Program for

**WOMEN ARE SACRED**

“Resilience: walking in ancestral footprints, carrying our medicine”

**June 26-28, 2018**

**Hotel Albuquerque at old town**
June 26, 2018

Greetings relatives, on behalf of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center staff, board, and all of our many partners and co-sponsors, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Women Are Sacred Conference. We have been planning this Conference for the past two years, and we are so excited to finally meet all of you and share this time together to organize, learn, network, and share the experiences, knowledge, wisdom and rejuvenating energy that happens when we can all come together.

This year’s theme is “Resilience: Walking in Ancestral Footprints, Carrying our Medicine.” Our theme speaks to who we are as Indigenous peoples and our journey towards rebuilding our communities in a way that honors our ancestors’ sacrifices, hope and love for our traditions and people. It speaks to the many different traditions and nations we come from, what was taken from us, and how we can rebuild the fire from the embers that are still glowing. We have survived through our cultural strength, resilience and the indigenous knowledge that we carry with us into the future - our ancestor’s medicine. As Indigenous people, we come from deep roots, and we need to nurture those roots in our movement to create social change and end violence across all our relations. With deep roots we cannot be washed away.

Thank you for joining us in this journey together over the next few days to make new friends, reconnect with old allies, and link arms in the movement to end violence against our Native peoples.

In beauty we walk together,

Lucy Simpson
Executive Director
NIWRC

Cherrah Giles
Board Chairwoman
NIWRC
The Women Are Sacred Conference could not have been possible without the participation and assistance of so many people. We especially would like to express our deep appreciation particularly to our Co-Sponsors whose logos are depicted below. Their contributions are sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

A Special Thank You to Barbara Roeder and Savanna Eiles at PSA Worldwide for donation of WAS 2018 conference bags. Please stop by their booth or check out their website at psacorp.com and see the 2018 Native American/Alaska Native Special Edition.

Thank you to our Co-Sponsors:

Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women
Mending the Sacred Hoop
StrongHearts Native Helpline
National Congress of American Indians
National Center of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
Indian Law Resource Center
Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center
Bureau of Indian Affairs Victim Assistance Program
Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition
Tewa Women United
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Tribal Law & Policy Institute
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About this year’s Women Are Sacred Conference theme

Resilience: Walking in Ancestral Footprints, Carrying Our Medicine

This year’s theme “Resilience: Walking in Ancestral Footprints, Carrying Our Medicine” is who we are as Indigenous peoples and our journey—where we came from and where we are going. It speaks to the many different directions and cultures we come from, what was taken from us, what was lost along the way. We survived calling upon the cultural strength, resilience and Indigenous knowledge we carry with us into the future: our medicine. It speaks to the deep cultural roots we come from and the deep roots we need in our movement to lead in social change in ending the violence across all relations. With deep roots, we cannot be washed away. Let us all walk together on this journey!

Native Artists honor Women Are Sacred

Artist Spotlight: Joanne Brings Thunder (Shoshone)
Sacred Woman, Mixed Media: Ledger Paper, Acrylic, Ink, Dimensions: 11”x17”
Joanne created this beautiful image for the 2018 Women Are Sacred Conference.

Artist Spotlight: Waya’aisiwa Gary Keene
My real name is Waya’aisiwa and I am of the Eagle clan from Acoma Pueblo. I am a self taught artist. My trademark is the red headband and red arrowheads on my pieces. Some people say my paintings are medicine for the soul. I am a Vietnam era Navy veteran and a recovering alcoholic. I have been clean for 18 years.

Waya created two beautiful images for the 2018 Women Are Sacred Conference. These images speak to the power of prayer, the spirit of this sacred gathering and the heart and soul of our people.

Photography Spotlight: Meredith Lee-Mike (Navajo)
Since the age of 12, my love for photography grew into a passion. While taking accounting classes at my local community college, I began taking photography. I continue to learn, observe and record my life’s experiences with camera in hand.

Meredith created and shared many photographs from her collection and they appear throughout this program and the Women Are Sacred Conference material.

Thank you for your contributions!
Conference Highlights
Please be aware that the information desk will be open throughout the conference for any questions or needs you may have.

Awareness Days
Day 1-June 26th:
• Traditional Wear Day! Please dress in your traditional regalia or ribbon skirts. If you do not have regalia, please sport your favorite or local tribal t-shirt and be sure to check out our vendors for some gear.
• Media Day during the General Session. Tribal and non-tribal media will be reporting on the opening day of the conference.
• There will be a screening of the film Wind River in the evening starting at 8 pm.

Day 2-June 27th:
• Wear Red to bring Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIW)!
• Native America Calling will be doing a show in the morning in the Fire Place Room.
• All Things Feminine Powwow will be taking place in the evening starting at 7pm.

Day 3-June 28th:
• Wear Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness!

Safe Space
An advocate will be available for anyone needing a safe place to talk during the conference, simply stop by the help desk.

Morning Fitness Activities
Every morning at 6:30 am, meet NIWRC Staff in Hotel Lobby for morning fitness activities.

Sobriety/AA Meetings
Please join us every morning at 7:00-8:00am in the Rendering Room.

Hotel Albuquerque-Dining
Restaurants & Bars
• Garduño’s Restaurant & Cantina– casual New Mexican
• Q-Bar Lounge – Ultra chic hot spot
• Casa Esencia – Albuquerque’s hottest nightclub open every Friday
Hotel Albuquerque is a block north of Old Town Plaza, which has additionally dining and shopping options.

Social Media
Please include in your posts: #WAS2018 #WomenAreSacred
Facebook: @niwrc, @nativelove, @strongheartsdv
Twitter: @niwrc, @nativeloveis, @strongheartsdv
Instagram: @niwrc, @nativeloveis, @strongheartsdv
NIWRC Board of Directors

Board Chair
Cherrah Giles is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and of Cherokee descent. She is Fuswvlke (Bird) Clan and from Rekackv (Broken Arrow) Tribal Town. She served over 10 years on the Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council where she was the youngest female elected to the National Council to-date and the first female elected as Second Speaker. Cherrah received her Master of Social Work degree from the University of Oklahoma. Cherrah currently serves on the Board of Directors for Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless and Iron Gate Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. She is co-founder of the Mvskoke Women’s Leadership, member of All Tribes Community Church, Tulsa Indian Club, Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa and Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations. In 2014, Cherrah was named an “Unsung Hero” by The Mary Kay Foundation for her leadership in and advocacy for domestic violence awareness. As a mother of four children and professional social worker, she views her leadership responsibilities to her Nation and community as an extension of her role as a parent and career woman.

Board Vice Chair
Carmen O’Leary is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. She has worked toward ending violence against Native women professionally and as a volunteer since 1988. Her work began as a shelter Children’s Advocate. Years following, she held various other positions. She has served as a co-chair for the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She also was a consultant for the Center for Offender Management, Mending the Sacred Hoop, National State Courts and Sacred Circle- National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women. Carmen is currently Director for the Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, a tribal coalition whose membership consists of Native programs, providing services across the northern Great Plains to women who experience violence. The Coalition supports its membership through training, technical assistance and promotes awareness to begin the process of keeping women safe in their own communities. Carmen’s areas of expertise include civil protection orders, children’s issues around domestic violence, and advocacy training related to sexual assault and domestic violence. She is currently a licensed lay advocate for the Cheyenne River Courts. Carmen takes pleasure in the occasional rodeo and pow wow, but is happiest at home with her children, family, friends, horses and cows. The changing seasons and openness of the Plains keeps her grounded and enjoying life.

Board Treasurer
Wendy Schlater is an enrolled member of the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians. Wendy was born, raised and lives on the La Jolla Indian Reservation in the Palomar Mountain range in northern San Diego County. She has served her Tribe in several capacities, including as the youngest Tribal Chairwoman. Currently, Wendy serves as Program Director of her tribe’s Avellaka Program addressing safety for Native women. In this capacity, she led the La Jolla Native Women’s Advisory Committee to organize the first annual Sexual Assault Awareness Walk in 2010, which has now completed its eighth year and has developed into an activity that helps the entire community gain awareness about the epidemic of violence against Native women in their community. Her previous experience includes working as Youth Coordinator and TANF Resource Program Manager for area Tribes and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association. Wendy is also a member of the San Diego County Sexual Assault Response Team Committee and a Tribal Subcommittee member of the Violence Against Women Act Committee. She has served as a sexual assault advocate for the rape crisis center in San Diego County and a victim advocate for the Peace Between Partners Program at the local Indian Health Council. Wendy was a founding Board member of a nonprofit tribal coalition, the Strong Hearted Native Women’s Coalition. Throughout her career, she has advocated for addressing tribal youth, health, education issues and safety for Native women, developing innovative ways to create Tribal responses and programs respective of Native customs and traditions.

Board Secretary
Leanne Guy is a citizen of the Navajo Nation and currently lives and works in the Phoenix area of Arizona. Leanne is the founding executive director of the Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition, the first statewide tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalition in Arizona. Prior to her current position, Leanne was the executive director of the Ama Doo Alchini Bighan, Inc., a nonprofit, community-based domestic violence and sexual assault services program located on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Through this work Leanne has been a member of numerous national, state and local task forces, committees and coalitions dedicated to ending violence against women and children. Her previous experience includes working for the Indian Health Service and other nonprofit agencies in the area of women’s health, cancer and HIV/AIDS. Leanne has over 20 years of experience in tribal community health promotion and public health and safety initiatives. One of the many blessings she has received in working with tribes is getting to know the people—hearing their stories, observing their customs, seeing their land and sharing their food. Leanne is an advocate for social change and justice and is passionate about the work to end violence against Native women and children. Growing up in a violent home and being a survivor of bullying, Leanne is very aware of the impact that violence can have on families and the importance of having coordinated and informed systems in place that provide advocacy, support and justice for the safety of women and children.
**Board Member**

**Deborah Parker**, Tsi-Cy-Altsa (Tulalip/Yaqui), is an advocate for tribal sovereignty and ending violence against women, currently serving as a consultant with Pipestem Law. She has served as an elected leader on the Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors and as a policy analyst, program developer, communications specialist, and cultural advocate and volunteer in the tribal and surrounding communities. Serving as a legislative policy analyst in the Office of Governmental Affairs for the Tulalip Tribes from 2005 to 2012, Deborah engaged in the legislative process on behalf of the Tulalip Tribes by providing quality analysis of issues most pertinent to the exercise of sovereignty and tribal governance, with particular emphasis in the areas of education, finance, taxation, and healthcare. Deborah has developed two unique outreach and education programs for the Tulalip Tribes. Young Mothers was a culturally relevant program for teen mothers, and the Tribal Tobacco Program sought to inspire responsible tobacco use among tribal members, while acknowledging tobacco and sacred place in indigenous cultures. Prior to her work for the Tulalip Tribes, Deborah served as Director of the Residential Healing School of the Tsil‘-Waututh Nation in Canada, and in the Treaty Taskforce Office of the Lummi Nation. She graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Ethnic Studies and Sociology. Deborah remains a committed advocate for ending violence against Native women and continues to work with Congress and tribal leaders from across the country on federal legislation including VAWA Reauthorization.

**Board Member**

**Randi Barreiro** (Akwesasne Mohawk) is a communications specialist and community organizer. She is a co-founder of Konon:kwe Council, a women-led grassroots effort to raise awareness of trauma and encourage trauma-informed approaches in their community of Akwesasne. Randi is an award-winning writer and former editor of Indian Country Today. Her company, Sky Woman Media, helps design media strategies for individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Indian Country. A passionate and committed advocate for indigenous youth, health and culture, she serves as an advisor for Ohero:kon Rites of Passage and as a commissioner of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Akwesasne Cultural Restoration program. Randi attended Northfield Mount Hermon School and earned a degree in Public Relations from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. In 2010, Randi and her husband Tsiorasa (Mohawk) were selected by the National Center for American Indian Economic Development as "40 Under 40" honorees and continue to empower emerging young leaders. They live the lacrosse life in Akwesasne with their three children.

**Board Member**

**Lenora "Lynn" Hootch** is a Yupik Eskimo and an enrolled member of the Alaska Native Village of Emmonak, located in the Yukon Delta Region of southwestern Alaska. She was born, raised and has lived in her Village all of her life and is an active member of the community. Lynn has held numerous elected positions in her community, including Emmonak Tribal Council, Emmonak City Council, Vice Mayor for the Village of Emmonak, member of the Parish Council, and Advisory School Board member. She has also served as an officer and a board member for many women's organizations in Alaska, including the Alaska Native Women's Coalition and the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Lynn founded the Emmonak Women's Shelter, a nonprofit, grass roots organization in 1979 to increase safety for women and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other forms of abuse, and to provide emergency shelter and assistance for these women and children. Lynn currently serves as the Director for the Yupik Women's Coalition, a regional tribal coalition that raises public awareness of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence, enhances the response to violence against Native women at the local, state and national levels, and provides technical assistance to other tribes in Alaska to enhance access to essential services for Native women victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault. Lynn is a mother and grandmother and dedicates her work to making a better world for them and her community.

**Board Member**

**Wanette Lee** currently works as a certified substance abuse counselor for Ka Hale Pomaika'i, Moloka'i’s premier Recovery Community Organization. She provides both group and individual counseling for those with substance use disorders. She has a vast amount of clinical and cultural experience in the field. She has been a long time domestic violence advocate, both in paid and volunteer positions. Wanette was born and raised on Moloka‘i Island, Hawaii. She is a mother of 7 and a grandmother. Wanette is a survivor of domestic violence, sexual abuse and is a recovering addict for 13 years. She has worked with individuals that are incarcerated or put into the Molokai/ Maui Drug Court 2 year program which includes Family Court Drug Court. Wanette was also the supervisor of Hale Hoomalu Women’s and Children’s Shelter in Molokai and continues to advocate as a relief worker at the Shelter. Wanette also works with the mentally challenged community through the Molokai residential facility. She also helped create a youth 21-day program based on Hawaiian cultural values as well as Ho’oponopono (family resolution), teaching kids to be healers.

**Board Member**

**Tina Marie Osceola** is an enrolled member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and a lifetime resident of Naples, Florida, a beautiful town on Florida’s Southwest Gulf Coast. Tina is a tribal associate judge for her Tribe and owns several small businesses. Tina completed her undergraduate studies at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL (BA, Political Science) and her Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Nova Southeastern University. Tina is also well-known as a public speaker for both local civic organizations as well as a keynote speaker for national associations and formats. She has significant experience with organizational strategic planning and nonprofit organizational development. Tina is married and the mother of two, and grandmother of one.
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MONDAY
JUNE 25

1:00 - 8:00 p Registration (North Atrium)

TUESDAY
JUNE 26

7:00 - 9:00 a Registration - (North Atrium)
7:00 - 5:00 p Help Desk - (North Atrium)
9:00 - 12:00 p Media Day (General Session - Alvardo DE)
9:00 - 9:30 a General Session-Traditional Welcome - (Alvardo DE)
   NIWRC Board Member Welcome
   Flags Ceremony
   Opening Prayer & Song
   MMIW Shawl Ceremony

9:30 - 10:00 a Introductions
   Lucy Simpson, NIWRC Executive Director & NIWRC Board of Directors
   Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) & Office of Violence Against Women (OVW)
   Co-Sponsor Acknowledgment
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**June 27**

#### MMIW - Wear Red in Remembrance

- **9:00 - 5:00 p**
  - Registration - Help Desk (North Atrium)
- **11:00 - 12:00 p**
  - Native America Calling (Fire Place)
- **8:45 - 10:15 a**
  - Breakout Sessions

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**5:30 - 7:00 p**

- Conversations with the Field (Fire Place Room)
  - Understanding Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities within the Context of Intimate Partner Relationships by Rose Quilt J.D. (NIWRC) and Caroline LaPorte J.D. (NIWRC)

**7:00 - 8:00 p**

- Acoma Pueblo Traditional Dance (Alvarado DE)

**8:00 - 9:30 p**

- Wind River Film Screening (Alvarado A)
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**Lunch - On Your Own**

**1:30 - 3:00 p**

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**Celebrating All Things Feminine Powwow (Alvarado, DE)**

Free admission & open to the public
THURSDAY
JUNE 28

9:00 - 12:00 p
Registration - Help Desk (North Atrium)

8:45 - 10:15 a
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Checkout Break

10:45 - 11:30 a
General Session - Closing - (Alvarado DE)
We Carry Our Medicine: Amber Crotty, Navajo Nation Council Delegate

11:30 - 12:15 a
Youth Resilience Presentations-Native Seeds that Sprout Deep Roots

12:15 - 12:30 p
Closing Ceremony
Taylor will give the keynote speech at 10:00-10:45am on Day 1, June 26th, 2018 in the General Session - Alvarado DE.

An Academy Award-nominated screenwriter, Taylor Sheridan is currently writing, directing, and executive producing the upcoming series “Yellowstone” for the newly launched Paramount Network. A frontier family drama set on the largest contiguous ranch in the U.S., the project stars Kevin Costner, Josh Lucas, Luke Grimes, Gil Birmingham, and Kelly Reilly and will premiere on June 20, 2018.

Most recently, Sheridan made his debut as a writer/director with his critically acclaimed film WIND RIVER, the conclusion to his modern frontier trilogy, which was released in August 2017. Starring Jeremy Renner and Elizabeth Olsen, the film premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and debuted in Un Certain Regard at the 70th Cannes Film Festival, where Sheridan earned Best Director (Prix de la mise en scène) honors. Sheridan also received a nomination for Outstanding Directorial Achievement of a First-Time Feature Film Director at the 2018 Director’s Guild Awards. He previously wrote HELL OR HIGH WATER, which was nominated for four Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay. The film, a drama set in the struggling rural areas of West Texas, earned Taylor additional nominations for Best Screenplay at the Gotham Awards, Critics’ Choice Awards, Golden Globe Awards, WGA Awards, and Independent Spirit Awards. Other credits include SICARIO, directed by Denis Villeneuve and starring Benicio Del Toro, Emily Blunt and Josh Brolin, which was released in 2015 to critical and box office acclaim. The film was also nominated for several awards including Best Theatrical Motion Picture by the PGA and Best Original Screenplay by the WGA. A sequel to SICARIO, called SICARIO 2: SOLDADO, is currently preparing for release by Sony Pictures on June 29, 2018. Sheridan returned to write the script for the film with Stefano Sollima directing and both Del Toro and Brolin reprising their roles. Furthermore, Sheridan is currently adapting DISORDER, based on the French film, for Escape Artists and Sony Pictures.

