



**25th Annual ICWA Conference
Celebrating 40 Years ~ 1978 - 2018**

Weaving Traditions to Defend, Protect and Honor Indian Children, Families and Tribes

<p>Monday, June 4, 2018 Defending Indian Children, Families and Tribes</p> <p>Emcee: Jeri Bruno, Bruno Training & Consulting</p>	
8:00a – 8:30a	Breakfast & Registration
8:30a -8:45a	Informational Remarks: Jeri Bruno
8:45a – 9:00a	Opening Prayer and Welcome: Chairman Greg Sarris, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
9:00a – 10:30a	<p>The Decolonization of Social Work: <i>Working with Indigenous communities to implement traditional practices and philosophies in the contemporary context for the purposes of healing and empowerment of the community.</i></p> <p>Dr. Michael Yellowbird, Director, Indigenous Tribal Studies, North Dakota State University</p>
10:30a-10:45a	Break
10:45a – 12:15p	<p>A. Funding for Tribes: Title IV-E, Title IV-D and Tribal Courts <i>Exploration of funding sources for the development of tribal courts and social services to defend Indian children, families and tribes through the exercise of tribal sovereignty and governance.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Season Goodpasture, Director of Social Services, Pala Band of Mission Indians</p> <p>Josh Clause, Clause Law P.L.L.C., Tribal Court Consultant Dorothy Wait, Director, Community & Family Services, Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation Rachel Freitas, Administration for Children & Families</p>
	B. ICWA 101

	<p><i>Nuts and bolts of ICWA for new tribal representatives and county staff (or those who want a refresher course).</i></p> <p>Mica Llerandi, Staff Attorney, California Indian Legal Services (Escondido office)</p> <hr/> <p>C. California’s Child Welfare CSEC Program & Tribal Engagement Efforts</p> <p>Facilitator: Heather Hostler, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, CDSS</p> <p>Liz Azevedo, Manager, CDSS Child Trafficking Response Unit Jeannette McNeill, Analyst, CDSS Child Trafficking Response Unit Kelley Hartman, Analyst, CDSS Child Trafficking Response Unit Nichole Williamson, Director, Alpine County Health & Human Services Department</p>
<p>12:30p – 1:45p</p>	<p>LUNCH: Celebrating 40 Years of ICWA</p> <p>Honorable Abby Abinanti, Yurok Tribal Court – Keynote <i>(Lunch is generously sponsored by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians)</i></p>
<p>2:00p – 3:30p</p>	<p>The Promise of the Indian Child Welfare Act: Cohesive Tribal and State Responses to a Gold Standard Under Attack <i>Tribal and State mobilization for a unified approach to defend Indian children, families and tribes.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Jack Trope, Sr. Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs</p> <p>Angelina Arroyo, Vice-Chairwoman, Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Kimberly Cluff, In-House General Counsel, Morongo Band of Mission Indians Kate Fort, Staff Attorney for the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University College of Law; Director, Indian Law Clinic Michael Newman, Director, CA DOJ Bureau of Children’s Justice</p>
<p>3:30p – 3:45p</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:45p – 5:15p</p>	<p>A. Tribal Customary Adoption – 8 Years Later <i>An overview of the California permanency option for Indian children that provides for adoption without a termination of parental rights, with a focus on addressing the technical issues that have arisen since its passage in 2010.</i></p> <p>Kimberly Cluff, In House Counsel, Morongo Band of Mission Indians Maureen Geary, Attorney, Maier Pfeffer Kim Geary & Cohen LLP</p> <hr/> <p>B. Indigenous Mental Health</p>

Rethinking mental health services in Native American communities, to include traditional healers, clinically trained service people and cross-cultural mental health to bridge the gap between indigenous and western-based forms of healing.

Facilitator: Angie Arroyo, Vice-Chair Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake

Dr. Virgil Moorehead, Jr., Behavioral Health Director, Two Feathers Native American Family Services

Dr. Michael Yellowbird, Director, Indigenous Tribal Studies, North Dakota State University

C. Tribal TANF & ICWA

Utilizing TANF programs and services as a part of best practices for tribal child welfare.

