

5TH ANNUAL  
**Indigenous Children, Youth & Families (ICYF) Conference**

**Achieving the Gold Standard: Tribal Champions and Best Practices**



**DETAILED  
PROGRAM**



Washington State Department of  
**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES**



# OCT. 16, 2024 - DAY 1

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9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

## WELCOME

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LIZ MUELLER of Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and DCYF OFFICE OF TRIBAL RELATIONS

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

## OPENING KEYNOTE

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### Indigenous Foodways as Community Intervention: “Families in Focus”

**KEYNOTE DESCRIPTION:** This session takes an in-depth look at the connection between trauma, food choices and public health across Indigenous communities and vulnerable populations. This session leverages Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Foodways as an axis for learning.



NEPHI CRAIG

### KEYNOTE BIO:

**Nephi Craig BHT, ACRPS; Nutritional Recovery Program Coordinator at the Rainbow Treatment Center and Executive Chef of Café Gozhóó on the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona.** Chef Nephi Craig is an internationally recognized leader of Indigenous food sovereignty and education. One of his key achievements is his recent nomination as a 2023 James Beard Foundation Nominee for ‘Best Chef of the Southwest.’ He is an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and is Navajo. Currently, Nephi is serving as the Recovery Program Coordinator & Executive Chef at the Rainbow Treatment Center at Café Gozhóó on the White Mountain Apache Tribe in Arizona.





## BREAKOUT SESSION #1

11:10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### SESSION A

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### NYO Games Alaska (Previously Native Youth Olympics)

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** The first NYO Games Alaska were held in 1971 by students attending the Boarding Home Program School in Anchorage, Alaska. The creators of the NYO Games wanted an opportunity to demonstrate traditional games that incorporated their ancestors' skills of survival in Alaska's challenging environment. Today the NYO Games Alaska has record-high participation and continues to thrive.



ADELE KUYUK VILLA



NICOLE JOHNSON



KELLY HURD

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Adele Kuyuk Villa; NYO Coordinator of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.** Adele Kuyuk Villa supports Native game events by offering her expertise in logistics, officiating, and providing coaching resources on hosting events and implementing best practices. Adele leads Mukluks On The Ground, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving cultural traditions for future generations.

**Nicole Johnson; NYO Head Official of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.** Nicole Johnson's passion for Inuit games began in fifth grade, leading her to win her first Native Youth Olympics (NYO) competition in 1982 and later set records in the Two-Foot-High Kick event. Over her competitive career, she earned over 100 medals and was inducted into both the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame and the North American Indigenous Athlete Hall of Fame.

**Kelly Hurd, CFRE; Senior Director of Development of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.** Kelly Hurd is a Certified Fundraising Executive, was named to Alaska's Top 40 Under 40, is a Graduate of Leadership Anchorage, and a 2018 Athena Award recipient. Kelly has a master's degree in Philanthropy and Development from St. Mary's University of Minnesota.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #1

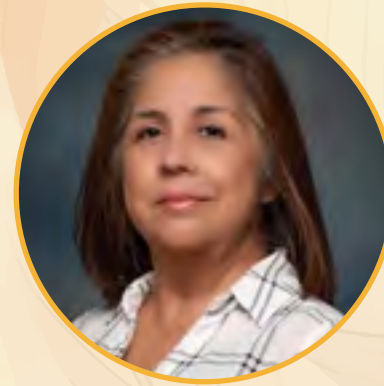
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### SESSION B

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### Indigenous and Inclusion Opportunities for Pre-K-3rd Grade

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** In 2024, Nisqually Tribe's Head Start Program partnered with the Young Athletes Program of the Special Olympics. Representatives from Nisqually Tribe and Special Olympics of Washington will be sharing how they adapted the Young Athletes program to a tribal, early learning environment.



MONA GOMEZ-CABRERA



ALICIA GREGORY

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Mona Gomez-Cabrera; Family Services/ERSEA Supervisor of Nisqually Birth to Five Head Start.** Mona Gomez-Cabrera works as Family Services/ERSEA Supervisor for the Nisqually Indian Tribe's Birth to Five Head Start Program. Mona brings experience implementing Unified Champion Schools and Indigenous Young Athletes to her program.

