Success Inside & Out

A Professional Pre-Release Conference for Women at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center

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Hiland Mountain Correctional Center
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Alison King has worked in health care since 1975 and in counseling since 1981. She received her B.S. in psychology from the University of Alaska Anchorage and a M.A. in Psychology from Adelphi University. She is a certified Master Addictions Counselor (National Board of Addiction Counseling), an Alaska Certified Addictions Counselor II, and a Certified Criminal Justice Specialist (National Association of Forensic Counselors). Alison is in private practice, facilitates group out, provided Alaska Medical Center’s break through and teaches Relapse Prevention.

Kay Klose, the two Spirits Gallery Director/Curator for Coak Inlet Tribal Council, is a gay graduate, in 1983 with a BFA from California College of the Arts and immediately moved to Alaska where she has spent her career working in the field of behavioral health. She spent 10 years working for the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services as a program coordinator for substance abuse programs and later as the planner for the Alaska Mental Health Board. Two and a half years ago she created a program at Two Spirits Gallery/Art Center in Anchorage that offfersocholocogical and economic support. To affected by homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse, and other disabilities.

Barb Melnick has an attorney and landlord in the Anchorage Public Advocacy for almost 25 years. In addition to carrying an active caseload, Barb is a supervisor and trainer of staff and volunteer child advocates. She also serves on a number of interagency committees dedicated to improving the child protection system in Alaska. In her spare time, Barb enjoys playing ice hockey.

Enatnie Merrer is Fulbright Director for Planned Parenthood of Alaska. Eight years ago, Enatnie moved from her hometown of Chicago to Alaska in search of something new. She received her B.A. from the University of Alaska Anchorage and her M.A. from New York University. In her current position, Enatnie provides education on a range of sexual health topics in a variety of educational and community settings. The training programs seek to empower youth, teens, college students, parents, teachers, and other professionals to communicate about sex and sexuality.

Stacy Marx is the Co-director of the Family Law Self Help Center. The Center is a statewide public service provided by the Alaska Court System dedicated to helping self-represented people achieve a better understanding of family law procedure, increasing access to family law courts, and facilitating quicker resolution of family law matters. Stacy is an attorney with a background in poverty law, family law, and domestic violence victim representation. She was a law clerk to Justice Robert Eastaugh of the Alaska Supreme Court.

Margie Mock is a third generation Alaskan born and raised in Juneau. She attended Juneau High and was a self-represented person for much of her time. As a single mom, Margie attended UAA and paid for her education by working as a secretary. Upon successful completion of her college degree, she attended law school at the University of California at Berkeley. Margie is now an attorney at the Alaska Public Defender Agency.

Lisa Moorehead is co-owner of a business specializing in birding and backcountry guiding trips. She came to Alaska in 1978 and worked full-time for 13 years as a cultural anthropologist, traveling to over 35 rural Alaska and Canada communities, subsistence and related research projects. She has studied yoga for 25 years and has been teaching yoga in the Anchorage area for the past seven years — including a weekly class at HMCC for the last four years.

Andrew Noble coordinates the selection process for the State Writer Laureate and is one of three Arts Council grants administrator for writers, visual artists, and arts organizations. She oversees the State of Alaska’s Arts in Public Places Program and Parent for Art Collection. Reading and art were daily childhood pleasures for Andrew’s family. Andrew holds a degree in Studio Art (University of Western Ontario) and Art Education (University of California, Columbus) with minors in French Literature and Canadian Film. She was Curator of Art Education at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art before joining the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

Patrice Parker works for Alaska Works Partnerships, Inc. (AWP). AWP is a statewide nonprofit corporation that connects people to careers in construction. As part of her work, Patrice is the coordinator of the Anchorage Construction Academy. She has worked as a case manager, overseeing a 10-year construction trade apprenticeship program at AWP. Patrice was also the project coordinator for the Alaska Department of Labor Workforce Investment Board. She is a fourth-generation Alaskan who grew up in Juneau.

Deedee Raymond is a musician, actress, teacher, motivational speaker, and event coordinator. Through her singing, acting, storytelling, and dynamic personality, she is a catalyst in Anchorage for improving racial relations and celebrating diversity. Her many accomplishments include the Martin Luther King birthday celebration in Anchorage producing and acting in having Our Say; coordinating the Alaska Native Heritage Center youth program; and participating in the Arisku in the School program.

Gina Stafford was an inmate at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center and is now a resident at a halfway house. She is now employed full time learning new skills to become more competitive in the business world.

Jenice Weiss is a high school graduate and undergraduate degree in Creative Writing and English. With her twenty-five years of teaching experience, she has worked as a newspaper reporter and the Education Coordinator with the State of Alaska, Department of Corrections. Jenice has extensive training in cognitive self-change and victim impact programs. Currently, she is the Bridge to Success Re-entry Coordinator located at the Alaska Native Justice Center.

