

6TH ANNUAL Indigenous Children, Youth & Families (ICYF) Virtual Conference

AGENDA

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Oct. 15, 2025

9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Welcome	Tana Senn , DCYF Secretary DCYF Office of Tribal Relations
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Opening Keynote	Tim Reynon , Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Breakout Session #1	
	A. Trauma's Impact on American Indian/Alaska Native Families	Marilyn Zimmerman , Consultant in Trauma Informed Practices
	B. Thinking Outside the Box for Recruitment and Retention	Stephanie Benally , Utah Foster Care
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Breakout Session #2	
	A. Nature Based Education for Tribal Children and Youth	Tleena Ives , Casey Family Programs and Children and Nature Network
	B. Missing Indigenous Persons Toolkit from the MMIWP Task Force	Carolyn DeFord , Puyallup Tribe of Indians Scott Pinkham , United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
	C. Supporting Infant and Toddler Mental Health in Early Learning	Dawn Yazzie , Pyramid Model Consortium
2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Breakout Session #3	
	A. Protecting Your Children from Offenders	Lavenia Billy , Puyallup Tribe of Indians
	B. Health Coverage: Balancing Benefits, Access, and Coordination for Native Youth in Foster Care	Katie Ferguson , Coordinated Care Twila Mallari , Coordinated Care Raina Peone , Washington State Health Care Authority Jaron Heller , Washington State Health Care Authority Jen E. Estroff , Coordinated Care Kyser Corcoran , Department of Social and Health Services Jennifer Hieb , Department of Social and Health Services
3:10 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Breakout Session #4	
	A. Building Communities of Hope: Native Youth Changing the Foster Care System	Katy Stewart , Center for Native American Youth Tahnee Poafpybitty , Center for Native American Youth
	B. Strengthening the Circle: Collaborating with Native Nations to Support Native Youth	Kim Mettler , Association of American Indian Affairs

Oct. 16, 2025

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome	DCYF Office of Tribal Relations
9 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Breakout Session #1	
	A. IMAGEN - Cultural and Social Support for Tribal and Justice-Involved Girls	Kelly Hallman , Indigenous Justice Circle Lisa Polen , Indigenous Justice Circle
	B. Puyallup Tribe's Re-entry Program	Mona Miller , Puyallup Tribe of Indians
	C. The Power of Community-Based Services: Using the Strengths of Community & Parents to Improve Child Welfare Outcomes	Cheryl Miller , Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Breakout Session #2	
	A. Indigenous Historical Trauma: Cultural Capacity Building	Derek Stonefish , Native Training Institute
	B. Our Strong Fathers	Scott Pinkham , United Indians of All Tribes Foundation Anthony Bluehorse , United Indians of All Tribes Foundation
12 p.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Breakout Session #3	
	A. Panel: Tribal Prevention Programs in Washington State	Tribal Prevention Panel Tessa Velasco , Department of Children, Youth & Families Shannel Squally Janzen , Department of Children, Youth & Families
	B. Lessons Learned Opening a Tribally Operated Opiate Treatment Program	Molly Martin , Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
2 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Breakout Session #4	
	A. Historical Wounds, Present Realities	Andrea French , National Native Children's Trauma Center
	B. Journeying Together with Tribal Youth on their SOGIE journey	Nathan LaChine , Coordinated Care
3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Keynote	Lenny Hayes , Tate Topa Consulting, LLC.



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