



44<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Protecting  
Our Children  
Conference**

Uniting Our Voices for  
Our Children, Culture,  
& Communities

Oklahoma City, OK  
March 29–April 1

**2026**

# Sponsor Report

“The best part of the conference was the passion of the presenters and the topics covered—real solutions for difficult issues.”

“This was my first NICWA conference. I truly enjoyed it and found it very useful and informational, and I made lots of connections.”

“The conference reignited my passion for prevention services and confirmed that I am exactly where Creator wants me to be!”

—**NICWA Conference  
Participants**



# Conference by the Numbers

**3**

Amazing keynote panels

**5.5**

Hours of virtual content streamed

**14.5**

CEU credits

**60**

Volunteers

**46**

Exhibitors

**55**

Dancers

**41**

Sponsors

**48**

States and provinces

**79**

Workshops

**12**

Regional Convenings

**170**

Speakers

**333**

Tribal Nations represented

**400**

Books signed and distributed

**803**

Store items sold

**778**

First-time attendees

**698**

New members

**1,521**

Attendees

**6,602**

Cups of coffee and tea

**\$27,085**

Paddle Raise

**\$298,500**

Sponsorship Raised

## Dear Sponsors of the Protecting Our Children Conference,

Thank you for your partnership with NICWA in the 44th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference. With your invaluable support, we successfully hosted over 1,500 participants at this year's conference in Oklahoma City.

This year, the Protecting Our Children Conference Theme was "Uniting Our Voices for Our Children, Culture, and Communities." Over four days together in Oklahoma City, participants from across Indian Country brought their voices 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 sponsorship made this all possible—the three keynote panels, 12 regional convenings, and 79 workshops that shaped the conference agenda, as well as the countless connections made between passionate advocates for Native children and families, and the positive change these advocates are making in their communities as they return home and put what they learned into practice.

We are so grateful for your support of the Protecting Our Children Conference. I hope you'll join us again next year for the 45th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 4–7, 2027. For more information, please contact me any time at [skastelic@nicwa.org](mailto:skastelic@nicwa.org) or (503) 222-4044, ext. 128.

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*Sarah F. Kastelic*

Sarah Kastelic (Alutiiq)  
Executive Director, NICWA





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