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OUR VISION:

Alaska Native people are the
healthiest people in the world.

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House Tribal Affairs

Overview of Tribal Compacting



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Introduction and Overview of Tribal Compacting

- Tribal Self-Determination
- Tribal Compacting
- Examples of Tribal Compacting

Introduction and Overview of Tribal Compacting

Tribal Self-Determination- Best outcomes are achieved when Tribes and Tribal members decide and implement programs and services themselves



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Federal Tribal Self-Determination

The only policy that has worked to make significant progress in reversing otherwise distressed social, cultural, and economic conditions in Native communities.

The policy of self-determination reflects a political equilibrium which has held for four decades and which has withstood various shifts in the party control of Congress and the White House.

The first major piece of legislation, Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination Act of 1975.

Tribes identify federal government services that they wish to provide to their own tribal members and contract for the federal funding to provide those services themselves.



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What is Tribal Compacting?

- Federal law authorizes Tribes / Tribal Organizations to contract or compact with the federal government to provide programs, functions, services or activities that the federal government would otherwise provide for American Indians / Alaska Natives (AI/AN)

What is Tribal Compacting?

- Difference between contracting and compacting
 - Contracting is first step with less discretion to reprogram
 - Compacting allows for full determination of program development, design and implementation



Alaska Tribal Health Compact

Demonstration Project in Alaska

- FY 1995 as support
- First multi-party
- Area office support
- Designed to support local control



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Alaska Tribal Health Compact

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Tribal Child Welfare Compact

- What → a **intergovernmental** agreement between the State of Alaska and 18 federally recognized Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations to improve the life outcomes of Alaska's children and families, by transferring **negotiated** child welfare services and supports – along with their respective revenue streams – from OCS to the 'Tribal Co-Signers.'



Tribal Child Welfare Compact

Goal → provide higher
quality services and
supports at a lower cost.



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Tribal Child Welfare Compact

- Alaska children and families will be served locally, as close to home as possible.
- Services will be provided in a more cost effective and efficient manner.
- Children and families will be more receptive to changing abusive or neglectful behavior(s), which will decrease the number of children in state custody.
- Outcomes for Alaska children and families will be improved, particularly Alaska Native children and families.







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