Sheridan lives in Wyoming with his family.

Wind River Film Screening
When: Tuesday, June 26th, 2018
Time: 8:00-9:30pm
Room: Alvarado A

Rated R | 1h 47min
*There is a scene of rape & violence, please take precautions with youth and possible re-traumatizing.

Wind River is a chilling thriller that follows a rookie FBI agent (Elizabeth Olsen) who teams up with a local game tracker with deep community ties and a haunted past (Jeremy Renner) to investigate the murder of a local girl on a remote Native American Reservation in the hopes of solving her mysterious death.
NIWRC established the “Tillie Black Bear Women are Sacred Award” in 2015 to recognize outstanding advocates, grassroots organizers and direct service providers that exemplify the dedication and teachings Tillie demonstrated and introduced to our movement to restore safety for Indigenous women. Coleen Clark, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of Montana, was the first awardee in 2015. NIWRC is pleased to announce Carmen O’Leary is the recipient of the 2018 Tillie Black Bear award.

Carmen is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. She has worked toward ending violence against Native women professionally and as a volunteer since 1988. Her work began as a shelter Children’s Advocate. Years following, she held various other positions. She has served as a co-chair for the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. She also was a consultant for the Center for Offender Management, Mending the Sacred Hoop, National State Courts and Sacred Circle- National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women.

Carmen currently serves as the Director for the Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, a tribal coalition whose membership consists of Native programs providing services across the northern Great Plains to women who experience violence. Carmen is also a board member of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, a national resource center addressing domestic violence and safety for Native Women. Carmen has provided countless hours of training and education to help tribal communities address domestic and sexual violence. She continues to provide valuable leadership on a national level through her participation on a variety of boards and committees. Carmen’s areas of expertise include civil protection orders, children’s issues around domestic violence, and advocacy training for the areas of sexual assault and domestic violence. She has worked tirelessly to bring awareness to the issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Carmen takes pleasure in the occasional rodeo and pow wow, but is happiest at home with her children, family, friends, horses and cows. The changing seasons and openness of the Plains keeps her grounded and enjoying life. She embodies Tillie’s teachings and dedication in both her personal and professional life by being a good relative to all.
For Women are Sacred (WAS) 2018 we are excited about launching a new initiative, WAS Talks! WAS Talks provides a unique forum for survivors, advocates, researchers, legal community, social workers, law enforcement, community/family members, child welfare workers, philosophers, community leaders, politicians and tribal leaders to come make a statement, voice your concerns, express your creativity through poetry or staged reading, talk about the future or direction of our movement, the role of advocacy, VAWA reauthorization, historical trauma, domestic violence practices, child welfare issues, sexual violence, missing and murdered, sex trafficking, EVERYTHING!!! WAS Talks will be video and audio RECORDED during the Women Are Sacred (WAS) Conference and is a project inspired by the national TED Talks: Ideas Worth Spreading. Our stories hold power in shining light on the issues of violence in our communities. It's time to talk.

Stop by the Rendering room to hear a WAS Talk session, begins at 3pm on Day 1 Tuesday, June 26th. Check agenda for more information.

Pilamaye! Thank you to the The Women Are Sacred, NativeLove Youth Track Committee members: Bettina Beaver (StrongHearts Native Helpline), Jonelle Battise (StrongHearts), Keioshiah Peter (Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women), Mallory Black (StrongHearts), Princella RedCorn (NIWRC), Rebecca Balog (NIWRC) & Rose Quilt (NIWRC).
Celebrating All Things Feminine Powwow

Women Are Sacred Conference
Wednesday, June 27th, 2018
7:00-10:00 pm
Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town
800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM
Room-Alvardo, DE

“Resilience: Walking in Ancestral Footprints, Carrying Our Medicine”

The National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center in partnership with Indigenous Comic Con; Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains; Minnesota Indian Women’s Coalition; Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition; First Nations Women’s Alliance and the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women is excited to host the “Celebrating All Things Feminine Pow Wow,” during our 13th Women are Sacred Conference.

The 2018 Women are Sacred Pow Wow is free of charge to all conference participants and open to the public.

7:00 p.m. – Grand Entry:
Silent Witness Invocation
Colors: Isleta Veterans Association Honor Guard Flag Song Victory Song Co-Sponsors Recognition and Introduction Native Love Youth Ambassador Honor Song Colleen Clark (past Tillie Award recipient) Family Give Away Honor Song for Tillie Awardee—presented in Memory of Tillie Black Bear Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Red Shawl Dance

Featuring these Dance Specials—1st and 2nd prizes for youth special; all other dance specials “winner take all”
General Youth Special: Tiny tots to age 24-All Nations Rabbit Dance: Everybody Potato Dance: Everybody Head Lady Jingle Dance Special Head Man Dance Special Switch Dance to Honor Gender Equality and All Our Relations—Red Planet
Books and Comics will gift a basket of books by Native Women authors to this special winner. Everybody

Pow Wow Staff
Head Lady: Keira Sandoval, Navajo/San Felipe Head Man: John Henry Cummins, Navajo/Crow Host Northern Drum: Black Eagle, Hawk Soldier, Northern Vibe (invited) Head Southern Singer: Matthew Tapito, Kiowa/Mescalero Master of Ceremonies: Tiger Scalpcane, Northern Cheyenne

Co-Sponsors: Indigenous Comic Con, Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, Minnesota Indian Women’s Coalition, Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition, First Nations Women’s Alliance, Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women and National Indian Gaming Association.

FREE ADMISSION!

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**Presenter biographies**

**Jacqueline Agtuca, J.D.**
Jacqueline “Jax” Agtuca (Cherokee) has dedicated her legal career to increasing protections for women at the tribal, state, federal, and international levels by providing services to victims and advocating for legal and policy reforms under the Violence Against Women Act and other legislation. She serves as a public policy consultant for NIWRC. She is the editor of Restoration of Native Sovereignty and Safety for Native Women Magazine and author of the book Safety for Native Women: VAWA and American Indian Tribes.

**Elisa Marina Alvarado**
Elisa Marina Alvarado (Chicana/P’urepecha) has worked in her American Indian community of San Jose since the mid 1970’s as an organizer, promoter of traditional medicine, theater director and clinical social worker. She was co-founder of the American Indian Mental Health Task Force and the Native American Family Outreach program in Santa Clara County, California and has worked for the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley for 3 years as a mental health therapist.

**Karen Artichoker**
Karen Artichoker is a citizen/member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and is very proud also of her HoChunk roots. She worked for many years with the South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault assisting Tribes in developing domestic violence shelters and system response. She is a founding mother and former Management Team Director for Cangleska, Inc., a domestic violence/sexual assault program that operated for over a dozen years on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. After leaving Cangleska, Ms. Artichoker updated her work experience in the fields of addiction and mental health. She also completed the coursework and hour requirements for addiction counselor certification and has been attending graduate school to obtain a degree in Clinical Mental Health. Her career and life passion has been focused on ending violence against native women and developing opportunities that will enable and support native Peoples and Tribes in reclaiming the best of who we are individually and collectively.

**Stephanie Autumn**
Ms. Stephanie Autumn, has extensive experience developing, implementing, and evaluating programs in Indian country. A member of the Hopi Tribe, Ms. Autumn has 38 years local, national, and international AI advocacy and policy work experience, and has presented at Human Rights forums at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland and in New York. Ms. Autumn served as Executive Directive of the Minnesota Restorative Justice Campaign and is a nationally known expert Restorative Practitioner facilitator, trainer, and Circle Keeper and Family Group Decision Maker trainer and facilitator. Ms. Autumn’s expertise includes working in diverse school districts to adapt restorative practices training curriculum to ensure inclusiveness of diverse student cultures. She has directed national projects on American Indian adult & juvenile domestic assault, restorative justice, pre-and post-release services for AI offenders, tribal mentoring, and truancy. She recently served as project director for three DOJ-funded programs for tribal youth which provided Training and Technical Assistance to tribal grantees. Ms. Autumn has provided expertise/testimony for MN & SD Departments of Corrections on Traumatic Brain Injury and Trauma Informed Care needs/issues of incarcerated American Indian juvenile and adults. Ms. Autumn has provided expertise to the MN Department of Education on disproportionality issues that impact American Indian adults, youth and communities. She is currently working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Red Lake Band of Ojibwe to develop a “Healing to Wellness” Center for Red Lake tribal youth and families. Ms. Autumn founded the American Indian Prison Project Working Group.

**Steven Aycock**
Steve Aycock is a consultant for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). He previously served as Judge In Residence of the Family Violence Department of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Until 2008, he served as chief judge for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation for nine years. Previously, Judge Aycock worked for twelve years as director of the Colville Tribal Legal Office where he represented individual tribal members in civil matters. He has also worked for Evergreen Legal Services in the Pasco, Washington office and as a public defender in Franklin County District and Superior Courts. From 1984–1986 he was a clinical instructor at the University of Idaho College of Law. In Spring 2008, he taught Federal Indian Law at the College of Law. Judge Aycock serves on the Advisory Board for Unified Solutions, Inc., a technical assistance provider to Tribes for Children’s Justice Act grants. He is a member of the board for the Committee to Aid Abused Women in Reno, Nevada. He served as a faculty member of the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. Since coming to the National Council, he has presented at several national conferences and state judicial conferences on various domestic violence issues. Judge Aycock received his bachelor’s in political science from Washington State University, and his J.D. from the University of Idaho, College of Law.

**Rebecca Balog**
Rebecca Balog, a deep-rooted, self-identified advocate brings 18 years of healthy relationships and anti-violence work through national and grassroots activism. Committed to raising cultural awareness, she believes cross-cultural bridges and unified voices across communities support social change. Rebecca has been a facilitator, researcher, and writer on various subject areas: domestic violence, sexual assault, sex trafficking, homelessness intervention, reproductive justice, economic justice, intergenerational trauma, first responder against hate crimes, disabilities, human rights, leadership building, mentor projects, anti-oppression advocacy, specialized Indigenous community advocacy, and ally work including introduction of indigenous realities and concepts into mainstream programs, where often native people are re-victimized. Rebecca invests in restoring sovereignty for Native women and safety for all families. She believes this can be done best by challenging visible and invisible privileges that are barriers to equity. Rebecca was born and raised in Pennsylvania and is Oglala Lakota, Mohawk, and Czechoslovakian Gypsy/Romani descent. She has lived in various areas of the Mid-Atlantic Region and offers liaison advocacy between programs and survivors. She currently is the Grant Compliance Manager and NativeLove Team Lead at NIWRC. She is also a Technical Assistance Specialist at The Women of Color Network, Inc.
Chia Halpern Beetso
Chia Halpern Beetso serves as Tribal Court Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) and has experience working with tribal courts, federal Indian policy and tribal law. She received a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. Prior to coming to TLPI, she was a Deputy Prosecutor for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and has prosecuted a variety of criminal matters, including domestic violence, in tribal court. In addition, Chia has provided training and technical assistance (T/TA) to tribal healing to wellness courts and has coordinated T/TA efforts on this front nationwide. Chia has also researched, drafted and presented TLPI resources on Tribal Law and Order Act and Violence Against Women Act implementation.

Kurt Begaye
Kurt Begaye, Hashk’ááhadzohí (Yucca Strung Out on a Line Clan), born for Tó’aheediitlii (Water Flow Together Clan), is Navajo from Chinle, Arizona with 19 years experience working on HIV prevention, care and capacity building services. At Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., he was instrumental in adapting evidence-based interventions addressing prevention and direct service needs of HIV affected and infected people on the Navajo reservation. Kurt joined the capacity building assistance team at the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center and later with the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum, both located in the San Francisco Bay Area. Since 2013, Kurt has provided training and technical assistance to tribes, health departments and other organizations to increase capacity of public health topics, organization infrastructure, strategic planning, leveraging social media/marketing, and community mobilization. In late 2014, Kurt broadened his capacity building portfolio to include training and technical assistance to tribes addressing intimate partner violence and sexual assault in Native Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Two-Spirit communities. This led to creation of the Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition (SWIWC) LGBTQ Advisory Council to ensure tribes and organizations are more inclusive and responsive to Native LGBT/2S victims of violence. In mid-2017, Kurt joined SWIWC as Program Specialist to focus primary on developing and enhancing training and technical assistance for providers working with Native LGBT/2S victims of violence.

Nan Benally
Nan Benally has acquired lifetime experience around passionate and purposeful people. The world of research drives her passion — the desire to learn, explore, and create. Nan’s passion to bring healing to people having experienced traumatic/stressful events has guided her research in social justice areas. Her researcher role has created direct application outcomes and influence in resolving concrete problems and meeting community based needs, transforming institutional status quo and challenging stakeholders to address issues collaboratively. Nan has gained knowledge in various therapeutic treatment modalities and has presented her work in professional venues and engaged community networks and alliances. These experiences have enhanced her skills in interpersonal communications, professional style and commitment to ethical standards of practice and promoting equity, balance and productivity in her work. Nan is a doctoral student focusing on neuroscience and neurological disorders with veteran. She has a Master of Counseling from Arizona State University. Her membership in the American Psychological Association, the Society of Indian Psychologists of the Americas and Alpha Pi Omega keeps her abreast of evolving trends and to continually develop professional alliances to promote the collective voices of change. Her tribal systems experience includes advocating on behalf of incarcerated clients of Native American heritage or reconnecting them with families/communities to reclaim their heritage. Nan was raised on the reservation (Navajo), speaks the language and maintains the cultural traditions.

Beverly Billie
Heart to Heart, is Ms. Beverly Billie and the professional experiential services she offers in Facilitation, Presentation, Experiential Training, and Consulting. Ms. Billie is from the Pueblos of Acoma and Taos of New Mexico; her knowledge in experiential methods is extensive and she is very capable of accomplishing desired outcomes to reach measurable project success. Beverly is Project Coordinator and Lead Facilitator to a variety of Programs. Youth at risk, bullying prevention, and youth leadership. Her Women’s work includes leadership, empowerment, healing support and development of thriving skills. She provides programs for Suicide Prevention, Survivors of Domestic & Sexual Violence, including Battering Intervention, Trauma, Recovery, Family Reunification, and Wellness. She has served the Nineteen Pueblos, Navajo Nation and Apache tribes. Her work in these communities includes support groups, assessments, consulting, creating and implementation of program designs with Schools, Shelters, Behavioral Health Departments, and Treatment Centers. Also, Tribal and Agency staff team building. Beverly has strong therapeutic facilitation skills and is often in high demand and highly recommended. She is enthusiastic, energetic, and passionate about her work.

Nathana Bird
Nathana Bird, M.A., is from Ohkay Owingeh and Kewa Pueb- lo, a mother of four and a life-partner to a talented chef. She is currently serving as the Program Manager for the Women’s Leadership and Economic Freedom Program with Tewa Women United. Through connecting back to the teachings of her people and culture, her desires are to create culturally-adapted educational spaces and activities to empower and engage the young people in Native communities. Ms. Bird has a profound commitment to bringing opportunities to the tribal communities and the people of Northern New Mexico.

Mallory Black
Mallory Black is the first Communications Manager for the StrongHearts Native Helpline and a member of the Navajo Nation. Prior to StrongHearts, Mallory was the Communications Specialist for the Division of Student Affairs at San Diego State University. Black is an experienced freelance writer, having produced stories exploring Native American community health, culture and the environment that were published by the Native Health News Alliance, Native Peoples Magazine and the American Heart Association’s Voices for Healthy Kids Initiative.
**Cheryl “Renee” Bourque**

C. Renee Bourque, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, serves as Supervisory Victim Specialist (SVS), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Justice Services (OJS), Great Plains Region (District I), overseeing the BIA-OJS District I, Victim Assistance Program. Renee was previously assigned to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota as Victim Specialist. She has held positions as domestic violence/sexual assault advocate and law enforcement officer. Renee is a certified instructor with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and has trained/assisted law enforcement agencies across the nation. Renee has over 15 years experience working with Indian Country crime victims on various reservations including Oklahoma. She has extensive experience assisting crime victims, primarily in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking cases within tribal, state, and Federal court settings. Renee has a bachelor’s in Criminal Justice from St. Gregory’s University, Shawnee, OK and a master’s in Human Resources (Criminal Justice) from East Central University, Ada, OK. Renee has worked on projects such as the Maze of Injustice with Amnesty International and has been a leading voice for Oklahoma Native victims. Renee has served on many community boards, such as ORCPI (Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute), NAPCA (Native American Police Chiefs Association) PARB (Post Adjudication Review Board, OK County), and OK Lethality Assessment Advocates Advisory Committee. She currently holds a non-voting position on the West River Human Trafficking Task Force for Pennington County and North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force.

**Jackie Campbell**

Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN is Anna D. Wolf Chair and Professor in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Dr. Campbell has published more than 250 articles, seven books and been Principle Investigator of more than 12 major NIH, CDC and NIJ grants in her decades of advocacy policy work in collaboration with domestic violence survivors, advocates, health care professionals and marginalized communities including indigenous peoples. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, the American Academy of Nursing, and on the Board of Futures Without Violence.

**Janelle Chapin**

Janelle Chapin lives in Fairbanks, Alaska. She is the mother of three kids. She has work in domestic violence and social services field for 18 years. Janelle holds a associates degree in human services-addictions counseling and bachelor of fine arts in social work. She is involved several non-profit social service boards in Fairbanks. Janelle is the program specialist at the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center. Her passion is social justice and creating a safer future for our children.

