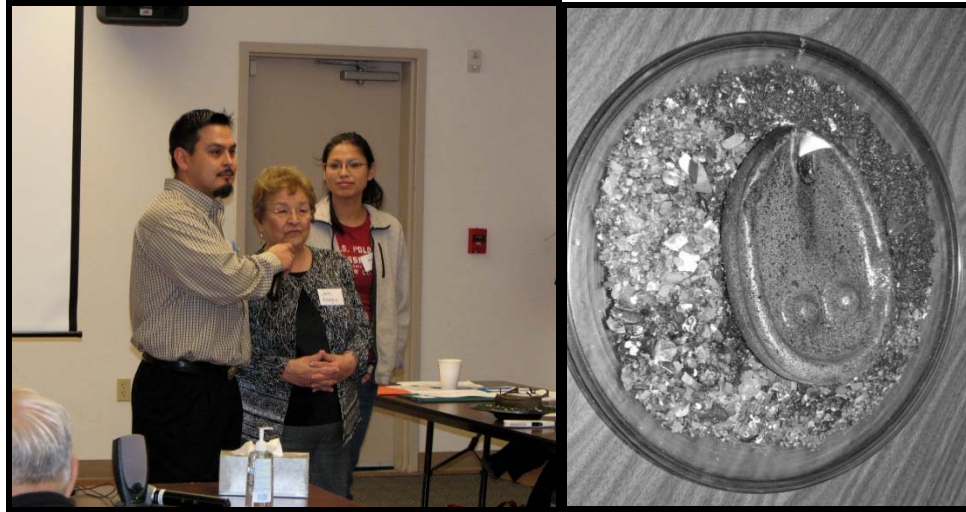


## Kodiak Regional Child Abuse Conference

*"Keeping Our Children Safe"* November 12-13, 2009

### Summary



An Alutiiq oil lamp was lit at the beginning of the conference by Kodiak Elder Julie Knagin & Alice Aga from Larsen Bay.

**About the Conference:** The Native Village of Afognak, Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, and the Kodiak Area Native Association partnered to plan and sponsor an informational conference to Kodiak residents on the effects child abuse has on the individual, family and community and what services are available.

**Conference Outcomes:** The goal of the conference was to raise awareness and educate the community about child maltreatment in our region including the signs and symptoms, local resources, and increase prevention efforts.

**Participants:** We had **101** participants attend the conference. There were approximately **87** attendees at the Community Banquet sponsored by the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak on November 12<sup>th</sup>.





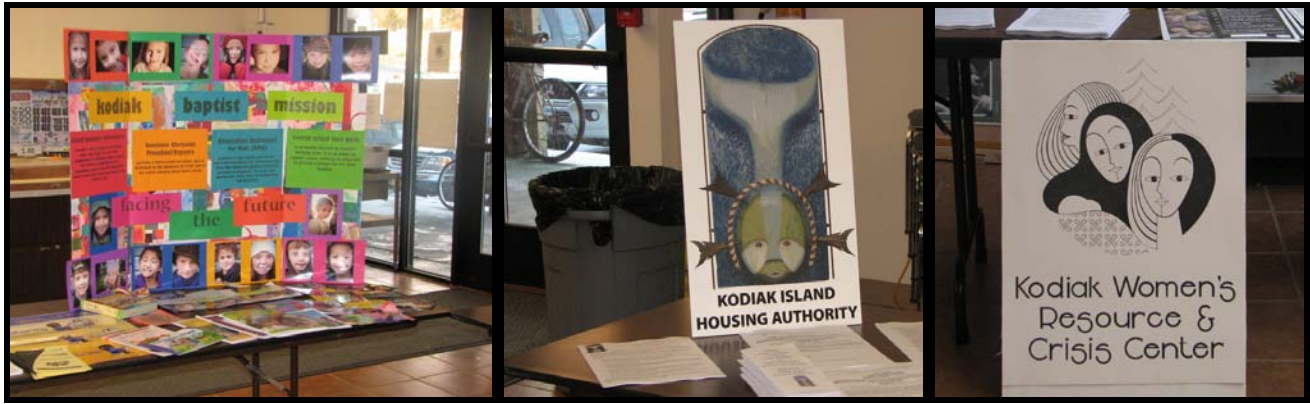
**Keynote:** Tammy Sandoval, Director of the Office of Children’s Services, gave the keynote address. She has overall responsibility for the administration of the agency, including Field Operations, Policy and Program, and Prevention. Tammy shared the new Native Foster Parent public service announcement produced by OCS that is starting to air. Other information included coordinating service within the community with the State to support families. OCS’s emphasis has shifted from investigation to family support.

