

Great Plains ICWA Summit: BRINGING OUR CHILDREN HOME AND KEEPING OUR FAMILIES STRONG

Ramkota Hotel and Convention Center, Rapid City, South Dakota

Wednesday - Friday, May 15-17, 2013

(All sessions to be held in the Rushmore Room)

DAY ONE - Wednesday, May 15

- 8:00 Registration**
- 8:15 Welcome - Moderator**
Opening Prayer and Drum Group
- 8:30 Children's Voices**
Introduction: Dr. Pat Hill, Wanbli Wiconi Tipi, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Video presentation of Indian children currently and formerly in foster case, including adults who aged out of the system, describing their experiences in the foster care system.**
- Daryl Conquering Bear Crow, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Former Foster Child**
- 9:30 ICWA Roundtable Discussion with Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn, Tribal Leaders, and Federal and State Officials**
- 10:45 Break**
- 11:00 ICWA Roundtable Discussion with Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn, Tribal Leaders, and Federal and State Officials, continued**
- 12:30 LUNCH BREAK**
- 2:00 Subject Matter Experts**
Honorable B.J. Jones, Chief Judge, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Court, UND School of Law
Honorable Judge William A. Thorne, Utah Court of Appeals

- 3:30 **Break**
- 3:45 **ICWA Directors/ Selected Clients – Challenges & Barriers: Kinship and Indian Family Placements, Processes and Implementation**
- 5:00 **Adjournment Day One**

DAY TWO – Thursday, May 16

- 8:00 **Registration**
- 8:30 **Welcome – Moderator**
Raymond Cournoyer, Executive Director, SD ICWA Directors' Coalition
- 8:45 **Basics of ICWA—What it Can and Can't Do for Tribes and Children**
Honorable B.J. Jones, Chief Judge, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Court
Honorable Judge William A. Thorne, Utah Court of Appeals
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 **Basics of ICWA—What it Can and Can't Do for Tribes and Children, continued**

Questions and Answers
- 12:30 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 2:00 **Bringing Our Children Home – Challenges, Barriers, Accountability, and Solutions**
Ralph Bayard, Senior Director, Systems Improvement, Casey Family
Verlin Deer In Water, Special Litigation Section, Civil Rights, DOJ
Patrice Kunesh, Solicitor, DOI
Steve Emery, Chief Judge, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

Questions and Answers
- 3:30 **Break**

3:45 ICWA Compliance – Tribal/State Collaboration: Checks and Balances and Solutions

George McCauley, *QUICWA, Minneapolis American Indian Center*
Paul Mineheart, *QUICWA, Minneapolis American Indian Center*
Daryl Toulou, *Washington State Office of Indian Policy*
Trudy Marcellay, *Great Wolf Lodge – Grand Mound, Washington*

Questions and Answers

5:00 Adjournment Day Two

DAY THREE – Friday, May 17

8:00 Registration

8:30 Welcome – Moderator
Raymond Cournoyer, *Executive Director, SD ICWA Directors' Coalition*

8:45 Opportunities for Collaboration: Tribal/State ICWA Policies, Review & Recommendations for the "Green Book" - South Dakota Guidelines for Judicial Process in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases
Co-Moderators:
Danelle Daugherty, *Tribal Operations Specialist, BIA*
Teresa Nieto, *Social Services Manager, Crow Creek Agency, BIA*

Questions and Answers

10:30 Break

10:45 Improving Recruitment, Retention, and Ongoing Support of Native American Adoptive and Foster Care Placements
Kathy Deserly, *Associate Director, National Resource Center for Tribes*
Susan Ferrari, *Oklahoma Tribal Foster Care Consortium*
Maria Scannapieco, *Oklahoma Tribal Foster Care Consortium*
Kathy Black Bear, *Sicangu Child and Family, Rosebud Sioux Tribe*

Questions and Answers

12:30 LUNCH BREAK

2:00 Reducing Delay in Bringing Children Home – Simplifying the Transfer of Jurisdiction Process

Honorable Janell Sully, Children's Court Judge, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Steve Emery, Chief Judge, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

Pam Tiede, Attorney at Law, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Shirley Bad Wound, ICWA Director, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Questions and Answers

3:00 Break

3:15 Indian Foster/Adoptive Parents' Panel – Bringing the Children to Our Homes

Susan Geliga-Grazales, Foster and Adoptive Parent

Kevin & Taryn Abourezk, Foster and Adoptive Parents

Jewel Wright, Foster and Adoptive Parent

Questions and Answers

4:30 Adjournment Day Three