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# LIVING YOUR VALUES

TCC TRIBAL COURT CONFERENCE 2021



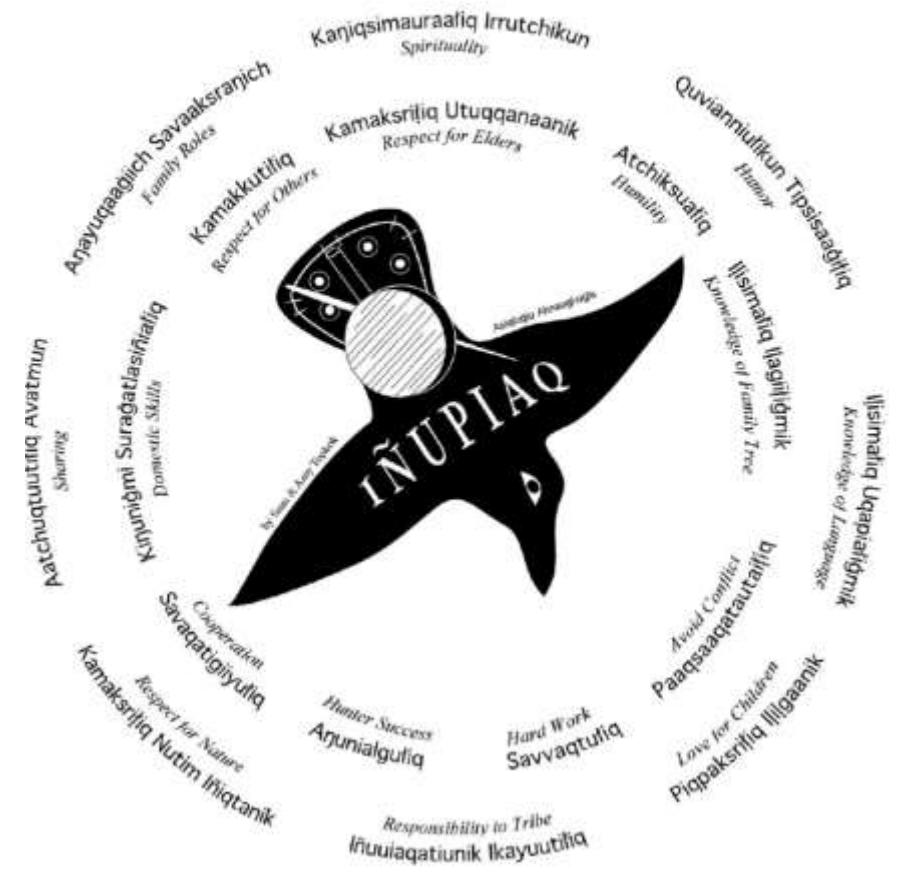
# IÑUPIAT ILITQUSIAT AS A WAY TO HEAL

- Our values are who we are
- Our values are what set our judicial systems apart and bring our people together
- Healing comes from the wisdom our ancestors have passed on to us since time immemorial
- What to do when our values may seem to (or do) conflict with western legal systems?



## Iñupiat Ilitqusiat

With guidance and support from Elders,  
we must teach our children Iñupiaq values  
(Northwest Iñupiaq Elders)



# AWAKENING OUR CUSTOMS OF EQUITY



- We know what our people and communities need, and we have known these things for thousands of years
- Just because our judicial systems do not reflect western systems is okay – it can be a strength not a weakness!
- Sometimes our laws (values) are not written down, and that's okay
- Elders as judges and advisors
- Healing looks different to different people, families, communities – we take care of each other and that takes time
- Creating ceremony to fit our lives today
  - Lighting the naniq to bring our ancestors into that space with us

# KAWERAK'S TRIBAL JUSTICE SUMMIT 2019

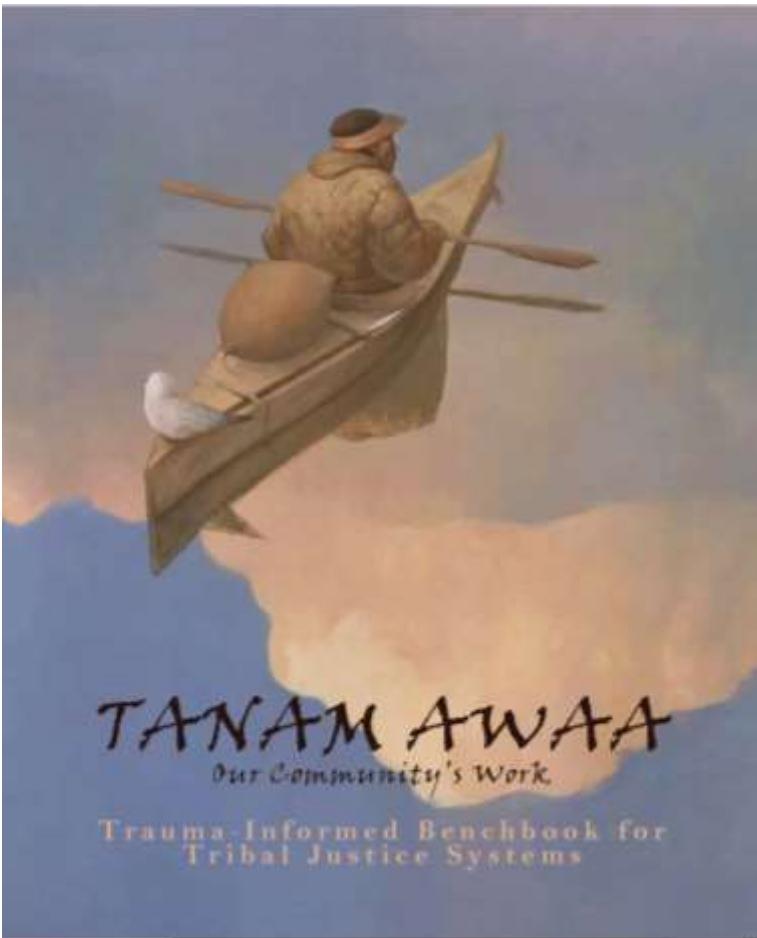


# TO WRITE IT DOWN OR TO NOT TO WRITE IT DOWN?

- Written codes and policies can be helpful...
- But unwritten codes can carry just as much weight and power to them
- Some things are simply hard to put down on paper, but may still inform how we make decisions
- Sometimes we can bring in the unwritten, such as aspects of stories, into documents other than ordinances or policies, such as bench cards!



# MODERN TRIBAL JUSTICE





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