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2022 CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE ICWA CONFERENCE AGENDA



TIME	EVENT
June 13th, 2022	
7:45-8:45 Heritage	Registration Breakfast – Hosted by Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP.
8:15 – 8:45 Heritage	Opening Ceremony: Cody Martinez, Chairman, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation Jen Troia, Chief Deputy Director of Adult, Children and Families Programs, CDSS Kim Johnson, Director, Department of Social Services <i>(Pre-recorded)</i>
8:45 - 9:15 Heritage	Keynote: Dr. Renda Dionne Madrigal
9:30-10:30 Heritage	Day 1 Plenary A: Legislative and Litigation Updates <i>Summary:</i> This panel will provide updates on legislative efforts in California, including AB 1862, as well as the status of prior bills, including the Tribal Youth Diversion Grant Program and AB 2083. Learn about the <i>Brackeen v. Haaland</i> case, the challenges to the U.S. Health and Human Services Sunset Rule, the Administration for Children and Families’ decision to limit data points in the AFCARS, and an issue affecting tribal youth over the age of 18. Moderator: Mica Llerandi, Senior Attorney, Legal and Program Services, California Tribal Families Coalition (CTFC) Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC Ret. Ambassador Keith Harper, Partner, Jenner & Block James Siva, Vice-Chair, Morongo Band of Mission Indians Michelle Castagne, Policy Analyst, CTFC Dianna Wagner, Health Program Specialist II, System of Care Branch, California Department of Social Services (CDSS) <i>(Virtual)</i>
10:30 – 11:15 Heritage	Day 1 Plenary B: Office of Tribal Affairs Update <i>Summary:</i> Established in 2017, the Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) continues to grow and expand on their primary responsibility of building better government-to-government relationships with CDSS and Tribes. This panel will share the current efforts and projects of OTA in bringing tribes to the table and an overview of the State’s commitment to supporting tribes and the value of ICWA, especially with the efforts to update the Tribal Consultation Policy and development of the ICWA Statewide Plan. Moderator: Geneva Shaw, Training & Curriculum Development Director, CTFC Stephanie Weldon, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, CDSS Laila DeRouen, Central ICWA Field Liaison, CDSS Donald Rodriguez, Southern ICWA Field Liaison, CDSS Tamara Honrado, ICWA and Tribal Social Services Consultant, CDSS Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC
11:15 – 11:30	BREAK



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<p>11:30-12:30 Heritage</p>	<p>Day 1 Plenary C: Role of the Judiciary in Upholding ICWA <i>Summary:</i> The Judiciary serves a very important function in upholding the core values of ICWA. This panel of esteemed State and Tribal judicial officers will share their perspectives on upholding ICWA from the bench. Panelists will discuss joint-jurisdiction courts and the value of dedicated ICWA courts.</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Lawrence King, Chief Judge, Morongo Band of Mission Indians Tribal Court Hon. Devon Lomayesva, Chief Judge Intertribal Court of Southern California Hon. Gabriela Shapiro, Commissioner, Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles (Virtual) Hon. Christine Williams, Chief Judge, Wilton Rancheria Tribal Court</p>
<p>12:30-2:00</p>	<p>Lunch Hosted by Pala Band of Mission Indians</p>
<p align="center">AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p>	
<p>2:00 - 3:15 Paipa</p>	<p>Breakout A: Resiliency Court: Changing the Attitude in Decision Making <i>Summary:</i> The layman's definition of "insanity" is to do the same thing over and over again and hope for a better outcome. If you are unsatisfied with the current results of Child Welfare, maybe a different approach is called for. Resiliency Court is a framework that moves away from a compulsory sanctions-based approach to case planning and towards one that is focused on building, with the full partnership of the family, a unique supportive network of relationships. To achieve this goal, judges are provided with basic information about trauma, brain science, ACES, and remediation through the creation of supportive relationships and then trained in Motivational Interviewing as a tool to better communicate with a family that is in the midst of trauma and stress. A trial run of training was conducted last year for judges in urban [Detroit], suburban [Ann Arbor], and three tribal courts in Michigan. This year the training is being streamlined and expanded to include coaching sessions. If you are considering something new, come join us.</p> <p>Hon. William Thorne, Retired Judge – Confirmed</p>
<p>2:00 - 3:15 Wachena II</p>	<p>Breakout B: Use of Tribal Attorneys and Reunification Rates; a Case for Legal Counsel for Tribes (LC4T) <i>Summary:</i> Tribes are the only party in State dependency cases that do not have court appointed counsel. Despite this, non-law trained tribal representatives will be expected to confirm that the county and courts are complying with ICWA. This often leaves tribes at a disadvantage in protecting their tribal children. This session will discuss the importance of legal counsel for tribes and how tribal attorneys have an impact on reunification rates for Indian families.</p> <p>Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC Tammy Andrade, ICWA Specialist, Bishop Paiute Tribe Janet Bill, Chairperson, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians Jack Trope, Senior Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs</p>