**Guest Speaker:** Diane Payne, Justice for Native Children Consultant, has been involved with services to Tribes relating to response to child abuse and child sexual abuse for most of the last 30 years. She envisioned and led the development of the *Pathway to Hope: Healing Child Sexual Abuse* video and *Community Facilitator Guidebook* and co-trains Tribal community members in the effective use of these tools to end silence about child sexual abuse. She taught mandated reporting, recognizing the signs of child maltreatment, as well as led small group activities.

**Guest Speakers:** Gordon & Pam Games from the Skokomish & Colville Tribes were our guest speakers. They provide Native American perspectives into healthy, loving relationships and focus on improving personal relationships & becoming healed in a holistic way, through body, mind, spirit, and community. Gordon & Pam motivated the participants with interactive and inspirational activities.

**Moderators:** Frank Peterson, Jr., Program Director for Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak, along with Cindy Harrington, Director of Child Services with KANA, were moderators during the conference. Frank having lived in several villages on Kodiak Island and his past work experience with KANA, as a police officer in Kodiak, his service in the National Guard, and finally his role as a tribal leader all contribute to his innate ability to make everyone feel relaxed. Cindy, although new in her role as Director of Child Services at KANA, her experience spans many years on program development and services that focus on children and family services. Her skill in building partners and establishing initiatives are an asset to our region.

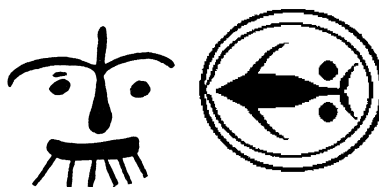




**Local Agencies:** Kodiak’s community partnerships are strong and play a vital role in our joint efforts to provide meaningful services that are sensitive to the many cultures on the island. For this conference we had a large number of agencies and organizations involved they include: Native Village of Afognak, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak, Kodiak Area Native Association, Kodiak Island Housing Authority, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Office of Children’s Services, Kodiak Head Start, Girl Scouts, Discovery Cove, Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center, Kodiak Women’s Resource and Crisis Center, Hearts Growing Toward Wellness, Kodiak Baptist Mission, Department of Labor Workforce Development, Infant Learning Program, Head Start RuralCap, and Parent’s As Teachers.

**Staff / Volunteers:** Without the dedication and hard work of the agency staff and volunteers the conference would not have been such a success. Kodiak is a community of caring individuals as evident by the conference and banquet turnout. Quyanna to all those that assisted in making this conference possible!

**Planning Committee:** The idea for this conference began in August and on September 2<sup>nd</sup> NVA hosted its first planning session. The primary planners included staff from NVA, Sun’aq, and KANA. Other agencies that assisted with during the planning phases were KIHA, OCS, and PKICC. We look forward to partnering for future conferences.





~"Seek the wisdom of the ages, but look at the world through the eyes of a child."~~ *Ron Wild*



~Children are poor men's riches. ~English Proverb



# Community Banquet November 12<sup>th</sup>

Sponsored by Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak



**Banquet:** Approximately **87** community members gathered at the Community Banquet sponsored by the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak. Guest speakers Pam & Gordon James led participants in activities to enhance a community approach to preventing child abuse and strengthening families.