**Alicia Gregory; Manager, Unified Schools – Northwest Region of Special Olympics of Washington.** Alicia Gregory from Special Olympics Washington brings a professional background and expertise in early education and inclusion.



## LUNCH BREAK

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

## BREAKOUT SESSION #2

1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

### SESSION A

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#### **Salish Immersion ECEAP Preschool: Training Fluent Teachers is the Key**

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** Brea Desautel (Sinixt) will tell the story of her Salish language fluency and teaching journey as a Salish Immersion Lead ECEAP Preschool Teacher and Center Director at Salish School of Spokane (SSOS). Brea's presentation will be followed by a talk by SSOS Assistant Director Christopher Parkin who will share about the Salish Language Educator Development (SLED) Program at SSOS, and how it is powered by the ńsəl̓xčín (Colville Salish) fluency transfer system and curriculum.



BREA DESAUTEL



CHRISTOPHER PARKIN

#### **PRESENTER BIOS:**

**Brea Desautel; Salish Immersion Preschool/ECEAP Co-Lead Teacher of Salish School of Spokane.** Brea Desautel (Sinixt) is a Lead ECEAP Preschool Teacher and Center Director at Salish School of Spokane.

**Christopher Parkin; Assistant Director of Salish School of Spokane.** Christopher Parkin was a high school Spanish, ESL and social studies teacher for many years before he began with the Salish School of Spokane. Christopher is now the Principal/Business Manager for Salish School of Spokane.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #2

1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

### SESSION B

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### MMIWP: The Alarming Connection to Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** Presenters will discuss the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP) at the intersection between domestic violence and human trafficking. Participants will explore how to identify and respond to domestic violence and human trafficking as MMIWP prevention.



CAROLYN DEFORD



JERI MOOMAW

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Carolyn DeFord; Anti-Trafficking Program Manager/MMIWP Advocate of Puyallup Tribe of Indians' Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program.** Carolyn DeFord currently serves as the Anti-Trafficking Manager of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. She is the founder of Missing and Murdered Native Americans, a grassroots organization that raises awareness and supports the families of missing and murdered Indigenous people.

**Jeri Moomaw; Executive Director at Innovation Human Trafficking Collaborative.** In 2016, Jeri Moomaw was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs for her work in improving the lives of trafficking survivors. Jeri is a consultant for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign and a member of the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Trafficking in Persons.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #3

2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

### SESSION A

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### What's Kinship Care and Why is it Important to Tribal Children?

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** DCYF is developing a new Washington Administrative Code (WAC) chapter, along with supporting policies, procedures, and a home study process for kinship caregivers, making it easier for kin to get licensed and receive support from staff.



MANDY MORLIN



RENATTA WATSON

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Mandy Morlin; Tribal Foster Care Licensing Consultant of DCYF-Office of Tribal Relations.** Mandy Morlin is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation with over 20 years of experience in Tribal Child Welfare. As the Tribal Foster Care Licensing Consultant, she specializes in supporting tribal partners in areas related to foster care licensing access, resources, policy and practice.

**Renatta Watson; Kinship & Foster Care Licensing Partnership & Support Manager of DCYF- Region 3.** Before aging out of foster care in a kinship home, Renatta Watson already knew she wanted a career supporting children impacted by foster care. With almost 20 years of experience doing just that, Renatta has had a diverse career in child welfare and foster care licensing.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #3

2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

### SESSION B

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### HEALING OF THE CANOE

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** In this session, participants will learn about the innovative Healing of the Canoe project, a community driven, culturally relevant, substance abuse and mental health intervention program for tribal youth. The Culturally Grounded Life Skills for Youth Curriculum uses the Canoe Journey as a metaphor, providing youth with the skills needed to navigate their journey through life.



ALBIE LAWRENCE



NIGEL LAWRENCE

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Albie Lawrence, MSW, Executive Director of SaltFire/Healing of the Canoe Trainer.** Albie Lawrence is Tlingit, Tsimshian and Filipino, she is Killer Whale Clan from Metlakatla and an enrolled member of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. Albie is an experienced grant writer and program developer and has been a part of the Healing of the Canoe team since 2009 as a facilitator and trainer.

