

## NCAI's 2019 Mid Year Conference Tribes Taking Action

### Monday, June 24

8:30-4:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

*Nugget Foyer*

9:00-4:00 **NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women**

*Room: Cascade 4*

The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. This meeting will focus on updates regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and will also discuss strategy surrounding continued advocacy efforts including protecting our Alaska Native sisters, international women's issues, and funding for critical programs.

9:00-5:00 **Bureau of Indian Education - Johnson-O'Malley Listening Session\***

*Room: Southern Pacific D*

The Bureau of Indian Education will conduct a listening session on the topic of the regulatory definition of 'eligible Indian student' and how the JOM funding formula and funding process may be clarified and revised. Please contact [ANGELA.BARNETT1@BIE.EDU](mailto:ANGELA.BARNETT1@BIE.EDU) for more information.

9:00-12:00 **TANF Task Force**

*Room: Cascade 5*

The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss Administrative and legislative priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs at the tribal level. The TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribes' authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.

9:00-12:00 **Addiction Task Force**

*Room: Cascade 3*

At NCAI's 2016 Annual Convention, a session on the opioid epidemic stirred discussion among tribal leaders that underscored the importance of continually addressing substance abuse issues.

9:00-12:00 **Tribal Transportation Task Force**

*Room: Cascade 1*

Safe and well-maintained transportation infrastructure increases quality of life and economic opportunity in tribal communities. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) included an important expansion of tribal self-governance authority to the Department of Transportation (DOT) and included other provisions to address Indian Country's transportation infrastructure needs. Though the FAST Act was an important step forward, improvements are still necessary to ensure programs at DOT uphold the federal government's treaty and trust obligations to tribal nations. The FAST Act is set to expire in September 2020, and Congress is already working on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The purpose of this meeting is to build a unified advocacy approach to ensure the next surface transportation reauthorization bill promotes safety and prosperity in tribal communities and upholds the government-to-government relationship between tribal nations and the United States.

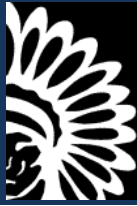
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- 9:00-12:00 **Large Land Base Tribal Nations Caucus**  
*Room: Cascade 2*  
The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Caucus is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Caucus will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.
- 9:00-11:30 **Intellectual Property Rights in Biomedical Research – NIH Consultation\***  
*Room: Sierra 1*  
The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Tribal Research Office invites tribes to provide input on NIH policies on intellectual property rights in biomedical research  
**Speaker:**  
David R. Wilson, PhD, NIH Tribal Health Research Office
- 9:30-12:30 **Consultation on National Register of Historic Places\***  
*Room: Southern Pacific B*  
The National Park Service is hosting a consultation with Tribal leaders on the proposed rule regarding the National Register of Historic Places. The rule would implement the 2016 Amendments to the NHPA, extend the timeline for the Keeper to respond to appeals, and ensure that if owners of a majority of the land area in a proposed historic district object to listing, the proposed district will not be listed over their objection.
- 1:30-5:00 **All of Us Research Program – NIH Consultation\***  
*Room: Sierra 1*  
The National Institute of Health (NIH) invites tribes to provide input on the All of Us Research Program, which aims to recruit a million diverse participants to create a dataset available to researchers to conduct research to help reduce health disparities and advance precision medicine.  
**Speaker:**  
Eric Dishman, Director, NIH All of Us Research Program
- 12:00-1:00 **New Member Orientation**  
*Room: Sierra 2*  
All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process.  
**Presenters:**  
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, National Congress of American Indians  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, National Congress of American Indians  
Ed Thomas, Parliamentarian, National Congress of American Indians  
Robert Holden, National Congress of American Indians

