



**39TH
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PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

**Connectedness, Resilience,
and Persistence**

Below is a tentative list of presentations for the annual conference. Please note that all presentations are subject to change and more workshops are still being added.

2021 Conference Schedule-at-a-Glance

Please note: All times are in Pacific Time.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
April 12	April 13	April 14
8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. PT Opening General Session	8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. PT General Session	8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. PT Workshops E
10:30 a.m.–Noon PT Workshops A	10:30 a.m.–Noon PT Workshops C	10:30 a.m.–Noon PT Workshops F
1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. PT Workshops B	1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. PT Workshops D	1:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. PT Closing General Session
3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. PT Membership Meeting	3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. PT General Session	

Child Welfare, Foster Care, and Adoption Services

Session	Title	Presenter(s)
A	Creating Space for Tribal Child Welfare Leaders: A Relational and Holistic Approach to Leadership	Rachel Fore, Rita Hart, Priscilla Day
A	Family First Prevention Services Act: Tribal Progress Toward Implementation	Jack Trope, Barbara "Sunshine" Parker

A	Indian Child Removal Study: Preliminary Findings	Christine Diindiisi McCleave, Sandy White Hawk
A	Indigenous Restorative Practice	Don Smoke, Doreen Moellenbeck-Dushnitsky
A	Oregon's ICWA Initiatives, Policies, and Compliance Efforts	Emily Hawkins
A	Policy and Practice Intersections of IV-E and Families First	Angelina Callis, Andrea Smith, Mary Iannone-Walker
A	The Family Wellness Warriors, Nu'iju: Successful Replication of a Community-Focused Healing Model	Bobbi Outten, Polly Andrews
B	Information Interpretation: Read Your Data, Tell Your Story	Marneena Evans, Rachel Fore, Cheryl Montoya
B	Innovative Partnerships to Improve Permanency Outcomes for Children	Deborah Northburg
B	Strengthening Our Families to Care for Our Children: Foster Parent Education Programs	Chiara Cournoyer, Misty Frazier, Gwen Vargas-Porter
C	Accreditation Offers Critical Framework	Jennifer Flowers
C	Recruiting and Engaging Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Families	Becky Main, Alicia Groh
C	Redesigning Child Welfare to Promote Racial Equity	David Simmons
C	Relational Identity: The Importance of Knowing Who You Are and Where You Come From	LaVerne Xilegg Dementieff, Jessica Saniguq Ullrich, Angelique Day, Nicholas Squirrel
C	Sharing Promising Tools for Within- and Cross-Systems Collaborative Change	Stephanie Decoteau, Melanie Sage, Carenlee Barkdull
D	A Comprehensive Guide to Active Efforts	Robert Ludgate
D	A Pimp's Playground	Trish Martinez
D	Addressing the Opioid Crisis in California Urban Indian Environments	Hannah Youngdeer, Niyok Leddy
D	Decolonizing Tribal Child Welfare: NICWA's Culturally Based Review Process	Alexis Contreras, Terry Cross
D	Meeting Families' Needs: Effective Support Services for Kinship, Foster, and Adoptive Families	Mary Boo, Britt Cloudsdale
E	Drowning in Data but Starving for Information: Using Data Analytics to Improve Services	Casey Bader
E	Good Child Welfare Governance Is Prevention	Sarah Kastelic
E	Keeping the Sage Burning: An Evaluation of Pre-Service ICWA Training	Kendra Lowden
E	Stories and Representation of Children, Families, and the Child Welfare System in the Media	Amory Zschach, Crystal Echo Hawk, Ricki McCarroll, Pamela Mejia

F	California Championing Systems Change in Consultation with Tribes to Strengthen ICWA Implementation	Jennifer Parsons, Heather Hosterler, Stephanie Weldon, Rita Mendoza, Laila DeRouen, Donald Rodriguez, Jessica "Fawn" Canez
F	ICWA Family Preservationist: The New QEW Empowering Tribes to Be Active Participants in ICWA Cases	Harmony Bercier, Rebecca Grey Bull, Jessi Leneau
F	Minnesota ICWA Warriors	Carrie Owen, Cindi Miller, Ann Many Birds
F	Strengthening ICWA Compliance through Coalition Development	Candi Marcantel, Elizabeth Brown, Jill Holt

Children's Mental Health

Session	Title	Presenter(s)
A	Calricaraq System of Care: Treating Behavioral Health Disorders with Indigenous Healing Methods	Mark Anaruk, Rose Domnick
B	Transforming Your Children and Family Behavioral Health System	Dan Aune, John Trunkey, Allison Boyd Ball
B	Whole Community Healing	Patrick Anderson, Barbara Elfman Bell, Cathie Clements, Valerie Chadwick
F	An Alternate View of Resilience	Patrick Anderson
F	Take Care of the Light - Indigenous Land Based Programming	Faith Turner

Judicial and Legal Affairs

Session	Title	Presenter(s)
A	Learning the Basics of the Indian Child Welfare Act	David Simmons
B	Building an Evidence Base: Family First Prevention Services Act Funding	David Simmons, Puneet Sahota, Deana Around Him
B	From Hotline Referral to Termination of Jurisdiction	Evangelina Woo, Mica Llerandi, Emily Harlan
C	ICWA in the Courts and State Legislatures	Erin Dougherty-Lynch

C	Serving Families Affected by Substance Use: Active Efforts and Plans of Safe Care	Suzanne Garcia, Teri Kook
D	ICWA Courts, Data, and Best Practices	Sally Tarnowski, Adrea Korthase, Sophia Gatowski, Brenda Bussey
E	How to Maximize the Benefit of Tribal-State Agreements Before, During, and After Title IV-E Direct	Summer Purdom, Stephanie Marshall

Youth and Family Involvement

Session	Title	Presenter(s)
B	Introduction to Working with Substance Abusing Families: Featuring NICWA's New Online Course	Terry Cross
B	Pala Band of Mission Indians Tobacco Program	Camille Henry-Walford, Monah Hanson
C	Utilizing Traditional Practices within Behavioral Interventions for American Indians/Alaska Natives	Daniel Dickerson, Carrie Johnson, Benjamin Hale
D	Return to the Red Circle: Re-Connecting Our Children to Native American Culture	Damon Polk
D	We R Native, Healthy Native Youth, and Celebrate Our Magic	Morgan Thomas, Michelle Singer, Tommy Ghost Dog
E	Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018	Tyesha Wood, Melissa Blasing, Pamela Foster
E	Sacred First Foods	Linda Meanus
F	A River of Culture	Yvonne Peterson, Gary Peterson

Connectedness

Session	Title	Presenter(s)
E	Strengthening Indigenous Families through Building Tribal Community Connections	Laurie Ramirez, Maria Fairman, Michael Steddum
E	Ting getiy dixet'a. Xogho tr'ixitonik. (The trail is awfully rough. We'll work at it together.)	Dana Klar, Christina Ireton, Dorothy Haskell, LaVerne Xilegg Dementieff