**Nigel Lawrence, M.Ed., Healing of the Canoe Trainer.** Nigel Lawrence is a Suquamish Tribal Member and Healing of the Canoe Facilitator / Trainer / co-author. He started working with the Healing of the Canoe project in 2010, facilitating classes at the Suquamish Tribal school, now called Chief Kitsap Academy.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #4

3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### SESSION A

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### Reflecting on Indigenous Wisdom and Teachings from “The Whale Child”

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** Chenoa will be discussing her latest book, co-authored with her brother, Keith Egawa, “The Whale Child.” Chenoa will share how to connect children to the message of the “Whale Child” in the classroom and at home.



CHENOA EGAWA

### KEYNOTE BIO:

**Chenoa Egawa; Coash Salish of the Lummi and S’Klallam Nations Writer, Ceremonial Leader, Speaker, Singer and Environmental Activist.** Chenoa Egawa is Coast Salish of the Lummi and S’Klallam Nations of Washington State. She is a ceremonial leader, singer, speaker, environmental activist, author, artist, and Qigong teacher.





## BREAKOUT SESSION #4

3:10 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### SESSION B

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### Nurturing Cultural Connections through Mentoring

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** Presenters will share an overview of Treehouse's Tribal Engagement Team and Graduation Success for youth in foster care. This session will also share how Treehouse's trauma-informed lens promotes positive outcomes for youth.



KAREN BILLY



ANGEL VAN BRUNT

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Karen Billy; Tribal Engagement Manager of Treehouse.**

Karen Billy brings lived experience as a licensed foster parent and kinship caregiver. She is a passionate advocate of tribal youth, and currently attending the Northwest Indian College for a BA in Community Advocates and Responsive Education in Human Services.

**Angel Van Brunt; Tribal Engagement Manager of Treehouse.**

Angel Van Brunt has a background in Early Childhood Education and Native American Studies. Angel attributes her lived experience in the foster care system and as a last generation survivor of an Indian Board School as her greatest sources of knowledge.



# OCT. 17, 2024 - DAY 2

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9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

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**Sarah Sotomish, Quinault Nation and DCYF Office of Tribal Relations**





## BREAKOUT SESSION #1

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### SESSION A

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### Positive Indian Parenting (PIP): A review of the PIP curriculum and its application for Washington State Tribes

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. In 2023, NICWA released the 4th edition of the PIP curriculum that includes guidance for trainers. This session will review the updated PIP curriculum, in addition exploring how tribes can utilize this training and future funding opportunities.



SHANNEL SQUALLY-JANZEN



TARA REYNON

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Shannel Squally-Janzen; Tribal Prevention Services Specialist of DCYF-Office of Tribal Relations.** Shannel Squally-Janzen, an enrolled member of the Puyallup Tribe, holds a Master of Social Work from the University of Washington Tacoma. Her career includes significant contributions to Puyallup Tribe's Wrap Around Program, where she served as Program Manager. Her enduring passion lies in helping families and addressing generational trauma.

**Tara Reynon, MSW; Child Welfare Director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association.** Tara Reynon, a proud Member of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, has both a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Washington and a Master's in Legal Studies for Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. One of Tara's notable contributions to the field is her development of the Indian Child Welfare Curriculum for Master of Social Work Students at the University of Washington-Tacoma.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #1

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### SESSION B

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#### **Aunties are a Game Changer: How Indigenous Love Heals Historical Trauma**

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** Camie will discuss the power of unconditional community love as illustrated by Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services, a Native non-profit serving Native mothers and babies throughout the Seattle area. Hummingbird was born out of a call from community members for an organization that could serve the urban Indigenous community.



CAMIE GOLDHAMMER

#### **PRESENTER BIO:**

**Camie Goldhammer, MSW, LICSW, IBCLC (Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyaté); Founding Executive Director of Hummingbird Indigenous Family Services.** Camie Goldhammer is a devoted leader for Indigenous families locally and nationally. She is held by the love of her ancestors and the support of her community in pursuing a vision of increasing breast/chestfeeding and decreasing maternal and infant mortality in Native and Pacific Islander communities nationally.