Stephanie Wheeler is the Executive Director for the Alaska Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. She has worked in the human services field for over 25 years. She has overseen a director of homeless programs, supervised residential programs for troubled youth, and been a counselor for first time offenders. She is the member of the Mayor’s Re-entry Planning Group, the Homeless Ends in Alaska advisory team, and Anchorage Caring Emergency Social Services.
Eleanor Andrews attended California State University and the University of Alaska. Ms. Andrews has received several awards for outstanding service including the 1998 Alaska Small Business Administration's Person of the Year; the 1995 ATHENA Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership, excellence, and promoting women-owned businesses and the 2004 YWCA Women of Achievement Award. She is the President/CEO of the Columbia Group, a firm that has been engaged primarily in U.S. government services contracting for the past 15 years. Ms. Andrews is an active Rotarian and does community service projects in Anchorage. Currently she is working with a dedicated group to form the New Urban League of Anchorage and is a member of UrbanWorks that is dedicated to providing elegant, affordable housing projects in Alaska.

Indra Arriaga is an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska Anchorage, co-founder of the Spot Gallery, and an accomplished artist. In 2006, Indra coordinated the Hiland Mountain conference logo contest.

Ellen Arvold is a community leader and owner of Out of the Closet. Ellen came to Alaska in 1977 for a camping trip and stayed. She serves on the Success Inside & Out Steering Committee and has given numerous individual donations to this conference. Ellen is the director of the conference’s luncheon fashion show.

Dr. Ellen Cole received her B.A. from Boston University, M.Ed. from Harvard University, and Ph.D. from Union Institute. She is a professor of Psychology at Alaska Pacific University and is currently a nationally certified sex therapist. Her most recent book is "Mending Men's Selves: Actions of Love and Courage and Featurings Females: Parenting Analyses of Media. She has received awards for writing and research, and received the YWCA Women of Achievement Award.

DarlaEvee Eaves was a Hiland Mountain Correctional Center inmate who worked as the lead education assistant for several years before moving to a halfway house. She is currently employed full time in a professional position that provides her the opportunity to move forward in her career.

Mary J. Elam served as the Alaska Native Justice Center’s Advocacy Coordinator since 1997. Prior to this, she was the Program Director for Standing Together Against Rape (STAR). She is advocate for the director of Domestic Violence Advocacy. Ms. Elam is a member of the Anchorage Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), the Anchorage Disabilities Abuse Response Team (DART), and the Justice Advisory Board. She received domestic violence and legal advocacy training in 2004 and SART training in 2005. Cheryl wasa member of the Domestic Violence Workgroup for the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission and presented on cultural awareness for the Alaska Women’s Resource Center’s legal advocacy training. She is a graduate certified instructor for the Domestic Violence Practitioner program conducted by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLET). Prior to joining ANJC, Cheryl worked for the State of Alaska for 20 years, 12 of which were spent as a investigator for Public Assistance and Medicaid Fraud. She is a United States Air Force from 1977–1987 and the Alaska Air National Guard from 1987-1997. Cheryl is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma and has resided in Anchorage since 1990.

Angelique Garnard has been a personal trainer since 2003. Angelique customizes your, Pilates, and free weight programs. She is certified by the American College of Exercise and is CPR/First Aid certified. Angelique’s exercise philosophy is that “your experience should be enjoyable and challenging.”

Judy Gette is currently the Program Manager for the Family Violence Intervention Program located in Wasilla, Alaska. She also teaches classes in justice and psychology at Mat-Su College. She is a retired Department of Corrections Probation Officer and has over 25 years experience working with offenders. She has a M.A. in Counseling Psychology.

Linda Good has been a classroom teacher, served as a middle school and high school counselor, coordinated the high school Mentions Program (the Anchorage School District), written for children’s television, and developed curricula for high school and post-secondary education. Linda has secondary work on school curriculum development, process technology internships, workforce development, regional government affairs, and external community affairs. She was instrumental in organizing the BP-sponsored speed skating event for the World Special Olympics. Linda has B.S. from the University of Houston and a M.S in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Brittany Goodrich is a Public Affairs Manager and Health Educator at Planned Parenthood of Alaska. Her office focus is statewide community outreach, advocacy, media relations, and a grant developer. Brittany was born and raised in Alaska and enjoys spending time in Seattle as a student, activist, and organizer. She earned a B.A. in International Studies and Mandarin Chinese from the University of Washington. In 2004, she has worked as a substitute high school teacher for the Anchorage School District, a construction worker, a campaign director, and a legislative assistant.

Linda Britz has a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Psychology. She started working with the Department of Corrections in 1990. She is a dale, community activist, and is currently a Probation Officer with 10 years of experience in enhanced probation and probation for Public Assistance and the Department of Corrections.

Nancy Grozek came to Alaska in 1975 as a VISTA Volunteer. During her legal career, she has worked for the Alaska State Legislature, the Office of Public Advocacy as an investigator, and the Public Defender Agency representing parents in Child in Need of Care cases. She retired from State employment on May 1, 2007.