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<p>2:00 - 3:15 Wachena III</p>	<p>Breakout C: Office of Tribal Affairs- Updates from the Field –Improving ICWA Practice and Collaborative Solutioning <i>Summary:</i> Presenters will highlight opportunities for improving ICWA practice in the field. Key themes and trends from the field will be shared along with the Strengthening ICWA Practice Survey Report. Participants will engage in a discussion and activity on key areas of technical assistance requests. This session will also highlight what OTA is doing to help facilitate relationships between counties and tribes.</p> <p>Stephanie Weldon, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, CDSS Laila DeRouen, Central ICWA Field Liaison, CDSS Donald Rodriguez, Southern ICWA Field Liaison, CDSS</p>
<p>3:15 - 3:30</p>	<p align="center">BREAK</p>
<p>3:30 – 4:45 Paipa</p>	<p>Breakout D: Re-indigenizing Wellness: Incorporating Custom and Tradition in Case-planning to Promote Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing Presenter: Dr. Art Martinez</p>
<p>3:30 – 4:45 Wachena II</p>	<p>Breakout E: Child and Family Teams Guide – Tribal-Only Listening Session <i>Summary:</i> This tribal-only listening session is designed for Tribal Social Services staff and other Tribal representatives to provide feedback on a tribal engagement guide for Child and Family Team Meetings.</p> <p>Geneva Shaw, Training and Curriculum Development Director, CTFC Mica Llerandi, Senior Attorney, Legal and Program Services, CTFC</p>
<p>3:30 – 4:45 Wachena III</p>	<p>Breakout F: A Different Perspective of Tribes and ICWA <i>Summary:</i> Bring your popcorn to this interactive session where panelist share and discuss two illuminating videos that highlight different perspectives on tribal roles in ICWA cases.</p> <p>Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC Angie Arroyo, ICWA Advocate, Indian Children and Family Preservation Program</p>
<p>5:00-8:00</p>	<p><i>Dinner (all participants) Hosted by Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Indians</i></p>



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June 14th, 2022

7:45-8:45 Heritage	Breakfast – Hosted by Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP.
8:00-8:30 Heritage	Opening Prayer and Remarks: Robert Smith, Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians Joshua Muse, Vice-Chair, Sycuan
8:30-9:00 Heritage	Day 2 Plenary D: CDDS Introduction and Early Start Outreach Initiative <i>Summary:</i> How California Department of Developmental Services is working to improve service access and equity to Tribal communities through outreach. Nancy Bargmann, Director, California Department of Developmental Services
9:00-9:45 Heritage	Day 2 Plenary E: Implementation of AB 686 and Resource Family Approval <i>Summary:</i> This panel will focus on CDSS’s efforts on the inclusion of ICWA in policy and program development. Panelists will also share CDSS’s commitment to Tribes and the implementation of AB 686 and the Resource Family Approval process. Moderator: Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC Angie Schwartz, Deputy Director, Children & Family Services Division, CDSS Kim Wrigley, Chief of Resources Family Bureau, CDSS Clarissa Alderete, Policy Analyst, CDSS Delia Sharpe, Executive Director, CTFC
9:45-10:00	BREAK
10:00-11:00 Heritage	Day 2 Plenary F: Background Checks <i>Summary:</i> This panel will provide updates on criminal background checks and barriers for tribes in accessing name-based checks. Panelists will also provide updates on SB 354 and other legislative efforts to reduce barriers for tribes in conducting background checks. Moderator: Joanne Willis Newton, Attorney, Law Offices of Joanne Willis Newton Kim Wrigley, Chief of Resources Family Bureau, CDSS Sabrina Forte, Director of Policy and Impact Litigation, Alliance for Children’s Rights Julie McCormick, Policy Attorney, Children’s Law Center Michelle Castagne, Policy Analyst, CTFC
11:00 – 12:00 Heritage	Day 2 Plenary G: ICWA Compliance: CDSS’s ICWA Hotline, Case Review, and Other State Models for ICWA Compliance <i>Summary:</i> While ICWA was passed in 1978, major hurdles still exist in ICWA compliance. This Panel will highlight efforts by California to increase compliance as well as promising practices from other states. Moderator: Michelle Castagne, Policy Analyst, CTFC Dave McDowell, Chief, Children’s Services Quality Management Branch, CDSS Reanna Jacobs, ICWA Supervisor, Child Safety and Permanency Division, Minnesota Department of Human Services (<i>Virtual</i>)