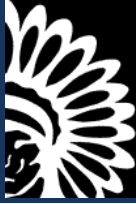
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- 1:00-4:00      **Federal Recognition Task Force**  
*Room: Cascade 1*  
The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes to policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the federal recognition process. The Task Force will continue work on implementation of the current proposals from the Department of the Interior to modify the federal acknowledgment process.
- 1:00-4:00      **Two-Spirit Task Force**  
*Room: Cascade 5*  
The role of NCAI's Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with Indian self-determination.
- 1:00-4:00      **Training: Census Tribal Liaison**  
*Room: Cascade 3*  
Tribal Liaison Training will provide a basic overview of the Decennial 2020 Census /i.e. "Census 101", the role of the Tribal Liaison in providing education and motivation around participation in the census in their tribal community, the benefits of Tribal Complete Count Committees (TCCC) and how to get started with forming your TCCC. Staff will provide a Census Solutions Workshop to brainstorm effective strategies on how best to incorporate a census awareness campaign in urban and tribal reservation areas.
- 1:00-4:00      **Border Tribes Caucus**  
*Room: Cascade 2*  
All tribes situated along U.S. borders are invited to attend the Border Tribes Caucus. The Caucus is intended to be a convening space for tribes along the U.S.-Canada border, as well as the U.S.-Mexico border, to give updates and discuss issues, such as border crossing concerns and travel visas concerns. In addition, attendees are invited to discuss strategies for addressing such issues, such as unified outreach to federal officials, developing standing NCAI resolutions on specific issues, or other approaches. We hope you will join this important discussion and we look forward to seeing you.
- 1:00-4:00      **Climate Action Task Force**  
*Room: Sierra 2*  
At the NCAI Executive Council Winter Session, NCAI announced the Climate Action Workgroup as a result of the resolution process in which tribes indicated that this is a priority area.
- 1:00-4:00      **Updates to TERA Regulations – Listening Session\***  
*Room: Southern Pacific B*  
The Office of the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs will lead this Tribal listening session to discuss proposed changes to its Tribal Energy Resource Agreement (TERA) regulations to reduce application requirements and streamline the approval process.
- 4:00-5:00      **NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee**  
*Room: Cascade 5*  
NCAI requests that all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

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6:00-8:00

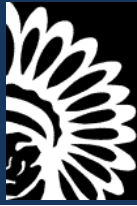
**Welcome**

*Room: Sierra 345*

Join us to kick off the welcome to the 2019 Mid Year Conference! Come enjoy great food and great company!

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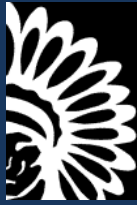
### Tuesday, June 25

- 7:30-5:00     **Resolutions Office Open**  
*Room: Redwood 1*  
**Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**  
*Nugget Foyer*
- 8:00-8:20     **Youth Morning Gathering**  
*Room: Central Pacific*
- 8:30-4:00     **Elders' Lounge Open**  
*Room: Redwood 8*
- 9:00-5:00     **Marketplace Open**  
*Room: Nugget 2*

### 8:30-12:00     **First General Assembly** *Nugget 1*

- 8:30     **Call to Order**  
Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians
- Presentation of the Colors**  
         **Honor Song**
- 8:45     **Invocation**
- 8:50     **Welcome**
- 9:00     **Welcome from Local Official**
- 9:10     **Rules of the Convention**  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules & Credentials Committee
- Resolutions Process Report**  
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee
- 9:20     **President's Report**  
Jefferson Keel, President, National Congress of American Indians
- 10:00     **Report and Updates**
- 11:00     **Tax Issues in Indian Country**
- 11:15     **Native American Veterans Memorial Update**  
Kevin Gover, Director, Smithsonian's National Museum of American Indians
- 11:30     **Tribal Leader Discussion**

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12:00            **Lunch Recess**

1:30-4:00      **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

### **Tribal Nations Leading the Way: Existing and Emerging Opportunities for Tribal Control of Federal Programs**

*Room: Cascade 1*

Tribal control over federal programs has proven to be one of the most successful ways to ensure services are tailored to the needs of tribal citizens and build the capacity of tribal governments. Tribal nations must have enhanced opportunities to exercise the option to take over federal programs that serve their communities. Currently, Congress is considering legislation to improve the Department of the Interior Self-Governance program, a tribal-federal negotiated rulemaking committee is working to stand up a Self-Governance program at the Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture is taking the first steps to implement 2018 Farm Bill provisions that authorized Self-Determination contracting for tribal forest protection and the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. The purpose of this session is to provide tribal leaders an update on improvements and expansions to Self-Determination and Self-Governance programming and ensure tribal nations have the information necessary to decide whether taking control of federal programs makes sense for their communities.

