

43rd Annual Protecting Our Children Conference Honoring the Sacred

ORLANDO, FLORIDA | MARCH 30–APRIL 2, 2025

2025 Sponsor Report



"NICWA is always such an incredible experience. It always feels like a home coming... I met very knowledgeable people that we have already started collaborating with for projects being planned back home.

In a few workshops I was able to borrow some tools that we will also be incorporating to strengthen our program components."

- NICWA Conference Participant



"This conference was an amazing experience. It allowed me to reconnect and shine new light on the sacred family, keeping children at the center."

– NICWA Conference Participant



2025 Conference by the Numbers

3 days	3 Amazing keynote panels	5.5 Hours of virtual content	14.5 CEU credits	4,056 Cups of coffee served	52 Volunteers
42 Exhibitors	30 Sponsors	55 States & Provinces	74 Workshops	134 Speakers	378 Tribal Nations represented
974 First-time attendees	1,008 New NICWA Members	1,918 Participants Total	2 Baby gators	\$25,762 Given during Paddle Raise	\$160,200 Sponsorship support raised

Dear Sponsors of the Protecting Our Children Conference,

Thank you for your partnership with NICWA in the 43rd Annual Protecting Our Children Conference. With your vital support, we hosted more than 1,900 participants at our conference in Orlando, Florida, last month. Our conference theme was "Honoring the Sacred," and together we explored what sacred means in our communities and in our work to protect Native children and families.

Over three days in Orlando, participants from across the United States and Canada came together to learn, network, and support each other while advancing NICWA's mission to protect the safety, health, and spiritual strength of all Native children and families—today and for future generations—by upholding culturally based services, community strength, and tribal sovereignty. Your support of the Protecting Our Children Conference made possible more than 70 workshops as well as general session panels on the sacred work of serving families, celebrating urban Indian centers and their services, and the ICWA 2050 vision and generational movement.

We are so grateful for your support of this powerful event that brought advocates for Native children together to honor the sacredness of our families and communities. I hope you'll join us again next year for the **44th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference** in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 29–April 1, 2026. For more information, please contact me anytime at <u>skastelic@nicwa.org</u> or (503) 222-4044, ext. 128.

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