



19th Annual California ICWA Conference
Blue Lake Rancheria's Sapphire Palace
Blue Lake, CA

Hosted by:
The Yurok Tribe &
California Indian Legal Services

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Pre-Conference: Monday, June 18th

Noon-5:00 **Pre-conference registration**

4:00-6:30 **Tribal Caucus ICWA workgroup meeting**

Day 1: Tuesday, June 19th

7:00-8:00 **Continental Breakfast & Registration**

8:00-8:30 **Opening Prayer**

Welcome (Hon. Abby Abaniti (Yurok), Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court; Stephanie Weldon, MSW, Director of Social Services, Yurok Tribe; and Delia Parr, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services)

8:30-9:00 **Key Note Opening Address** (Chris Peters (Pohlik-lah/Karuk), CEO and President, Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development – *confirmed*)

9:00-10:45 **Best Practices Around the State: Examples of Collaboration & Cooperation**
Moderated by: Delia Parr, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services
Panelists:

- Kathy Fisher, MFT, Health and Social Services Director, Hopland Tribe (*confirmed*)
- Sylvia Deporto, Deputy Director, Riverside County Public Social Services (*confirmed*)
- Maureen H. Geary, Attorney at Law, Maier Pfeffer Kim & Geary LLP (*confirmed*)
- Liz DeRouen, ICWA Advocate, Indian Child & Family Preservation Program (ICFPP) (*confirmed*)
- Bob Harper, Section Manager Placement Programs, Sonoma County Human Services Department Family, Youth & Children's Division (*confirmed*)

- Theresa Sam, ICWA Representative, North Fork Rancheria/Tribal ICWA Office (*confirmed*)

10:30-10:45 **BREAK**

11:00-12:15 **Tribal Customary Adoption & Permanency**

Moderator: Stephanie Weldon, MSW, Director of Social Services, Yurok Tribe

- Nancy Currie, Director of Tribal Family Services, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (*confirmed*)
- Maureen H. Geary, Attorney at Law, Maier Pfeffer Kim & Geary LLP (*confirmed*)
- Karen D. Kolb, BS/BM, Director of Social Services, Indian Health Council, Inc. (*confirmed*)

12:15-1:30 **LUNCH & Key Note** (Cynthia Gomez, Tribal Advisor, Office of the Governor – *confirmed*)

1:30-3:00 **Breakout Sessions**

I. ICWA

- Delia Parr, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services (*confirmed*)

II. Dependency and ICWA: What Native American Service Providers Need to Know

- Ann Gilmour, Staff Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts (*confirmed*)
- Vida Castaneda, Court Services Analyst, Administrative Office of the Courts (*confirmed*)

III. Family Unity: Culturally Appropriate Facilitation of Family Team Meetings

- Mary McNevins, Warm Springs NRC4Tribes Board Member and former Oregon state ICWA Director (*confirmed*)

IV. Expert Witness Requirement

- Dr. Art Martinez, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist (*confirmed*)
- Joseph Garfield, Tule River Yokuts Tribal Member, Spiritual Leader / Advisor (*confirmed*)
- Angela Sundberg, ICWA Social Worker, Yurok Tribal Social Service Department (*confirmed*)

V. California Partners for Permanency

- Karen B. Gunderson, MSW CAPP Project Director & Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch (*confirmed*)
- Jeri Scardina, MSW Deputy Branch Director Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (*confirmed*)
- Fresno Representative (*confirmed*)

3:00-3:15 **BREAK**

3:15-4:45 **Breakout Sessions**

I. ICWA and Delinquency: A Primer

- Mark Radoff, Senior Staff Attorney, California Indian Legal Services (*confirmed*)

II. ICWA and Probate Guardianship

- Ann Gilmour, Staff Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts (*confirmed*)
- Hon. Christine Williams (Yurok), Chief Judge, Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Court (*confirmed*)
- Don Green, Retired Commissioner, Contra Costa County (*confirmed*)

III. Cultural Competency

- *TBA*

IV. Assessing and Screening for Trauma in Children

- Dr. Louise Packard, Ph.D., Psychologist (*confirmed*)
- Hon. Abby Abaniti (Yurok), Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court (*confirmed*)

4:45-5:00 **Closing Remarks**

5:30-8:00 **Cultural Sharing and Dinner**

Day 2: Wednesday, June 20th

7:45-8:30 **Continental Breakfast & Registration**

8:30-9:00 **Opening Prayer** (Carol Lewis, Yurok Language Program Coordinator, Yurok Tribe – *confirmed*)

Welcome (Delia Parr, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services)

9:00-9:45 **Keynote** (Dr. Art Martinez, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist – *confirmed*)

