**25th Annual ICWA Conference**
**Celebrating 40 Years ~ 1978 - 2018**

*Weaving Traditions to Defend, Protect and Honor Indian Children, Families and Tribes*

**Monday, June 4, 2018**
**Defending Indian Children, Families and Tribes**

**Emcee:** Jeri Bruno,
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| 9:00a – 10:30a | **The Decolonization of Social Work:** Working with Indigenous communities to implement traditional practices and philosophies in the contemporary context for the purposes of healing and empowerment of the community.  
Dr. Michael Yellowbird, Director, Indigenous Tribal Studies, North Dakota State University |
| 10:30a – 10:45a | **Break**                                |
| 10:45a – 12:15p | **A. Funding for Tribes: Title IV-E, Title IV-D and Tribal Courts**  
Exploration of funding sources for the development of tribal courts and social services to defend Indian children, families and tribes through the exercise of tribal sovereignty and governance.  
Facilitator: Season Goodpasture, Director of Social Services, Pala Band of Mission Indians  
Josh Clause, Clause Law P.L.L.C., Tribal Court Consultant  
Dorothy Wait, Director, Community & Family Services, Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation  
Rachel Freitas, Administration for Children & Families |
|          | **B. ICWA 101**                         |
### Nuts and bolts of ICWA for new tribal representatives and county staff (or those who want a refresher course).

Mica Llerandi, Staff Attorney, California Indian Legal Services (Escondido office)

### C. California’s Child Welfare CSEC Program & Tribal Engagement Efforts

Facilitator: Heather Hostler, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, CDSS

Liz Azevedo, Manager, CDSS Child Trafficking Response Unit
Jeannette McNeill, Analyst, CDSS Child Trafficking Response Unit
Kelley Hartman, Analyst, CDSS Child Trafficking Response Unit
Nichole Williamson, Director, Alpine County Health & Human Services Department

### 12:30p – 1:45p

**LUNCH: Celebrating 40 Years of ICWA**

Honorable Abby Abinanti, Yurok Tribal Court – Keynote

*(Lunch is generously sponsored by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians)*

### 2:00p – 3:30p

**The Promise of the Indian Child Welfare Act:**

*Cohesive Tribal and State Responses to a Gold Standard Under Attack*

*Tribal and State mobilization for a unified approach to defend Indian children, families and tribes.*

Facilitator: Jack Trope, Sr. Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs

Angelina Arroyo, Vice-Chairwoman, Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
Kimberly Cluff, In-House General Counsel, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Kate Fort, Staff Attorney for the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University College of Law; Director, Indian Law Clinic
Michael Newman, Director, CA DOJ Bureau of Children’s Justice

### 3:30p – 3:45p

**Break**

### 3:45p – 5:15p

**A. Tribal Customary Adoption – 8 Years Later**

*An overview of the California permanency option for Indian children that provides for adoption without a termination of parental rights, with a focus on addressing the technical issues that have arisen since its passage in 2010.*

Kimberly Cluff, In House Counsel, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Maureen Geary, Attorney, Maier Pfeffer Kim Geary & Cohen LLP

**B. Indigenous Mental Health**
Rethinking mental health services in Native American communities, to include traditional healers, clinically trained service people and cross-cultural mental health to bridge the gap between indigenous and western-based forms of healing.

Facilitator: Angie Arroyo, Vice-Chair Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake
Dr. Virgil Moorehead, Jr., Behavioral Health Director, Two Feathers Native American Family Services
Dr. Michael Yellowbird, Director, Indigenous Tribal Studies, North Dakota State University

C. Tribal TANF & ICWA
*Utilizing TANF programs and services as a part of best practices for tribal child welfare.*

Facilitator: Scott Boyle, Director, Tribal TANF of Sonoma & Marin, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
Glenn Basconcillo, Founder and President of GNB Consulting, Inc.
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                  *A year in review of tribal, state and judicial efforts seeking ICWA compliance to protect Indian children, families and tribes.*  
                  Facilitator: Maureen Geary, Attorney, Maier Pfeffer Kim Geary & Cohen LLP  
                  Robert Smith, Chairman, Pala Band of Mission Indians; Board Chair, California Tribal Families Coalition  
                  Delia Sharpe, Executive Director, California Tribal Families Coalition  
                  Michael Newman, Director, CA DOJ Bureau of Children’s Justice  
                  Ann Gilmour, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts | Operations & Programs Division, Judicial Council of California  
                  Heather Hostler, Director, CDSS Office of Tribal Affairs  
                  Will Lightbourne, Director, California Department of Social Services |
| 10:30a – 10:45a | Break                                                               |
| 10:45a – 12:00p | **Native Empowerment to Stop Human Trafficking in Indian Country**  
                  Jeri Moomaw, Executive Director, Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative |
| 12:00p – 1:30p | **LUNCH:** Tribal Youth Empowerment                                 
                  Theda New Breast, M.P.H., Master Trainer/Facilitator, Native Wellness Institute |
| 1:30p – 3:00p | **A. Resource Family Approval: It’s Different Than What You Think**  
                  Facilitator: Delia Sharpe, Ex. Director, California Tribal Families Coalition  
                  Angie Schwartz, Policy Program Director, Alliance for Children’s Rights  
                  Sheri Ghalayini, ICWA Director, Enterprise Tribe, Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe  
                  Kendra Elmendorf, Manager, RFA Implementation Unit  
                  Continuum of Care Reform Branch, CDSS |
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Enhancing Tribal Placements to protect Indian children, families and tribes.  
Facilitator: Season Goodpasture, Director, Pala Social Services  
Dorothy Alther, Executive Director, California Indian Legal Services  
Laila DeRouen, Indian Child & Family Preservation Program  
Valerie Earley, Branch Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch |
| Break        |                                                                                              |
| 5:00p – 6:00p | **CDSS 101: How California’s Child Welfare System Works**  
Facilitator: Heather Hostler, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs, CDSS  
Dave McDowell, Branch Chief, Children’s Services Operation and Evaluation Branch  
Valerie Early, Branch Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch  
Kelly Winston/Mary Sheppard Branch Chief, Child Protection and Family Support Branch  
Roy Westfall, Attorney III, CDSS Legal |
| Break        |                                                                                              |
| 6:00p – 7:30p | **Dinner at GRC Ballroom**  
How a Mountain Was Made ~ a play by Chairman Greg Sarris |

# Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Honoring Indian Children, Families and Tribes

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                **ICWA Compliance Through Innovation**                          |
|               | Facilitator: Ann Gilmour, Attorney, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Judicial Council of California |
|               | Honorable Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court              |
|               | Honorable Richard Blake, Chief Judge, Hoopa Tribal Court, Judge, Redding Rancheria Tribal Court |
|               | Honorable Christine Williams, Chief Judge, Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Court |
|               | Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury, Presiding Judge, Eldorado County Superior Court (invited) |
|               | Commissioner Steff Padilla, Los Angeles County Superior Court, ICWA Court |
|               | Honorable Joyce D. Hinrichs, Presiding Judge, Humboldt County Superior Court |
| 10:30a – 10:45a| **Break**                                                             |
| 10:45a – 12:15p| **Tribal Youth Engagement – Honoring the Next Generation**            |
|               | Jeri Bruno, Bruno Training & Consulting                              |
| 12:15p – 12:30p| **Closing**                                                           |
|               | Jeri Bruno                                                           |