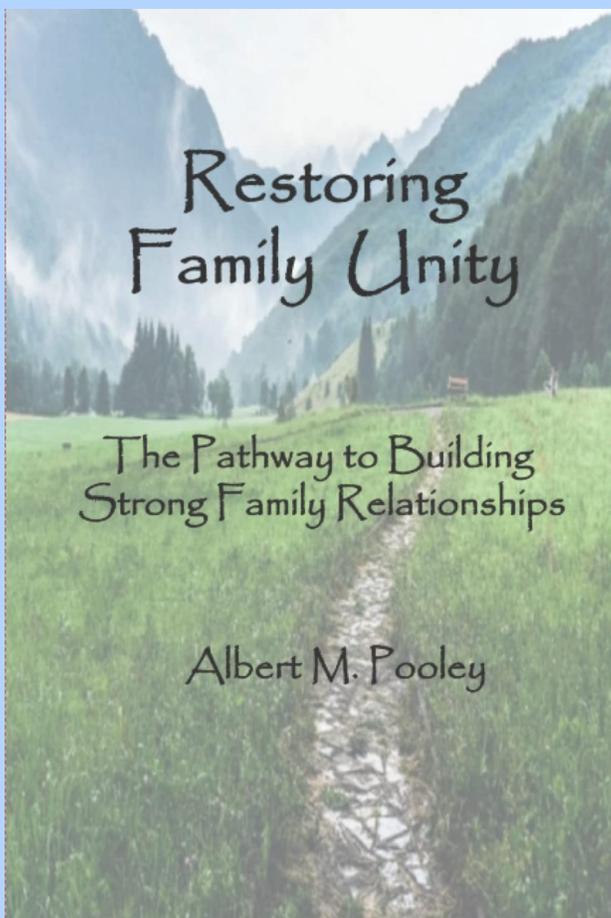
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