9:45-10:00 **BREAK**

10:00-12:00 **Tribal Jurisdiction and Funding** (exploration of funding and service issues where the Tribe has jurisdiction)
Moderated by: Geneva Shaw, MSW, Assistant Social Services Director, Yurok Tribe

Panelists:

- Mona Mann, MA, Children and Families Program Specialist, Childrens Bureau, Region IX, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (*Confirmed*).
- Jerry Garnder (Cherokee), (Executive Director, Tribal Law and Policy Institute / NRC4Tribes (*invited*))
- Geneva Shaw, MSW, Assistant Social Services Director, Yurok Tribe (*confirmed*)
- Stephanie Dolan, Executive Director and OVW Program Manager, Northern California Tribal Court Coalition (*invited*)
- Suzanne Garcia, Tribal Social Services Attorney, Washoe Tribe (*invited*)
- Mary McNevens, Warm Springs NRC4Tribes Board Member and former Oregon state ICWA Director (*confirmed*)
- Judge Anita Fineday, Managing Director of the Indian Child Welfare Program for the Casey Family Programs. (*Confirmed*)

12:00-1:15 **LUNCH & Key Note** (Hon. Anita Fineday, Chief Judge, White Earth Tribal Court / Managing Director of the Indian Child Welfare Program for the Casey Family Programs – *confirmed*)

1:30-3:00 **Breakout Sessions**

I. Active Efforts

- Liz DeRouen, ICWA Advocate, Indian Child & Family Preservation Program (ICFPP) (*confirmed*)

II. Practical Application of the ICWA to Delinquency Cases

- Inyo County Representative (*invited*)
- Mike Tully, Supervising Probation Officer, Humboldt County Probation Department (*confirmed*)
- Shawn Ayala, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, Sacramento County Probation Department (*invited*)

III. Decolonizing Social Work

- Dr. Michael Yellow Bird, MSW, Ph.D., MSW Program Director, Professor, Humboldt State University (*confirmed*)

IV. Culturally based Domestic Violence Services and Interventions-Victim and BIP

- Geneva Shaw, MSW, Assistant Social Services Director, Yurok Tribe (*confirmed*)
- Porscha Cobbs, Crisis Worker/Victim Advocate, Yurok Tribe (*confirmed*)
- Gary Markussen & Dr. Rita Waffler, Batterer's Intervention Program (*invited*)

V. 2011 Native American Children Training Forum (CF) Program

- Stephanie Lucero, Program Specialist, National Indian Justice Center (*confirmed*)

3:00-3:15 **BREAK**

3:15-5:00 **Breakout Sessions**

I. Judicial Bias

- Dr. Louise Packard, Ph.D., Psychologist (*confirmed*)

II. Treatment Services for Native American Families

- Helen Waukazoo (Navajo), Chief Executive Director, Friendship House Association of American Indians (*confirmed*)
- Wayne Grigsby (Chukchansi), Clinical Director, Friendship House Association of American Indians (*confirmed*)
- Orlando Nakai (Navajo), Executive Director, Friendship House Association of American Indians (*confirmed*)

III. Trial Advocacy Skills for ICWA Advocates

- Mark Radoff, Senior Staff Attorney, California Indian Legal Services (*confirmed*)
- Mark Vezzola, Directing Attorney, California Indian Legal Services (*confirmed*)

IV. Probation and ICWA – Disproportionality Minority Contact Grant

- Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, MSW Site Manager (*confirmed*)
- W. Haywood Burns Institute (*confirmed*)
- Ken Blackshear, DMC Director, Humboldt County Probation Department (*confirmed*)
- Disproportionate Minority Contact Grant Project Director (*confirmed*)

V. Tribal Customary Adoption Basics: The Nuts and Bolts of an Essential New Permanency Option

- Nancy Currie, Director of Tribal Family Services, Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians (*confirmed*)

Day 3: Thursday, June 21st

7:30-8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

8:30-9:00 **Opening Prayer** (Local)

Welcome (Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court)

9:00-9:45 **Assembly Bill 12**

Moderator: Stephanie Weldon, MSW, Director of Social Services, Yurok Tribe

Panelists:

- Karen Gunderson, Chief, Child and Youth Permanency Branch, CDSS
(*confirmed*)
- Edwin Vinson, Manager, CDSS, Child Welfare Policy & Program
Development, Child Safety Unit (*confirmed*)

9:45-10:00 **BREAK**

10:00-Noon **Concurrent Jurisdiction & Perspective of the Indian Child Welfare Act from
the Bench**

Moderator: Delia Parr

Panelists:

- Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge, Yurok Tribal Court (*confirmed*)
- Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Judge, Humboldt County Superior Court
(*confirmed*)
- Hon. Molly Bigelow, Judge, Shasta County Superior Court (*invited*)

Noon-12:45 **California Indian Legal Services' Needs Assessment**