



ACF REGION IX TANF TRIBAL MEETINGS

Speaker Biographies



PJ Wilkins-Bell (Overholtzer) is CEO / President of Alaska Summit Enterprise, Inc. (ASE), a Native American, woman owned 8a small business based in Eagle River, Alaska. ASE has gained national and local experience and recognition as a reliable partner that delivers projects on time and on budget. ASE currently manages the Region III-Alaska Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) Center, one of four national T/TA centers under the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). ASE's staff and team of consultants provide free technical assistance grant writing workshops throughout the state and provide outreach to all 229 federally recognized tribes in Alaska. ASE has ongoing projects with the Denali Commission; US Treasury Bureau of Public Debt, providing technical assistance in rural Alaska on the Health Facilities infrastructure development; and, recently signed a contract to provide technical assistance to the State of Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

Ms. Bell has over 30 years of experience providing rural and itinerant health care in Alaska and assisting at the national level with technical assistance, program evaluation, and review of health and social service methodologies. She has developed cross-cultural curriculum for health and grant writing topics for a variety of learning styles and educational levels. Ms. Bell was also involved in program analysis/performance measures for Indian Health Services Headquarters and Emergency Medical Services in the mid 1980s and was asked to assist with the continuation of the National Community Health Representative Program.

During her eight years as the Health and Social Services Director with Chugachmiut, Ms. Bell initiated the development of the region's Environmental Protection Consortium, established two Head Start schools, and managed as many as 52 employees and a budget of \$21 million. She provided assistance to Cook Inlet Regional's non-profit organizations for 12 years and was one of a three-member team to launch Southcentral Foundation in the early 1980s. Ms. Bell took Southcentral Foundation from a paper agency to a fully operational agency with a dental, optometry, and women's clinic that is seen today, 25 years later, as the largest native nonprofit health care delivery service system in the Anchorage area.

In addition, Ms. Bell works diligently in partnership with tribal governments to implement the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), a commitment to tribal self-governance to establish tribal courts and child support enforcement programs utilizing state and tribal regulations.

As the Family Services Director on Anchorage's two military installations, Ft Richardson and Elmendorf AFB, Ms. Bell assisted with the evacuation of Mount Pinatubo and coordination of support groups (Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome military personnel and their families), and conducted deployment and reentry briefings for military personnel and their families.

Ms. Bell partnered with Arnold Worldwide as a facilitator on national health survey campaigns that were implemented throughout the United States. The Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary Dr. Wade Horne called upon Ms. Bell during the 2005 Katrina disaster to conduct a summation of shelters in four states.

Ms. Bell's extensive years of administrative, fiscal, and grants management experience coupled with her ability to manage multiple projects and programs have established a solid foundation for ASE to build

upon. ASE is proud to be partnered with talented staff and consultants committed to making a positive change in changing times.

Ms. Bell holds degrees in Organizational Management, Human Resource Development, and Behavioral Health from the University of Alaska Anchorage and Alaska Pacific University. Ms. Bell is a proud descendent of the San Juan Pueblo and Colorado Mt. Ute Tribe. www.aksummit.com



Cynthia Callivroussi has more than 35 years experience (30 years in Alaska) as an educator and entrepreneur. She has worked with ASE for more than three years, assisting the CEO with project development, contract management, as well as working directly with clients and communities to facilitate social and economic development, and provide capacity building training and technical assistance.

Ms. Callivroussi's career focus has been to facilitate the instruction of learners of all ages. She has taught all school age groups, adults and multiple ethnicities in a variety of subjects and settings including general education as a classroom teacher, bi-lingual education, environmental education, swimming and water safety, proposal development, fundraising, non-profit board development, community and business planning, and strategic planning.

For the last six years she has served as a Federal and State of Alaska project and impact evaluator where she has evaluated 34 diverse projects for the Departments of Justice, Treasury, Education, Health and Human Services, and the Administration for Native Americans, taking her all over Alaska, the lower 48 states and the Pacific Basin, including Hawai'i, Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa.

She has owned two small businesses over the years. The first developed value-added animal food from waste fish. Her company developed the first successful method to freeze dry salmon. She sold her interest in the business and decided to return to more humanistic pursuits and started working for and serving as a board member for non-profits to help them raise money through grants and fund raising. Taking the skills gained over the years to assist non-profits through technical writing, research, evaluation and analysis and started her second business.

Her leadership skills include serving on non-profit boards and on the boards of two businesses she co-founded, as well as managing projects and businesses with annual budgets up to \$1,500,000. She has a BA in Business Administration from the University of South Florida and a BA in Education from Seattle University as well as many other professional certifications.

Besides her work, Ms. Callivroussi enjoys new challenges, traveling, flying, backcountry adventures of all kinds, the beach, kayaking, hiking, swimming, cooking and relaxing with good friends and family.