The food was great, the facility awesome, and door prizes were abundant!

**Quyanna** to the staff that helped to plan the banquet as well as to Office of Children Services, Law Office of Steve Gray, and KANA for donating such wonderful door prizes!

~Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression. ~Dr. Haim Ginot

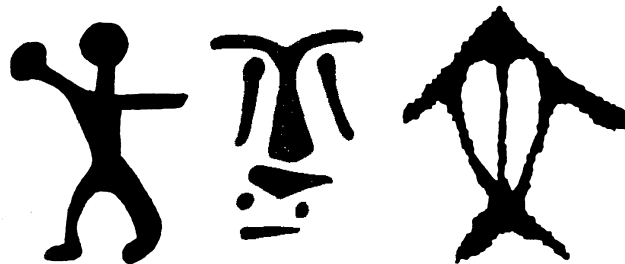




~Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children. ~Sitting Bull



~Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children.~Walt Disney





## **Day 1 Agenda November 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Welcome & Lighting of Lamp, **Julie Knagin**, ELDER  
Introductions, **Frank Peterson, Jr. & Cindy Harrington**, MODERATORS  
Keynote Guest Speaker **Tammy Sandoval**, Office of Children Services  
Mandated Reporting & Recognizing Child Abuse, **Diane Payne**

### ***AGENCY PRESENTATIONS / LOCAL RESOURCES***

Kodiak Baptist Mission, **Kelli Foreman**  
Kodiak Job Services Work Services, **Sheila Wallace**  
Discovery Cove, **Ken McCarty**  
KANA ICWA / Foster Care, **Lureta Whitewing-Porter**  
Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center, **Melanie Nelson**  
"Umbrella of Safety" , **Judy Simeonoff**  
Small Group Activity & Debriefing , **Diane Payne**

## **Day 2 Agenda November 13<sup>th</sup>:**

Welcome, **Frank Peterson & Cindy Harrington**, MODERATORS  
Group Energizer, **Pam & Gordon James**  
"How Little Otter Found His Power", Guest Speaker, **Diane Payne**  
Office of Children Services Kodiak, **Mary Gray**  
Healthy Relationships, **Pam & Gordon James**

### ***LOCAL RESOURCES FOR PARENTS***

KANA Infant Learning Program , **Nancy Wells**  
Kodiak Head Start, **Kim Salomon**  
Group Energizer, **Pam & Gordon James**  
Kodiak Women's Resource & Crisis Center, **Angela Bowling**  
Parents As Teachers / RuralCap, **Todd Hailey**  
Kodiak Island Housing Authority, **Julie Hill**  
Parenting /Coping Skills, **Pam & Gordon James**  
KANA Behavioral Health Services, **Cisco Penamora**  
Hearts Growing Towards Wellness, **Linda Ross**



## **FUTURE CONFERENCE SPRING 2010**

Quyanaa to our Elders for participating!

## CONFERENCE EVALUATION SUMMARY / 33 Responses

Did the information that was presented meet your needs?	Yes	30	Somewhat	3	No	0
Was the conference format / agenda appropriate?	Yes	31	Somewhat	2	No	0
Was the length of the training adequate?	Yes	27	Somewhat	6	No	0
Will you be able to apply the information, concepts, ideas, tec., from this conference to your home community, work, or in your life?	Yes	33	Somewhat	0	No	0

*Please rate the following on a scale of 1 – 6, with '6' being excellent.*

	<i>Poor</i>				<i>Excellent</i>	
Overall, how would you rate the conference?	1	0	2	0	3	0
The design of the conference?	1	0	2	0	3	2
The conference materials / handouts?	1	0	2	0	3	1
The conference topics?	1	0	2	0	3	0
Friendliness / helpfulness of staff / partnering agency members	1	0	2	0	3	0
Conference location / facility adequate?	1	0	2	1	3	0