### **Cannabis and Tribal Sovereignty**

*Room: Cascade 2*

Currently, 33 states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation to legalize marijuana in some form. There are over 400 tribal nations in those states. As marijuana legalization continues to gain a national foothold, tribes will need clarity for their path forward. Thus far during the 116th Congress, there has been at least one marijuana bill introduced in the Senate and four in the House, including H.R. 1416, the Tribal Marijuana Sovereignty Act. This breakout session will discuss the jurisdictional interplay between states and tribes in this area, and provide the relevant legislative updates.

### **Tribal Youth and Juvenile Justice: Developing Tribal and State Partnerships**

*Room: Cascade 4*

When American Indian and Alaska Native youth are in state juvenile justice systems that are not equipped to meet their cultural needs they are re-traumatized rather than healed. This breakout will focus on the current state of tribal juvenile justice, how tribal nations can develop partnerships with States to help tribal youth, and changes in federal policy.

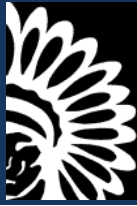
### **Presenters:**

Nick J Costales, Deputy Director of Field Services, New Mexico

Kelbie Kennedy, Policy Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, Researcher, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

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### **Tribal TANF Best Practices and Successes**

*Room: Cascade 5*

There are 80 Tribal TANF Programs throughout the country, and there are many examples of best practices that have led to client successes. This session will showcase examples of how programs have developed effective ways to assist clients in overcoming barriers and become successful. Presentations and discussion will include career development and employment services, youth services, vocational training and the use of culture to enhance success. In addition you will hear from clients and how they used the Tribal TANF programs and services to reach self-sufficiency and move from dependence on TANF to independence for themselves and their families.

### **Tribal Lands**

*Room: Sierra 1*

The Tribal Lands Working Group (TLWG) is broadly tasked with tracking and soliciting input on how to address various issues affecting tribal lands. During this session, the TLWG will discuss recent federal actions affecting tribal nations in Nevada. This session will also discuss NCAI's infrastructure permitting project, which is intended to improve private developers' understanding and respect for tribal interests where there are potential impacts to off-reservation tribal resources.

### **The Battle to Protect Native Children: the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and How Your Tribal Nation Can Make an Impact**

*Room: Sierra 2*

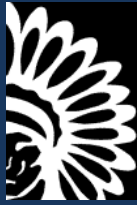
During this past year, American Indian and Alaska Native children and families endured one of the largest coordinated attacks at the federal district and circuit levels. While the battle has raged in the courts, the public narrative of the issues surrounding Native children and ICWA will have an impact on the outcome of the case. In this breakout session speakers will provide a brief update on the case and the legal steps ahead. Speakers will also roll out the ongoing tribal communication strategy, highlight communication tools developed for tribal nations, and detail how your Nation can make an impact today.

### **Broadband and Radio Opportunities: Bridging the Digital Divide**

*Room: Sierra 3*

This session will provide an overview of broadband and radio programs, funding, training, and technical assistance opportunities that benefit tribal communities. This session will include information on physical infrastructure to connect the community, facilitating native-ownership of internet or radio service providers, and programs and services that benefit tribal communities and individual citizens. Simply put, this session provides a map of the tools available to bridge the digital divide in tribal communities.

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### **ACA Health Insurance Marketplaces: Access to Premium Tax Credits and Comprehensive Protections from Out of Pocket Costs**

*Room: Cascade 5*

This session is to guide tribal leaders through the AI/AN Marketplace enrollment process and how to gain access to premium tax credits and comprehensive protections from out-of-pocket costs. Participants will learn through best practices and several case studies.

