



NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

The Native American Children's Alliance is an inter-tribal membership organization whose mission is to promote excellence in child abuse prevention and intervention in Native American and Alaska Native communities through training, mentoring and information.

On behalf of NACA's Board and Staff, thank you.

Dear Friend,

Did you know that **Native Americans have the second highest rate of child abuse in the United States** and it is estimated that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 7 boys are being sexually abused? Additionally, there are **less than 10 Native Child Advocacy Centers** in the United States compared to over 700 Centers that serve non-native populations.

At NACA, we believe this is unacceptable. That's why, this April, on behalf of **Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)**, we hope that you will **join us in bringing awareness** to this tragedy - which is devastating Indian communities throughout the United States.

According to the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#), "The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence." On behalf of the native children who are victims of these horrible crimes, we encourage you to support NACA this month by:

- **[Donating](#)** - Our services are made possible through the support of individuals like **you**. We are outside the traditional funding sources and our communities need your support. Please consider making a monthly contribution to help end child sexual abuse. **With your help - we can make this happen!** Every dollar donated helps a child like the one you see here.
- **[Volunteering](#)** - There are many ways that you can volunteer in your community. For example:
 1. Invite your friends and family to watch the documentary "[Lost](#)

- [Sparrow](#)", a film that addresses the death of two adopted Crow Indian boys and the sexual abuse of their sister.
2. Host a bake sale at your work or organizations or...
 3. Help your children hold a lemonade/hot chocolate stand and donate the proceeds to NACA.
- [Advocating](#) - Share what we do with others! Join us on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#) pages and help us spread our message and mission. Please also forward our e-newsletters on to your co-workers, friends, and family.

Only with your support can we put an end to child sexual abuse. Thank you for joining us in our mission!

Justice In Our Communities: Investigation and Prosecution of child Abuse

These trainings are FREE but pre-registration is required. They are appropriate for any professional who is involved with the investigation and prosecution of child abuse (social services, ICWA, law enforcement, medical, etc). Inquires by [email](#).

Locations Include:

- Minot North Dakota, April 12-14
- Albuquerque, NM, April 20-21
- Shiprock, NM April 26-28th
- Pierre, SD May 3-5th

Contact linda@nativechildalliance.org for more information.

Success in Alaska: Read about Nitaput's CAC

NACA Board member, Deanna Hardin, works for Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation's Nitaput Child Advocacy Center in Dillingham, Alaska. **Nitaput is the sole Child Advocacy Center (CAC) provider in the Bristol Bay region of southwest Alaska.** Bristol Bay is an area approximately the size of the state of Ohio; with 34 communities, spread throughout the region. There are no roads between the communities to connect them with each other, making travel by small airplane a necessity.

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are needed to see this picture.

With the challenges of distance and weather, Nitaput CAC provides support and services to all children in the region who have been abused. In the face of its many challenges, Nitaput CAC has been very successful in assisting children and families in this vast region.

After hiring a case manager, Nitaput saw its case load double in the first year, then double again the following year. Since then the case load has remained steady.

Nitaput CAC has played a key role in the heart of child sexual abuse cases in the past year. **Nitaput, which means “we hear you” in Yupik, provides support and information to families and children who experience abuse.** As with all CAC's, Nitaput works closely with a team of professionals, called a Multidisciplinary team to provide services to the child and to support the case. **In the past year, Nitaput has assisted in several cases that have lead to putting child abusers in jail.** Additionally, all the cases that went to trail in the past year have successfully prosecuted the child abusers.

One court case broke new ground in the State of Alaska with the child providing testimony through a closed circuit system. The child did not have the added stress and anxiety of sitting in the small court room with the offender just a few feet away. The child was able to provide testimony via video camera. The jury in that case sent the child abuser away for 50 years. **Child Abusers are getting a clear message in Bristol Bay, from “Nitaput”, the Multidisciplinary team, community members, jurors, and victims; that is child abuse won't be tolerated.**

With your support, NACA can help more Native communities develop much needed CAC's and prevent and eliminate child sexual abuse.

Sincerely,
Linda Logan, MSW
Executive Director

P.S. Have a story to share about how NACA has helped your community? Email nacavolunteers@gmail.com. We want to hear from you!

Please consider forwarding our e-newsletter! [Forward this message to a friend](#)

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Please Call: 800-422-4453*

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