



PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE OF ARIZONA



# 5th Annual Utteaka Naawak ICWA & CHILD WELFARE CONFERENCE 2022

October,  
**12-14**  
2022

**#ICWATHEGOLDSTANDARD**

CASINO DEL SOL  
5655 W. Valencia Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85757

## 5th Annual ICWA Conference: ICWA THE GOLD STANDARD | DAY 1

7:30-8:30	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b> Posting of Colors - Pascua Yaqui Color Guard
8:30-8:45	<b>Opening Prayer</b> Francisco Munoz, Tribal Councilmember, Pascua Yaqui Tribe <b>Welcome</b> Peter Yucupicio, Chairman of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe
8:45-9:45	<b>ICWA: The Gold Standard</b> Jack Trope, Senior Director, Casey Family Programs
9:45-10:00	<b>Break</b>
10:00-11:45	<b>Brackeen v. Haaland</b> Erin C. Dougherty Lynch, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
12:00-1:15	<b>Lunch - Sponsored by Casey Family Programs</b> Lunch Presentation: <b>Social Return on Investment - Setting An International Benchmark For Indigenous Well Being</b> Crystal Keung, Tumuaki (Principal), Māori Iwi (Tribes): Naāti Maniapoto, Ngai Tāmanuhiri, Rongowhakaata Dr. Sierra Keung, Kaiako (PhD), Māori Iwi (Tribes): Naāti Maniapoto Ngai Tāmanuhiri, Rongow
1:15-2:15	<b>Ethical Considerations in Child Welfare</b> Paul D. Bennett, Clinical Professor and Director Child and Family Law Clinic, University of Arizona

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2:15-3:15

### This or That: Ethical Conundrums in Child Welfare

Tara Hubbard, ICWA Supervising Attorney, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Ashley Cousineau, ICWA Assistant Attorney General, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Steve Teske, Deputy Prosecutor, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Rene Alcoverde, Judge, Tohono O'odham

3:15-3:30

### Break & Snack

3:30-5:00

### Daughter of the Lost Bird Film

Kendra Mylnechuk Potter, Producer, Protagonist  
April Kowalski, Protagonist  
Brooke Pepion Swaney, Director/Producer

5:30-8:00

### Networking Reception – Casino Del Sol Pool

Music By: DJ JAnthony



## 5th Annual ICWA Conference: ICWA THE GOLD STANDARD | DAY 2

7:30-8:30	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
8:30-10:00	<b>Foster Care Recruitment and Retention</b> Stephanie Benally, Native American Specialist at Utah Foster Care Lillie Reed, M.S.W
10:10-10:15	<b>Break</b>
10:15-11:45	<b>Overcoming Bias When Working with Returning Families</b> LaDonna Shadlow, Director, Osage Nation Social Services Karie Mashunkashey, Indian Child Welfare Specialist Jerod Applegate, Social Work Supervisor Jenny Rush-Buffalohead, Foster Care Specialist
11:45-1:00	<b>Lunch - Sponsored by Casey Family Programs</b> ICWA Champion Award & ICWA Recognition Award
1:00-3:00	<b>Two Spirit LGBTQ+</b> Elton Naswood, Program Coordinator, Navajo Darryl Conquering Bear, Native Wellness Coordinator, Oglala Lakota Sioux
3:00-3:30	<b>Break &amp; Snack</b>
3:30-5:00	<b>Education on Indian Boarding Schools</b> Deborah Parker, Chief Executive Officer, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition Dr. Samuel Torres, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition
5:30pm	<b>Self-Care Hike/Walk</b> Hosted by Councilwoman Herminia Frias