4:15-6:15      **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*closed to press*

*Subcommittees can meet jointly if they would like.*

Disabilities – *Redwood 8*

Elders – *Redwood 8*

Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Cascade 2*

Education – *South Pacific D*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Sierra 5*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Cascade 3*

Health – *South Pacific F*

Housing – *South Pacific C*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Cascade 4*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Sierra 2*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Cascade 1*

Public Safety & Justice – *South Pacific AG*

Taxation – *Sierra 4*

Technology & Telecommunications – *Sierra 3*

Transportation & Infrastructure – *South Pacific B*

Tribal Gaming – *Cascade 5*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture – *Sierra 1*

Veterans – *South Pacific E*

6:00-8:00      **The Social**

*Room:*

An event not to be missed, hosted by the NCAI Youth Commission. Food, giveaways, and live music by DJ Emcee One.

6:30-8:00      **Section 184 Draft Proposed Regulation Tribal Consultation\***

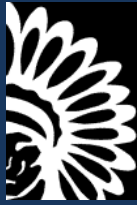
*Room: Southern Pacific E*

HUD ONAP will be presenting a highlights of the Section 184 Program Draft Proposed Rule and then opening the meeting up for tribal comment and discussion. Please contact Krisa Johnson -

[Krisa.M.Johnson@hud.gov](mailto:Krisa.M.Johnson@hud.gov)

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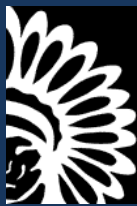
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## Wednesday, June 26

- 6:45      **Sunrise Ceremony**  
The NCAI Sunrise Ceremony will be held as a part of the observances and ceremonies during the National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places. The public is invited to attend NCAI's respectful observance to honor sacred places, sacred beings and sacred waters, and all those who care for them and protect them from harm.
- 7:15-8:15      **Regional Caucus Meetings** *closed to press*  
Alaska Region - Room: Cascade 2  
Eastern Oklahoma Region - Room: Cascade 1  
Great Plains Region - Room: Southern Pacific AG  
Midwest Region - Room: Cascade 3  
Northeast Region - Room: Sierra 5  
Northwest Region - Room: Cascade 5  
Pacific Region - Room: Sierra 2  
Rocky Mountain Region - Room: Sierra 4  
Southeast Region - Room: Sierra 1  
Southern Plains Region - Room: Southern Pacific B  
Southwest Region - Room: Cascade 4  
Western Region - Room: Sierra 3
- 7:30-5:00      **Resolutions Open**  
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- 8:00-8:20      **Youth Morning Gathering**  
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<b>8:30-12:00</b>	<b>Second General Assembly</b>	<b>Nugget 2</b>
8:30	<b>Call to Order</b> Aaron Payment, First Vice-President, National Congress of American Indians	
	<b>Invocation</b>	
	<b>Announcements</b>	

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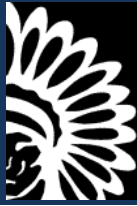
### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

#### Data and Research: Tribes Taking Action

Many tribes are taking action with data and research to help strategically impact the future of their communities. This session will explore various areas where tribes are having impact.

- 8:45**            **NCAI Policy Research Center Director Update**  
Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center
- 9:00**            **Tribal Leader Overview**  
W. Ron Allen, Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; NCAI Treasurer
- 9:15**            **Census 2020: Get Out the Count for Indian Country**  
Dee Alexander, Tribal Affairs Coordinator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau  
Amadeo Shije, Partnership Coordinator (Tribal), Denver Regional Office, U.S. Census Bureau  
Asa K. Washines, Tribal Affairs Consultant, More Equitable Democracy
- 9:45**            **Tribal Leader Discussion**
- 10:00**          **Diabetes in American Indians and Alaska Natives: Are We Making Progress?**  
Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center
- 10:30**          **Tribal Leader Discussion**
- 11:00**          **Genetic Research: Tribes Taking Action**  
Jamie Henio, Navajo Nation Council Delegate, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Co-chair of the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development Working Group  
  
Walter Phelps, former Navajo Nation Council Delegate, 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Co-chair of the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development Working Group  
  
Dr. Franklin Sage, Director, Diné Policy Institute
- 11:30**          **Tribal Leader Discussion**
- 12:00**          **Lunch Recess**

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### 12:00-1:00 Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum - Poster Session 1

*Nugget Foyer*

The poster session is an opportunity for tribal leaders to engage with scholars on a variety of research and data projects that can help inform AI/AN policy.

