

22nd Annual ND Indian Child Welfare & Wellness Conference

July 25th – 27th, 2023 at Sky Dancer Casino & Resort

“Honoring the Past, Healing the Present, Shaping the Future”

Please note:
This year's
conference is in
person only.

Registration

Monday, July 24~ 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday, July 25~ 7:30am – 5:00 pm

Conference Day 1 – Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Moderator: Stephanie DeCoteau

Pre-Conference Institute for Child Welfare and Courts

- 08:30am-10:30am ✎ Judge William Thorne: ICWA 101
- 11:30am-12:00pm ✎ Official Conference Welcome
Opening Prayer, Flag Song, Proclamation
Opening Remarks (Address by Federal, Tribal & State Leaders)
- 12:00pm-01:00pm ✎ Luncheon - ND ICWA Law
- 1:00pm-02:00pm ✎ General Session: Turtle Mountain History & Culture - Les LaFountain
- 2:00pm-03:00pm ✎ General Session: The Indian Child Welfare Act in a post Brackeen America - Dan Lewerenz
- 3:00pm-03:15pm ✎ Break
- 3:15pm-05:15pm ✎ Ethics Panel: Deb DeWitz
- 5:15pm ✎ 1st STAR QUILT DRAWING - *Must Be Present to Win*

Conference Day 2 – Wednesday, July 26, 2023

Moderator: Stephanie DeCoteau

- 7:45am-08:30am ✎ Continental Breakfast
- 8:30am-09:30am ✎ General Session: Introduction to Substance Use Disorders - Melissa Heinke
- 9:45am-10:45am ✎ General Session: SOAR for Indigenous Communities: Understanding Human Trafficking - Anne LaFrinier Ritchie
- 10:45am-11:00am ✎ Break
- 11:00am-12pm ✎ Break-Out Sessions: Set 1
- 12:00pm-1:15pm ✎ Luncheon: Special Presentation Don Schmid
- 1:30pm-2:30pm ✎ Break - Out Sessions: Set 2
- 2:30pm-2:45pm ✎ Break
- 2:45pm-3:45pm ✎ Break - Out Sessions: Set 3
- 4:00pm-4:15pm ✎ ICWA Champion Award
- ✎ 2nd STAR QUILT DRAWING – *Must Be Present to Win*
- 6:00pm-08:00pm ✎ Entertainment: Donna Lunday & Dancers
- ✎ 3rd STAR QUILT DRAWING – *Must Be Present to Win*

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Breakout Session 1: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Child Welfare	Wellness	Court
My Two Auntie's Program Judge Thorne	Recovery can include Medications for Opioid Use Disorder Melissa Heinke	ICWA Court: The Golden Standard for Improving Outcomes for Native Families and Children Kathy Delgado

Breakout Session 2: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Child Welfare	Wellness	Court
Safety Framework: Preserving Families Leah Honeyman & Niki Kolberg	Indigenous ACES Connecting the Dots Dereck Stonefish	Traditional Concept of Seven Generations and How Child Welfare can Help to Heal the Fractures We Are Experiencing Judge Laverdure

Breakout Session 3: 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Child Welfare	Wellness	Court
Leveling the Field in ND: A 3 Year Look at IFP Program Data Jessi Leneauh & Harmony Bercier	Turtle Mountain Tribal Trauma Response Team Jaime Belgarde	The Systemic Experience of ICWA from the Family Perspective Shana King & Forester Middleton

Conference Day 3 – Thursday, July 27, 2023

Moderator: Stephanie DeCoteau

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| 08:15am-09:00am | ✦ Opening Prayer, Flag Song, Welcome |
| 09:00am-10:00am | ✦ General Session: Personal Story: A Path to Prosperity: What worked for me. - Shana King |
| 10:00am-10:30 am | ✦ Break and Silent Auction Winners |
| 10:30am-12:00pm | ✦ General Session: Cultural - Donna Lunday |
| 12:00pm-12:30pm | ✦ Closing Remarks – Gillian Plenty Chief
Closing Prayer |
| | ✦ 4 th STAR QUILT DRAWING – <i>Must be present to win</i> |

- 2 hrs. Ethics – Social Work Board**
- 11.5 hrs. Continuing Ed – Social Work Board**
- 13.5 hrs. Continuing Ed – ND Foster Care Unit**
- 13.5 hrs. Continuing Ed through Turtle Mountain Community College**

