

Alaskan Children

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the significance of preserving individual constitutional rights of due process within all facets of child welfare cases. We oppose actions that jeopardize the sanctity of our family bonds, that impart adverse affects of childhood trauma, and dishearten the spirit of our communities. We are opposed to actions that infringe upon our lawful rights and our Alaskan dignity.

WHEREAS, the longstanding continuum of documented failures by the Alaska state division of children's regulatory practices, including the removal of children from their home without substantiated information of wrongdoing or due process. This violates both the child and the parent's constitutional rights.

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska child welfare system inflicts disproportionate hardships on economically disadvantaged families and families of Alaska's First People.

WHEREAS, Alaska Tribal Welfare Compact Agreement between the State of Alaska and one hundred and sixty-one (161) tribes reinforces the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the protection of children in their home.

LET IT BE KNOWN, a re-calibration is necessary to decentralize Alaska's fostercare, to pivot from a serial punitive disposition, to a family-centric approach, such as has been proved by the Family First Prevention Services Act in Texas.

THEREFORE, in the spirit of upholding conservative Alaskan morals and values, safeguarding individual freedoms, and supporting policies that reinforce healthy families, the State of Alaska children's services are decentralized, and community-based, family-centered, privately operated services will develop through local sources that are established throughout Alaskan communities.