### 1:30-3:45 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions

#### **Tribal Transportation Congressional Listening Session\***

*Room: Cascade 4*

Congress is in the process of considering and debating the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. It is vital that this legislation promotes safety and prosperity in tribal communities and upholds the federal treaty and trust obligations to tribal nations. The purpose of this listening session is for congressional staff to hear from tribal leaders about Indian Country's surface transportation priorities.

#### **International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty**

*Room: Cascade 3*

Panelists will provide updates on a number of international policy matters of importance to tribal governments. The breakout session will highlight recent developments on the issues of cultural protection, protection of traditional knowledge, and climate change. The session will also include updates on an effort under way to enhance the participation of tribal governments at the United Nations.

#### **Presenters:**

Andrea Carmen, International Indian Treaty Council

Melody McCoy, Native American Rights Fund

Janene Yazzie, International Indian Treaty Council, *invited*

Virginia Davis, National Congress of American Indians

#### **Tribal Tax Agreements & Financing Tools**

*Room: Sierra 5*

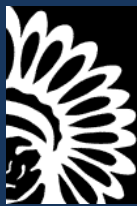
This breakout session will provide a discussion on how tribal nations are negotiating tax agreements and what opportunities are available to tribes after last year's Supreme Court opinion in *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, a case that addressed the treatment of state taxes with respect to remote sales. This session will also provide a legislative update on tribal tax priorities before the 116th Congress. Please join us for this important discussion.

#### **Implementing the 2018 Farm Bill for Indian Country**

*Room: Sierra 2*

This session will provide tribal leaders an opportunity to hear the latest status of programs authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill, such as 638 FDPIR, 638 Forestry, the Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, and others.

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### **Building Your Emergency Preparedness Capacity: From Natural Disasters to Emergency Communications**

*Room: Cascade 5*

For many Tribal Nations access to accurate information, disaster preparedness tools, and trainings are essential in assuring that lives are saved and cultural sites are protected in the face of disasters. During the past several years Tribal Nations have been hit hard by natural disasters and must have access to the most accurate forecasts and climate information to prepare and respond. Establishing reliable communication in Indian Country and developing emergency plans are some of the first steps to building tribal homeland security and emergency management capacity. This breakout will focus on the First Responders Network Authority (FirstNet), Department of Homeland Security SAFECOM, and the National Weather Service work in Indian Country and available technical assistance for Tribal Nations.

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Tribal Leader Scholar Forum 1**

**1:30 – 2:30 pm**

#### **A) Genetic Research: Tribes Taking Action**

*Room: Cascade 1*

Tribes have taken action on genetic research. This session will share what strategies tribes have developed to ensure that their communities are protected and also can benefit from cutting edge research.

#### Driving Change: Priming the Navajo Nation Genetic Research Policy Development

Dr. David Begay, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy, University of New Mexico

Beverly Becenti-Pigman, Chair, Navajo Nation Human Research Review Board  
Rene Begay, Professional Research Assistant, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Dr. Franklin Sage, Director, Diné Policy Institute

#### NIH Intellectual Property Consultation – Summary of Input

David R. Wilson, PhD, Director, NIH Tribal Health Research Office

#### Discussion

#### **B) Crime & Justice Data for Policy**

*Room: Cascade 2*

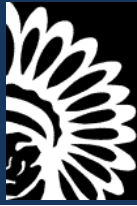
Data is a key component in making informed decisions. This session will focus on data for tribal action on crime and justice topics.

#### Using Data and Research to Address Missing and Unidentified Persons Cases in Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages

Steven Hafner, Research Scientist, National Missing & Unidentified Persons Systems (NamUs), U.S. Department of Justice

B.J. Spamer, MFS, Executive Director of Operations, NamUs, U.S. Department of Justice

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Christine (Tina) Crossland, NIJ Senior Social Science Analyst, Office of Research, Evaluation & Technology, U.S. Department of Justice

### The Survey of Jails in Indian Country (SJIC): Twenty Years of Data

Jennifer Bronson, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice

Karla Eisen, Senior Study Director, Project Director, SJIC, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat

Ben Korelitz, Project Manager, SJIC, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat

Art Martinez, Clinical Psychologist, Chumash Tribe

### Discussion

#### **C) Data for Community Change – Data for Action**

*Room: Cascade 3*

This session will focus on examples of how data from community needs assessments can be used to take action to address priority issues in tribal communities.

