



**Commission on Native Children**  
**Friday, August 5, 2022**  
**11am-1pm AKT/ 1-3pm MT/ 2-4pm CT/ 3-5pm ET**

**Virtual Hearing: Overview of jurisdiction and state/tribal/local/federal  
collaboration to protect Native children**

This panel will serve as an overview of jurisdiction related to Indian child welfare. Tribal courts also have jurisdiction over Native families where child welfare concerns occur, both in dependency and delinquency. The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 affects child welfare cases in state courts, where states have jurisdiction over Native families, resulting in a need for effective collaboration to protect Native children in those cases. During this panel, researchers will present the current status of jurisdiction related to Indian child welfare, and the second part of the panel will discuss innovative practices and approaches to successful state and tribal collaboration that have resulted in better outcomes for Native children and families in child welfare proceeding. This panel is the second of four panels that will address various issues related to Indian child welfare, including overview of child maltreatment and impact of ICWA, prevention, improvements to child welfare systems to reduce disproportionality (including IVE) and building tribal capacity to address child welfare issues.

- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes) Chair Gloria O'Neill
- Invocation (3 minutes)
- Review of Commission Norms (2 minutes) Chair O'Neill

The Commission will adhere to the following norms in all interactions:

- To incorporate ceremony and/or prayer to begin each meeting
- To recognize and celebrate what is working
- To respect all ideas
- To be mindful of each person's own behavior and reactions so as not to repeat trauma behaviors
- To promote healing
- To ensure there is a community-organized closing event at hearings

- To treat others as they want to be treated
  - To not take offense and observe without judgment
  - To pause before decision
  - To have fearless, honest dialogue
  - To be flexible
  - To hear all voices
  - To learn from story
  - To be respectful of time
- Overview of Commission and goals of meeting (5 minutes) Chair O'Neill
    - **Matthew Fletcher**, Harry Burns Fletcher Collegiate Professor of Law, Michigan Law, University of Michigan (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
    - **Dr. Alicia Summers**, Director, Data Savvy Consulting (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
    - **Geraldine Liz Mueller**, Retired Port Gamble Jamestown Tribal Council, Social Services Director, and Chair of the Washington State Indian Policy Advisory Committee (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
  - Cross-Cutting Recommendations from Witnesses (20 minutes) Chair O'Neill
  - Questions and discussion (22 minutes) Chair O'Neill
  - Wrap up (3 minutes) Chair O'Neill