



Speakers Biographies

Stephanie Barr is a Technical Specialist at ICF International with a background in many aspects of psychology, including clinical psychology. She has research experience in experimental design and conducting quantitative and qualitative data analyses. At ICF, Ms. Barr has worked on a variety of data driven and training and technical assistance (TA) projects for Federal clients, including the Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Through contracts with DHHS, she has been an integral part of planning, development, implementation, and follow-up TA that has occurred throughout the past five years including providing support in preparing for TA interventions on a variety of topics related to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program.

For the Promising Pathways Initiative, Ms. Barr serves as support for the Tanana Chiefs Conference technical assistance team. For the Welfare Peer TA Network, Ms. Barr is a part of the technical assistance team that works directly with the States, Tribes, and Territories requesting TA.

Nicole Bossard, Ph.D., has fourteen years of experience specializing in research, training, and technical assistance provision in child welfare, children's mental health, and public education. Her areas of expertise include family and community engagement, interagency collaboration, system change, organization development, and leadership development. She has worked with stakeholders and key partners to address the needs of children and families in social service systems within the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, and Western regions of the United States. Most recently, Dr. Bossard has served as the Technical Assistance Lead for the Children's Bureau's National Technical Assistance and Evaluation Center for Systems of Care where she developed and delivered on-going, intensive technical assistance on all aspects of principle-driven system change for grantee communities across the country. In this role, Dr. Bossard supported local systems of care among State, county, and Tribal child welfare agencies and multiple agency partners. She also was responsible for providing consultation on strategic planning, leadership development, social marketing, organizational change and renewal, collaborative partnerships, and implementing and sustaining system change.

For the Promising Pathways Initiative, Dr. Bossard serves as the Coach for the Tanana Chiefs Conference technical assistance team.

Keith Bowman has been with the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) since 2003 and has held his current position as Systems Coordinator and Data Analyst since 2005. Prior to his work with TCC, Mr. Bowman served as a Data Analyst and Programmer for The Gallup Organization in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Bowman's interests are his family (wife Patty and 2 college children), hockey, the outdoors, cross country skiing, and technology.

Christy Finsel is an independent consultant and researcher focused on asset building in American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities. Ms. Finsel has provided training and/or technical assistance (TA) to thirty-one Native communities who were designing and implementing Individual Development Accounts (IDA) or financial education programs. Currently, Ms. Finsel serves as the Region VII Consultant for the ASSET Initiative, supporting the development of AFI-funded IDA programs and other asset-building strategies throughout Region VII. She is also developing a Native Youth Savings Account Program for First Nations Development Institute in McKinley County, New Mexico; providing IDA technical assistance to Wai'anae Community Redevelopment Corporation and the Meskwaki Nation; and serving as

the Program Manager of the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition (ONAC). In her role with ONAC, Ms. Finsel works with tribes throughout Oklahoma to continue their asset building efforts.

In 2010, Ms. Finsel facilitated a First Nations Development Institute Native Asset-Building Partnership Project between Four Bands Community Fund, Inc. and the Entrepreneurial Centers, a collaborative effort of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Sitting Bull College. Also in 2010, Ms. Finsel prepared the Native-specific training content for the Assets for Independence (AFI) Native Initiative Project Design and Application Development Workshops, a collaboration between the Administration for Native Americans and the U.S. Office of Community Services. Since then, she conducted eleven of those workshops for Native communities.

Ms. Finsel is a resident of St. Louis, MO. She voluntarily co-administers a youth IDA program at De La Salle Middle School in North St. Louis City, which she designed and launched in 2003. She holds a MA in Theology from St. Louis University and a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis. Currently, Ms. Finsel is in a Religious Studies Ph.D. program studying Native worldviews and asset building. She is an enrolled tribal member of the Osage Nation of Oklahoma.

Louisa Fuller Jones is a Senior Project Manager at ICF International, Inc. Ms. Jones has ten years of experience managing and developing TANF, workforce development, and education projects for the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Education, and Labor. Currently, Ms. Jones leads a portfolio of training and technical assistance initiatives around TANF and workforce development at ICF International. Ms. Jones has extensive expertise in providing technical assistance and training in all ten ACF Regional Offices; 50 States, 64 Tribal TANF programs, and multiple urban and rural TANF agencies and their community based partners. Ms. Jones is responsible for supporting technical assistance and training and outreach to the field through the design, facilitation, and synthesis of technical assistance initiatives, focus groups, virtual Clearinghouses, qualitative research, and outreach materials including reports, fact sheets, email alerts, brochures, Powerpoints, collaborative workgroups, interviews, and surveys. Prior to joining ICF, Ms. Jones managed projects that conducted qualitative research, provided intensive training and technical assistance, and disseminated information to State and local education and workforce agencies around Title One schools and scientifically based reading research, workforce development, secondary to postsecondary transitions, and career development.

