

*Fueling our Foundation*  
*ASAGA Annual Conference*



**10/4/24**

**BP Energy Center - Anchorage, AK**

**Or**

**Zoom option available**

## **Agenda**

- 8:30 to 9:00**            **Registration**
- 9:00 to 9:45**            **Opening Remarks & Team Building Activity**
- 9:45 to 10:00**         **Break**
- 10:00 to 10:45**        **Tracey Bowles, M.A, MFT, NCG, CPM**  
**Public Guardian, Washoe Country**  
**NGA Board Member**

### **Embracing the Challenge: Rising Stronger from Crisis to Opportunity**

**In the face of crisis, courage, curiosity, and collaboration were the building blocks to embracing new challenges and starting anew to build a better guardianship program. Tracey Bowles shares her experiences of embracing a guardianship program following a crisis.**

- 10:45 to 11:00**         **Break**
- 11:00 to 12:15**         **Jessica Ross, MEdTL, RDH, Professor**  
**Culturally Responsive Trauma Informed Communication**
- Explore innovations in increasing Indigenous Health equity through the training of healthcare professionals in culturally responsive and trauma-informed practices. The presenter will discuss the potential effects of the revitalization and integration of traditional healing practices in the provision of health and human services.**
- 12:15 to 1:00pm**        **Break with lunch – Catered by Sweet Caribou**
- 1:00 pm to 1:30**        **Mentoring and Monitoring Program Alaska Court System**
- 1:30 to 1:45**            **Break**

**1:45 to 3:00**

**David Moxley, Ph.D**  
**Assistant Dean of Justice and Human Services**

**Ethical Considerations in Decision-Making for Adults**

**Explore factors to consider when supporting others in making decisions, considering ethical standards and best practices. Discuss ethical decision-making framework to utilize for guardians and other supporters, evaluate steps to take when supporting others in making decisions.**

**3:00 to 3:15**

**Break – Silent Auction closes at 3:15**

**3:15 to 4:30**

**Forging Connections: Establishing Common Ground, Shared Values and a Commitment to Collaboration in Guardianship with Tracey Bowles**

**Working with vulnerable populations in guardianship presents many challenges which may be different depending on your role. In this session, we will attempt to identify our shared values and goals and hone our superpowers of collaboration.**

**4:30**

**Volunteer Guardianship Programs with Anne Applegate**

**Learn about the work being done to bring more options to Alaska on decision making.**

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**Morning and afternoon snacks provided by ASAGA**

**Lunch catered by Sweet Caribou – choose your sandwich or lunch bowl via registration portal with Eventbrite. Link to menu on ASAGA website.**

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## **Presenters:**



Tracey Bowles was appointed Public Guardian for Washoe County in Reno, Nevada effective March 11, 2019, and reappointed in 2023 for a four-year term. Tracey was born and raised in Reno, attending the University of Nevada, Reno obtaining a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling and educational psychology.

Tracey began her career working with vulnerable populations in 1997, at Washoe County's emergency shelter for abused, abandoned, and neglected children, while working on her master's degree. After 11 years of working directly with individuals, couples, and families in therapy, Tracey returned to Washoe County to work as a clinical care manager with foster children and their families for Human Services Agency. After 6 years, Tracey took advantage of an opportunity to lead a dynamic team running seven different children's mental health programs in Northern Nevada for the Division of Child and Family Services. It was here that her passion for leading dynamic teams, focused on quality care for the people they serve, blossomed.

After four years as the appointed Public Guardian for her county, Tracey is enthusiastic about sharing how her dedicated team of exceptional case managers and staff meet the needs of the protected people for whom they serve, working collaboratively with community partners, while advocating for ethical guardianship practices across the state. In recent years, Tracey has volunteered her time with the National Guardianship Association (NGA) and joined the Board of Directors for the NGA in 2024. Tracey been honored to speak for national, state, and local organizations on the topics of guardianship and mental health.



David P. Moxley, PhD has spent fifty years in creating personalized support systems for children, adolescents, adults and elders who can benefit from assistance tailored to their cognitive, emotional, behavioral or social needs. He is author, editor or co-editor of eight books including *The Practice of Case Management*, *Case Management by Design*, *The Handbook of Rehabilitation and Mental Health Practice*, and *Consumerism in Human Services*.



Professor Ross is a Dena'ina tribal member of the Native Village of Eklutna. She serves as an Assistant professor for the Human Services program and Alaska Native Studies program at the University of Alaska Anchorage. Professor Ross' education includes current work towards a PhD in Indigenous Studies, a Master degree in Education - Teaching and Learning, and a Bachelor Degree in Science - Dental Hygiene. Professor Ross began her teaching career in 2016 at the University of Alaska while leading head and neck anatomy, patient management, instrumentation and clinical practicum courses in the Dental Hygiene program. Her work in Human Services allows her to continue her work developing Culturally Responsive and Trauma-Informed (CRTI) approaches to practice while also leading efforts on the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) program. Professor Ross founded the Nughejagh project (Dena'ina for "To become whole") which is a participatory project that explores the implications of trauma and potential healing impacts of Indigenous cultural revitalization.