



W.R.N.A.C.
Wind River Native Advocacy Center

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W.R.N.A.C. Vision:

A community engaged in self-determination for education, health, economic development and equality for the Wind River Reservation.

W.R.N.A.C. Mission:

To empower Native Americans in Wyoming for a stronger voice through community organizing, education, research, legal advocacy and leadership development.

Goals:

1. Develop a positive relationship between the Wind River Reservation and other entities in the state of Wyoming that affect the health and welfare of Native Americans
2. Increase respect and acceptance of tribal Sovereignty.
3. Ensure effective implementation of federal trust responsibility.
4. Improve resources that increase sustainability and self-determination.
5. Decrease disparities in health, education and income for Native Americans in WY.
6. Elevate racial equality and cultural understanding throughout Wyoming

Become a member of the Wind River Native Advocacy Center and become part of a structuring for a stronger voice for the Wind River Indian Reservation. We will help educate you on your way to be that voice for not only yourself but for the community and Native people.

“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful”
-Malala Yousafzai



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Membership Application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

DOB: _____ Age: _____

With a brief description please let us know about yourself and future goals that you envision for the Wind River Native Advocacy Center:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Meet the W.R.N.A.C Board

Leslie Spoonhunter-Monroe, Northern Arapaho Tribe **W.R.N.A.C Board Chair**

Leslie is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapaho Tribe, born and raised on the Wind River Reservation. She is employed with Wyoming WIC & Northern Arapaho WIC agencies. She has devoted her time to help families stay healthy & to promote breastfeeding in her community. Leslie is the mother of 4 children and was Chairwoman for Arapahoe School Board where all her children have attended. Her interests include spending time with her family, yoga and being outdoors. She joined WRNAC in 2018 to further help Native people and to be a strong voice for her community.

Cherokee Brown-O'Neal, Northern Arapaho Tribe **W.R.N.A.C Board Vice-Chair**

Cherokee is Board Chair and a founding member of WRNAC and has facilitated new programs and projects since 2014. Her background is in Human Services – Addictions, Social Work, and Wellness Programs for Wind River Family and Community Health Care. She is mother to six children, one boy and five girls, and a devoted grandmother. With a long-term commitment to empowering the community through outreach and education, Cherokee's strong voice and engagement are an asset to the Board.

Kay Pingree, Eastern Shoshone Tribe **W.R.N.A.C Treasurer**

Kay is a lifelong resident of the Wind River Reservation and works for Fremont County School District #21 in Accounts Payable and is acting Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent. Joining the board in 2018, Kay assisted with financial management and helped bring new projects to WRNAC and the Wind River Reservation. She is a mother of one and grandmother of two and caretaker of her elderly mother.

DeaAnn Ogden, Community Member **W.R.N.A.C Secretary**

Dea is a lifelong resident of Fremont County, and is the Branch Manager at the Fort Washakie branch of Central Bank & Trust. Her interests include spending time with her family, hunting, and the outdoors.

Dea joined the WRNAC Board of Directors in 2018, hoping to make a positive impact on the community. Her children and grandchildren are enrolled Eastern Shoshone Tribal members and she has a vested interest in the well-being and future of Native culture.



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Clarisse Harris, Paiute Tribe
W.R.N.A.C Board Member

Clarisse is a founding member of WRNAC and served as Board Chair in 2016 and provides leadership for program development. She is a mother to 4 daughters, 3 sons and 11 grandchildren and has lived at Wind River since 1982. Active in parent leadership, community gardening, and the Tribal Farmers' Market, Clarisse is a valued senior team member. She is an enrolled member of the Owens Valley Paiute tribe of California.

Jennifer Wellman, Community Member
W.R.N.A.C Board Member

Jennifer joined the Board in 2017 and is the Senior Coordinator for Wyoming's Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research on the Wind River Reservation. She was raised in Colorado with a love for watershed hydrology and community-based outreach & education. She builds partnerships on projects involving advocacy, science and communicating ecological knowledge. Her organizational development skills helped establish WRNAC's non-profit status and recent work in social and environmental justice and Microbiome project management.

Michael Chingman, Eastern Shoshone
W.R.N.A.C Board Member

Mike manages client services for the Shoshone Rose Casino and is involved in health and wellness leadership throughout Wind River. He also advocates for youth and sponsors the Moccasin Lake Challenge; the annual event was his inspiration. Mike's photography recently gained international acclaim after the 2017 eclipse and his artwork is on display locally and Santa Fe, NM. He joined the Board in 2018 and provides community connections, new collaborations, and event planning for WRNAC.

The Wind River Native Advocacy Center would like to welcome our new Executive Director:

Skyler Dixey, Shoshone-Bannock
Executive Director

Skyler Dixey is the Executive Director for WRNAC and an enrolled member of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe from the Fort Hall Indian Reservation in Idaho. Skyler and his fiancé have 3 children, 2 sons and 1 daughter. Skyler has background in advocacy work with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Tribal Employment Rights Office. Skyler has always had a passion for helping the Native American community and youth.