### Storytelling Utilizing Data and GIS Technology: Creating Visual Frameworks to Aid Decision Making in Child Welfare and ICWA

Jhon Goes In Center, Geo-Spatial Cultural Advisor, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat

Kathryn Kulbicki, Geographic Information Systems Analyst, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat

Karla Eisen, Senior Study Director, Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Westat

### Piikani (Blackfeet) Pathways to Data, Research, and Food Sovereignty

Loren BirdRattler, Project Manager, Blackfeet Agricultural Resource Management Plan

### Discussion

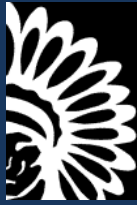
#### **2:45 - 3:45 pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions – Tribal Leader Scholar Forum 2**

#### **A) Research Oversight – Tribes Taking Action**

*Room: Cascade 1*

Tribes implement research oversight to ensure their communities are protected and also benefit from the research. This session will highlight tribal nations that have implemented research oversight infrastructure in their communities.

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### Tools for Tribal Leaders: Building Research Infrastructure Efficiently

Heather Larsen, MEd, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Research Office  
Melissa Buffalo MS, Cancer Equity Manager, American Indian Cancer Foundation

Michaela Seiber MPH, Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH), Sanford Research

### Deliberation and Community Engagement on Genetics in Three Communities

Jessica Blanchard, Research Scientist, Center for Applied Social Research, University of Oklahoma, Norman OK

Michael Peercy, Epidemiologist, IRB Administrator, Division of Research and Public Health, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, OK

Joseph Yracheta, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc., Eagle Butte, SD

Justin Lund, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Oklahoma

### Discussion

#### **B) Data for Climate Action**

*Room: Cascade 3*

In conjunction with the launch of NCAI's Climate Action Task Force, this session will examine the role of data in informing and driving the design and implementation of strategic climate action approaches across Indian Country. Session presenters will share how their nations are relying on the generation and analysis of data to guide their decision-making in this critical area of tribal governance, and how they are using data to measure their climate action progress.

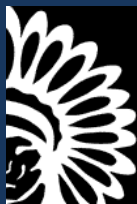
Christopher Caldwell, Director, Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation, Menominee Nation

### Discussion

#### **C) First Kids 1st: Helping Native Youth Thrive**

*Room: Cascade 2*

Accurate and meaningful data helps tribal leaders make decisions to ensure that their children thrive and their communities are healthy and sustainable. But knowing where to find the right data is essential. Though Community Asset Mapping and identifying data to use and track over time, tribes can quickly transform data into action and drive change. Join us for a discussion to learn how and where to access the right data to inform your strategic, forward directed decision-making.



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### Welcome, Overview of First Kids 1<sup>st</sup>

Christian Weaver, Native Youth Strategy Manager, NCAI  
Ahnwake Rose, Deputy Director, NCAI

### Community Asset Mapping for Native Youth

David Simmons, Director for Government Affairs and Advocacy, National  
Indian Child Welfare Association

### Measuring Progress for our Youth – Data for Action

Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

### Discussion

#### **3:45 – 4:15 pm Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum - Poster Session 2**

*Nugget Foyer*

The poster session is an opportunity for tribal leaders to engage with scholars on a variety of research and data projects that can help inform American Indian and Alaska Native policy.