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	<p>Richie Smith, Minnesota Department of Human Services (<i>Virtual</i>) Marvin Davis, Minnesota Department of Human Services (<i>Virtual</i>) Sheldon Spotted Elk, Program Director, Tribal Justice Partnerships, NCJFCJ (<i>Virtual</i>)</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:30</p>	<p>Lunch – Hosted by Pechanga Band of Indians</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:30</p>	<p>Day 2 Plenary H: Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Updates and Promising Practices <i>Summary:</i> Signed into California law through AB 153 in 2021, FFPSA allows the State and Tribes with Title IV-E plans to use federal funding to provide evidence-based prevention services to keep children with their families and out of foster care. FFPSA also set specific requirements for using qualified residential treatment programs. This panel will provide an overview of California’s implementation of FFPSA and Tribal panelists will share promising practices available to tribes through FFPSA.</p> <p>Moderator: Jack Trope, Senior Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs Cheryl Treadwell, Chief, Safety, Prevention & Early Intervention Branch, CDSS Kelly Winston, Chief, Child Welfare Policy & Program Development Bureau, CDSS Hillary Konrad, Bureau Chief, Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP), CDSS Karan Kolb, Social Services Director, Indian Health Council</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p>	
<p>2:30 – 3:30 Paipa</p>	<p>Breakout G: ICWA 101 <i>Summary:</i> The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was passed in 1978 as a remedial statute in response to the high number of Indian children that were being removed from their families and communities and placed in the homes of non-Indian families. This pre-recorded session with live question and answer will explain the importance of ICWA and the key provisions of ICWA.</p> <p>Kim Mettler, Program Manager, Tribal STAR Sunni Dominguez, Assistant Program Coordinator, Tribal STAR</p>
<p>2:30 – 3:30 Wachena II</p>	<p>Breakout H: ICWA Advocacy Resilience <i>Summary:</i> From DECADES of experience in the field, presenters will share wisdoms, inspirations and calls to action for the future of ICWA advocacy and ICWA compliance. Presenters will share strategies on the recruitment and training of the next generation of ICWA advocates, professional sustainability, and where advocacy efforts can be strengthened to uphold the spirit and intent of ICWA.</p> <p>Moderator: Geneva Shaw, Training and Curriculum Development Director, CTFC Karan Kolb, Social Services Director, Indian Health Council Linda Ruis, Tribal Child Welfare Specialist, CTFC Liz Elgin-DeRouen, Executive Director, Indian Children and Family Preservation Program Angela Sundberg, Social Services Director, Trinidad Rancheria</p>



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<p>2:30 – 3:30 Wachena III</p>	<p>Breakout I: Tribal Justice System and Prevention/Intervention Program Development: How and Why Tribes Need to Build Their Capacity and Service Provision <i>Summary:</i> In an effort to protect tribal children and support tribal families, Tribes have sought to build infrastructure. This session will share strategies for planning and implementing Title IV-E and Title IV-B programs.</p> <p>Moderator: Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC Bennie Francisco, Tribal Court Assessment Director, Tribal Justice Support, Office of Justice Services - U.S. Department of Interior- Indian Affairs Debra Samples, Regional Program Manager, Administration for Children and Families <i>(Virtual)</i> Robert Smith, Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians Season Goodpasture, Clinical Director, Pala Band of Mission Indians</p>
<p>3:30 - 3:45</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:45 Paipa</p>	<p>Breakout K: Lived Experience and Expertise Panel <i>Summary:</i> This panel will feature speakers who are willing to share their own personal stories surrounding the foster care system. Participants will gain a better understanding of what children go through and learn how to be better advocates for Native children in the system moving forward.</p> <p>Zan Smith <i>(Pre-recorded)</i> Jhette Diamond, Attorney Jacqueline Robles, Contractor, Think of Us</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:45 Wachena II</p>	<p>Breakout J: ICWA 102: Placement <i>Summary:</i> Due to the history of placing Indian children with non-Indian families, ICWA established specific placement preferences when an Indian child has been removed from their family. This session will focus on the importance of ICWA placement preferences and the role of county social workers in ensuring that placement preferences are followed.</p> <p>Geneva Shaw, Training and Curriculum Development Director, CTFC Linda Ruis, Tribal Child Welfare Specialist, CTFC</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:45 Wachena III</p>	<p>Breakout L: Ethical Considerations for Legal Practitioners <i>Summary:</i> Panelists will share their experience navigating ethical challenges in their various roles. From Tribal Leaders to in-house counsel and attorney for tribes, this panel will focus on challenges unique to tribal child welfare.</p> <p>Kimberly Cluff, Legal Director, CTFC Mark Vezzola, Directing Attorney, Escondido Office, California Indian Legal Services Janet Bill, Chairperson, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians</p>
<p>4:45– 5:00</p>	<p>Conference Closing</p>