**Tang Cheam**

Tang serves as Technology Director for the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center. He has worked in the technology field for over 20 years. His expertise ranges from network infrastructure and server design to proprietary aerospace systems design and improving manufacturing efficiencies through strategic implementation of technology. He specializes in developing unique solutions to real-world problems. Mr. Cheam received his BA from Washington State University in Comparative and Ethnic Studies and a Master of Arts from the University of Washington. His graduate work centered on how one community’s adaptation of a cultural practice is used to strengthen participants’ sense of cultural identity. He previously worked as Technology Director for Clan Star, Inc. and as Systems Administrator and General Manager for Laser Cutting Northwest.

**DeeJay Chino**

DeeJay Chino, MPA and PhD Candidate (Navajo/Northern Cheyenne) is the AIDA Field Operations Manager. She has a bachelor’s degree in political science at UNLV and a master’s in Public Administration at the University of South Florida. Ms. Chino is currently a PhD candidate in public policy working on a dissertation about policies and practices that impact issues of violence against American Indian women. As a graduate student and in her work she has been involved in several projects involving intimate partner violence and conducting tribal needs assessments. She has been the recipient of scholarships from the Navajo Nation and was awarded a prestigious five-year Graduate Assistantship at UNLV. In addition to her doctoral studies, she served as the program director for a project funded by the National Institutes of Health to provide biomedical research experience for American Indian high school students. This highly successful program has helped dozens of students take important first steps to careers in science, math, and medicine. She has expertise in high-level literature reviews, data management, descriptive data analysis techniques and strategic planning.

**Kasia Chmielinkski**

Kasia Chmielinkski is a digital storyteller at the United States Great Plains Region (District I), overseeing the BIA-OJS District I, Victim Assistance Program. Renee was previously assigned to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota as Victim Specialist. She has held positions as domestic violence/sexual assault advocate and law enforcement officer. Renee is a certified instructor with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and has trained/assisted law enforcement agencies across the nation. Renee has over 15 years experience working with Indian Country crime victims on various reservations including Oklahoma. She has extensive experience assisting crime victims, primarily in domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking cases within tribal, state, and Federal court settings. Renee has a bachelor’s in Criminal Justice from St. Gregory’s University, Shawnee, OK and a master’s in Human Resources (Criminal Justice) from East Central University, Ada, OK. Renee has worked on projects such as the Maze of Injustice with Amnesty International and has been a leading voice for Oklahoma Native victims. Renee has served on many community boards, such as ORCPI (Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute), NAPCA (Native American Police Chiefs Association) PARB (Post Adjudication Review Board, OK County), and OK Lethality Assessment Advocates Advisory Committee. She currently holds a non-voting position on the West River Human Trafficking Task Force for Pennington County and North Dakota Human Trafficking Task Force.

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**Bonnie Clairmont**

Bonnie Clairmont, citizen of the HoChunk Nation of Wisconsin resides in St. Paul, Minnesota where she has been employed with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) since 2004 as Victim Advocacy Program Specialist providing training and technical assistance to tribal nations on issues related to crime victimization. Prior to her employment with TLPI, Bonnie worked for more than 25 years as a victim advocate for sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, human sex trafficking. Bonnie provided extensive training to promote multidisciplinary training/ collaboration between advocates, law enforcement, healthcare professionals and others on providing victim centered responses to victims of all crimes including sexual violence, domestic violence, children exposed to violence and elder abuse. She was
the primary author of the publication, Sexual Assault Response Teams: Resource Guide for the Development of Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) in Tribal Communities. Bonnie co-edited “Sharing Our Stories of Survival” an anthropology of writing by Native women who have experienced violence. Bonnie assisted in researched Amnesty International USA conducted for the report, “Maze of Injustice: The failure to protect Indigenous women from sexual violence in the USA.” Bonnie was the 1995 recipient of the Office for Victims of Crime, National Crime Victim Service Award presented by President Bill Clinton.

**Kendra Wilson-Clements**

Kendra Wilson-Clements is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. By day she is a Partner and Human Resources Practice Leader for The Mettise Group, a management consulting firm based in OKC. She is a warrior for social justice and is fiercely committed to her Tribe, Indian country, and the fight for indigenous rights. Kendra is a co-founder of Matriarch, a non-profit organization established to promote the social welfare of Native women through education, community building, and direct services. Kendra also serves on the Board of Directors for “Live Indigenous OK” a non-profit organization advocating for the restoration of wellness, justice, and visibility of Indigenous cultures and communities, by promoting cultural truth and broadening minds to recognize and embrace our humanity. Kendra is a voice and advocate for Mental Health. She was a member of the Oklahoma chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI). Kendra earned a bachelor’s in Political Science with a minor in Pre-Law at Oklahoma City University. Recent Speaking Engagements: Oklahoma Women’s March – January 2017; Oklahoma Indian Gaming Tradeshow (OIGA), Guest Speaker – July 2016; OKC Confidence Con, Moderator – February 2016; Women in Leadership Symposium, Guest Speaker/Panelist – December 2015.

**Carma Corcoran**

Dr. Carma Corcoran (Chippewa-Cree) is the Indian Law Program Director at Lewis and Clark Law School. Carma has a bachelor’s in Communication with a dual focus on Cross Cultural Communication and Conflict Resolution. Carma has a Master’s degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on Organizational Administration and Cultural Humility. She has a strong background working with non-profit organizations. She is former Board Chair of Red Lodge Transition Services and also served on the board of the Native American Student and Community Center at Portland State University as well as board committees of several non-profits. She has a consulting business; Carma Corcoran Consulting working with a number of non-profit clients. Carma has taught as an adjunct at the University of Oregon and currently teaches at Portland State University. She completed her PhD writing on the issue of Incarceration and Native American Women in her dissertation titled “The Juxtaposition of Gentle Action Theory and Traditional Ways of Knowing and Being: In the Provision of Services to Native American Women Experiencing Incarceration.” Dr. Corcoran employed an Indigenous Research Paradigm in the research and writing of her dissertation.

**Sarah Adams-Cornell**

Sarah Adams-Cornell (Choctaw) is an advocate for Native American culture, education and rights. She serves as Executive Director of Live Indigenous OK and is Co-Founder of Matriarch, a program to empower Native women. Sarah is a board member of ACLU of Oklahoma, Not Your Mascot and World Experiences Foundation. Sarah is a consultant for Central Oklahoma Chapter of the National Organization for Women and ally member of Central Oklahoma Two-Spirit Society. She served as Activist in Residence at the University of Oklahoma. Sarah hosted a radio program addressing current news/topics concerning Indian Country. She was awarded the 2017 NCAIED Native American 40 Under 40, 2017 Journal Record 50 Women Making a Difference, 2016 40 Under 40 from the Gazette, 2015 Oklahoma Humanitarian Award and was named 2014 Cotey College Young Alumna of the Year. Sarah has taught hundreds of children about Native American culture through school presentations in the Oklahoma City metro area. In 2014 Sarah, with others, worked to eliminate Land Run reenactments and offensive Redskin™ mascot from Oklahoma City Public Schools. Sarah, with OKCPS Native American Student Services, launched “Oklahoma History Day,” a diverse and inclusive account of Oklahoma history, as an alternative to harmful Land Run reenactments in OKC public schools. Through Matriarch, Live Indigenous OK and Idle No More Central Oklahoma, Sarah has helped host Oklahoma rallies and meetings to educate and bring light to human and environmental injustices. Sarah attended Cotey College and the University of Oklahoma. She is married to Dustin Cornell. They have two daughters.

**Linda Bearcrane Couture**

Linda Bearcrane Couture (Crow), MSW, is a Supervisory Victim Specialist with the BIA Office of Justice Services. Linda began her career at Yellowstone County Attorney’s Office in Montana where she developed a Domestic Violence Program. She was hired in 1995 as Victim Witness Assistant where she focused primarily on violent crime cases. Linda began her victim services career as Victim Witness Specialist in the US Attorney’s Office, District of MT in 1999. Her responsibilities included Indian country cases involving child abuse, internet crimes against children, violent crimes, and white collar crimes. While employed with the U.S. Department of Justice, Linda earned a masters in Social Work in 2006. Linda began working in 2008 for BIA, Office of Justice Services as its first Victim Services Coordinator in District V-Billings, MT. She developed BIA’s Victim Assistance Program.

**Amber Kanazbah Crotty**

Amber Kanazbah Crotty is a Navajo Nation Council Delegate and member of the Health, Education and Human Services Committee and Chairwoman of the Sexual Assault Preventive Sub-Committee. Amber is born for the Kinyaa’áánii Clan, her Cheis are Deeshchii’nii and from To’Halstoii (Sheep Springs, NM). Amber comes from a long legacy of women leaders, strong weavers, tenacious sheepherders and loving grandmas. Mrs. Crotty studied American Indian Studies-Law and History at University of California-Los Angeles. As a Delegate, mother and community member, Amber advocates for Navajo Citizens who have little to no political agency such as domestic violence
Ann Dapice
Ann Dapice (Lenape/Cherokee) received a PhD in psychology, sociology and philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. She has taught and/or served as administrator at a number of universities including the University of Pennsylvania, Widener University, Penn State University, Goddard College, Tulsa Community College, and Rogers State University teaching courses in the social sciences, philosophy and Native American Studies. She is Director of Education and Research for T.K. Wolf, Inc., a 501(c)(3) American Indian organization. She consults with the University of Pennsylvania on development of Native American Programs where she is Founder of the Association of Native Alumni. Her cross-cultural and interdisciplinary research has been reported in professional journals, books, and academic presentations regionally, nationally and internationally—and and in newspapers, radio, television, and the internet. Presently, she is on the Board of Directors for the National Indian Monument and Institute, American Indian Arts Association and a Commissioner for the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Commission.

Virginia Davis
Virginia Davis , a Senior Policy Advisor at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) works on public safety, criminal justice, and human rights issues. Virginia first joined the NCAI staff in 2005. From 2009 to 2013, Virginia served as Deputy Director for Policy at the Office on Violence Against Women at the US Department of Justice. In that capacity she played a lead role in the administration’s efforts to advance reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. Before joining NCAI, Virginia was a Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellow at Georgetown University and worked at the National Women’s Law Center where she focused on employment discrimination and the role of the federal courts in women’s lives. Virginia has written and spoken widely on criminal justice issues, civil and women’s rights, federal Indian law and policy, and international human rights. She is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Law School.

John Dossett
John Dossett is the General Counsel to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). Mr. Dossett’s work at NCAI began in 1995 and includes a range of legal, legislative and intergovernmental issues relating to the rights of Indian tribal governments. He co-directs the Tribal Supreme Court Project along with the Native American Rights Fund. The Project was formed in 2001 in response to a series of U.S. Supreme Court cases that negatively affected tribal sovereignty. Mr. Dossett received his bachelor’s degree from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, and his law degree from the Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

Christopher Foley
Christopher T. Foley (Cherokee) is a staff attorney with the Indian Law Resource Center in its Helena, Montana office. Chris works on both international indigenous rights, supporting efforts to build and strengthen human rights standards relating to indigenous peoples within the United Nations and the Organization of American States, and on the Center’s domestic litigation and law reform projects. He focuses much of his time on the Center’s Safe Women, Strong Nations project which works to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women. Chris received his B.A. from Swarthmore College.

Alex Graves
Alex, through Rolling Thunder Training provides training to law enforcement, prosecutors, advocates on victim of crime response, officer involved domestic violence, and a range of family violence crimes. He is currently a Branch Chief assigned to the Physical Techniques Division at the Department of Homeland Security / Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. His previous assignment was Branch Chief at the Firearms Division. Alex began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Marine Corps Criminal Investigation Division. After leaving the Marine Corps, Alex spent 12 years with the Hawaii County Police Department where he served as a Detective/Sergeant supervising the West Hawaii Criminal Investigation Section, Domestic Violence Unit. Alex then went on to work in South Dakota with Sacred-Circle/ Cangleska Inc., as Law Enforcement Training Specialist and as Special Investigator for the Oglala Lakota Nation’s Attorney General. Alex joined the staff of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in 2005 as a Law Enforcement Program Specialist. Alex serves on the Civil Rights Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He is also a volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for CASA Glynn and serves on the Glynn County Citizens Panel Review. He has a bachelor’s in Criminal Justice Administration from Bellevue University.

Erica Gourneau
Erica Gourneau, RN BSN SANE-A serves tribal communities and the Indian Health Service under the Division of Behavioral Health as the National Forensic Nurse Coordinator. Ms. Gourneau has worked with victims of domestic sexual violence in the Great Plains Area as a Registered Nurse and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for the past 8 years. In her current role, she now assists communities and Indian Health Service staff to build and sustain forensic healthcare programs using culturally appropriate evidence-based practices.

Dr. Diane Gout
A survivor of childhood physical and sexual abuse and adult sexual assault and intimate partner violence, Dr. Diane Gout has worked in the field of violence against women for nearly 30 years. She is an advocate at heart and believes passionately in telling our stories. She has presented nationally, sharing her stories and is writing her first memoir. Moving from advocacy to research and evaluation, she conferred her PhD from Boston University in the Interdisciplinary Sociology and Social Work Programs. Dr. Gout is owner and executive director of Gray O.A.K. LLC, a Maine-based research and evaluation company working primarily with tribes and non-tribal agencies working with tribes in the United States and Alaska. The company’s overarching mission is to empower communities and develop internal capaci-
ty through promotion of ownership, autonomy and knowledge (O.A.K.). Dr. Gout has successfully developed a data collection framework interwoven with the art of story-telling, a concept well-received and regarded by tribal agencies and organizations. Dr. Gout’s personal experience and direct field work instructs and compliments her evaluation and research work. She has trauma-based practice experience and has worked with survivors of rape, child sexual abuse, and domestic violence. She has also worked with multi-disciplinary teams to develop policies and protocols, evaluate systems, and conduct research on issues of trauma and abuse. Dr. Gout is experienced in qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Kelly Hallman
Kelly Hallman is a Cherokee Nation citizen who has worked for 20 years designing, evaluating and strengthening girl-centered programs in Africa and Central America, and now in Indian Country. Kelly holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from Michigan State University. She works with NIWRC and the Population Council.

Vanessa Adams-Harris
Vanessa Adams-Harris (Muscogee Creek) is an artist/actor, producer, director, documentary filmmaker, “AACT-adjudicator, workshop facilitator/presenter, spoken word artist, playwright, docent, human rights community/activist/peace-builder and spirit walker. She has performed or presented both nationally and internationally. She gained numerous awards for her portrayal of Lena Baker a domestic worker and victim of domestic violence, sentenced to die for killing her abuser. She serves as President-Elect North Tulsa Historical Society, Secretary of the Greenwood Neighborhood Association and is Vice-President of TKWolf, Inc. and is a member of Greater Tulsa Indian Arts Festival, Leadership Tulsa New Voices 2012, Oklahoma Arts Council Leadership Arts 2012. Indigenous Artist Gathering 2015, Panelist – Minneapolis, Minnesota, “Listening-and Really Hearing, So We Can Heal.” She has served as Secretary for the Oklahoma Community Theatre Association, Women’s Playwrights International Conf.-Management Committee-Secretary. (www.wpinternational.net, ), Education Committee of America Association of Community Theatre (www.aact.org), and Office Assistant for the Church of the Restoration Unitarian Universalist in the Historic Greenwood District, Tulsa, OK. Edited and directed the documentary by TKWolf, Inc. “Unheard Voices-Stalking in Indian Country” and “Unheard, Unseen” an Interview with Dr. Reid Melloy a leading stalking forensic psychologist. She graduated from Oklahoma State University School of Technical Institute and studied at The University of Tulsa majoring in Anthropology/Theatre.

Lenny Hayes
Lenny Hayes, MA, is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton-Oyate of South Dakota. In 2010 Lenny holds a Master’s degree in Adlerian Psychology with an emphasis in Marriage Family Therapy, Clinical Counseling, and Management Consulting and Organizational Leadership from the Adler Graduate School, Richfield, MN. Lenny received a certificate in the Co-Occurring Disorders Program which lead to a Master Level Licensed Alcohol Drug Counselor from Adler Graduate School in 2013. Lenny is owner and operator of Tate Topa Consulting, LLC. He has extensive training in mental health issues that impact the Two-Spirit/LGBTQ community. Lenny has always worked within the Native American community, including the American Indian Family Center, St. Paul, MN, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and consultant/therapist with the Little Earth of United Tribes, Minneapolis, MN.

Lenny is in private practice specializing in Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ issues with adults and youth. Lenny was most recently selected as technical assistant/consultant with the Office for Victims of Crime, Washington, D.C. His lived experience and training have made him a sought after workshop presenter on Native American Historical and Intergenerational Trauma. Lenny co-facilitated a Support Group for Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ with the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center. Lenny is involved with several local LGBTQ organizations and is former Board Chairman of the MN Two-Spirit Society. Lenny is a First Nations Repatriation Institute Board member, an Advisory Committee Member for the Capacity Building Center for Tribes, Two-Spirit/Native LGBTQ Advisory Committee Member for the Center for Native American Youth, Washington, D.C., LGBTQ Advisory Co-Chair Council Member for the Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition, and a Council Member for the MN HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care Council.

Alecia “Lisa” Heth
Ms. Lisa Heth has worked over 24 years in the field of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. Ms. Heth has been a strong women and children’s advocate on the Crow Creek and Lower Brule reservations in South Dakota. She is executive director for Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc. (Helping Families) which operates two domestic violence shelters, a transitional housing program and a resource center. She is a founder of Children’s Safe Place located adjacent to Project Safe Shelter and recently Pathfinder Center, a place of refuge for victims of human trafficking. Ms. Heth received the prestigious 2015 OVC National Crime Victims’ Service Award, Tribal Law and Policy Institute 2012 Bonnie Heavy Runner Victim Advocacy Award. In 2010 received the Carol Macll Advocacy Award from the SD Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence, and received the 1998 SD US Attorney’s Victims’ Rights Advocacy Award. Ms. Heth was appointed in 2002 to 2012 by the SD Governor to the SD CASA and served as the co-chair of the South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence from 1999 to 2001, 2010-2011 & 2013. Ms. Heth served from 2011 to 2013 as the Chair for the Native Women’s Society of The Great Plains, which is a tribal coalition. Ms. Heth is a co-founding member and former Chair of the Native American Children Alliance (NACA). Ms. Heth is a member of the Lower Brule Lakota Tribe and is married to Robert Heth, a Crow Creek Dakota Tribal member.