For the Promising Pathways Initiative, Ms. Jones serves as the Data Support for the Tanana Chiefs Conference technical assistance team.

Mark Kimball has over 26 years of experience working in Child Welfare at the State and local levels. Mr. Kimball has been working on the Healthy Family Healthy Child Project with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in Oregon for six years, and currently serves as the project manager for the initiative. Prior to working with the Healthy Family Healthy Child project, Mr. Kimball spent five years working with the Oregon State Child Welfare department and 18 years working with the Juvenile Department in Lane County, Oregon. Mr. Kimball holds a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Oregon.

Brenda Krupa is Koyukon Athabascan whose mother's family is originally from Rampart and up the Koyukuk River. She currently serves as the Employment & Training Director at Tanana Chiefs Conference. Previously, Ms. Krupa served as the Special Projects person for the TCC Athabascan Self-Sufficiency Assistance Partnership (ASAP) program. Ms. Krupa has a Bachelor's degree in Alaska Native Studies with a Business emphasis.

Pamela Panther has worked as a Domestic Violence Specialist with the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) for the past three years and has worked in the Human Services Field for approximately 20 years. She has an Associates degree from Pierce College where she received her Social Service Mental Health Certificate.

Ms. Panther has worked in the domestic violence field for more than 12 years. In May of 2000 she went to work at DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network) Shelter. She began as a Shelter Advocate and worked the Crisis Line, which is where she found her passion for working and supporting women and Children Victim/Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. While working at DAWN, Ms. Panther was contacted by the Seattle Indian Health Board looking to hire a Native Advocate to fill a position as the current Advocate was leaving. Ms. Panther remained at the Health Board for 5 years. During this time, she worked in the community, working closely with King County Shelters, and the Muckleshoot Tribe. At the time the Muckleshoot Tribe was continuously faced with issues of DV and sexual assault on the Reservation. Ms. Panther and the community came together and decided to start a Sexual Assault Task Force and began putting on Healing Circles once a month.

Ms. Panther is an Enrolled Tribal Member of the Osage Nation in Pawhuska, Oklahoma.

Don Shircel is a Senior Manager and the Director of the Client Development Division of the Tanana Chiefs Conference, an Alaska Regional Native non-profit corporation serving thirty-seven, federally recognized, Athabascan Tribes. During Mr. Shircel's twenty-eight year tenure with the Tanana Chiefs Conference, he has developed and implemented a wide range of tribally administered education, employment and training, and social service programs designed to serve small, remote, and isolated Tribal communities located in Alaska's 235,000-square-mile, Interior region.

Sam Stitt is a Financial Operations Specialist with the Office of Grants Management in Region X. His grant assignments include Tribal Child Support Enforcement, Tribal Child Welfare, Tribal Child Care and Development, and Tribal TANF. Mr. Stitt holds a Bachelors degree in Communications from Evergreen State College and is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Ilene Stohl has been active in the movement to end violence against women since 1992. She has a Masters in Public Health and has worked as an advocate in shelters and community based domestic violence programs across the country. Ms. Stohl currently coordinates the Economic Justice Project and Prevention work at the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Ms. Stohl's current economic justice work focuses on strengthening the economic safety net for survivors through advising the state welfare system and giving advocates practical tools to use in their daily work. She authored, *In Our Shoes: The Next Steps, A Domestic Violence Advocate's Guide to Working for Economic Justice in Your Community* and implemented its use across Washington State.

Ms. Stohl also launched WSCADV's Prevention work in 2009. In this role she transitioned the organization from having a heavy emphasis on intervention to integrating a focus on prevention across WSCADV's projects. Highlights over the last few years have included: developing *In Their Shoes: Teens and Dating Violence*, a scenario-based interactive training kit; leading WSCADV's first ever Summer Camp, where advocates and their teenaged children came together to learn from one another; and initiating the Teen Learning Council (TLC) on which WSCADV will base its future youth work and prevention programming.

Anita Taylor is the Work Assistance Program Director of the Athabascan Self-Sufficiency Assistance Partnership (ASAP) Department for Tanana Chiefs Conference. During Ms. Taylor's 2 years with Tanana Chiefs Conference she has been a part of the implementation of Subsidized Employment with TCC's TANF program putting a number of welfare assistance participants to work in urban and rural communities. She provides oversight and direct management of over \$8 million of State and Federal programming including the agency's TANF Program.