Thank you for supporting our mission and helping to make NICWA’s 40th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference a resounding success.

Each year, NICWA hosts the largest national gathering on American Indian and Alaska Native child advocacy issues. With over 1,400 attendees—and growing every year—this three-day conference has become the premiere national event addressing tribal child welfare and well-being. Keynote speakers range from federal officials at the highest level of government to youth with lived experience in child welfare systems.

NICWA provides meaningful programming to conference attendees, creating a space where participants can learn about the latest developments and best practices from experts in the field and from one another. Participants represent a cross-section of fields and interests including child welfare, mental health, and juvenile justice service providers; legal professionals; students; advocates for children; and tribal, state, and federal leaders.

Your support of our mission enables Native children and their families to be safe and connected to their culture. We invite you to be part of our first in-person gathering in three years, our 41st Annual Protecting Our Children Conference, to be held at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino on April 2–5, 2023, in Reno, Nevada.

Please join us. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Brando, development director, at (315) 412-8539 or elizabeth@nicwa.org.

"This was my first NICWA conference and I am new to Indian Child Welfare so there was an abundance of information that was eye-opening for me and very valuable in my work with children and families as a Life Skills Educator. Thank you to everyone who played a part in presenting this conference."

Conference Participant Survey Response

"Attending was well worth my time. It enhanced my understanding of ICWA and the U.S. Supreme Court litigation, while keeping us grounded on moving the work forward to helping Native children and families."

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Results Include:

1,346 Attendees
276 Members at Membership Meeting
80 Workshops
34 Sponsors
14,548 Emails
921 Live Viewers in Opening General Session
14,239 Hours of Content Viewed