Brenda Hill
Brenda has been an advocate for ending violence against women and their children for 30 years. She is a consultant, providing training, technical assistance and public education materials for programs with missions focused on ending domestic and sexual violence, and their allies. She is known nationally for her passion and commitment to creating social change that confronts the root causes of violence/ oppression and women-centered, inclusive, trauma-informed approaches that inspire hope and promote concrete change. dMaking connections and relationship building are central to her work philosophy. Brenda is an Associate with...
the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health. She was Native Co-Director for the South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence (SDCEDSV) for over six years. She was an active member of the SDCEDSV since 1990. Previously, she was the Education Coordinator for Sacred Circle, National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women for over 11 years. She is founding mother & former Director of the Women’s Circle Shelter Program on the Lake Traverse Reservation. Prior to Women’s Circle, she was faculty for the Sisseton Wahpeton Community College. Brenda earned a B.A. from New York University, and M.A. and certificate in alcohol and drug studies from the University of South Dakota, but attributes her advocacy expertise to grassroots women who have honored her with their stories, her personal experience as a survivor, and her relationships with grassroots advocates. Brenda is Siksika/Blackfeet, mother of a son and daughter, and has eleven wonderful grandchildren and four gorgeous great-grandchildren.

Kathy Howkumi
Kathy Howkumi, is an enrolled tribal member from the Pueblo of Nambe (Tewa) located in northern New Mexico. Kathy serves as Supervisor of the National Victim (VAP) Assistance Program, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services. She oversees Supervisory Victim Specialists (SVS) located in Arizona, Montana, and North Dakota, and serves as point of contact for national committees, taskforces, training and technical assistance, and national initiatives. She also supervises three Victim Specialists providing direct victim services to 17 of the 19 pueblos in NM and CO. Kathy was the Peacekeepers Domestic Violence Program Team Coordinator for Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Inc. (ENIPC) where she established programs and services to address and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and teen dating violence. She has worked with the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) as a Program Manager in the Tribal Unit. She worked on national policy, developed grant solicitations, and managed and awarded grant funding to tribal government and tribal coalition grantees across Indian country. She also developed and managed cooperative agreements to conduct national training and technical assistance initiatives, which increased tribal government and tribal non-profit capacity to respond to crimes. Kathy has over 26 years experience advocating for protection of Native women and children. Her advocacy began in 1992, when she ran for tribal office after leaving a 14-year abusive relationship. She is the first elected Tribal Council woman for her tribe. She also served as Tribal Council Secretary. She is a certified instructor at FLETC/Indian Police Academy, (IPA).

Lonna Hunter
Lonna Hunter, (Dakota/Tlingit) is a Tribal/Technical Assistance provider for tribes at the National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC) at Fox Valley Technical College. Lonna is passionate advocate for incarcerated Native women. She joined the American Indian Women Prison Project (AIWPP) in 2016 and advocates for Native women victims of crime in Minnesota women’s prison. Lonna was the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs Tribal Liaison for crime victim services, homeland security, emergency communications, State Patrol, and the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension. Recently, Lonna facilitated discussions focused on sex trafficked Native youth with Minnesota’s tribal. She assisted tribal law enforcement develop a victim-centered sex trafficking taskforce in partnership with the US Attorney’s Office. Lonna helped organize the crime victim compensation board to develop tribal policy for healers and ceremonies to be covered for Native victims of crime. Lonna worked with the Governor’s Office and Minnesota’s tribal nations to author the 10-page Tribal Law Enforcement and Jurisdiction white paper for the opioid tribal state summit. Lonna’s other experience includes work as the Resilience and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Prevention Planner with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Lonna is a member of the Maternal Child and Health Fatality Review Team and passionate advocate for Native youth. Her past children’s advocacy work includes expert testimony to Attorney General Eric Holder’s Taskforce on American Indian/Alaska Native Children witnessing violence. Lonna is also an appointed member of the Indian Advisory Committee and Dakota Community Council for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Valaura Imus
Ms. Imus (Hopi) is a Supervisory Victim Specialist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) - Victim Assistance Program, Arizona District III, Office of Justice Services. Ms. Imus provides supervision, direct victim services, and technical assistance to several tribes. Ms. Imus also worked for the Department of the Interior, Office of Law Enforcement and Security (DOI/OLES) as the first Victim Specialist to serve crime victims in BIA District III. Previously, she worked for the Hopi Tribe in Arizona as Director of the Hopi Domestic Violence Program and served as Legal Advocate for the Office of the Hopi Tribal Prosecutor. Ms. Imus works on National Human Trafficking Initiatives for the City of Phoenix, law enforcement, faith base programs, and tribal communities. She was appointed as a National Ad Hoc committee member for the President’s Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons. Ms. Imus received the Department of the Interior’s Certificate of Appreciation for excellent leadership during installation and development of the Department’s Victim Assistance Program at the BIA Phoenix Office. She serves as a trainer presenter at national and local conferences. Ms. Imus holds a B.S. in Health Promotion from Northern Arizona University and a Master’s in Criminal Justice from Grand Canyon University. She is a certified Domestic Violence Trainer by the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AzPOST) and Peer Support.

Michele Navarro Ishiki
I am married, and Mom to my 5 children whose ages range from 28 to 7 years old. Born and raised on the island of Maui, a survivor of domestic violence, drug addiction, homelessness and incarceration. My hope is to use my journey over the last 17 years to help empower our people, and my community by sharing my experience of recovery. My goal is to bring about change and equip those who have suffered, and those who continue to suffer; giving them tools, to show them there is life after the devastation. In August 2016 I completed Graduate school with a Masters Degree in Social Work, from the Myron B. Thompson School of Social Work - University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, where I also completed my Undergraduate degree in Social Work, in December 2013. I hold a certificate in the state of Hawai‘i as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC), and I am
also certified as an International Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ICADC). I serve as the Vice President on the Board of Directors of Women Helping Women, the only domestic violence shelter on the island of Maui.

**Tammy Truett Jerue**
Tamra Truett Jerue lives in Anvik Alaska, a small Athabascan community on the Yukon River. She is the mother of four children and the grandmother of five. She has worked in the field of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for the last 40 years in various capacities. Ms. Jerue’s education includes a Bachelor Degree in Social Work, Community Psychology and Secondary Education. She has been involved with many non-profit Boards over the years and has worked most of her professional life in rural Alaska in many fields such as Therapist, Sexual Assault Counselor, Teacher, Tribal Administrator, ICWA Social Worker, and Trainer. She currently works as the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center. Her many experiences and that of her family and friends with Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault have kept Ms. Jerue passionate in helping facilitate change at a community level, within systems, and families to help survivors live a violence free life.

**Selina Keryte**
Selina Keryte, MPH: Ms. Keryte is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, School of Medicine, Public Health program. She has over 20 years of experience in public health with IHS in the Division of Epidemiology & Disease Prevention and Behavioral Health in grants management. In her current role, as the DVPI National Coordinator, she provides training for IHS Area Project Officers and provides technical assistance on program development and evaluation.

**Rachel King**
Rachel is currently Resource Technician with Mending the Sacred Hoop TA Project in Duluth, MN. Her work over the years has been dedicated to promoting health lifestyles in Native communities. She has lived both on the reservation and in large urban communities, witnessing violence against Native women and children. She has several years of experience working with Native communities and with underrepresented population in the area of education and student support, where she develops culturally sensitive curriculum. Rachel recently completed a Master of Education program at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, in which she focused on experiential learning and learning communities. Her thesis examined homeless/at-risk youth communities throughout the United States, looking at how youth in these communities’ support each other.

**Paula Julian**
Paula Julian serves as Policy Specialist for the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC), the National Indian Resource Center Addressing Domestic Violence and Safety for Indian Women. Paula assists with policy analysis and development, technical assistance and training, and development of partnerships to strengthen laws, policies and responses addressing violence against Native women. Formerly, Paula was an Outreach Coordinator with Sacred Circle helping provide technical assistance and training supporting Native women’s advocates. Paula also worked for the Avellaka Program, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians assisting to establish the Tribal Program and development and implementation of the Tribe’s response to violence against women. She also worked with White Buffalo Calf Woman Society, Inc. and assisted in provision of a pilot technical assistance project to Tribes strengthening tribal capacity to establish, maintain, and expand programs and projects to assist victims of sexual assault. Prior to this, Ms. Julian spent 11 years as Program Manager at the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice. Highlights of her time at OVW include: analysis and development of policies affirming government-to-government relations with tribes and the Federal trust responsibility, for the Department and with other Federal agencies; development of the Safety for Indian Women from Sexual Assault Offenders Demonstration Initiative; Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program development and administration; management of the STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant Program, STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program, and State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program; and development and implementation of technical assistance and training. Additional experience includes: San Francisco Asian Women’s Shelter volunteer advocate; Family Violence Prevention Fund (now Futures Without Violence) Program Assistant, including advocacy at a substation of the San Francisco Police Department; founding member, Vice President and Board Member with the Washington, D.C. Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project; and Tribal Subcommittee Member of the Violence Against Women Act Committee contributing to the VAWA 2013 development.

**Lori Jump**
Lori Jump, a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, is the Assistant Director of the StrongHearts Native Helpline. Previously, Lori served as Executive Director of Uniting Three Fires Against Violence, a statewide coalition that provides training, technical assistance and resources to improve the capacity of tribes in Michigan to respond to domestic and sexual violence in their communities. She brings a wealth of tribal advocacy and criminal justice experience to StrongHearts having held several positions within the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa criminal justice system before officially taking over as Program Manager of the Advocacy Resource Center. The Advocacy Resource Center is a comprehensive program for victims of domestic and sexual violence, providing advocacy, shelter and civil legal representation to survivors. Lori is also an Appellate Court Judge for the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribal Court and previously served as a member of the Section 904 Task Force, appointed by Attorney General Eric Holder.

**Caroline LaPorte, J. D.**
Caroline LaPorte is the Senior Native Affairs Policy Advisor for the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center. Her work focuses on housing, human rights, children and youth, firearms and criminal justice all within the gender based violence framework. She is a Texas Bar Licensed Attorney and previously worked as a family law attorney and at Dallas CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization that represents children in foster care. She has been published twice by the American Bar Association’s Law Practice Magazine and co-authored an article published in the Domestic Violence Report.
that focused on applying the human rights framework to domestic violence in the United States. She graduated from Baylor University in Texas, majoring in Philosophy. After undergrad, she joined the Teaching Fellows (Miami Cohort) and was placed in Little Haiti and Liberty City. She graduated cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law. Caroline was named a Hendry Bandier Fellow for her work in child advocacy and human rights, and was a Natasha Pettigrew Memorial Award recipient. During law school, she clerked for the Office of Tribal Justice at the Department of Justice and for the chief legislative attorney of Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, of which she is immediate descent. She has served on the National Executive Board for the National Native American Law Student’s Association and as a fellow in the Children and Youth Law Clinic.

Melinda Harris Limberhand
Melinda Harris Limberhand, an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, was born and raised in Lame Deer, Montana, on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. Her Cheyenne name is Sacred Water Woman. Melinda is the mother of two girls, Rosie and Hanna, and she has one grandchild who she is now raising. Melinda’s oldest daughter, Hanna, was murdered on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation on July 4, 2013. At that time, Hanna’s son, Jeremiah, was only 6 months old. As is the case with so many missing Native women and girls, local law enforcement was unwilling to launch a search for Hanna after she had been missing overnight, ignoring her family’s insistence that Hanna would not leave her still breast feeding baby unless something bad had happened to her. The family organized their own search, and days later finally found her murdered. Melinda has been a beacon of strength to her family and the community in the aftermath of Hanna’s murder, organizing local walks and speaking engagements, and meetings with Montana’s congressional delegation to raise awareness about the lack of adequate response when Native women go missing. Through her advocacy, May 5th has been designated the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls. Melinda was diagnosed with cancer in September of 2017, and after 6 rounds of chemotherapy and major surgery, she is a cancer survivor.

Rachel Lorenzo
Rachel Lorenzo (Mescalero Apache/Laguna Pueblo/Xicana) is a queer mother of two and lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico to young parents and was raised on her father’s ancestral land in Laguna, New Mexico. Rachel was not only raised on her traditional values but also on politics. Throughout her academic career, she volunteered for political campaigns, ranging from city council elections to presidential campaigns. She was selected as a fellow for President Barack Obama’s 2012 reelection campaign, Obama For America (OFA). Rachel graduated with a BA in political science and a Masters in public administration, focusing on public health; both degrees are from the University of New Mexico. Rachel studied political campaigns, participated policy analyses, and has been consulted for her expertise in public health policies impacting indigenous communities. Rachel currently serves as Board of Directors Chair for the YWCA-New Mexico and was accepted to the prestigious Emerge New Mexico class of 2017. She was also a part of cohort of brilliant change-makers in Western States Center’s Western Institute for Leadership Development (WILD).

Malia Luarkie
Malia Luarkie (Laguna Pueblo/African American) is the proud daughter of Kari Ray and Richard Luarkie and she is an organizer for Indigenous Women Rising. She is a woman who has always had an interest in contributing to society in positive ways: since graduating from high school in 2014, she has been in the workforce and has always sought ways to connect with community movements and organizing. Malia cares about Indigenous communities and wants to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Eleanor Lyon
Eleanor Lyon (Ph.D), is a researcher-advocate who retired from the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work in 2011, where she served as Director of the Institute for Violence Prevention and Reduction and taught courses on violence against women and research methods. During a career of over 30 years, she has directed a domestic violence shelter; conducted research and evaluation at the local, state, and national levels; and worked on a wide range of projects in collaboration with advocates working with survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Since 2011 she has consulted on research and evaluation issues with state and national organizations including Futures without Violence and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and is the senior research consultant for the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health. She has collaborated with advocates and survivors from diverse communities to develop research and evaluation tools for needs assessments and trauma-informed practice and outcomes for survivors. In addition, she co-authored Outcome Evaluation Strategies for Domestic Violence Service Programs Receiving FVPSA Funding. A Practical Guide with Cris Sullivan in 2007 and in 2014, she and Jill Davies co-authored Domestic Violence Advocacy: Complex Lives, Difficult Choices.

Nicole Matthews
Nicole Matthews is a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. She is the Executive Director for Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition, a statewide tribal coalition and national Tribal technical assistance provider. Nicole was one of five researchers who interviewed 105 Native women used in prostitution and trafficking for their report: Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota. Nicole is the proud mother of three beautiful children and the grandmother to one grandson. They give her the strength and motivation to continue working to end gender-based violence.

Mililani Martin
Mililani was born on Oahu, raised in Waimanalo. She has been a Cosmetologist for over 38 years, loves making people look and feel good. Mililani moved home to Hawaii 5 years ago. She lived in Oregon for 8 years and Florida for 4 years. She owned her own business for about 15 years in Hawaii and the mainland. She moved to Maui in the 70’s, then to Lana‘i in the late 80’s to open a Hair Salon. She had the privilege to watch the island of Lana‘i change from a sleepy pineapple plantation to a resort destination. She also experienced a plantation worker become a polished and refined hotel employee. The Island of Lana‘i has been her home for the past 5 years and has a hold of her heart. Mililani presently attends college for Human Services. Her goal is a masters degree in social work. She is currently the Lana‘i coordinator for Women Helping Women. The mission of Women Helping Women is to...
end domestic violence through advocacy, education and prevention; and to offer safety, support and empowerment to women and children, victims of domestic violence. The island of Lana‘i acquired its first Domestic Violence Shelter in December 2016. Jackie Woolsey, her mother, along with the late Phyllis McOmber were staunch supporters of services benefitting women and their children. “My mother is my Hero and I will one day gather all her Mana‘o (knowledge) to follow her movement to help people”. Milli is also her mother’s caregiver and proudly says that it is her Kuleana (privilege or rights) to take care of her mother.

Nicole Martin
Nicole Martin (Navajo, Laguna, Chiricahua Apache) is an organizer for Indigenous Women Rising and is the most recent addition. She is very excited for what IWR has to bring for our communities. Nicole received her BA in Native American and Indigenous Studies with a minor in Gender and Women’s Studies, from Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. She resides in Albuquerque with her dog and family.

Rita Martinez
Rita Y. Martinez (Pueblo of Laguna) obtained her BA in Criminology and Minor in Social Welfare (cum laude) from the University of New Mexico (UNM). She has over 15 years of project management and research experience working as a Project/Business Manager for AIDA. As Project Manager, Rita provides important coordination, oversight, and support in implementation of a number of research projects with varying methodologies at tribal locations throughout the nation, including research on violence and victimization issues. Rita is a recipient of the prestigious Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Scholarship, American Indian Student Services, and the faculty nominated Peggy Cavett Walden Scholarship for her educational achievements. Rita is nearing completion of her graduate education for a Masters in Public Administration and Masters in Community and Regional Planning at the University of New Mexico.

Willymae Smith-McNeal
Willymae Smith-McNeal is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and is currently employed with Four Directions Treatment and Recovery with the Native Connections, Cohort 2 Program, which is a Suicide Prevention and Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program geared for ages 12 through 24. Ms. Smith-McNeal is a Mescalero Apache Tribal member and has lived there for most of her life.