## BREAKOUT SESSION #2

11:10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

### SESSION A

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### Honoring Survivance: Federal Indian Boarding School Policy and the Pathway towards Healing

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** This session will explore the work of The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) in leading healing and justice for survivors of boarding schools. This session will also discuss S. 1723 / H.R. 7227, which calls for a federal commission to investigate the ongoing impact of these schools, preserve stories from survivors, and create continued paths toward healing.



JOANNIE MARIE SUINA

#### PRESENTER BIO:

**Joannie Marie Suina (Pueblo of Cochiti), Ed. D,** earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from the University of Washington in 2023. Her academic pursuits are deeply rooted in uplifting the ongoing healing endeavors spearheaded by Native communities.





## BREAKOUT SESSION #2

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### SESSION B

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### DCYF Missing From Care: Resources and Strategies for locating missing young people

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** This presentation will provide an overview of the history and progression of efforts in recovering youth who go missing from care on both the state and national level. This presentation will also provide a description of the Locator role in the DCYF Missing from Care program.



CAMERON NORTON



BLAIR VONDERCHEK

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Cameron Norton; Missing & Exploited Youth Program Manager of DCYF-Adolescent Programs.** Cameron Norton has been serving as the Washington State DCYF Missing and Exploited Youth Program Manager since December of 2020. Her current role includes program and policy oversight of Missing from Care, Commercially Sexually Exploited Children, and HB 1775 (Safe Harbor).

**Blair Vonderchek; Missing from Care Locator of DCYF-Region 4.** Blair Vonderchek joined DCYF in 2022 as a Missing From Care Locator, where he searches for missing & exploited children, maintains connections, provides support for high-risk youth and facilitates CSEC ConnectUP Staffings. Blair is also a member of the King County CSEC Task Force.



## LUNCH BREAK

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

## BREAKOUT SESSION #3

1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

### SESSION A

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### ICWA Courts: Principles and Lessons Learned

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** This session will explore the core foundations of ICWA courts, in addition to valuable insights gained from leading subject matter experts in the field of ICWA court implementation and technical assistance.



SHELDON SPOTTED ELK



ALICIA SUMMERS, PH.D

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Sheldon Spotted Elk; Senior Director of Judicial and National Engagement of Casey Family Programs.** Sheldon Spotted Elk is an agent of change, improving legal outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system. He works regularly as a strategic partner with 20+ Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Courts. He currently serves as a judge for a tribal court of appeals.

**Alicia Summers, Ph.D; Director of Data Savvy Consulting and Director of Research for the Capacity Building Center for Courts.** Dr. Alicia Summers is the director of Data Savvy Consulting, a company that focuses on research and evaluation primarily within child welfare court systems. She has worked for more than 15 years conducting applied research on child abuse and neglect court systems in efforts to contribute to a growing evidence-base of what works in the field.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #3

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### SESSION B

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#### **The POST Program: Using the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach with Assertive Continuing Care to Support Positive Community Transitions for Incarcerated Youth**

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** This session will discuss the Positive Outcomes through Supported Transitions (POST) – a program which incorporates components of the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach with Assertive Continuing Care, Trauma Affect Regulation: Guide for Education and Treatment, and Motivational Interviewing. POST aims to bolster prosocial skills, relationships, and connections, prevent initiation or relapse of substance use, and prevent escalation of opioid use and disorder. POST is currently being used with incarcerated youth at DCYF.



STEVE CORDERO



SHEMONTA DEAN

#### **PRESENTER BIOS:**

**Steve Cordero; POST/Behavioral Health Project Administrator-DCYF-Juvenile Rehabilitation.** Steve has been working in the Juvenile Justice Field for over 26 years, starting at the Spokane Juvenile Court, and currently with Juvenile Rehabilitation for the past 33 years. Since 2000, Steve has taught Correctional Counseling and Juvenile Justice related courses at Central Washington University as an adjunct teaching staff.