### Facility

*Please rate the following on a scale of 1 – 6, with '6' being excellent.*

	<i>Poor</i>				<i>Excellent</i>	
Meeting Space?	1	0	2	0	3	0
The Food?	1	0	2	1	3	1
Banquet?	1	0	2	0	3	1
Air travel & hotel accommodations for Village Reps?	1	0	2	0	3	0

### Training Awareness

How did you hear about this conference? Village Rep 1 Media 2 Newsletter 3 Other 25

Do you have any suggestions on this or future Child Abuse Prevention Conferences?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great Food</li> <li>• Just more – more advertising your ad in paper was small</li> <li>• Invite more public members.</li> <li>• Place an ad / invitation in newspaper &amp; Radio</li> <li>• Invite people that have become well to share their story</li> <li>• Topic: Favortism in families</li> <li>• Excellent – good opportunity for networking</li> <li>• A “parent fair” well advertise flyers in Public Assistance office / WIC newsletter / in checks</li> <li>• Safe Homes, rules for a safe home. Discussion on how do we in a village say this is a safe home &amp; how will it work if people in the home drink / use drugs.</li> <li>• Would be nice if Providence Kodiak Is. Hospital sent a rep.</li> <li>• Would like to have had more time with trainers, Pam &amp; Gordon, active, engaging activities</li> <li>• We are going to need more SPACE!</li> <li>• Invite Law Enforcement, they need to be present</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make hand out at three levels: signs of different types of abuse; show what agencies can help / contact info; resource listing.</li> <li>• Make a website for all agencies to go at time of need to find out who can help with what.</li> <li>• Keep trainings like this going, publicize that child abuse will not be tolerated in our community!</li> <li>• Involve the youth or have this conference just with the youth.</li> <li>• Need more room /Gwen, Frank, Cindy &amp; Presenters did great job.</li> <li>• The topic of discussion at the banquet was not appropriate for children’s ears, if I would have known it I would not have brought my children.</li> <li>• 30 minutes too long to wrap up.</li> <li>• Make the dinner on the second day.</li> <li>• Would like to see more community reps Mayor, USCG commands involved. Law Enforcement, court system, DJJ, and adult probation to be involved as well.</li> <li>• Would like to see high schoolers and even middle schoolers involved.</li> </ul> |
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- More substance for people who have a lot of experience and training.
  - Develop plans with folks so they get the ideas of ACTION PLANS.
  - Do section for youth – gang violence, relationships, date rape / violence, respect.
  - All the speakers were AWESOME!
  - More time, 3 days instead of only 2
  - More activities that allow folks to stand up and move.
  - Invite Pam & Gordon back.
  - Maybe send villagers in a day or 2 earlier for bad weather sake.
  - Sticking to agenda / time wise was EXCELLENT!
  - Longer couple more days.
  - Thank you to all of you who put this together!
  - Better seating / comfort
  - Have more opportunity for guided networking between community groups so we can utilize each other to reach more people.
  - Make sure the “motivational speakers” focus on the topic. It seemed like I was at a couples retreat at times.
- Did not like the venue, too crowded. View of powerpoint was blocked by pole.
  - Native entities sponsored the conference open up each day with an Alutiiq prayer, bless the banquet food in Alutiiq. Invite local people to speak that actually got well / recovered from abuse, alcohol, drugs, inspirational testimonies & strategies that worked and/or influenced their survival story.
  - Would’ve liked it if the James’ book/s were available for sale.
  - Really enjoyed the James’ keynote Gift talk
  - Have a youth rep from each village and Kodiak to attend.
  - Thank you very much!
  - Also enjoyed all of the friends and colleagues who attended. Good Job!
  - Provide more hand outs.
  - Will there be more conferences closer together?
  - Great turn out. Loved all the many agencies who were here. We do need to work together if we are going to have an impact!

