

ALASKA COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP)



The Child In Need of Aid Court (CINA) Improvement Program:

- monitors and improves the way the court system handles child in need of aid cases,
- and enhances coordination between the court system, agencies, and Tribes involved in CINA cases.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Members of the statewide CIP committee are appointed by the Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court. Current members include judges, the Director of the Office of Children's Services (OCS), Tribes, and other state agencies including the Attorney General's Office (AGO), the Public Defender Agency (PDA), the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) and the Director of the Division of Behavioral Health.

- Hon. Yvonne Lamoureux, Co-Chair, Anchorage
- Hon. Nathaniel Peters, Co-Chair, Bethel
- Anita Alves, Supervising GAL, OPA
- Linda Beecher, Deputy Public Defender, PDA
- Director Div. of Behavioral Health
- Carla Erickson, Chief Asst. Atty. Gen., AGO
- Kim Guay, Director OCS
- Holly Morales, Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Hon. Anna Moran Ret., Kenai
- Sarah Lewis, Facing Foster Care in Alaska
- Joy Rigby, State CASA Director OPA
- Erin Dougherty Lynch, Native American Rights Fund
- Will Kronick, Central Council Tlingit Haida Tribes of Alaska, Southeast Region Tribal Rep
- Mario Johnson, Casey Family Programs
- Hon. Amy Mead, Juneau
- Amanda Metivier, Director Child Welfare Academy
- Hon. Pamela Smith, Nome
- Hon. Jonathan Woodman, Palmer
- James Stinson, Director OPA
- Brandy Stratman, Providence Health & Services
- Hon. Kimberley Sweet, Kenai
- Nastasia Thompson, Association of Village Council Presidents, Western Region Tribal Rep.
- Michelle Peter, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Northern Region Tribal Rep.
- Lola Tobuk, Nome Eskimo Community, Anchorage Region Tribal Rep.
- Amanda McAdoo, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) Southcentral Region Tribal Rep.

PROJECTS & TRAININGS

- Bench Cards
- CINA Manual
- CINA Parent Video
- CINA Educational Videos
- CINA Laws eLearning
- ICWA eLearning
- NACC Red Book trainings
- Youth in Court trainings
- Adoption/Guardianship Subsidies trainings
- CINA Bench Bars
- Qualified Expert Witness (QEW)
- Hearing Quality Improvement
- Quality Legal Representation
- OCS Data Exchange
- CINA Dashboard for Judges
- Youth in Court Handbook
- Youth Rights Handbook
- CINA Rules trainings
- NCJFCJ Enhanced Resource Guidelines training

SUBCOMMITTEES

- Curriculum
- ICWA
- Youth Engagement (YES)
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- CINA Therapeutic Courts
- Joint Permanency Project
- NCJFCJ Implementation Subcommittee
- Family Contact Subcommittee
- Permanency Subcommittee
- CINA Rules Implementation Subcommittee
- Anchorage MJ/Scheduling Subcommittee

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