**Shemonta Dean; Clinical Research Supervisor/Interventionist at Seattle Children's Hospital.** Shemonta has spent the past 13 years working in the social justice field being a support, assisting clients on their journey to a healthier lifestyle that doesn't include drugs and alcohol. Shemonta enjoys working directly/indirectly with clients of all phases in life. In this current role, Shemonta is working with youth before and after their release from correctional institutions, using skills-based programs including A/CRA (Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach), Motivational Interview and T4 (Trauma).



## BREAKOUT SESSION #4

2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

### SESSION A

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### Echo Glen and Unkitawa-Partnership and Rebuilding Services

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** This session will explore how Echo Glen and Unkitawa worked together to rebuild services and opportunities for youth at Echo Glen after the disruption of services for youth during the pandemic.



HONEY-JO HERMAN



JEREMY GARRETSON

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Honey-Jo Herman; Program Coordinator of DCYF-Echo Glen Children's Center.** Honey Herman has built a career of managing and creating programs that advocate, educate and inform on behalf of people facing structural barriers to accessing services.

**Jeremy Garretson; Reentry Program Director of Unkitawa.** Jeremy Garretson, a Northern Arapaho tribal member, was incarcerated at an early age. Now Jeremy applies his first-hand knowledge of incarceration, the justice and prison systems, and rebuilding his life to help others discover how to build the life they want as the Reentry Program Director at Unkitawa.



## BREAKOUT SESSION #4

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### SESSION B

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### Accessing Health Coverage for American Indian & Alaska Native Youth in State or Tribal Foster Care

**SESSION DESCRIPTION:** American Indian/Alaska Native youth in foster care – under either state or Tribal jurisdiction – are automatically enrolled into Apple Health without Managed Care (Fee-For-Service) for health care coverage. Did you know that there are additional coverage and care coordination options? Join us in learning more about Fee-For-Service, Behavioral Health Services Only, and Coordinated Care's Apple Health Core Connections and how AI/AN youth can access the best health care coverage option for them.



NICOLE EARLS



TWILA MALLAR



KATIE FERGUSON

#### PRESENTER BIOS:

**Nicole Earls; Regional Tribal Liaison of Washington State Health Care Authority.** Nicole Earls, Regional Tribal Liaison at the Health Care Authority, is a descendant of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe but born and raised in Forks, WA. Prior to state work, she spent 15 years with the Quileute Tribe in social services.

**Twila Mallar; Director of Tribal Relations at Coordinated Care.** Twila Mallari, member of the Navajo Nation, has committed her career focus to tribal health care policy, compliance and providing behavioral health care to Indigenous communities. Mrs. Mallari earned her Master in Social Work from University of Washington.

**Katie Ferguson; Program Manager of Apple Health Core Connections.** Katie Ferguson joined Coordinated Care after 5+ years at a Western Washington nonprofit, Amara, supporting youth and families impacted by child welfare. Prior to her career in child welfare, Katie worked in higher education at Gonzaga University in Spokane.



## CLOSING KEYNOTE

3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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### Heartwork: Unlocking the Power of Self-Care as Community Care

**CLOSING KEYNOTE DESCRIPTION:** In this closing keynote, join Tanaya as she weaves resilience and empowerment into her storytelling and performance. Discover the importance of the words we speak over our lives. Through her storytelling you will explore how to become a warrior for “heartwork” by embracing change and honoring your wellness.



TANAYA WINDER

#### KEYNOTE BIO:

#### **Tanaya Winder, Indigenous Motivational Speaker and Storyteller.**

Tanaya Winder is an author, singer, motivational speaker, and teaching artist, who comes from an intertribal lineage of Southern Ute, Pyramid Lake Paiute, and Duckwater Shoshone Nations, where she is an enrolled citizen. Tanaya’s performances and talks emphasize the importance of “heartwork” – everyone has a gift to help heal the world. A featured TEDxABQ speaker, her work has appeared or is forthcoming in *POETRY*, *Rumpus*, and *World Literature Review* among others. Her published poetry collections include *Words Like Love*, *Why Storms are Named After People and Bullets Remain Nameless*, and *Words To Love By*.