Ada Pecos Melton
Ada Pecos Melton, MPA (Jemez Pueblo) is the AIDA President. She brings 30 years of experience in the design and management of culturally relevant TTA focused on tribal justice systems and allied agencies. Ms. Melton has been the lead principal investigator for 27 evaluation and research studies. Studies currently include the congressionally authorized National Baseline Study on public safety and wellness of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) women living in tribal communities, the Methodological Research Examining Violence and Victimization of AI/AN Youth pilot study, and Tribal Court Assessments with California Tribes located in District IX. AIDA provides services to clients nationwide and to state and federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations. This hands-on experience has enabled Ms. Melton to design and manage culturally relevant research, evaluation, and assessment studies for projects conducted throughout Indian Country. She has written numerous project reports, developed instructional and information materials, and authored articles dealing with tribal victimization and justice issues. Her public service includes work as a Chief Probation Officer, Court Administrator, and Director of justice-related programs. Her combined knowledge and experience working with tribal, state, and federal agencies adds to her ability to engage the types of practitioners, administrators, and policymakers. She holds a Masters in Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, both from the University of New Mexico.

Cindy Molacek
Cindy Molacek has worked as a Mental Health Therapist since 2003. She is a member of the Fond du Lac Reservation in Minnesota. Ms. Molacek has worked with Human Trafficking since 2003, which includes working primarily with complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Dissociative Identity Disorder. Fond du Lac Reservation is the only Reservation that has an intervention called Brainwave Optimization. BWO or Brainwave Optimization has made a dramatic difference for the members of Fond du Lac Reservation. Ms. Molacek often presents on the tremendous progress being made due to the Brainwave Optimization. Fond du Lac currently has more optimized Native American brains than any other Reservation. Research from Fond du lac was completed and compiled regarding addictions and recidivism resulting in a 235% increase in sobriety after one year using Brainwave Optimization. Come listen and learn about an intervention that is as easy as hearing the sounds of your own brain. Is your brain balanced, imbalanced or full of trauma?

Cindy Northrup
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Carmen O’Leary
Carmen is an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of South Dakota. She has worked toward ending violence against Native women professionally and as a volunteer since 1988. Her work began as a shelter Children’s Advocate. Years following, she
Deleana OtherBull
As the executive director, Deleana OtherBull leads the strategic direction of CSVANW and supports its dynamic team to meet CSVANW’s highest aspirations for social change through community building and capacity work in the movement to end violence against Native women and children. For over 10 years, Deleana has focused her efforts on tribal and federal program design, development, management and evaluation with a specialized focus in Native non-profits. She has worked at the national level with tribal communities across Indian Country and is passionate about strength-based social change work, advocacy and community engagement. In both personal and professional settings, Deleana is known for her passion for families, community, and social movements. Deleana utilizes a strength-based approach to community work that is creative, accessible, inclusive and collaborative. A graduate of the University of Arizona and the Institute of American Indian Arts, Deleana holds degrees in Psychology, Creative Writing, and English. She is currently pursuing a Masters of Business Administration at the University of New Mexico’s Anderson School of Management. Committed to being involved in the community, Deleana sits on the Board of Directors for the Native American Professional Parent Resource (NAPPR), on an advisory board for NewMexicoWomen.org and on several legislative committees for New Mexico. She was named 2017 New Mexico Young Professional of the Year and a recipient of the National Center’s Native American 40 under 40 in 2017. In 2016, she was named one of three of Senator Tom Udall’s New Mexico Women of Success.

Gwendolyn Packard
Gwendolyn Packard (Ihanktonwan Dakota), Training and Technical Assistance Specialist, National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, has worked for many years in Indian country, both at the national and tribal level. She has served as editor for six national Indian publications. In 1990 she was instrumental in founding the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS). She served as Executive Director for Morning Star House, an advocacy program that works with off reservation Indian women and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. She also served as Executive Director of the NM Suicide Prevention Coalition, and is founder and Co-Chair of Rain Cloud, the off reservation behavioral health collaborative in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a survivor of domestic violence, a writer, a grass roots organizer and community activist. She has made a commitment to social change in working to address social and economic justice issues that affect the health and well-being of Indian people as documented in her work experience.

Beverly Patchell
Beverly Patchell, PhD, RN, APN is Assistant Professor at the University of Utah College of Nursing and an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. She has many years of experience in research and clinical work with Native American populations around issues of substance abuse and exposure to violence and other health inequities with multiple publications resulting. She is working with several tribal, IHS and community based Native American serving organizations to address mental health needs and trauma exposure among indigenous populations.

Rose “Loke” Pettigrew
Rose “Loke” Pettigrew moved from the island of Oahu to the island of Molokai 31 years ago to live on the land where her kupuna (elders/ancestors) lived during ancient times. She stayed home raise her two children and when her youngest keiki (child) started school, she took classes at the local community college. Rose is a social service assistant with the Family Court of the Second Court, State of Hawaii. She’s worked for The Judiciary on Molokai for 21 years. She is also a DV advocate at the only DV shelter on the island of Molokai. She’s worked at the shelter for nine (9) years providing individual services, case management, support groups, etc. She is presently still employed with Hale Ho’omalu (house of refuge) DV shelter and The Judiciary.

Keioshiah Peter
Keioshiah (Diné) is of the Folded Arms People Clan and born for the Mexican People Clan. They are from Kirtland, New Mexico and are currently pursuing a Master’s in American Studies at the University of New Mexico. Their family’s knowledge, curiosity, and concern for their family and respected Native Nation have shaped them into an individual, who is willing to apply their skills and knowledge to the betterment of their community. Keioshiah strives to continue the resistance and decolonial work in sexual and reproductive justice in the Native Nation and surrounding areas through the Rez Condom Tour and non-profit partnership with the Native Youth Sexual Health Network and Young Women United.

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Resource Center (NIWRC), bringing many years of personal and professional experience to continue the advocacy efforts led by the many movement leaders before her. She strives to create change in collaboration with grassroots advocates and leaders in the movement to uphold the sovereignty of Indian Tribes and to safeguard the lives of Native women with law & policy work, social change, grassroots advocacy, organizing and other efforts in a culturally appropriate way. Rose earned her AA from Haskell Indian Nations University (KS), her BA from Central Washington University (WA) and her Juris Doctorate and Certificate in Indian Law from the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law (AZ). Rose now makes her home in Maricopa, AZ to be near her four feisty grandchildren.

Princella RedCorn
Princella RedCorn serves as Communications Officer for the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, a Native nonprofit addressing safety for Native women and their children. She is an enrolled member of the UMO’n’HON (Omaha) Tribe of Nebraska and lives on the Wah-Zha-Zhi (Osage) Indian Reservation with her husband and son. As Communications Officer for the NIWRC, she shares best practices and resources with tribal domestic violence shelters and programs and educates the general public through various media platforms. She is a member of the Native American Journalists Association and earned her Bachelor’s degree in Broadcast Theatre from Creighton University and a Master’s degree in Professional Journalism from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Elizabeth Anne Reese
Elizabeth A. Reese (Nambe Pueblo) is a Project Attorney at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) where she manages NCAIs work with tribes concerning the 2013 Violence Against Women Act’s Special Domestic Violence Criminal provision. Prior to joining NCAI, Liz was a civil rights litigator at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational fund, where she specialized in voting rights and education. Liz served as a federal law clerk for the Honorable Amul R. Thapar of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (who has since been elevated to the Sixth Circuit). Liz spent her law school summers as a legal intern for the United States Department of Justice’s Civil Rights Division-Appeal Section and for United States Senator Richard Blumenthal. Liz received her B.A. from Yale University, her M.Phil from the University of Cambridge, and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Melissa Riley
Melissa E. Riley (Mescalero Apache) is a successful entrepreneur who provides training and technical assistance (TTA) to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities as well as social work, behavioral health, education, and medical services in rural and urban programs on the national, state, and local levels. Ms. Riley uses her own culture, tradition, work experience, and education to help AI/AN communities enhance and sustain community programs that promote health and social justice. She has managed federal projects for the Office for Victims of Crime (Counseling & Faith-Based Services for Crime Victims in Indian Country TTA grant, Children’s Justice Act Partnership in Indian Country TTA grant), assessing grantee needs, evaluating TTA services, and recording performance measures. She co-authored a national faith-based curriculum and produced TTA videos and training guides for these projects. She developed curricula for the New Mexico Department of Health/Office of Community Health Workers, Gallup Indian Health Services, and nonprofit organizations. She helped develop a sexual assault protocol for the Hopi Tribal Health Center and other tribal multidisciplinary policies and procedures that enhance victim service response and increase prosecution. Ms. Riley was a field interviewer for the National Institute of Justice funded Violence Against Indian Women National Baseline Pilot Study, and has experience with Institutional Review Board applications, National Institutes of Health certification, establishing research protocols and conducting research, and using digital equipment such as Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing and Audio Computer Assisted Self-Interviewing. Ms. Riley coordinated efforts to develop and implement wrap-around services for tribal programs that serve community members impacted by alcohol and substance abuse. She provides direct services to New Mexico tribal communities, including counseling, social work, home evaluations, guardian ad litem services, and family conferencing facilitation.

Cynthia M. Ruiz
Cynthia M. Ruiz is an Author, Professor, Inspirational Speaker, Leadership expert and Executive Coach. Receiving over 50 accolades and awards for leadership and service, she has a passion for inspiring Latinas through mentorship. She serves as Co-Chair for Girls Today Women Tomorrow, a leadership mentorship program for young Latinas in Boyle Heights. She founded Wise Latina Network, which empowers Latinas to develop their full potential. She currently serves as a Los Angeles City Commissioner overseeing a multibillion-dollar pension portfolio for City employees. She has received the prestigious Hollywood Chamber “Women of Distinction Award, the HOPE “Ray of Hope” award and the Weingart, “Women Building LA Award. She authored two books, “Cherokee Wisdom- 12 Lessons for Becoming a Powerful Leader” and “Finding Sane Relationships in a Crazy World”. She was President of the Board of Public Works for the City of Los Angeles where she had oversight of 5,000 employees and a billion dollar per year budget. She has worked as an Executive at the number one container Port in the US and has successfully run her own business. Cynthia holds a MS in Counseling from Harvard University. Coming from blended cultures (Latina and Native American), she enjoys a passion for life and an appreciation of the gifts of Mother Nature. Cynthia knows the importance of giving back and always strives to stay humble. As a Latina she has a passion for women empowerment. Her Cherokee values inspire her to teach others with her lessons. She lives in Los Angeles where she enjoys hiking and the diversity of living in a metropolitan city.

Kathy Sanchez
She was born in San Ildefonso Pueblo. Kathy is known in Tewa homelands as Wan Povi. In her aging role, she is settling into her role as an elder. Thus, Elder Kathy so willingly shares her insights learned on her life’s journey. She is a fierce activist and organizer who believes that beloved community healing start within self and as we each heal so does our Mother Earth. Tewa Women United have strived deeply to put Indigenous core spiritual values into action for community healing to end the parasitical culture of violence.
**Dayna Schultz**
Dayna, a part native Hawaiian female survivor of DV who was drawn to help others heal and overcome their struggles. Dayna’s academic training includes a Bachelors in Human Services Management and a Masters Degree in Social Work. She has a license in Social Work and is a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. She will be graduating in June 2017 with a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. She dreams of opening the first women’s trauma clinic on the island of Oahu. Dayna’s 12 years of DV field work began as a DV shelter worker/advocate to becoming the Ohi’a DV shelter program supervisor. She has served as Kokua Counselor/program coordinator for the Ho’okaiaka ‘Ohana Program, a culturally based trauma informed approach to healing. Dayna is the Residential Services Manager for two clean and sober transitional homes for Women In Need on Oahu. She has a desire and passion to work with women and trauma, especially those of the Native Hawaiian community and believes in openness and flexibility, and trusts the Universe will place her where she can be most helpful.

**Jeremy NeVilles-Sorell**
Jeremy NeVilles-Sorell has worked in the field of domestic violence since 1994 on issues affecting children who have experienced domestic violence, supervised visitation, batterer’s intervention, and providing training and education. Since 1998 he has been providing training and technical assistance through Mending the Sacred Hoop Technical Assistance Project. Jeremy has been a consultant and trainer on numerous projects for other national agencies and local communities and he is involved with community groups and educational efforts to engage and promote non-violent lifestyles for men. Jeremy has conducted groups with teenage boys and girls on domestic violence, facilitated groups for Native men who have battered, and organized community education events.

**B.J. Spamer**
B.J. Spamer has served as a Director with NamiUs at the UNT Health Science Center since 2011. She previously worked as an Intelligence Analyst with the Kansas City (Missouri) Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and as a Forensic Case Manager for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. Ms. Spamer is a graduate of the DEA’s Federal Law Enforcement Analysts Training (FLEAT) Academy and is a member of the International Association of Crime Analysts. She holds a B.S. in Behavioral and Social Sciences from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), a B.A. in English from UMUC, and a Masters Degree in Forensic Science from The George Washington University.

**Faith Spotted Eagle**
Faith Spotted Eagle was born in Lake Andres, South Dakota. She attended the American University in Washington, Dc., and Black Hills State College in Spearfish, South Dakota. She holds an MA in Educational Psychology and Counseling from the University of South Dakota. Her time as a student included an internship for then-senator George McGovern. She has been a private consultant in PTSD counseling for veterans, as well as a school counselor and principal, and a Dakota language teacher at Sinte Gleska College. She is a founding member of the Brave Heart Society, an organization for teaching girls about traditional culture, chair of the Ihanktonwan Treaty Committee, and the manager of Brave Heart Lodge in Lake Andes, which seeks to preserve Dagota cultural beliefs for the future. Faith Spotted Eagle served as a delegate of the Treaty Committee NGO at the United Nations.

**Kelly Gaines Stoner**
Kelly Gaines Stoner (Cherokee) serves as Victim Advocacy Legal Specialist for Tribal Law and Policy Institute. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1988. For the past twenty years, Kelly has taught American Indian/ Tribal Law and Domestic Violence related classes at the North Dakota School of Law and Oklahoma City University School of Law (OKCU). She directed the University of North Dakota Native American Law Project that served clients of the Spirit Lake Reservation on targeted domestic violence and sexual assault cases. In 2011, Kelly was appointed as a Judge for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She also supervised a project in partnership with the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma that established a SAFE Unit at a local hospital, recruited SANEs and targeted community education on domestic violence and sexual assault. Kelly directed the Native American Legal Resource Center at OKCU where she supervised law students prosecuting Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking cases and representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in civil matters. She is a frequent lecturer for the American Bar Association’s Commission on Domestic Violence and for the Office on Violence Against Women’s national technical assistance providers on domestic violence issues in Indian Country. Ms. Stoner helped launch the Native Alliance Against Violence, Oklahoma’s only tribal coalition against domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

**Victoria Sweet**
Victoria Sweet (Anishinaabe) is the Assistant Director of Tribal Law and Justice Consulting with The Whitener Group. Prior to joining The Whitener Group she worked as a senior program attorney at the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Victoria received her JD from Michigan State University College of Law and a certificate in Indigenous Law and Policy Judges. Victoria received her JD from Michigan State University College of Law with a certificate in Indigenous Law and Policy. She has presented at national and international conferences and provides technical assistance and training to tribal and state court judges, attorneys, advocates, and court staff on topics such as human trafficking, violence against Native women, ICWA compliance, and intergenerational trauma. Her publications include articles on the human trafficking of Native women and girls and the violence against and exploitation of Native women.

**Amanda Takes War Bonnett**
Amanda is public education specialist for the Native Women’s Society of the Great Plains, Reclaiming Our Sacredness, which is a coalition of domestic violence and/or sexual assault programs committed to reclaiming the sacred status of women. The Society offers a vision that ends domestic and sexual violence against Native women, in all aspects – a vision of change. The Society works to support and strengthen sisterhood and local advocacy and program development efforts through culturally specific education technical assistance training and resource implementation. Amanda has worked in the field of journalism for more than 30 years. She was former editor and managing editor.
of Lakota Times and Indian Country Today for 14 years and publisher/owner of Lakota Country Times a tribal newspaper serving western South Dakota for four years. She has since retired from print news and works to promote healthy lifestyles. She is a graduate of Sinte Gleska University with a Masters of Arts in Mental Health and worked as a communications coordinator and developed a successful interface model between school and community. She is also a part of the Stone Boy Women’s Society. Hokila Winya Omniceya, a traditional Lakota women’s society using spiritual guidance and traditional ceremonies to assist in healing women and children who are in need of their services. She has four children and 14 grandchildren.

Dolly Tatofi
Dolly is a spiritually guided Indigenous woman born and raised on the island of Oahu. She has resided most of her life off the slopes of Puowaina, or more commonly known in the Makiki area as Punchbowl. She was raised in a diverse home by her mother, Earlette Leite from Hilo, Hawaii and her father, Tui Isaia from Fasito'o-uta, Samoa. She has been blessed with many learning opportunities and experiences that have guided her work with a wide variety of people at varying capacities from the youth at the YMCA to incarcerated women and men at TJ Mahoney and Associates. Dolly’s educational background consists of a BA in Ethnic Studies and a Masters in Social Work. She has worked within the Mental Health system for over 10 years and was able to obtain her LCSW in 2016. She currently works in the medical field at HMSA as a Service Coordinator with the Long Term Support Services Program and continues to learn and share what she knows about her culture. At this time she has found that her gift and purpose continues to unfold and part of her kuleana (responsibility) is to discern and pay attention to the messages brought by spirit in order to connect others to this knowing in order to maintain pono and aloha in all things.

Wyanet Tasker
Wyanet has worked with children and youth for over a decade in a variety of settings. Wyanet is a graduate of Colorado College with a major in Neuroscience. She has worked with youth through a residential treatment facility, school settings, a youth specific homeless shelter, and HUD funded housing programs. She currently works with tribes across the country to develop and enhance their responses for children and youth who endured Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Sexual Abuse, Teen Dating Violence, and Trafficking. She has many years of experience working with special victim populations such as Developmentally Disabled, Intellectually Disabled, male, and LGBTQ youth. Through the organizations she has been involved with, she has accumulated knowledge on the trauma response, Trauma Informed Care, crisis responses, program development, confidentiality, safety planning, conducting Interdisciplinary Team meetings, and building community support. Wyanet formerly served on the Board of Directors at One Nation Walking Together, an agency that “is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of Native American Indians living on reservations as well as providing programs for urban Indians”. She contributes as a guest writer for Wings Foundation, Inc on topics related to childhood sexual abuse. She additionally participates in the Native American Advisory Council through the Emerging Leaders Development program at the El Pomar Foundation.

