

Bosho. My name is Jean Howley "Wayatnekwe". I am the daughter of David Perry and Georgie Ann O'Bennick-Perry. My paternal grandfather is the late George O'Bennick and grandmother was Mary Valley of Hot Spring, Montana. I am Thunder Clan and my birth color is blue.

I received my Associates of Arts degree at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. I am proud to say that it is in Indian Law and Advocacy. While in school, I was a journalist for the *Indian Leader* student newspaper, and served a two-year term as Student Body President. It was a great experience. During my last semester at Haskell, I was selected to do an internship at the Department of Labor in Washington D.C. I studied for one semester at American University in Indigenous Studies and grant writing. After taking a few years off to work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency as an on-call disaster assistant for Native American communities I made the decision to return to school to finish my bachelor degree. I completed my BA in Business at Baker University in 2009 and rejoined the work force again for a few more years. I completed my Masters of Science in Psychology with an emphasis in Behavioral Health in 2016 at the University of Phoenix.

My husband and I are foster parents and have been for the last 17 years. We are state licensed and currently provide services to our Tribe taking in Native American children. We usually have between 4 to 6 foster children at any given time. My husband and I are 49 and have two daughters ages 13 and 20, and 1 son who is 31. We live in Mayetta, Kansas, on the Potawatomi Reservation, and have always been in this area. I am an approved mediator by the Kansas Supreme Court. I also have the distinct privilege of being a Peacemaker for Prairie Band Potawatomi Judicial Council (Tribal Court). I was elected through General Council in 2014 and I am currently serving my 2nd two-year term. And last year I was placed on the Social Services Advisory Board as Vice-Chair. I run my own peacemaking practice and tend to focus my efforts on my Indigenous Dispute Resolution (IDR). I also love to speak about my craft and have had the pleasure to present at numerous conferences Nationwide.