



38<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual

# Protecting Our Children

Honoring Our Past, Present, and Future Generations

## Virtual Conference Schedule-Mountain Daylight Time

### Monday, March 30

9:30 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Opening Welcome by Sarah Kastelic, MSW, PhD, NICWA executive director

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**Child Welfare as Medicine:** Terry Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, DHL, NICWA founder and senior advisor

11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Session One

**Family Healing to Wellness Courts and Active Efforts** (Carrie Garrow, JD, and Lauren van Schilfgaarde, JD)

1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Session Two

**Working with Substance-Abusing Families** (Terry Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, DHL)

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Session Three

**Promising Practices in Tribal-State Child Welfare Collaborations** (David Simmons, MSW)

5:30 p.m.– 6:15 p.m.

Annual Membership Meeting



### Tuesday, March 31

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Session Four

**The Family First Prevention Services Act: Is It a Tool for Providing Culturally Based Services for Families at Risk?** (Jack Trope, JD, and David Simmons, MSW)

11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**Community Healing through Intergenerational Exchange: Living Our Cultural Values and Beliefs**

Cindy Blackstock, PhD, executive director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada

Followed by honoring of NICWA Champion for Native Children, Cindy Blackstock, PhD

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Session Five

**Evaluating Culturally Based Programs: Positive Indian Parenting** (Puneet Sahota, MD, PhD; Deana Around Him, DrPH; and DeeAnna (D.J.) Personius)

3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Session Six

**Recruiting and Engaging Foster and Adoptive Families** (Alicia Groh, Rebekah Main, and Mary Boo)



### Wednesday, April 1

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Session Seven

**ICWA in the Courts and State Legislatures: A Legal Update Covering the Federal Court Challenges to ICWA and Opportunities for State ICWA Laws** (Dan Lewerenz, JD; Erin Dougherty Lynch, JD; and Kathryn Fort, JD)

11:30 a.m.–noon

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**Community Healing through Intergenerational Exchange: Living Our Cultural Values and Beliefs**

Don Coyhis, President and Founder, White Bison, Inc.

1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Session Eight

**A Relational Approach to Transcending ACEs and Intergenerational Trauma** (Jessica Elm, PhD; Jessica Saniguq Ullrich, PhD; and LaVerne Xilegg Demientieff, PhD)

3:30 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

Session Nine

**We R Native, Healthy Native Youth, and Celebrate Our Magic: Promoting Inclusivity in Adolescent Health and Well-Being** (Michelle Singer, Morgan Thomas, and Thomas Ghost Dog)

Followed by closing Remarks by Sarah Kastelic, MSW, PhD, NICWA executive director