

AGENDA AT A GLANCE
19th Annual ND Indian Child Welfare & Wellness Conference
Prairie Knights Casino & Resort, Fort Yates, ND
“ICWA 2020: Straight from the Headlines”
February 19-21, 2020

Registration
Tuesday, February 18 ~ 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Wednesday, February 19 ~ 8:00am – 4:00 pm

Pre-Conference Institute for Child Welfare and Courts (Ethics CEUs 2 hours)

8:30am – 10:45 am Judge William Thorne: *ICWA 101*
8:30am – 10:45 am Deb DeWitz: *The Many Layers of Child Welfare Ethics: A Unique and Honest Look*

Conference Day 1 – Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Moderator: TBA

11:30am - 12:00pm Official Conference Opening: Prayer, Flag Song,
Official Welcoming: Standing Rock Official
NATI Director
Proclamation

12:00pm - 1:15pm Luncheon
12:30-1:15 Guest Speaker – Doug Good Feather ~ *A Personal Story*
1:15 - 1:30 pm Break
1:30pm – 2:45pm **Keynote Address:** *Strategies for Preserving ICWA: Litigation & Legislation*,
Dan Lewerenz, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
2:45pm - 3:00pm Break
3:00pm - 4:15pm General Session: TBA
4:15 pm - 4:45pm NATI Director: ICWA Champion
1st STAR QUILT DRAWING - Must Be Present to Win, Event Center

Conference Day 2 – Thursday, February 20, 2020

Moderator: TBA

8:00am – 9:00am Continental Breakfast, Event Center
8:30 am Welcome, Opening Prayer
9:00am – 10:15am **Keynote Presentation:** Amy Jacobson & Renee Bourque: Human Trafficking
101
10:15am-10:30am Break
10:30am-12:00pm **Break-Out Sessions: Set 1**
12:00pm-1:30pm Luncheon: *Special Presentation*
1:30pm-3:00pm **Break-Out Sessions: Set 2**
3:00pm-3:15pm Break
3:15pm-4:45pm **Break-Out Sessions: Set 3**
4:45pm **2nd STAR QUILT DRAWING – Must Be Present to Win, Event Center**
6:30pm - 9:00pm Evening Entertainment, Native American Hand Games
3rd STAR QUILT DRAWING – Must Be Present to Win

Conference Day 2 – Thursday, February 20, 2020

Breakout Session 1: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

<u>Child Welfare</u> Pavilion	<u>Culture</u>	<u>Wellness</u>	<u>Juvenile Justice/Court</u>
Human Trafficking and Child Welfare Amy Jacobson & Renee Bourque	Who Am I: Experiences of a Native American Child in Foster Homes & Boarding Schools June Szczur	Lakota Way Healing Center Doug Good Feather	Lessons Learned in the Last 40 years as a Judge Judge William Thorne

Breakout Session 2: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

<u>Child Welfare</u> Pavilion	<u>Culture</u>	<u>Wellness</u>	<u>Juvenile Justice/Court</u>
ICWA Grant and ICWA Family Preservationist Jessi Leneagh & Harmony Bercier	History of Standing Rock Tribe Charles Walker <i>Tentative</i>	Mind, Body, & Spirit Nola Taken Alive	ICWA Courts Terri Yellowhammer & Shannon Smith

Breakout Session 3: 3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

<u>Child Welfare</u> Pavilion	<u>Culture</u>	<u>Wellness</u>	<u>Juvenile Justice/Court</u>
Best Practices working with Native American Families & Communities Vince Gillette	Cultural Importance of Knowing Our Families Delores Taken Alive <i>Tentative</i>	Equine Therapy John Eagle <i>Tentative</i>	Being a Good Partner to Native American Children, Families, and Tribes Chuck Isakson, 2019 ICWA Champion

Conference Day 3 – Friday, February 21, 2020

Moderator: TBA

8:00am- 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast Welcome, Opening Prayer
9:00am-10:45am	General Session: ND State Children & Family Services Update Panel
10:45am-11:00 am	Break and <i>Silent Auction Winners</i>
11:00am-12:00am	General Session: ICWA Victories Panel
12:00am-12:30pm	<i>4th STAR QUILT DRAWING – Must be present to win</i> Closing Remarks – Stephanie DeCoteau, NATI Director Closing Prayer & Drum