

<u>Program Name</u>	Pathway to Hope: Healing Child Sexual Abuse
<u>Organization</u>	Justice for Native Children
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Program Description

Pathway to Hope trains tribal community facilitators to work within Native communities to promote understanding of child sexual abuse and to improve support for healing victims of child sexual abuse. The three-day training curriculum utilizes activities, videos and provides participants with a video guidebook to assist them in preparing community education events and activities. The curriculum incorporates local Native culture and traditional practices in developing community specific paths to healing.

Brief History

The Pathway to Hope curriculum was developed by and for Alaska Natives to provide Alaska specific tools for those who are working with child victims and adult survivors of child abuse throughout Alaska. The materials are founded on best practices for working with survivors of trauma and Tribal community empowerment strategies. The original program development was funded by the Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Justice Department. The curriculum was piloted in 2007 and has been used to train about 500 Tribal community facilitators in rural Alaska and in several Native communities in Lower 48 and Canada.

Program Goals

The goal of the program is to empower Tribal communities to take ownership of the responses to child sexual abuse and to learn how to support healing for victims of child sexual abuse. Specific goals are to improve understanding of the impacts of child sexual abuse and promote healing for victims and their families, while taking steps to prevent abuse of children through community awareness.

Training Goals

The training seeks to increase participants understanding of issues related to past and current child sexual abuse, and how children experience sexual abuse. It teaches how to evaluate community readiness to address the issue, and four action strategies to increase community ownership, and ways to promote healing and support for child victims. Participants are expected to become community facilitators and to develop ongoing action steps to change their community's response to victimization of children.

Who is trained?

People working in and for Alaska Native communities including tribal leaders, Elders, victim services, Village Public Safety Officers, health and behavioral health workers, teachers, head start staff, clergy, social workers and community members.

Who are the trainers?

Diane Payne, BA – Victim Advocate and Kimber Olson, LCSW, LPC – Therapist specializing in Trauma and Child Sexual Abuse. Sometimes, depending on community needs, our elder advisors or male survivors join the training/facilitator team.

Where does training take place?

The curriculum is ideally provided within the community that is seeking to take ownership and change perceptions and practices regarding child sexual abuse. Occasionally the curriculum is provided for a regional group of communities.

How long is the training?

Three days.

What does the training include?

The training includes a 40-minute video, facilitators guidebook and extensive handouts. There are sessions and activities on how to be a facilitator, information about sexual abuse of Native children and historical trauma, and strategies to end silence and support child victims.

What follow-up is available after the training?

Faculty will provide support to the community via telephone, email and sometimes by a follow-up visit depending on the action steps outlined in the community plan.

What does the training cost?

Minimum cost for whole training is \$5,500 plus travel, lodging and other expenses. Participant costs, vary.

Has the program been evaluated?

An evaluation plan is underway with expected results in 2015.

Program Funding Source

None at present

Additional Program Information: Trainer Qualifications

Diane Payne is the Director of the Justice for Native Children, a private consulting business. She has extensive experience providing training and technical assistance to tribes on child sexual abuse and serious child abuse issues. She has spent most of her life working with Native community empowerment issues. Diane was a lobbyist on Native issues, including ICWA, Indian Health and Indian Religious Freedom Act in Washington DC in the 1970s. She has extensive experience as a trainer, community organizer and advocate for Native children and families. She has served on numerous State of Alaska, and federal tribal commissions, task forces and workgroups related to child abuse and child sexual abuse.

Kimber Olson is a board certified licensed clinical social worker and a certified criminal reformation clinician, holding advanced certification in critical incident stress management. She is an Advanced-Children, Youth and Family Social Worker with training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy (EMDR), Level I Internal Family Systems Therapy (IFS) and is a clinical member of the Association for the Treatment and Training in Attachment of Children (ATTACH) and the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA). She has worked as a child protection social worker, a volunteer guardian ad litem (CASA), and a rape crisis hotline volunteer as well as in outpatient community mental health centers, and school-based programs. She has provided city-wide on-call and crisis management services, home-based and hospital-

based therapy, community health development coordination, and long-term psychiatric and substance abuse residential treatment, and is the author of several books on child sexual abuse.