Elizabeth Halberg was born and raised in Bonneville, Idaho. She was a seven-year resident at Hiland Hills Correctional Center. She now lives in Bellingham where she commercial fishworks and works part-time jobs in the winter. She is active in the Seller’s Group—a support group for women who were in abusive relationships—and AA.

Charlene Hudson was born in Minnesota, moved to Shemya, Alaska at the age of six weeks, and at the age of five, moved to Anchorage. Charlene has worked for BP Exploration for 22 years in various positions including human resources and facilities. Currently she is the HR/Recruiter for NMS Employee Leasing.

Jamie Jones is a counselor with Consumer Credit Counseling of Alaska (C3CC), a non-profit organization affiliated with the National Foundation for Consumer Counseling. Through C3CC, Jamie offers confidential personal debt management plans to help pay existing debt and avoid future problems. C3CC provides educational programs promoting consumer awareness of money management and the wise use of credit.

Chair Justice Dana Fabe

Chief Justice Dana Fabe has served on the Alaska Supreme Court since March 1996 and is the first woman to serve on the court. She holds a B.A. degree from Cornell University and a J.D. degree from Northeastern University School of Law. Justice Fabe derked for Justice Edmond W. Burke of the Alaska Supreme Court in 1976-77. She served as a staff attorney for the Alaska Public Defender Agency from 1977-81 and in 1981 she was appointed by the governor to be Chief Public Defender for Alaska. Justice Fabe was appointed to the superior court bench in Anchorage in 1988. She served as Chief Justice of the Alaska Supreme Court from July 2000-2003 and was appointed to a second term in 2006. She is the chair of the Success Inside & Out Steering Committee.
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Agenda

9:00-9:25
Conference Registration (gym)  
Music provided by Arts on the Edge Orchestra  
Slides provided by RC Fisher, HMCC

9:30-9:45
Welcome and Introductions (gym)  
Chief Justice Dana Fabe  
Alaska Supreme Court  
Superintendent Dean Marshall  
Hiland Mountain Correctional Center

9:45-10:00
Keynote Address: "Keep Movin' Forward" (gym)  
Speaker: Shirley Mae Springer-Staten

10:00-10:30
Plenary Session (gym)  
Inspirational Stories  
"Outside" Success Stories for those "Inside"  
Moderator: Margie Mock  
Facilitator: Janice Weiss  
Panel: Darleana Eaves, Gina Stafford, Elizabeth Halberg

10:35-11:20
Concurrent Sessions (classrooms)  
Family Care: Walk the CINA Line  
Addiction Treatment, Recovery, and More  
Training Programs & Resources for Success  
Surviving Probation  
Healthy Relationships; Healthy Self  
Exploring Life’s Necessities: Housing, Transportation, and Food  
Fitness and Strength Training: It’s All About YOU!  
Getting Involved in the Arts: Discovering Your Creative Side  
Tips for Being Successful “Outside”  
Tips for Writing a Resume  
Read Between the Lines with Your Children (morning only)

11:25-12:10
Concurrent Sessions (classrooms)  
Addiction Treatment, Recovery, and More  
Training Programs & Resources for Success  
Surviving Probation  
Exploring Life’s Necessities: Housing, Transportation, and Food  
Fitness and Strength Training: It’s All About YOU!  
Family Law Self-Help Center  
Getting Involved in the Arts: Discovering Your Creative Side  
Yoga: A Way to Care for Self  
Tips for Being Successful “Outside”  
Navigating the Urban Culture  
Tips for Writing a Resume

12:15
Lunch distribution (Kitchen area)  
Lunch (gym)

12:30-1:00
Fashion Show (gym)  
Dress for Success (for Less!)  
Don’ts to Do’s (gym)  
Facilitator: Ellen Arvold and company

1:05-1:35
Plenary Session (gym)  
Interactive Communication: The Job Interview  
Presenter: Eleanor Andrews and volunteers

1:40-2:25
Concurrent Sessions (classrooms)  
Training Programs & Resources for Success  
Healthy Relationships; Healthy Self  
Exploring Life’s Necessities: Housing, Transportation, and Food  
Fitness and Strength Training: It’s All About YOU!  
Getting Involved in the Arts: Discovering Your Creative Side  
Mental Health: Keep the Balance  
Tips for Being Successful “Outside”  
Tips for Writing a Resume  
Balancing Act: Managing Your Personal Finances

2:30-3:00
Plenary Session (gym)  
Dear Diary: Identifying and Celebrating Your Strengths (Active Workshop)  
Presenter: Dr. Ellen Cole

3:00
Closing Song: Shirley Mae Springer-Staten (gym)

3:05
Closing Remarks (gym)  
Chief Justice Dana Fabe  
Superintendent Dean Marshall

Door Prize Drawings  
Conference evaluations and Zonta “goodie bags”

Adjourn