Facilitator: Scott Boyle, Director, Tribal TANF of Sonoma & Marin, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Glenn Basconcillo, Founder and President of GNB Consulting, Inc.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018
Protect Indian Children, Families and Tribes

Emcee: Jeri Bruno
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8:30a-8:45a	Opening Prayer: Tribal Youth – Graton Language Program
8:45a – 10:30a	<p>Protecting Tribal Children in California: <i>A year in review of tribal, state and judicial efforts seeking ICWA compliance to protect Indian children, families and tribes.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Maureen Geary, Attorney, Maier Pfeffer Kim Geary & Cohen LLP</p> <p>Robert Smith, Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians; Board Chair, California Tribal Families Coalition Delia Sharpe, Executive Director, California Tribal Families Coalition Michael Newman, Director, CA DOJ Bureau of Children’s Justice Ann Gilmour, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts Operations & Programs Division, Judicial Council of California Heather Hostler, Director, CDSS Office of Tribal Affairs Will Lightbourne, Director, California Department of Social Services</p>
10:30a – 10:45a	Break
10:45a – 12:00p	<p>Native Empowerment to Stop Human Trafficking in Indian Country</p> <p>Jeri Moomaw, Executive Director, Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative</p>
12:00p – 1:30p	<p>LUNCH: Tribal Youth Empowerment</p> <p>Theda New Breast, M.P.H., Master Trainer/Facilitator, Native Wellness Institute</p>
1:30p – 3:00p	<p>A. Resource Family Approval: It’s Different Than What You Think</p> <p>Facilitator: Delia Sharpe, Ex. Director, California Tribal Families Coalition</p> <p>Angie Schwartz, Policy Program Director, Alliance for Children’s Rights Sheri Ghalayini, ICWA Director, Enterprise Tribe, Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe Kendra Elmendorf, Manager, RFA Implementation Unit Continuum of Care Reform Branch, CDSS</p>

	<p>B. Tribal Criminal Background Checks <i>Enhancing Tribal Placements to protect Indian children, families and tribes.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Season Goodpasture, Director, Pala Social Services</p> <p>Dorothy Alther, Executive Director, California Indian Legal Services Laila DeRouen, Indian Child & Family Preservation Program Valerie Earley, Branch Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch</p>
	<p>C. Qualified Expert Witness: Interactive Session</p> <p>Facilitator: Lara Walker, Director, Wellness and Justice Department, ICWA Representative, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria</p> <p>Michele Fahley, Deputy General Counsel, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Corrina Garbani Sanchez, Child and Family Services Manager, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians Elizabeth Elgin-DeRouen, Advocate, Indian Child & Family Preservation Program</p>
	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:30p – 5:00p</p>	<p>CDSS 101: How California’s Child Welfare System Works</p> <p>Facilitator: Heather Hostler, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, CDSS</p> <p>Dave McDowell, Branch Chief, Children’s Services Operation and Evaluation Branch Valerie Early, Branch Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch Kelly Winston/Mary Sheppard Branch Chief, Child Protection and Family Support Branch Roy Westfall, Attorney III, CDSS Legal</p>
<p>5:00p – 6:00p</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>6:00p – 7:30p</p>	<p>Dinner at GRC Ballroom <i>How a Mountain Was Made ~ a play by Chairman Greg Sarris</i></p>

Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Honoring Indian Children, Families and Tribes

Emcee: Jeri Bruno
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8:30a – 8:45a	Opening Prayer: Jeri Bruno
8:45a – 10:30a	<p>Judicial Systems Honoring Tribal Children, Families and Tribes: ICWA Compliance Through Innovation</p> <p>Facilitator: Ann Gilmour, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California</p> <p>Honorable Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court Honorable Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Tribal Court, Judge, Redding Rancheria Tribal Court Honorable Christine Williams, Chief Judge, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Court Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge, Eldorado County Superior Court (invited) Commissioner Steff Padilla, Los Angeles County Superior Court, ICWA Court Honorable Joyce D. Hinrichs, Presiding Judge, Humboldt County Superior Court</p>
10:30a – 10:45a	Break
10:45a – 12:15p	<p>Tribal Youth Engagement – Honoring the Next Generation</p> <p>Jeri Bruno, Bruno Training & Consulting</p>
12:15p – 12:30p	Closing – Jeri Bruno