## 5th Annual ICWA Conference: ICWA THE GOLD STANDARD | DAY 3

7:30-8:30	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b>
8:30-9:45	<b>Trauma Informed Care with Culture</b> <b>Carl Dawson</b> – Missouri Licensed Professional Counselor, National Board Certified Counselor, Master of Addiction Counseling
9:45-10:00	<b>Break</b>
10:00-11:45	<b>Continuing - Trauma Informed Care with Culture</b> <b>Carl Dawson</b> – Missouri Licensed Professional Counselor, National Board Certified Counselor, Master of Addiction Counseling
11:45-1:00	<b>Lunch - Sponsored by Casey Family Programs</b> <b>Tiwahe Presentation</b> <b>Meghan Bishop</b> , Policy Specialist AS-IA, Bureau of Indian Affairs <b>Johnna Blackhair</b> , Deputy Bureau Director-Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs
1:00-3:00	<b>Violence Against Women Act</b> <b>Oscar “OJ” Flores</b> , Deputy Attorney General, Pascua Yaqui Tribe <b>Alfred Urbina</b> , Attorney General, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
3:00-3:15	<b>Break &amp; Snack</b>
3:15-4:45	<b>Onikuchi: Understanding Domestic &amp; Sexual Violence Within Tribal Communities</b> <b>Stephanie Beaver-Guzman</b> , Special Programs Counselor, EOPS/CARE, TRiO, CalWORKs, Foster Youth, Native Students <b>Angie Hyde</b> , MSW Student <b>Diana Carpenter</b> , Tuolumne Me-Wuk Social Services Department, Director
4:45-5:00	<b>Closing</b> <b>Retrieval of Colors</b> - Pascua Yaqui Color Guard <b>Closing Prayer- Francisco Munoz</b> , Tribal Councilmember, Pascua Yaqui Tribe

# Our Speakers



**Ms. Stephanie Benally**

**Native American Specialist**

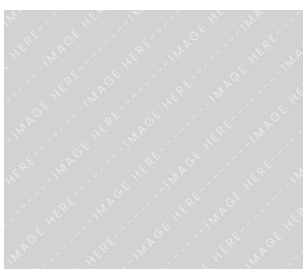
Is a member of the Diné nation. Stephanie is the Native American Specialist at Utah Foster Care, which serves Utah's children by finding, educating, and nurturing families to meet the needs of children in foster care.



**Karie Mashunkashey**

**Indian Child Welfare Specialist**

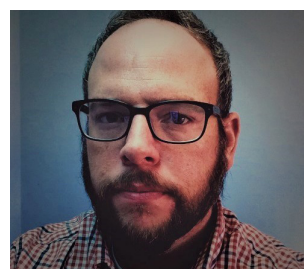
Celebrated 10 years as an Indian Child Welfare Specialist with Osage Nation Social Services at the end of November 2021. She also recently graduated with her Master's in Social Work and her graduate certificate for Social Work with American Indians from the University of Oklahoma in May 2021.



**Jenny Rush-Buffalohead**

**Foster Care Specialist**

Is an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma and is a descendant of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma. Jenny is employed with Osage Nation Social Services as a Foster Care Specialist.



**Jerod Applegate**

**Social Work Supervisor**

Is Wild Potato Clan, Cherokee Nation. He is a grandson, son, brother, husband, uncle, and father. He started serving Indian families in 2009 and began serving at the Osage Nation in 2018. He has a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Science from Oklahoma State University.

# Our Speakers



**Tara Hubbard**

**ICWA Supervising Attorney**

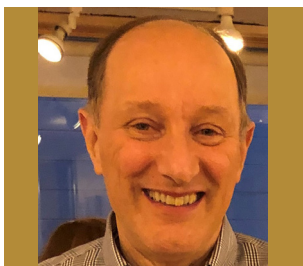
Manages the ICWA Unit within the Pascua Yaqui Tribe's Office of the Attorney General. Prior to working with the Tribe, Tara was an Assistant Attorney General with the Arizona Attorney General's Office. Tara graduated from the James E. Rogers College of Law at University of Arizona in 2012 and Arizona State University in 2008.



**Ashley S. Cousineau**

**Assistant Attorney General**

With the ICWA unit with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, representing the tribe in state court dependency proceedings in Pima County. Prior to working for the tribe, Ashley was a Senior Staff Attorney with Pima County Office of Children's Counsel, representing children involved in dependency, delinquency, family law, and private severance cases.



**Jack F. Trope**

**Senior Director**

In Indian Child Welfare Programs at Casey Family Programs where he works on national and local initiatives aimed at promoting compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, increasing tribal access to the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance Program and improving child welfare outcomes for children and families in state and tribal systems.



**Deborah Parker "tsicyaltsa"**

**Chief Executive Officer**

(She/Her) is a well-respected mother, leader, and citizen of the Tulalip Tribes. She is also of Yaqui and Apache descent on her mother's side. She joined NABS as the Director of Policy and Advocacy in May of 2021. Prior to her role as Director, she helped coordinate and host our 2019 2nd Annual Conference: Honoring Native Survivance in Tulalip, WA.

