

Key information:

- Date: Tuesday, August 12th Friday, August 15th, 2025
- Host Tribe: Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Location: Casino Del Sol Conference Center, Tucson Arizona
- Project Lead: Marissa Quiroz

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH Registration: 7:30am - 12:00pm Ethics Update				
			8:30am-9:30am	BREAKFAST
			9:30am-9:45am	Posting of the Colors Pascua Yaqui Color Guard
9:45am-10:00am	Welcoming Chairman Julian Hernandez, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Opening Prayer Francisco Munoz, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Tribal Councilmember			
10:00am-10:45am	Ethics In ICWA Oscar J. Flores, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Attorney General Domingo DeGrazia, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, ICWA Supervising Attorney			
10:45am-11:00am	BREAK			
11:00am-12:00pm	ICWA Case Law Update April Olson, Attorney Autumn Shone, Attorney			
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH			
1:00pm-3:00pm	Building an ICWA Court while Collaborating with Tribes Sheldon Spotted Elk, JD, Senior Director of Judicial and National Engagement, Casey Family Programs			
3:00pm-3:15pm	BREAK			
3:15pm-4:15pm	Strengthening Sovereignty: Washington State's Historic Contract Agreement with Tlingit & Haida Mary Johnson Chelsey Welch Tleena Ives			
4:15pm-5:00pm	Wellness Session Waylon Pahona & Johanna Herrera			
5:30pm-8:30pm	Networking Pool Party - Casino Del Sol Tower Pool Area *Bring pool or comfortable attire*			

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH		
Registration: 7:30am — 12:00pm		
ICWA In Arizona		
7:30am-8:30am	BREAKFAST	
8:30am-8:45am	Video From Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Tribal Chairman Julian Hernandez	
8:45am-10:00am	Pascua Yaqui ICWA Model - Honoring the Past, Protecting the Present, Securing the Future Domingo DeGrazia, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, ICWA Supervising Attorney	
10:00am-10:45am	KEYNOTE: Strengthening ICWA in Arizona Rosa S. Alvarez, Gloria Alvarez Gomez, Andrea Gonzalez, Jose-Enrique Saldana Irene Sanchez, Pascua Yaqui Tribe ICWA Committee Council Members	
10:45am-11:00am	BREAK	
11:00am-12:00pm	Measuring Transformation through Social Return on Impact: Tiwahe's Role in the Future of Child Welfare Crystal Keung, Principal, Whanau Tahi USA, LLC	
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm-1:30pm	ICWA Champion Award Tony Sanchez	
1:30pm-1:45pm	Wellness Session Waylon Pahona & Johanna Herrera	
1:45pm-2:15pm	ICWA WORKS! Videos: ICWA Success Stories—Perspectives from Lived Experience	
2:15pm-2:45pm	BREAK	
2:45pm-3:30pm	ICWA at Tohono O'odham Nation Monica Laborin, ICWA Program Supervisor-Tohono O'odham Nation	
3:30pm-4:30pm	KEYNOTE: ICWA in Arizona: Perspectives from the Bench Hon. Janet Calkins Botswick, Pima County ICWA Court Hon. Chuck Whitehead, Maricopa County ICWA Court	

DAY THREE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 14T Registration: 7:30am — 12:00pm		
7:30am-8:30am	BREAKFAST	
8:30am-9:00am	Opening Prayer Mr. Tony Johnson, Tohono O'odham	
9:00am-10:45am	Boarding Schools to Broken Systems: The Indian Child Welfare Act, MMIP and the Ongoing Crisis of Missing Indigenous Children in Foster Care Alfred Urbina April Ignacio Deborah Parker Roshanna Toya	
10:45am-11:00am	BREAK	
11:00am-12:00pm	Protecting Our Future: Tribal Advocacy in Child Welfare Tamra Borchardt-Slayton, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Puow'wan Program Manager	
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm-1:30pm	KEYNOTE: Honoring the Voices of the Missing, Protecting the Futures of Our Children Elisia Manuel, Founder of Three Precious Miracles	
1:30pm-2:00pm	ICWA in the Crosshairs: FY 2026 Budget Cuts, the 47th Administration, and the Fight for Tribal Sovereignty Cody Hartt, Indian Country Legal Services (ICLS), Founder	
2:00pm-2:30pm	Wellness Session Waylon Pahona & Johanna Herrera	
2:30pm-3:30pm	A Bench That Honors Heritage & Bloodlines: Why the Future Needs ICWA Courts Jordan Igo, Assistant Attorney General for the State of Arizona	
3:30pm-3:45pm	BREAK	
3:45pm-4:45pm	Indigenous Parent Leadership Initiative: Empowering Parents Through a Cultural Lens Beth Ann Hedman-Dodds Marlena Hanson	

DAY FOUR: FRIDAY, AUGUST 15TH		
Registration: 7:30am - 12:00pm Moving Forward		
8:30am-9:30am	Flower Making Tradition Gloria Alvarez Gomez, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Councilwoman	
9:30am-10:30am	Echoes of The Akimel Murals & Youth Identity: A Journey of Art, Culture, & Resiliency Alyssa Rodriguez, Isaac Nedd Lopez, John Paul, Natasha "Rezmo" Martinez	
10:30am-11:00am	Gathering of Tribes and Nations-Pascua Yaqui ICWA Committee	
11:00am-11:30am	Closing Remarks by Tribal Council Closing Prayer Retrieving the Colors	

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