Linda Thompson
Originally from Minnesota, Linda Thompson moved to North Dakota in 1995, living within the boundaries of the Spirit Lake Tribe. In 1997, she started the Spirit Lake Victim Assistance Program. In 2007, Linda and two other tribally based victim service program directors founded a Tribal Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition. Coalition membership include Spirit Lake Tribe, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation, Standing Rock Tribe, Trenton Indian Service Area, and the Bismarck Native urban population. First Nations Women’s Alliance (FNWA) is one of several Tribal Coalitions across the Nation. In 2008, Linda was hired as FNWA’s first Executive Director. She worked many years creating, building and maintaining relationships, which established a framework for providing victim services to Native people. Feeling the “time was right to come home,” she applied for a position with the Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition (MIW-SAC) and was hired in August 2016. She currently is MIWSAC’s Membership & Outreach Coordinator. Linda is a member of the Minnesota Human Trafficking Task Force. She remains committed to a deep and lasting involvement in advocating for Native people and Native programs addressing critical issues in Tribal communities. She is engaged on local, state, and national levels, a role that is both challenging and rewarding.

Erica Tremblay
Erica Tremblay is an award-winning filmmaker based in New York, where she works as the Director of Video Development at Bustle. She is the co-founder of Homespun Pictures and her films have been featured on PBS and the Independent Film Channel. In 2012, she received the Emerging Filmmaker award at the Kansas City Film Festival for her documentary “Heartland.” Her 2014 feature documentary “In the Turn” (intheswim.com) secured distribution after screening at over 50 festivals globally. She was recently honored as a 40 Under 40 Native American. Erica is a member of the Seneca-Cayuga nation.

Rob (Roberta) Valente, J.D.
Rob Valente is a consultant to the Battered Women’s Justice Project and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, with specialized interests in firearms, federal domestic violence laws and interventions, and tribal issues relating to domestic violence. She works with the National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence to advocate for federal laws and funding to protect survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Ms. Valente serves and has served as a consultant on domestic violence issues for various organizations, including the Battered Women’s Justice Project, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the National Congress of American Indians, and the Alaska Native Women’s Coalition. She has also served as Attorney Advisor to the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and as the founding Director of the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. In 2009, the National Congress of American Indians presented Ms. Valente with the NCAI Public Sector Leadership Award for her work legislation addressing safety and justice for Native communities. Ms. Valente is grateful to have received the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence’s 2011 Sharon L. Corbitt Award.
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**Jana L. Walker**

Jana L. Walker (Cherokee/Loyal Shawnee/Delaware), an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation and of the Delaware Tribe, is a senior attorney with the Indian Law Resource Center in Helena, Montana. Founded in 1978, the Center is a nonprofit organization established and directed by American Indians. The Center is dedicated to protecting the rights of Indian and Alaska Native nations and other indigenous peoples. Jana serves as the project director for the Center’s Safe Women, Strong Nations project, which works to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women and its devastating impacts on Native communities. The project does so by raising awareness domestically and internationally, providing advice to Native nations and Native women’s organizations on ways to restore safety to Native women and criminal authority to tribes, and helping to strengthen the ability of tribes to prevent and address such violence on their lands. Jana has practiced Indian law over 30 years, focusing on the representation of Indian tribes and tribal and Indian entities. She received her JD cum laude from the University of New Mexico School of Law and is admitted to practice law in Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, and the District of Columbia.

**Carole Warshaw**

Carole Warshaw, M.D., is the Director of the National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH). She has been at the forefront of developing collaborative models and building system capacity to address the mental health and advocacy concerns of survivors of DV and other trauma and to create accessible, culturally relevant, domestic violence- and trauma-informed services and organizations. She has published and spoken extensively on these topics and has served as an advisor to numerous health, mental health and advocacy organizations and federal agencies, including SAMHSA’s Advisory Committee on Women’s Services and Joint National Advisory Council. She has worked closely with the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center since its founding in 2011 and previously with Sacred Circle: The National Resource Center to End Violence Against Native Women. NCDVTMH has provided training and technical assistance to tribal DV programs and coalitions across the US.

**Samantha Wauls**

Samantha Wauls is the Project Coordinator for the Tribal Resource Tool at the National Center for Victims of Crime. She also serves on the Advisory Council for the Native Alliance Initiative, a program launched under Teach for America to support Native Corps Members and Alumni. Before joining the National Center, Samantha was a teacher on her maternal grandmother’s indigenous homeland, the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and worked on health and healthcare issues impacting people of color and indigenous communities in Phoenix, Arizona. She was a 2014 Policy and Advocacy Fellow with the American Youth Policy Forum and a Fall 2015 Research Intern with The Education Trust. She is a proud alum of Public Allies Arizona and Teach For America in South Dakota. She grew up in San Bernardino County, and graduated from California State University, Northridge (CSUN) with a degree in Africana Studies. In the summer of 2017, Samantha participated in an intensive summer immersion program at Columbia University on indigenous peoples’ rights and policy.

**LeToy Lunderman**

LeToy Lunderman is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and was raised in the community of HeDog on the Rosebud Reservation. She has studied Social Science at Sinte Gleska University, University of Nebraska – Omaha, and Oglala Lakota College. As one of the Project Coordinators at White Buffalo Calf Women’s Society, she brings both personal and professional experience to better serve our relatives that experience both domestic and sexual violence. She has worked in the trauma informed care/direct service field for over ten years. As a survivor herself, LeToy has been able to connect with many victims and help them in their own recovery. This allows her to use her position with the shelter to ultimately help bring positive change to the residents of the reservation. LeToy is the mother of two daughters and a son.
While violence against Indigenous women is a pervasive worldwide human rights violation, unprecedented levels are being reached in the U.S. Indigenous women living on Indian reservations experience unique challenges that intensify this epidemic. For more than 35 years, Indian nations have not had criminal authority over non-Indians (Indian Law Resource Center, 2017) and were unable to prosecute non-Indians who reportedly committed violent crimes against Indigenous women on tribal lands. Restoring full tribal criminal authority can help to end violence against Indigenous women if Indian nations have the institutional capacity and readiness to exercise their legal authority. Legislation such as Savanna’s Act, will improve communication among Federal agencies and Indian Nations by providing tribal access to federal databases and allow for infrastructure development of tribal justice systems. The goal of this session is to shed light on challenges of Indigenous women and explore the unique and innovative ways communities, legislation and support is being rendered. The presentation objectives are to: 1) Provide insight into unique challenges of Indigenous women faced with violence; 2) Purview current legislation, focusing on ways to close the gaps unique to Indigenous women; and 3) Highlight programs and organizations that are making strides in supporting Indigenous women.

This is a two-session workshop with Part One exploring the historical root causes for violence against indigenous women to provide a framework for discussion about the dynamics of domestic violence and respectful, trauma-informed advocate response. Part Two explores how children are affected when they see, hear, and observe domestic violence. How can we as advocates create comfort and protection for children in shelter and other environments? How can we act as good relatives in providing information and support to women as mothers? The cost and consequences to individuals, families, and communities is great. Please join us for this important discussion.

Research in tribal communities and Alaska Native villages requires active and meaningful involvement and input by tribal leaders, communities, and citizens. This session will present what the researchers role is in 1) identifying tribal stakeholders and 2) gaining perspectives and input at varying levels—government, community and citizens. The session will also present the possible roles and responsibilities of stakeholders linked with research: 1) review of research proposals, designs, methods and approaches, 2) possible challenges, 3) participation in analysis of findings and publications, and 4) dissemination strategies.

Public Awareness and community engagement is an on-going effort. To make social change and get support for your work you need a well-informed community so this presentation is designed to guide you through the essential parts of identifying “coercive control” to help educate the public on intimate partner violence. Mending the Scared Hoop has new vignettes and public awareness brochures that help define power and control tactics and we will elaborate on their use to help you help your community become proficient on naming the violence.

Five years ago, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA 2013). In response to the high rates of domestic violence being perpetrated against Native women by non-Native men, and harrowing stories from victims whose abusers seemed out of justice’s reach, the law contained a new provision—which was heavily debated at the time. VAWA 2013 reaffirmed the inherent sovereign authority of Indian tribal governments to exercise criminal jurisdiction over certain non-Indians who violate qualifying protection orders or commit domestic or dating violence against Indian victims on tribal lands. This provision in VAWA 2013 created a framework for tribal courts to prosecute non-Indians again—something that had not happened in 35 years, since the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Oliphant v. Suquamish Tribe. VAWA 2013’s limited reaffirmation of tribal criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians, known as Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (SDVCJ), has fundamentally changed the landscape of tribal criminal jurisdiction in the modern era. By exercising SDVCJ, many communities have increased safety and justice for victims who had previously seen little of either. SDVCJ has allowed tribes to respond to long time abusers who previously had evaded justice and has given a ray of hope to victims and communities that safety can be restored. This workshop provides an overview of the law, summarizes how this landmark provision has been implemented, and analyzes its
impacts in the 5 years since it was enacted. It will also include a panel comprised of a handful of representatives from tribes who have implemented.

This examination of the tribes’ early exercise of SDVCJ suggests that VAWA 2013 has been a success. As Congress intended, the law has equipped tribes with the much-needed authority to combat the high rates of domestic violence against Native women, while at the same time protecting non-Indians’ rights in impartial, tribal forums.

Presenter(s): Kelly Gaines Stoner/Chia Halpern-Beetso
Title of Presentation: Establishing Tribal Domestic Violence Courts and Dockets

Tribal domestic violence courts and dockets are vital in exercising tribal sovereign judicial authority in a manner that focuses on victim safety, batterer accountability and healthy families utilizing tribal customs/traditions focusing on health tribal communities. Cases involving domestic violence are among the most complex and dangerous cases that courts may address. Domestic violence cases task judges, court personnel and all related service providers with handling the complicated dynamics of abuse. This practice-based workshop will focus on establishing a tribal domestic violence court or docket. This workshop will walk through the TLPI resource “Establishing a tribal domestic violence court or docket”. This includes addressing the following issues: an overview of domestic violence issues in Native communities; an overview of a domestic violence court and docket; sustaining and strengthening the domestic violence court or docket; and providing examples of models of domestic violence courts and dockets. TLPI will also provide copies of the resource to participants.

YOUTH Session #1
Presenter(s): Caroline LaPorte, J.D. & Mallory Black
Title of Presentation: What’s Love Got to do with it?

Relationships can be difficult to navigate, especially for youth or young adults. This session will give youth and young adults the tools and knowledge to navigate the challenges of relationships. Participants will learn about and how to identify what healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships may look like. They will be able to have the tools and knowledge to learn how to set boundaries and develop healthy communication skills. Presentation Description: All relationships look different and are defined in many different ways. To have and build a healthy relationship, there are key pieces to build on. By providing youth and young adults the tools needed, they can be empowered to create healthy relationships. This session will identify and define what healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships look like on a relationship spectrum. Learning Objectives will be identifying and defining what abusive relationships look like; ways to be able to set boundaries in relationships; and ways to be able to have better communication in relationships. This session will also give the participants a chance to use music and real world scenarios as an interactive tool identify the different types of relationships.

Presenter(s): Loke Pettigrew, Dayna Schultz, Michele Navarro Ishiki, Mili Martin, Dolly Tatofi
Title of Presentation: Ka ipukukui pio ‘ole i ke Kaua’ula (Part One)

Ka ipukukui pio ‘ole i ke Kaua’ula.
The light that will not go out in spite of the blowing of the Kaua’ula wind.
Olelo No’eau #1414, Mary Kawena Pukui Hawaiian Proverbs & Poetical Sayings

What is light? Light is a natural element that stimulates sight and makes things visible. Light is provided by nature in the Sun, Moon and Stars. Light can be bright and light can be dim. Light could also be created in the form of fire which in turn creates warmth. But is this all it really is? In Hawai’i the light was embodied in the form of the kukui a tree which would bare nuts that could be eaten, used as medicine, used as adornment, and used as candles. The tree itself was the kinolau (physical representation) of Lono, one of the four main Hawaiian deities that represented peace and growth, and Hawaiians revered and honored.

Part 2 of this workshop will delve into the disconnect that occurred with the arrival of the missionaries and the gradual decimation of a people and their ways. We will also look at some of the current events, current interventions, and needs that kanaka maoli require in order to heal as a lahui, especially women. Prerequisite: Ka ipukukui pio ‘ole i ke Kaua’ula workshop 1.

Presenter(s): Erica Tremblay
Title of Presentation: Telling Our Stories Through Video: a Hands-on Workshop

As Native people, we tell our stories for many reasons. From capturing the wisdom of our elders for our communities, to bringing our work as activists to a greater international audience, we can increase our impact through increasing the visibility of the stories we tell. There is a lack of Indigenous coverage and non-Natives often create what is out there. It is time to take our stories back and weave together our own narratives of the past and present for future generations.
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Presenter(s): Rose Quilt, J.D. & Caroline LaPorte, J.D.
Title of Presentation: Conversation With the Field: Understanding Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities within the Context of Intimate Partner Relationships

Over the last decade, the national awareness of sexual assault against Native women has increased, but more must be done at all levels to stop sexual assault against Native women, including those occurring within the context of intimate partner relationships. This conversation with the field will be a discussion focused on the scope of sexual assault committed against American Indians and Alaska Natives and concerns related to tribal, federal, and state systems’ responses, and how adequate and culturally appropriate responses can help reduce the trauma and disparities experienced by Native victims.

Presenter(s): Willymae Smith-McNeal
Title of Presentation: Domestic Violence and American Indian Women, a Personal Domestic Violence Survivor’s Story

This workshop will cover American Indian women and Domestic Violence. Domestic Violence models will be introduced and discussed, using speaker’s personal experience with domestic violence.

Presenter(s): Karen Artichoker
Title of Presentation: Two-session Workshop: Session 2: Impact of Domestic Violence and Children and Responding as Advocates/Relatives

This is a two-session workshop with Part One exploring the historical root causes for violence against indigenous women to provide a framework for discussion about the dynamics of domestic violence and respectful, trauma-informed advocate response. Part Two explores how children are affected when they see, hear, and observe domestic violence. How can we as advocates create comfort and protection for children in shelter and other environments? How can we act as good relatives in providing information and support to women as mothers? The cost and consequences to individuals, families, and communities is great. Please join us for this important discussion.

Presenter(s): Deejay Chino/Ada Pecos Melton
Title of Presentation: Engaging Tribal Leadership in the Design and Implementation of National Research in American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

Research in tribal communities and Alaska Native villages requires active and meaningful involvement and input by tribal leaders, communities, and citizens. This session will present what the researchers role is in 1) identifying tribal stakeholders and 2) gaining perspectives and input at varying levels—government, community and citizens. The session will also present the possible roles and responsibilities of stakeholders linked with research: 1) review of research proposals, designs, methods and approaches, 2) possible challenges, 3) participation in analysis of findings and publications, and 4) dissemination strategies.

Presenter(s): Jeremy NeVilles-Sorell
Title of Presentation: Naming the Violence: Helping Your Community Identify Coercive Control Tactics in Intimate Partner Violence

Public Awareness and community engagement is an on-going effort. To make social change and get support for your work you need a well-informed community so this presentation is designed to guide you through the essential parts of identifying “coercive control” to help educate the public on intimate partner violence. Mending the Scared Hoop has new vignettes and public awareness brochures that help define power and control tactics and we will elaborate on their use to help you help your community become proficient on naming the violence.

Presenter(s): Virginia Davis and John Dossett
Title of Presentation: Funding for Victims Services Programs & the 115th Congress

Tribal nations are committed to securing public safety and victim services for tribal citizens and other Americans who live and work on reservations. However, insufficient funding and legal barriers to the effective administration of justice create an environment where American Indian and Alaska Native people experience violence at far greater rates than other populations and are unable to access the services they need to heal. This session focuses on the effort to secure federal funding for victim services and criminal justice in Indian country, specifically through the Victims of Crime Act. Presenters will discuss the recent creation of a tribal set-aside from the Crime Victims Fund and provide an update on plans for how those funds will be used.
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Presenter(s): Eleanor Lyon, PhD
Title of Presentation: Culturally Responsive Trauma-Informed Approaches to Program Evaluation

Evaluation is an essential part of building successful programs for survivors, their families and the communities in which they live. This workshop will describe culturally grounded approaches to assessing needs and conducting program evaluations, including documenting what the program is doing, how the program is doing it, and the impact the program is having on survivors. The workshop will provide an overview of different evaluation strategies that are appropriate for FVPSA-funded domestic violence service programs along with examples based on work with Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian programs and communities. The workshop will be highly interactive. In addition to providing an overview of the steps, stages and strategies for evaluation, the presenter will share a range of needs assessment and evaluation tools such as surveys and questions for focus groups, listening sessions and talk circles, drawing on what is of greatest interest to participants and exploring those areas in more detail.

YOUTH Session #2
Presenter(s): NativeLove Team/Youth Sessions Committee
Title of Presentation: Youth Speed Mentoring

The Speed Mentoring session is designed to be a fun and interactive networking session for youth interesting in the safety for Native women and children movement. This is an interesting and engaging version of speed dating—except; instead of Romance, Leadership and Inspiration are the goals. The event space will be broken up into 20-25 stations with a chair for a mentor and a chair for youth. Youth and mentors will have five minutes to talk and share their work and interests. After five minutes, youth will move to the next mentor station and spend the next five minutes sharing their work and interests. Youth will be encouraged to draft up some talking points and mentors will be encouraged to share their experiences working in the field and if their organization has any possible internships. This type of one-on-one experience will help youth speak up at the adult sessions and get to know possible mentors in the field if they move forward in their career.

