



Commission on Native Children
Friday, July 15, 2022
11am-1pm AKT/ 1-3pm MT/ 2-4pm CT/ 3-5pm ET

Virtual Hearing: Overview of Child Maltreatment in Native Communities and Impact of ICWA

This panel will serve as an overview of child welfare in Native communities, both on and off the reservation. The issues related to child maltreatment in Native communities span a broad range of concerns from historical, intergenerational and personal trauma, to questions about the systems, both state and tribal, that respond to child welfare. During this panel, researchers will present current research about national data about the circumstances of Native child maltreatment generally, and the second part of the panel will discuss the impacts of the Indian Child Welfare Act from the perspective of almost 45 years after enactment. This panel is the first of four panels that will address various issues related to Indian child welfare, including tribal/state/federal collaboration, 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
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- Overview of Commission and goals of meeting (5 minutes) Chair Gloria O’Neill

 - **Dr. Angelique Day**, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of Washington (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

 - **Dr. Priscilla Day**, Professor Emeritus, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota Duluth (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

 - **Judge William Thorne**, Retired Utah State Judge, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (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