~There are two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children: One of these is roots.  
The other, wings.~ *Hodding Carter, Jr.*





~"The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children." ~  
*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



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### Child-abuse experts come together for two-day informational conference

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Local child-abuse experts and off-island guests will come together Thursday and Friday for an informational conference called "Keeping Our Children Safe." The conference takes place at the Sun 'aq Bingo Hall.

The event re-invites tribal victim advocate Daine Payne to Kodiak. Payne previously came to Kodiak to lead a workshop called "Pathways to Hope: Healing from Child Sexual Abuse." Statewide Director of the Office of Children's Services Tammy Sandoval

will deliver the event's keynote address. The conference also invites relationship experts Gordon and Pam James from the Skokomish and Colville Tribes.

The first day of the conference was created with service providers in mind, although all

are welcome. Presentations by local groups Thursday include the Kodiak Baptist Mission, Kodiak Job Services, Discovery Cover, and the Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center.

The second day focuses on how the entire community responds to child abuse. The

day's itinerary features presentations from the Kodiak Area Native Association (KANA) infant learning program, Kodiak Head Start, RuralCap and the Kodiak Island Housing Authority.

The Native Village of Afognak, the Sun 'aq Tribe and

KANA organized the conference. It is sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with assistance from the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services.

Registration for the conference is free and open to the public.

# Child-abuse conference protects kids

By SAM FRIEDMAN  
Mirror Writer

**W**hat should a health-care worker recommend for a child who needs care for bruises and respiratory problems but also comes from a household suspected of producing methamphetamine? How should a village public safety officer react when a child complains of molestation but is contradicted by a parent who claims the complaints are invented?

During the first day of the Kodiak Regional Child Abuse Conference held at the Sun'aq Bingo Hall Thursday, some 86 conference participants considered scenarios like these as part of an effort to learn the symptoms of child abuse.

A large number of conference participants were mandated reporters, professionals like teachers and social workers who are required to report suspected cases of child abuse because they hold positions of authority with children.

"Anyone who is responsible for reporting abuse should know what the symptoms are," said guest speaker Diane Payne. "Unfortunately, a lot of people don't get that training."

Payne is the director of the nonprofit Trial Law and Policy Institute's Alaska office. She normally gives daylong training sessions, but condensed the message to 90 minutes for the conference.

She explained that identifying child abuse requires careful judgment because key symptoms like avoiding home, withdrawal and nightmares can also be part of normal childhood and adolescence.

"Is it normal for kids to have nightmares sometimes? Sure," she said. "But you should pay attention if someone is having nightmares about people who look a certain way or make a certain noise."

In general, she warned about any rapid changes to behavior. She said sudden reversals usually have medical causes or can be symptoms of abuse.

As small groups of conference participants considered different scenarios, Payne circled the hall and reminded the groups to identify the danger to the child in each case. She also asked conference guests to think beyond the Office of Children's Services, (OCS) the state apparatus that most directly deals with child abuse.

"I want to hear something besides 'Call OCS,'" she said. "What would you do if you couldn't call OCS? What community resources are there?"

The OCS was well represented at the conference with a keynote speech by state director Tammy Sandoval. Kodiak OCS field supervisor Mary Gray speaks today.

The conference featured presentations on additional resources in Kodiak including the Kodiak Baptist Mission, the Kodiak Job Services Work Services, recovery and wellness center Discovery Cove, KANA and the Providence Kodiak Island Counseling Center. Within village

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communities conference participants mentioned resources like public safety officers and Elders.

Thursday's schedule also included a presentation by Judy Simeonoff who teaches children about facing abuse with a program using symbols called "Under the Umbrella of Safety."

The Kodiak Regional Child Abuse Conference continues today with a program directed at the community. The schedule includes guest speakers Pam and Gordon James who will speak about creating healthy relationships.

The conference is organized by the Sun'aq Tribe, KANA and the Native Village of Afognak. It is sponsored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs with assistance from the Alaska Department of Health and Human Services.

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