

23rd Annual ND Indian Child Welfare & Wellness Conference

July 16th – 18th, 2024 at Bismarck Hotel

The Spirit of ICWA:

“Protecting our Culture for our Indigenous Families and Children”

Registration

Monday, July 15th~ 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday, July 16th~ 7:30am – 5:00 pm



Pre-Conference Institute for Child Welfare and Courts

08:30am-10:30am ✕ Judge William Thorne: ICWA 101

Conference Day 1 – Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Moderator:

- 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
- 01:00pm-02:00pm ✕ “The Spirit of ICWA” – Dereck Stonefish
- 02:30pm-03:30pm ✕ “The way forward: Report of the Alyce Spotted Bear & Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children” – Dr. Tami DeCoteau
- 03:30pm-03:45pm ✕ Break
- 03:45pm-05:45pm ✕ “Culturally Responsive Ethics” - Stephanie DeCoteau
- 05:45pm ✕ 1st STAR QUILT DRAWING - *Must Be Present to Win*

Conference Day 2 – Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Moderator:

- 7:45am-08:30am ✕ Continental Breakfast
- 8:30am-09:30am ✕ “Supporting Relationships Between Children and Their Families” - Katie Krukenburg
- 9:45am-10:45am ✕ “Comparing ICWA and HB 1536: What You Need to Know” – Dan Lewerenz
- 10:45am-11:00am ✕ Break
- 11:00am-12pm ✕ Break-Out Sessions: Set 1
- 12:00pm-1:15pm ✕ Luncheon
- 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: Tomi Cimarosti

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

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“Working Together to Help Families” NATI IFP’s and Local Agencies	“Wounded Healers” Dr. Kary	“Mistakes I made over 40 years on the bench” Judge Thorne	“How it started... How it’s going” Katie Krukenburg

Breakout Session 2: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Child Welfare	Wellness	Court	Caregiver
“Memory Preservation” Michaela Haider & Jessica Morey	“Trauma and Resiliency” Dereck Stonefish	“Qualifying an Expert Witness in an ICWA case” Mary Melech	“Kinship-ND and Other Resources for Kinship Caregivers” Christiana Pond

Breakout Session 3: 2:45pm – 3:45pm

Child Welfare	Wellness	Court	Caregiver
“Parenting through Recovery” Chelsea Luger & Justin M	“Resiliency Through Culture” Dereck Stonefish	TBD	Children’s Advocacy Center

Conference Day 3 – Thursday, July18, 2024

Moderator:

- 07:45am-08:30am ✘ Breakfast
- 08:30am-09:00am ✘ Opening Prayer, Flag Song, Welcome
- 09:00am-10:00am ✘ Personal Story – ICWA Family
- 10:00am-10:30 am ✘ Break and Silent Auction Winners
- 10:30am-12:00pm ✘ “Resiliency Through Connectedness” – Dr. Holloway
- 12:00pm-12:30pm ✘ Closing Remarks – Gillian Plenty Chief
- ✘ Closing Prayer
- ✘ 3rd STAR QUILT DRAWING – *Must be present to win*