Presenter(s): Loke Pettigrew, Dayna Schultz, Michele Navarro Ishiki, Mili Martin, Dolly Tatofi
Title of Presentation: Ka ipukukui pio ‘ole i ke Kaua’ula (Part Two)

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Presenter(s): Lori Jump
Title of Presentation: StrongHearts Native Helpline - Weaving a Braid of Support For Native Survivors of Domestic Violence and Dating Violence

The StrongHearts Native Helpline is a national resource for survivors of intimate partner violence and has been accepting calls since March 2017. Those on both sides of the line (callers and advocates) have experienced challenges when reaching out or when responding to callers. This session will introduce some of the innovative strategies used to overcome barriers and meet the needs of survivors.

Presenter(s): Alex Graves
Title of Presentation: Understanding the Lethality of Strangulation

Participants will understand the seriousness of a very misunderstood act committed in numerous domestic violence incidents.
American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have the highest crime victimization rates in the nation and often have difficulty connecting with victim services. AI/AN victims of crime face additional challenges such as navigating complex jurisdiction barriers and a dearth of culturally appropriate services, both on and off tribal lands. On January 1, 2016, the Office for Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice funded the National Center for Victims of Crime (NCVC), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the Tribal Law and Policy Institute (TLPI) to work together and create a web-based tribal resource mapping tool that would link AI/AN victim/survivors of crime to tribal victim services anywhere in the country. The project was designed to also help identify gaps in the network of existing services. To achieve these goals, the project partners have convened several events in order to seek input from primary stakeholders from tribal communities about the design and content of the tool. Recently, the official project name was changed to the Tribal Resource Tool: Resources for Survivors of Crime and Abuse. This session will focus on the project team's journey to develop the tool, and be an opportunity for participants to have a first-look at the tool before it launches nationally.

**Presenter(s):** B.J. Spamer  
**Title of Presentation:** Effective Use of NamUs for Missing and Unidentified Person Case Resolution

The number of missing and unidentified persons in the United States poses one of the biggest challenges to law enforcement, medical examiners, and coroners tasked with resolving these important cases. The National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) is a national information clearinghouse and resource center which offers technology, forensic services, and investigative support to help resolve cases. Funded and administered by the National Institute of Justice, and managed through a cooperative agreement with the UNT Health Science Center, NamUs offers all services at no cost to agencies or families of the missing. The online NamUs databases are accessible to all, with secure case information accessible only to registered and vetted criminal justice users. Forensic odontology and fingerprint examination are offered through NamUs to support case comparisons, and DNA analyses and forensic anthropology services are offered through affiliated UNT Center for Human Identification laboratories. This webinar will focus on how technology can be a valuable resource to tribal nations working to build their capacity to respond to missing and murdered Indigenous peoples, and case studies will be provided to illustrate the effectiveness of the NamUs databases and forensic services.

**Presenter(s):** Chia Halpern Beets  
**Title of Presentation:** “Using the Tribal Code to Address Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Sex Trafficking, and More: TLPI’s Tribal Legal Code Resource Series”

This practice-based workshop will focus on strategies to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking through the development or enhancement of tribal code. This workshop will overview the Tribal Law and Policy Institute’s Tribal Legal Code Resource Series, including Tribal Laws Against Sexual Assault and Stalking, Tribal Laws Implementing VAWA Enhanced Jurisdiction and TLOA Enhanced Sentencing, and Tribal Sex Trafficking Laws. The workshop will first underscore the importance of process in tribal code development, including the importance of Native communities to control the design and form of their laws. The workshop will then overview the Tribal Legal Code Resource Series, a free collection of workbooks that offer overviews, tribal code examples, tribal code commentary, and exercises for developing tribal code on a variety of topics, including domestic violence laws, sexual assault and stalking, implementing VAWA jurisdiction, and sex trafficking. The workshop will then walk through a section of the Sexual Assault and Stalking Laws and Sex Trafficking resources, with handouts to each attendee, to provide example of how the resources can be used.

**Presenter(s):** Gwendolyn Packard and Carole Warshaw  
**Title of Presentation:** The Opioid Epidemic in the Context of Trauma, Trafficking and Domestic Violence: What Are the Issues?

This workshop will examine the intersections between trauma, domestic violence and the opioid epidemic and discuss innovative approaches to addressing these complex issues. The workshop will provide an overview of what is known about the opioid epidemic and a framework for thinking about opioids in the context of trauma, trafficking and domestic violence. It will focus on the specific concerns of Indian communities and tribal domestic violence programs and shelters and will offer examples of strategies for strengthening our advocacy at the practice, community and policy level. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for participants to discuss the issues faced in their communities and the strategies they have found helpful in addressing them.

**Presenter(s):** NIWRC Policy Team  
**Title of Presentation:** National Strategies for Increasing the Safety of Native Women

This interactive session will focus on discussing the necessity of a national framework for our collective work in addressing gender based violence in our tribal communities. The policy team at NIWRC will conduct a five minute survey/worksheet to identify policy priority issues and concerns with the group in attendance. We will provide materials for participants to work from, such as the VAWA book. There will be a social media component/ communications component that will pull from our work with Tribal Coalitions. The materials that are produced
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will be created so that they can be utilized in local tribal organizing efforts. NIWRC will share organizing strategies and ways to overcome the legal barriers Native women face from a law and policy reform angle.

YOUTH Session #3

**Presenter(s):** Kurt Begaye/Lenny Hayes  
**Title of Presentation:** Native LGBT/Two Spirit Youth, Social Media, and Cyber Bullying

This interactive youth specific workshop is designed to increase the understanding of impacts of cyber bullying and stalking on social media platforms utilized by LGBT/2S Youth. The intent of this workshop is to help Native youth be more aware of the dangers of online communication applications like Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram and other dating apps.

**Presenter(s):** Amanda Takes War Bonnett & Carmen O’Leary  
**Title of Presentation:** Empowering Children in Shelter (Woksape Un Kpazo Pi) we are showing it through wisdom

Presenting a developed curriculum for advocates to use in shelter when working with children using culturally relevant skills and knowledge with a focus on safety, self-esteem and empowerment.

**Presenter(s):** Kelly Hallman & LeToy Lunderman  
**Title of Presentation:** Building Girls’ Protective Assets in Indian Country: Girl-Centered Intentional Program Design

Protective assets are strengths and skills that girls possess which can help them stay safer, weather crises better, and plan for the future. Protective assets can include: a strong support network; a tested safety plan; cultural knowledge; official ID documents; knowledge of how and where to apply for educational and social benefits; financial literacy; savings; and others. Protective assets have been shown in many settings to help girls have greater confidence, lower chances of experiencing sexual assault, better school performance, increased health knowledge, and enhanced life planning skills. This session will equip participants with skills to (a) identify age-appropriate protective assets for Native girls, and (b) more intentionally incorporate girl-centered elements into community-based programs.

**Presenter(s):** Carma Corcoran, PhD  
**Title of Presentation:** Gentle Action Theory: Bringing Hope and Healing to Native American Women’s Experience of Incarceration

The workshop is an interactive process of discussing Traditional Ways of Knowing and Being while addressing the issue of incarceration of Native American women. Gentle Action Theory is presented and contrasted with Traditional Ways to address the societal issues and barriers to women returning to community and to prevent recidivism.

**Presenter(s):** Jacquelyn C. Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN, Gail Dana-Sacco, PhD, MPH & Charlene Poo  
**Title of Presentation:** Using the DA-Circle with Indigenous populations: A case study in adapting assessment tools and interventions to specific cultural groups

This symposium illuminates the process of developing culturally specific assessment tools and interventions. As a case example, presenters will discuss the Danger Assessment-Circle, a culturally revised risk assessment tool, created with indigenous populations in the United States and Canada. Presenters will cover the following topics: culturally-specific risk and protective factors for intimate partner homicide; opportunities and challenges in building collaborative community partnerships; ethics in data collection with historically marginalized populations; and the use of systematic literature reviews to bolster cultural competency.

**Presenter(s):** Ann Dapice, PhD and Vanessa Adams-Harris  
**Title of Presentation:** Stories & Statistics—Crimes Against Native Women

Sacred footprints of sacred women -- listening, believing, respecting, honoring in the face of vulnerability. The workshop will begin with storytelling of Seminole woman from early 20th century, followed by discussion of resiliency of our Indian ancestors. The video “Unheard Voices: Stalking In Indian Country,” with a brief listening and hearing session. Video of “Unheard, Unseen” with stalking expert Dr. Reid Meloy, question and answer session to follow. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to respond to these portrayals in interactive ways. Final Power Point – Physiological-psychological-sociological aspects of stalking, intimate partner/dating violence, sexual assault and bullying—similarities and differences. Take aways will touch on prevention and intervention appropriate to specific crime. How do we carry our sacred medicine?
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Presenter(s): Bonnie Clairmont
Title of Presentation: Indigenizing Advocacy Responses to Sexual Assault

All too often we believe the solutions to our problems lay outside of ourselves, our traditions, our customs. This is colonized thinking. Most of what we need to heal, to feel a sense of justice from the trauma of sexual assault exists within us, within our traditions and customs. This workshop will guide participants through a journey of applying cultural traditions to our advocacy, to aid victims of sexual assault with their healing, to identify Indigenous pathways to justice and lastly to create tribally specific responses to sexual violence as it occurs in our communities. First we need to think sovereign, think Indian, be sovereign and be Indian.

Presenter(s): Tamara Truett-Jerue and Janelle Chapin
Title of Presentation: Increasing Safety for Alaska Native Women and Developing a Village Response to Domestic Violence

The Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center will discuss its approach to collaborating with Tribes to expand and enhance community response to domestic violence and sexual assault using existing law and policies.

Presenter(s): Caroline LaPorte, J.D. & Roberta Valente, J.D.
Title of Presentation: Disarming Abusers: Firearms and Intimate Partner Violence in Tribal Communities

This workshop will focus on the issue of firearms in the context of intimate partner violence and strategies to address the issue of access to firearms by abusers. The workshop will narrow in on policy development with participants, but will also respect cultural components around hunting, tradition, and cultural practices that may involve firearms in some aspect. The workshop will center on the following: 1) Statistics/research about dangers of firearms to survivors and why disarming abusers is important; 2) Federal, state and tribal laws on firearms prohibitions for abusers that can be prosecuted by U.S. Attorneys, state and tribal prosecutors; and 3) Ways in which tribes can limit abusers’ access to firearms (while not undermining subsistence and treaty activities), including through tribal protection orders and special tribal jurisdiction, which will include a primer on database options, resources and agencies involved, space for Indigenous adults, young and old. Using Indigenous methodologies our goal is to nurture a learning environment and discussion about sex, gender, and sexuality.

YOUTH Session #4
Presenter(s): NativeLove Team and Youth Ambassador/Challenge Winners
Title of Presentation: Youth Leading Youth: NativeLove is Youth Expressing Resilience by Walking in Ancestral Footprints, Carrying Our Medicine

This interactive youth session will be co-facilitated with NativeLove Youth Ambassador/Challenge Winner 2017 for a peer-to-peer discussion on ‘Healthy Relationships 101: Violence Against Native Women and Children’. We will focus on building a safe space, getting to know each other, and understanding the purpose of WAS and the Youth Sessions offered to them. This session will also be an activity-based introduction to Teen Dating/Healthy Relationships content, building trust, and learning how to use their voice to support other youth and be a leader against violence. In Activity Session #1 Youth Leading Youth teams will break out to develop content for videos/poems for a Youth Showcase. The product will be presented during the general closing session on day three. Youth will also screen the 2015 Women Are Sacred Conference Leadership and Youth Institute projects that included a play, short film/music video, journalism interviews of WAS 2015 attendees, and spoken word/poems. This session is the “development day” for their media/film creations.

Presenter(s): Rachael Lorenzo/Malia Luarkie/Nicole Martin
Title of Presentation: SEEDS: The Three Sisters

NDN Sex Education is about creating a space for Indigenous adults, young and old. Using Indigenous methodologies our goal is to nurture a learning environment and discussion about sex, gender, and sexuality. As Indigenous women we recognize the importance of a sex education that caters to the intersectionality of our youth and future generations. A dialogue that is inclusive of spiritual, mental, emotional, physical well-being and the relationships we have with others.

There are several approaches that will form the workshop. One is storytelling and the practice of mindfulness. To be present in the space, our bodies, aware of others presence, the land we occupy, the people our communities have lost, etc. It is important to have this as a foundation because in order to create a discussion or movement about NDN Sex Ed. We have to understand the impact of colonization on Indigenous minds, bodies, and spirit. Therefore utilizing qualitative research to present before we switch to further question and discussion. Activities included throughout the presentation are, meditation, reflection, in the form of writing, drawing, dialogue. Short consent and prevention using real-world examples. SEEDs, is using our medicine and restoring others, to plant and nurture self-care and love. In doing so we can heal communities and ourselves. This workshop will inspire growth and sustenance that will benefit all.
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**Presenter(s): Kurt Begaye, Lenny Hayes**  
**Title of Presentation: Broadening our Perspective to include the Native Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Transgender, and Two-Spirit Community**  
This interactive workshop is designed to increase the understanding of the Native LGBTQ/Two-Spirit community. This workshop will provide insight on historical trauma, terms, definitions, and relationship dynamics as related to the Native LGBTQ/Two-Spirit community. The intent of this workshop is to help tribal service providers be more responsive, understanding, compassionate, and inclusive in their work with Native LGBTQ/Two-Spirit victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

**Presenter(s): Dr. Diane Gout**  
**Title of Presentation: Victim Services Database**  
Attendees will understand that data collection can be a unique and important method of honoring human experiences. Collecting data is an opportunity to create compelling “stories” that reinforce sovereignty, influence decision-making, and promote accountability. Emphasis will be directed at ensuring the participating of individuals without creating further trauma. Attendees will develop: 1. An in-depth understanding about how collecting data is another way of conveying the story of their agency, the survivors it serves, and their community; 2. Recognition of the importance of this data at the individual, agency, community, state, and federal levels; 3. To be able to understand the types of questions and answers well-developed data “stories” can provide. New database - soon to be released - for tribal sexual assault and domestic violence programs will be introduced.

**Presenter(s): Erica Gourneau, RN BSN SANE-A, Selina Keryte, MPH**  
**Title of Presentation: IHS Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative Grants: Curbing the Impact of Violence in Tribal Communities**  
This presentation will outline the goals of IHS’ Domestic Violence Prevention Program, review data submitted by funded programs showing utilization of program activities, and highlight examples of successful projects and the impact to those communities. From 2010-2015, DVPI grant programs have administered over 78,500 direct service encounters with victims of violence, generated over 45,000 referrals to supportive victim services, and supported submission of 688 forensic evidence kits to law enforcement agencies. Use of both Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2 of the DVPI grant program can not only assist communities in providing prevention, advocacy, and crisis intervention services to victims, but can also support victim access to medical forensic exams. Attendees seeking to address domestic sexual violence can begin exploring the DVPP grant application process, contemplate possible program impacts on specific communities, and get answers to questions from IHS Division of Behavioral Health staff.

**Presenter(s): Lonna Hunter & Stephanie Autumn**  
**Title of Presentation: Absence of Justice: Building Indigenous Restorative Practices & Trauma Informed Approaches for Native Women in State and Federal Prisons**  
The overrepresentation of Native people in the criminal justice system is a nationally under-reported injustice. Native women in the United States are one of the fastest growing and most invisible populations (regarding needs and supports) in state and federal prisons in states with large Native populations (AK, CA, NM, AZ, ND, SD, MN, WI, OK). The occurrence of traumatic life experiences of incarcerated Native women is significant. Sixty-four to eighty-five percent (64-85%) of incarcerated Native women have experienced domestic, community, or dating violence, sexual assault or sex trafficking. Without cultural based restorative and trauma-informed practices along with community support for incarcerated Native women, the likelihood of recidivism is high. Cultural-based programs can help close the revolving door for Native women from our tribal communities to prison. The American Indian Prison Project Working Group develops and delivers restorative practice and trauma informed approaches and services to incarcerated Native women in Minnesota and South Dakota and throughout their reentry and reintegration into community. Subject expert presenters, Autumn (Restorative Practices) and Hunter (Culturally Based Trauma Informed Approaches), will guide workshop participants through an interactive and reflective presentation that will examine frameworks to assist organizations to strategically plan, implement, and expand services to serve incarcerated and formerly incarcerated Native women.

**Presenter(s): Jana L. Walker and Christopher T. Foley, Attorneys, Indian Law Resource Center**  
**Title of Presentation: Indian Nations in the United Nations and Organization of American States - Taking our Place in the World**  
This session will offer an overview of the organization of two human rights systems applicable to Indian Nations in the United States—the United Nations (UN) and the Organization of American States (OAS). The session will also discuss the indigenous rights affirmed in two historic documents of importance to Indian Nations and indigenous peoples everywhere: the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the UN General Assembly on September 13, 2007 and the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the OAS on June 15, 2016. Both Declarations are significant in that they create legal standards and obligations that countries must observe in their dealings with indigenous peoples. The rights affirmed in these Declarations include the
right of self-determination, rights to lands and resources, right of indigenous women and children to be protected against violence, and many others. It is imperative that indigenous leaders continue to call on the UN and OAS to implement the promises made in the two Declarations.

**Presenter(s): Cynthia Ruiz**  
**Title of Presentation: Healing from sexual trauma & domestic violence**

Goals of the workshop: 1) Provide women with tools to release trauma/abuse; 2) Provide the women with a safe environment to discuss the topic; 3) Empower women and help them move from a victim state of mind to an empowered statement of mind. The workshop focuses on the emotional and spiritual healing of woman from experience of sexual trauma or domestic violence. Many people want to heal they just don’t have the necessary tools to do so. Facilitator, Cynthia M Ruiz (Cherokee), a victim of both sexual trauma and domestic violence has made it her passion to help other women heal. Cynthia has developed five steps of healing which she will share with the participants. This is an interactive workshop with activities and exercises to help participants work through the healing steps. Cynthia believes that if women release the trauma emotions they can be empowered to succeed in their lives. Cherokee wisdom is about living in harmony and balance. Many times the experience of sexual trauma or abuse hinders the balance and profoundly impacts a person’s life. As a defense mechanism the emotions around the experience are buried only to come out in ways that are not productive and negatively impact on the person’s life.