# Our Speakers



**Dr. Samuel Torres**

**Deputy Chief Executive Officer**

(he/him) is the Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition and has been a fundamental part of the team since 2019. Samuel has a doctorate in Educational Leadership for Social Justice from Loyola Marymount University.



**Steven C. Teske**

**Deputy Prosecutor**

Currently prosecutes child welfare cases as deputy prosecutor for the Pascua Yaqui Office of the Prosecutor. He is also a consultant to juvenile courts and justice systems on systemic transformation to reduce racial and ethnic disparities.



**Rene Alcoverde Jr.,**

**Judge**

A registered member of the Tohono O'odham Nation. Judge Alcoverde began serving the Tohono O'odham Nation as a judge in 2017. He was unanimously reappointed to serve a second term, which expires on January 31, 2027.



**Lillie Reed**

**M.S.W**

Diné (Navajo). Her mother's clan is Red Running into the Water People and her father's clan is Manygoats. Her maternal grandfather's clan is Salt and her paternal grandfather's clan is Bitterwater. Her first language is Navajo, which she continues to speak fluently.

# Our Speakers



**Carl M. Dawson**

**Licensed Professional Counselor**

M.S., LPC, NBCC, MAC, Q-SAP has been actively consulting and lecturing in the fields of Mental Health Counseling, Co-Occurring Disorders, Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), Psychopharmacology, Neurology of Addiction, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Mood Disorders, Substance Use Disorders, treatment, and recovery for over forty (40) years.



**Elton Naswood**

**Program Coordinator**

Is of the Near to the Water People Clan, born for the Edge Water People Clan, his maternal grandfather's clan is of the Mexican People, his paternal grandfather's clan is of the Tangle People. He is originally from Whitehorse Lake, New Mexico, on the Navajo Reservation and currently resides in Denver, Colorado."



**Stephanie Beaver-Guzman**

**Special Programs Counselor**

(Hupa/Yurok) is an enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe. Stephanie is a dancer, singer, and artist. She lives in the Motherlode with her husband and daughter. Stephanie is a faculty member at Columbia College, in Sonora, California, where she works as a Counselor.



**Diana M. Carpenter**

**Director of Social Services**

Diana M. Carpenter, LMFT is the Director of Tribal Social Services for the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians in Tuolumne, California. She has worked for the Tribe as the ICWA Representative and Social Worker since 2011.

# Our Speakers



## Angie Hyde

### MSW Student

Angie is of lineal descent from the Tuolumne Band of MeWuk Indians. She holds a BA in Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies from Cal Poly Humboldt and is currently working towards her Master of Social Work at San Jose State University.



## LaDonna Shadlow

### Director of Social Services

is the director at Osage Nation Social Services. LaDonna is a member of the Cherokee Nation and the mother of four children who are members of the Osage Nation and are Eagle clan. LaDonna has worked for Osage Nation Social Services for eight years.



## Alfred Urbina

### Attorney General

A member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, currently serves as the Attorney General for the Tribe. Fred has practiced law or worked in the field of Criminal Justice, Indian Law, and Law Enforcement for over 20 years. Fred is a Veteran of the United States Army and is a third-generation veteran.



## Oscar "OJ" Flores

### Deputy Attorney General

Currently serves as the Deputy Attorney General of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and previously served that their Chief Prosecutor. He is a proud member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and a Tucson, Arizona native. OJ came to the Pascua Yaqui Prosecutor's Office after working for several years at the Pima County Attorney's Office.

# Our Speakers



**Daryle Conquering Bear Crow**  
**Native Wellness Coordinator**

(Oglala Lakota), is enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux nation, located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota Daryle attended Oregon State University where he pursued a degree in Human Sports and Development with an emphasis in youth development and coaching.



**Crystal Keung**  
**Owner and Principal**

"Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāi Tāmanuhiri, Rongowhakaata, Owner and Principal of Whanau Tahi USA LLC. Crystal has over 20 years experience working and serving within both the Government and NGO sectors and among Tribal and Indigenous groups.



**Dr. Sierra Keung**  
**(PhD)**

I am in the game of building capability and growing capacity within our Māori and Pacific community through sport. I'm a big supporter of creating space for indigenous thought leadership to better shape the support Māori and Pacific athletes, their families and community need to thrive, regardless of the "field" they play on.





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