



January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The **Blue Heart** is increasingly recognized as the international symbol against human trafficking, representing the sadness of those who are trafficked while reminding us of the cold-heartedness of those who buy and sell fellow human beings.

Warning Signs of Human Trafficking in public

1. Appearing Malnourished
2. Showing signs of physical injuries and abuse
3. Avoiding eye contact, social interaction, and authority figures/law enforcement
4. Seeming to adhere to scripted or rehearsed responses in social interaction
5. Lacking official identification documents
6. Appearing destitute/ lacking personal possessions
7. Working excessively long hours
8. Living at a place of employment
9. Poor physical or dental health
10. Small children serving in a family restaurant
11. Not allowing people to go into public alone, or speak for themselves



Human Trafficking **National Hotline (888) 373-7888**

Contact

Samantha Rice, Director
(907) 255 - 7172

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(907) 255 - 7413

Office Phone
(907) 835 - 8069

24/7 Crisis Hotline
(907) 835 - 1144

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victims_services@valdeztribe.org

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PO Box 1634 Valdez, AK 99686

REQUEST FOR ALASKA NATIVE FOSTER PARENTS CAMPAIGN!

Be a Foster Parent!

Contact VNT at (907) 835-4951 for additional information!

If you or someone you know is a **victim of crime** and are in need of help call **(907) 835 - 1144**



Gathering Circle

Join us on **Facebook, January 19th from 6-8 pm** for our monthly Gathering Circle. We will be having a presentation on human trafficking: the facts, warning signs to look for, causes, who are trafficked, and what we can do in our community to help prevent human trafficking.



Valdez Food Bank Distribution Dates:

Sunday, **1/2/2022** (1-3 pm)

Sunday, **1/16/2022** (1-3 pm)

Sunday, **1/30/2022** (1-3 pm)

24/7 Crisis Hotline

(907) 835-1144

- You need someone to talk to
- You need **information** & resources
- You don't know what to do next
- You are a victim of a crime of trauma
- You are a family member of a victim

Important Dates

New Year's Day

January 1

Russian Orthodox Christmas Day

January 7

National **Human Trafficking Awareness** Day

January 11

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 17 (VNT Offices Closed)

Gathering Circle

January 19

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Valdez Native Tribe Social Services

Valdez Native Tribe is excited to host a Request for **Alaska Native Foster Parents** campaign! Due to numerous reasons, on average approximately 3,000 children a month, are placed in foster care homes in Alaska. Being an Alaska Native Foster Parent can assist Alaska Native children in a temporary, safe, stable, and nurturing home until they can be reunited with their families.

To be a Foster Parent you must be:

- At least 21 years old
- Must be physically and emotionally capable of caring for children, and have a healthy lifestyle
- Financially stable of supporting your own household independently of foster care reimbursements
- Three character references
- Your home must meet basic fire, safety, and sanitary standards
- Have additional room for the foster child to sleep, have privacy, and keep their belongings.

The placement of Alaska Native children is covered under the ICWA Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. It states, "In any foster care or preadoptive placement, a preference shall be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, to a placement with (i) a member of the Indian child's extended family; (ii) a foster home licensed, approved, or specified by the Indian child's tribe; (iii) an Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority; or (iv) an institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet the Indian child's needs."

If you are interested in becoming a Alaska Native Family Foster Parent, please contact VNT.

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