**Presenter(s): Victoria Sweet, J.D.**  
**Title of Presentation: Creating trauma Informed Systems and Practices to Promote Resilience in Native Communities**

Research continues to clarify how traumatic experiences negatively impact the way traumatized people interact with the world. When an individual becomes court-involved it is highly likely that they have experienced some level of trauma. If our systems are not trauma-informed they can be re-traumatized, often triggering harmful reactions. Tribal communities have the challenge of addressing the traumatic experiences of individuals while at the same time dealing with the after effects of historical and intergenerational traumatic patterns that have affected entire communities. However, tribes also have strengths found in their traditional teachings that provide inspiration for strategies to address trauma in all its forms. This session will explain what is meant by the phrase trauma-informed practice, provide data about challenges facing tribes around the country, discuss how trauma looks in different settings, and then provide practical ideas about how to incorporate both traditional values and research-based strategies to make tribal systems not only trauma-informed but trauma-responsive and promote resilience in our communities.

**YOUTH Session #5**  
**Presenter(s): NativeLove Team and Youth Ambassador/Challenge Winners**  
**Title of Presentation: Youth Leading Youth (Part Two): NativeLove is Youth Expressing Resilience by Walking in Ancestral Footprints, Carrying Our Medicine**

This is session is the companion “hands-on” activity day of the two interactive sessions on WAS Day Two. This will be co-facilitated with youth leads: NativeLove Youth Ambassador/Challenge Winner 2017 for a peer-to-peer activity on ‘Healthy Relationships 101: Violence Against Native Women and Children’. In Activity Session #2 Youth Leading Youth, teams will breakout to work on their presentation to the general closing session on day three. This session is the “technology day” for their media/film creations including editing and shooting film, acting, music selections with the guidance of mentors, consultants, and support to teach youth also the basics of these types of projects and opportunities to use media to spread Healthy NativeLove.

**Presenter(s): Sarah Adams-Cornell, Kendra Wilson Clements & Jasha Lyons Echo-Hawk**  
**Title of Presentation: The Matriarch Method: Indigenized, Feminine Informed Teaching in Inter-Tribal Communities**

Indigenous women have been gathering, learning and healing in women’s circles as far back as our stories go. Oklahoma’s history of forced removal, land runs, checker board allotments and boarding schools interrupted and dismantled these healing spaces. The result of this forced colonization has been detrimental to our people and, as is always the case, our women and children suffer most. Because Oklahoma incarcerates indigenous women at three times the rate of white women, we can easily draw lines between removal of our traditions, including our women’s circles, lack of impactful, pro-social options and untreated trauma seen in the vast majority of our incarcerated sisters. Most of our women who are incarcerated are mothers who leave behind children. Their children will be more likely to exhibit at-risk behavior and suffer from addiction, sexual and physical abuse and have elevated risk of suicide. It is this last trauma, suicide among our young people, that set in motion what would later become Matriarch. Our community had suffered the loss of several Native youth due to suicide. We were having conversations with mothers, aunties and grandmas who were experiencing a wide range of emotion from panic to numbness. The one constant message was a lack of resources, knowledge and support to save our children.
We developed the Matriarch model to fill in resource, educational and support gaps that would model a contemporary version of what our fore-mothers practiced. This indigenized and feminine informed teaching recognizes the importance of collective knowledge to empower our women of all ages. We teach prevention and postvention simultaneously to not only protect our young ones but also support our sisters who have experienced trauma. Each of our bi-weekly meetings features a Native woman speaker, who is a subject matter expert on a different topic specific to Indigenous women. This piece was of the utmost importance so all knowledge would be delivered through an indigenous lens and experience. Our learning environment honors and allows space for all to contribute their knowledge so we each act as teachers and learners. Our topic leaders dig into the foundation of the subject so we are able to identify and name root causes, teach implementation of new skills at home, in the community and globally. This teaching style lends to tool building through storytelling which then leads to the bonding of our women and strength of new support systems.

With this new knowledge came healing and problem-solving conversation. These conversations evolved into empowerment to become change agents in their homes and communities. We now find ourselves in the fortunate position to have our Matriarch ladies request classes on grassroots organizing, public speaking and how to run for office. Matriarch received requests to start new chapters and last year we expanded and started a chapter in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

We know our Oklahoma Native community is not unique in its need for resources, education and support. Nor is our effort and capacity of our women to build and teach in this indigenous way unique. The Matriarch model can easily be duplicated and adjusted to fit any indigenous community and we hope to share these tools with the Women Are Sacred attendees. We will share our topic schedule, class structure and leadership model. Our hope is to communicate how we achieved successes, pitfalls to avoid, ease of replication and how more feminine, indigenous spaces are needed so we are empowered to save ourselves.

Presenter(s): Beverly Billie
Title of Presentation: A Warriors Shield

The ability to have and maintain self-care is a core component to caring for others in our lives, in our work. This hands-on experience will help you create a plan and ritual for self-love. Learn tools for re-framing vicarious trauma, create boundaries and expectations for the practice of Unconditional Love at home and work. The workshop focus is to empower participants by creating awareness for self-care and wellness. Participants will gain mindfulness of self-worth, self-efficacy and self-esteem. Discover a new perspective of loving one’s self, the foundation to Happiness & Wellness.

Presenter(s): Melissa E. Riley, Ph. D.
Title of Presentation The Economic Empowerment of Women

This workshop will focus on the economic empowerment of women and focus on a strengths-based approach for success. Entrepreneurship can appear to be a difficult venture for women but the reality is that women we are the backbone of local, state, and national economies. This workshop will offer women an opportunity to self-assess their skills, talents, and abilities that simultaneously teach empowerment and transformation. Participants will identify their areas of interest, the world of economics, and ways they can make a difference and capitalize on their unrevealed talents.

Presenter(s): Lenny Hayes, MS
Title of Presentation: The Impact of Sexual Violence on Men and Boys

Often men are the neglected victims of all forms of sexual violence including being abused as young boys. It is frightening to realize how widespread sexual abuse and violence is in our society and yet how strong the denial of it is. The presenter will discuss the impact of sexual abuse and violence against heterosexual and gay men as adults and as children. The presenter will discuss the mental health issues as well as define the issues that prevent individuals from having healthy relationships. The presenter will also discuss his own personal journey of healing from childhood sexual abuse.

Presenter(s): Wyanet Tasker
Title of Presentation: The Impact of Domestic Violence Exposure on Children and Youth

Children and youth are impacted in a variety of ways when exposed to Domestic Violence. Some of these impacts are short term, while others stretch into adulthood. Exposure to DV can create unhealthy beliefs and ideas, which change how youth socialize and act with their peers. Because children and youth are influenced by what they observe and they mimic those observations while growing up, negative interactions that are modeled for them may be recreated in teen years resulting in dating violence. This workshop will review the link between Domestic Violence exposure and future issues for children and youth, such as power and control tactics that can play out in teen relationships. Resiliency, boundaries, and traditional values will be evaluated as important pieces in decreasing the effects of violence in the home.
Using International Law and Advocacy to Restore Safety for Indigenous Women. While advocacy on the domestic level is vital, violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women has implications in the international arena. The extreme prevalence of violence against indigenous women in the United States is a human rights violation under international law. Advocacy at the international level can complement and strengthen domestic efforts. This session will discuss the how Native women, tribes, and organizations have used the international system to advance indigenous women’s rights. It will include discussion of how tribes and Native women prepared for, influenced, and participated in the first ever World Conference on Indigenous Peoples held in 2014, and key recommendations for action included in the Conference outcome document including ending violence against indigenous women and children. This session also will discuss the need to keep the momentum going to ensure that the international community, including the United States, meet commitments made during the World Conference and reflected in both the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The session will highlight upcoming opportunities for Indian tribes, tribal programs, and Native women’s coalitions to advocate for the safety of Native women using international and regional human rights mechanisms.

Presenter(s): Nicole Matthews/Linda Thompson
Title of Presentation: Current Efforts to Address Trafficking in Indian Country

This session will highlight current strategies and projects addressing sex trafficking in urban and reservation tribal communities.

Presenter(s): Victoria Sweet, J.D.

Child welfare cases are emotional and difficult under any circumstance, but when domestic violence is involved they become more complex. This presentation will explore both information of how domestic violence impacts children and how the system treats domestic violence victims while also addressing unique issues that Native families face. Learning Objectives: 1) Participants will understand some of the common issues and concerns associated with child welfare cases when domestic violence is the reason why children are removed; 2) Participants will learn about policies and practices that are being adopted by many tribes and how they might impact these cases, both positively and negatively; and 3) Participants will gain some ideas on how to most effectively assist families in these situations.

Presenter(s): Keioshiah Peter
Title of Presentation: Understanding Youth Balance and Relationality

This workshop focuses on what young people recognize as foundations to create and sustain healthy relationships within their communities and Nations. This workshop will engage directly with Indigenous youth to have a critical conversation on relations/connections with our land-base, relations with their peers, culture, and everyday interactions as a point to talk about community resiliency. We will highlight the varying energies that come as a result of those interactions as good and bad energies. We then, will move forward to have a discussion on healthy relationships, consent, types of abuse, and Native Nation Building utilizing an Indigenous focused direction model as the opportunity to begin community mapping and mobilizing.

Presenter(s): Princella RedCorn/Mallory Black/Suzette Brewer
Title of Presentation: Communications Tools for Raising Public Awareness of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

The session will begin with an open discussion about the needs and issues advocates and tribes face when raising awareness about the high rates of domestic violence and sexual assault in Native communities. Presenters will offer best practices, strategies and tools for advocates, programs, organizations and tribal coalitions in identifying and developing resources for news relations and public information. Learn how to prepare a press kit, including: news releases, backgrounders, fact sheets, and frequently asked questions. You’ll also learn how to draft compelling statements, present statistics from national studies and reports in outreach efforts, and how to engage your audience through storytelling to garner coverage in local and national news outlets. This training will provide an introduction to the available tools and resources in a culturally appropriate and respectful way.

Presenter(s): Beverly Billie
Title of Presentation: Advocacy: Deepening Ourselves for the Healing Work

The focus of the workshop is to gain awareness of advocacy and your role in being a Victim Advocate. What does an Advocate do? What is your role and what responsibilities will you have? You will gain insight to your own gifts to help others, assessment skills,
effective communication. This hands-on experience will create a deepening of, knowledge, confidence, self-resilience for the healing work you will do for others in your communities. You must have the emotional readiness to hear her/his story. Most important is the ability to have accountability and earn the trust of your clients.

**Presenter(s): Malinda Harris Limberhand**  
**Title of Presentation:** Missing & Murdered Native Women and Girls: In Loving Memory of Hanna Harris

Malinda Harris Limberhand, mother of Hanna Harris, will share her story of MMIW, which began on July 4, 2013, in the aftermath of Hanna going missing and eventually being found murdered on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. By sharing her and Hanna’s story- the grieving, the organizing, the activism, and eventually the hope for change- Malinda strives to help other families and communities struggling with how to address missing and murdered women and girls.

**Presenter(s): Alecia “Lisa” Heth and Cindy Northrup**  
**Title of Presentation:** Innovative Trauma Informed Practices

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**Presenter(s): Nicole Mathews/Linda Thompson**  
**Title of Presentation:** Sexual Violence with an Oppression Analysis

This session will engage participants in a discussion about the intersections of sexual violence and oppression as it relates to Native people.

**Presenter(s): Kathy Howkumi/Linda Bearcrane-Couture/Valaura Imus/Cheryl Bourque**  
**Title of Presentation:** BIA Victim Assistance Program

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services established the Victim Assistance Program (VAP) in 2008, to fill a gap in the federal victim response to crime victims in Indian Country. Victim Specialists work closely with BIA Special Agents and uniformed police officers and serve as a critical link for crime victims to ensure that victims are provided direct services and are connected with critical support and resources. Victim Specialists work with victims who have suffered direct physical, emotional and/or financial harm as a result of a federal crime. They also work closely with tribal advocates and other federal partners to assist crime victims. The VAP also provides training and technical assistance to tribal, federal, state and local programs and services, and will share some of the initiatives it has started and the unique ways the program operates throughout Indian Country.

**Presenter(s): Kathy Sanchez/Nathana Bird/Beverly Billie**  
**Title of Presentation:** Trauma Rocks, A collective story of generations of Unspoken Soul Wounding

The culture of violence was forcibly incorporated into our lifeways, our story. Our collective memory, our souls were wounded and this was recorded to be held by our children if we do not uncover our shattered lives and bring us all back to our collective wholeness of loving, caring and nurturing relations with Mother Earth to 1,000 years forward and beyond.

**Presenter(s): Elisa Marina Alvarado**  
**Title of Presentation:** Our Stories Heal

This experiential, participatory workshop will help participants develop awareness of the teaching and healing power of telling one’s story of violence and loss of a loved one due to violence or suicide. It is through stories that we have traditionally drawn wisdom for ourselves and others from even the most painful experiences. Shaping our story offers an opportunity to move us from shame, fear and rage to self acceptance, strength and a determination to create a better life for ourselves and those we love.

We will share what we know of cultural/spiritual story traditions and, through techniques drawn from culture based storytelling, Trauma Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in the context of Historical Trauma.

**Presenter(s): Dr. Diane Gout**  
**Title of Presentation:** What if our Normal Meter is Broken

Through the sharing of my own stories, attendees will gain a unique insight into the dynamics of finding oneself in an abusive intimate partner relationship. How did we get there? Why do we stay? And, how to reject the shame that we, as victims and survivors, often feel. Attendees will be able to: 1. Develop a new perspective on choices made by survivors that reduces marginalization and stigmatization; 2. Recognize the importance of family, community, and cultural context in the establishment of “normal” interpersonal relationships; and 3. Develop an understanding of the healing power of sharing stories that promotes all aspects of true self-actualization.
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Presenter(s): Deleana OtherBull
Title of Presentation: Starting with Ourselves: Sustaining Social Capital in the Movement to End Violence

Recent research shows that an organization or agency “that provides services to traumatized individuals, families and/or communities is susceptible to becoming a traumatized system experiencing the cumulative effects of the work itself.” [Vivian and Hormann, 2002]. This presentation seeks to summarize the effects of trauma and lateral violence in the workplace and the strength-based Indigenous approaches to solutions that examine, align and strengthen our own efforts within the work to increase retention and well-being of employees and teams to sustain social capital to push the movement forward. Employee burn out, lateral violence and decrease in overall employee and organizational well-being are common and pervasive issues in the work of domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy, with detrimental physical, psychological and organizational consequences.

Presenter(s): Princella RedCorn, Caroline LaPorte, J.D. & Tang Cheam
Title of Presentation: Own the Narrative: Exploring the Portrayal of Native Women in Films and News Media

What is the narrative of Native women by the mass media? Why is this view important in the movement of Safety for Native Women? How do we take back our own healing and stories? We will explore how Native American, Alaska Native and Hawaiian Native women have been, and are currently portrayed in film and news media. From Hollywood to Indie films, from New York Times to local tribal news coverage, we will explore the current landscape of how Native women appear to the general population and more importantly, create strategies to take back our own image and tell our own stories as it is critical to inform, maintain and increase public awareness of safety for Native women. Presenters will provide tools, training and resources to take the narrative back by leveraging online platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Youtube, Vimeo, etc.) and creating real-time or live examples as well as edited products. One real-time example will be producing a short video and posting it to an online video hosting site and sharing it on your social media by using your smart phone.

YOUTH Session #7
Presenter(s): NIWRC/NativeLove Team
Title of Presentation: NativeLove is Youth Resilience

Youth Closing Presentation Practice/Rehearsal

Presenter(s): Erica Gourneau
Title of Presentation: IHS Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative Grants: Curbing the Impact of Violence in Tribal Communities

This presentation will outline the goals of IHS’ Domestic Violence Prevention Program, review data submitted by funded programs demonstrating utilization of program activities, and highlight examples of successful projects. From 2010-2015, DVPI grant programs have administered over 78,500 direct service encounters with victims of violence, generated over 45,000 referrals to supportive victim services, and supported submission of 688 forensic evidence kits to law enforcement agencies. Use of both Purpose Area 1 and Purpose Area 2 of the DVPI grant program can not only assist communities in providing prevention, advocacy, and crisis intervention services to victims, but can also support victim access to medical forensic exams. Attendees seeking to address domestic sexual violence can begin exploring the DVPP grant application process, contemplate possible program impacts on specific communities, and get answers to questions from IHS Division of Behavioral Health staff.
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**Tuesday Day One**

**Women Are Sacred**

**June 26th**

**Monday (25th)** Registration 1pm-8pm North Atrium

**Tuesday (26th)** Registration 7am-9am North Atrium

Help Desk 7am-5pm North Atrium

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**Lunch**

**Working Lunch: Presentation of Tillie Black Bear Memorial Award**

**Session 10**

- **Weavers**
- **Potters**
- **Rendering Room**

**WAS Talks**

**Fire Place Room**

**Conversation With the Field: Understanding Sexual Assault in Tribal Communities within the Context of Intimate Partner Relationships by Rose Quitl, Caroline LePonte (NIWRC)**

Over the last decade, the national awareness of sexual assault against Native women has increased; however, more must be done at all levels to stop sexual assault against Native women, including those occurring within the context of intimate partner relationships. This conversation with the field will be a discussion focused on the scope of sexual assault committed against American Indians and Alaska Natives and concerns related to tribal, federal, and state systems' responses, and how adequate and culturally appropriate responses can help reduce the trauma and disparities experienced by Native victims.

**7:00-8:00pm** Acoma Pueblo Traditional Dance - Alvarado D/E

**8:00-9:30pm** Wind River Screening - Alvarado A
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