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## **2025 Restorative Justice Conference** **February 18th – 20th, 2025**

### **Training Goals**

The goal of this conference is to provide a three-day general introduction on several core areas involved with enhancing restorative justice practices for Alaska Tribal Court Staff. Participants will develop and learn restorative justice practices to enhance public safety by teaching skills involved in restoring the community utilizing cultural practices. This training will provide culturally appropriate and Alaska specific training that will allow tribal citizens to be held accountable at the local level and increase options to help increase public safety in a timely manner.

- The trainers/panelists will provide an overview on how modern tribal courts operate today in relation to Restorative Justice
- Review core concepts that should be included in Restorative Justice practices to make them culturally and geographically relevant
- Give opportunity to practice and discuss techniques in smaller groups settings



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## Day 1 – February 18

- 9:00 am -9:30 am     **Check-in**
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am     **Opening and Welcome**  
*Robert Page – Land Acknowledgment*  
*Justin McDonald – Prayer and Drumming*
- 10:00 am – 11:00 am     **Traditional Practices and Healing**  
*Justin McDonald*
- 11:00 am - 11:15 am     *Break with Exhibitors and Vendors*
- 11:15 am - 12:30 pm     **Creating a Continuum of Care**  
*Eric Mehnert, Chief Justice, Penobscot Tribe Maine*  
*Rhonda Deontie, Magistrate Judge, Penobscot Nation Tribal Court*  
*Kylee Fowler, Peer Advocate*
- 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm     *Lunch on your own*
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm     **Peer Mentoring within Restorative Justice**  
*Kylee Fowler, Peer Advocate*
- 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm     *Break with Exhibitors and Vendors*
- 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm     **Tribal Governance Program in the College of Indigenous Studies at UAF**  
*Laurie Trotta, Coordinator, Department of Tribal Governance , UAF*
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm     **Tribal Justice Response to Community and Domestic Violence**  
*Dana Bartman, Community Development Coordinator, RurAL CAP*
- 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm     **Closing**



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## Day 2 – February 19

- 9:00 am – 9:15 am    **Opening/Recap of Day 1**  
*Justin McDonald – Prayer and Drumming*
- 9:15 am – 9:45 am    **ANJC and Employment-Base Variances**  
*Haley Dampier, Supervising Paralegal, Alaska Native Justice Center*
- 9:45 am – 10:15 am    *Break with Exhibitors and Vendors*
- 10:15 am – 11:30 am    **Circle Keeping**  
*Anthony Gastelum*
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm    *Lunch on your own*
- 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm    **Implementing Restorative Justice in Tribal Courts**  
*Lisa Jaeger, Tribal Government Specialist*
- 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm    *Break with Exhibitors and Vendors*
- 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm    **Holistic Restorative Justice**  
*Michelle Demmert, Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Fairbanks*
- 4:00pm – 4:30pm    Closing



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## Day 3 – February 20

- 9:00 am – 9:30 am     **Opening/Recap of Days 1 and 2**  
Justin McDonald- *Prayer and Drumming*
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am     **Circle Keeping Mock Circle**  
Martina Georges, *Circle Keeper, Kenaitze Tribe*
- 11:00 am – 11:15 am     *Break*
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm     **Circle Peacemaking in the Kawerak Region**  
Meghan “Sigvanna” Tapqaq, *Staff Attorney, Kawerak, Inc.*
- 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm     *Lunch on your own*
- 1:30 pm - 2:45 pm     **Circle Keeping Breakouts**
- 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm     **Circle Keeping Debrief**  
Martina Georges, *Circle Keeper, Kenaitze Tribe*
- 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm     *Closing*

**\*Please note** – this agenda is subject to change.

**Thank you! Quyana! Mahsi’! Tsin’ann! Gunalcheesh! Haw’aa, Way dankoo! Taikuu!  
Qagaasakung! Awa’ahd ah, Gamsiganaghalek, Quyanna!**

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