

"The Circle process is a gentle invitation to change one's relationship to oneself, to the community, and to the wider universe. It offers an awakening of connection and purpose beyond the myriad of differences that keep people apart and in conflict with one another."

Carolyn Boyes-Watson



*A way
to make things
right*

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A Healing Way of Justice

Adolescence is a time of great change. It can be very confusing and people sometimes lose direction during these years. This can lead to difficulties in relations with family, school, and the law – problems which are often not resolved by the usual responses in our community. This is especially true for native youth in today's society. The Kenaitze Indian Tribe is now offering a way to address these difficult times which draws upon the traditional principles of indigenous cultures around the world.

The Tribal Youth Circle serves **Alaska Native and American Indian** youth who are dealing with issues that have led to delinquency or threaten to do so. Non-natives who are interested in this approach may also be considered, depending on capacity. Referrals may come from the Division of Juvenile Justice, the Kenai District Court, the Office of Children's Services, police officers, schools, families, or others. When a young person understands the healing nature of this approach, he or she may even request a Circle for themselves.



The Circle

After an initial consultation, a youth may be given the opportunity to participate in a **Talking Circle** where, in an atmosphere of respect, honesty, responsibility, and honor they can join with family and community members to better understand the trouble, to **make things right**, and get on **a good path**.



"This circle we're trying to do in my community is not just about offenders and victims, not just about crime, but about all of us working together, learning about each other, learning how to help each other, how to grow, heal together."

Harold Gatensby, Yukon College, May 1, 1995

More Resources

Other culturally relevant activities are facilitated through the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's **Yaghanen Youth Intervention and Prevention programs**, which include:

- Ggugguyni Native Youth Olympics
- Jabila'ina Dance Group
- Del Dumi Youth Drum
- Youth Council
- Ke'tedihłchilt (Native Arts Camp)
- Susten (Archeological Camp)
- Łuq'a Dnagh Tdigheleh (Fish Camp)
- Dnigi (Moose Camp)
- Aikido (Martial Arts)