#### **4:15 pm Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum ends**

#### **4:15-5:30 Youth End of Day Gathering**

*Room: Central Pacific*

#### **4:15-6:15 FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Economic, Finance & Community Development - *Room: Cascade 3*

Human Resources - *Room: Cascade 4*

Land & Natural Resources - *Room: Cascade 2*

Litigation & Governance - *Room: Cascade 1*

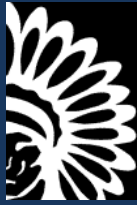
Veterans - *Room: Cascade 5*

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#### **6:30-8:30 Cultural Night**

*Room: Sierra 345*

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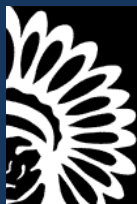
## Thursday, June 27

- 7:15-8:15      **Regional Caucus Meetings *\*\*Optional\*\**** *closed to press*  
 Alaska Region - Room: Cascade 2  
 Eastern Oklahoma Region - Room: Cascade 1  
 Great Plains Region - Room: Southern Pacific AG  
 Midwest Region - Room: Cascade 3  
 Northeast Region - Room: Sierra 5  
 Northwest Region - Room: Cascade 5  
 Pacific Region - Room: Sierra 2  
 Rocky Mountain Region - Room: Sierra 4  
 Southeast Region - Room: Sierra 1  
 Southern Plains Region - Room: Southern Pacific B  
 Southwest Region - Room: Cascade 4  
 Western Region - Room: Sierra 3
- 8:00-8:20      **Youth Morning Gathering**  
 Room: Central Pacific
- 8:30-12:30    **Elders' Lounge Open**  
 Room: Redwood 8
- 9:00-12:00    **Indian Arts and Crafts Open**  
 Nugget Foyer

8:30-12:00	Third General Assembly	Nugget 1
8:30	<b>Call to Order</b> Juana Majel Dixon, Secretary, National Congress of American Indians  <b>Invocation</b>  <b>Announcements</b>	
8:35	<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Update</b>	
8:45	<b>Indian Child Welfare Act Update</b>	
9:00	<b>Cross-Racial Collaboration</b> Partners from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Anchor Organizations	
10:00	<b>Immigration and Children Update</b>	
10:15	<b>Tribal Supreme Court Project Update</b>	

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10:30 **Committee Reports**  
Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee  
Human Resources Committee  
Litigation & Governance Committee  
Land & Natural Resources Committee  
Veterans Committee

12:15 **Retire Colors**  
**Closing Invocation**

12:30 **Adjourn 2019 Mid Year Conference**

**1:30 – 4:30 NCAI Policy Research Center - Post Conference Data Institute**  
**Training Session: Holding Space - Strengthening Tribal-Academic Research Partnerships**  
*Room: Cascade 1*  
During this interactive session, participants will learn how governance, trust, and culture help strengthen tribal-academic research partnerships in the new *Holding Space* Toolkit. Attendees will preview select topics from the Discussion Guide and will play the *Tribal Research Future Game*. Individuals interested in or currently conducting research with tribes and academic partners are encouraged to attend.

Presenters:  
Yvette Roubideaux MD MPH, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center  
Julie Lucero PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno  
Amber D. Emerson, MPH, Coordinator, Evaluation & Research, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno  
Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, MPP, Researcher, NCAI Policy Research Center

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### Other Meeting and Events

#### Tuesday, June 25

##### 12:00-1:15pm **Paya: The Water Story of the Paiute Film Showing and Panel**

Paya: The Water Story of the Paiute tells the untold story of America's longest lived water war between the Owens Valley Paiute and the City of Los Angeles. Using in-depth interviews, 2-d animation, archival footage and photography, Paya documents the history of the Owens Valley Paiute who constructed and managed sixty square miles of intricate irrigation systems for millennia, long before Los Angeles diverted the Owens River through the Los Angeles Aqueduct, 220 miles across the Mojave Desert. After the Indian War of 1863, surviving Paiute returned to the valley from the Eastern Sierra and White Mountains to find their ancient waterworks taken over by white settlers. Over 150-years later, the Paiute continue the fight to save their waterworks, which are remnant in the Owens Valley landscape. Using archival maps from 1856, the filmmakers spent four years working with Paiute elders to locate and map their remnant irrigation systems using GIS technology, ultimately laying the foundation for a 'first use' water rights case now underway. Paya is currently being used by the Owens Valley Paiute and the Native American and academic communities nationally to mobilize tribes. Lunch will be provided.

**Moderator:** Anna Hohag, Attorney

##### **Panelists:**

Teri Red Owl, Executive Director, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission  
Monty Bengochia, Chairman, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission  
Paul Huette, Vice Chairman, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission  
Harry Williams, TEPA Board Member

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