

2021 WOMEN ARE SACRED CONFERENCE

"CARRYING OUR MEDICINE AND STRENGTHENING
OUR VISION TO END THE VIOLENCE"

JUNE 8 - 10, 2021 | VIRTUAL EVENT



CONFERENCE AGENDA (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

A 7:00 MDT 8:00 MDT AM Activity (optional) Suggested Break 15 Minute Activity - Breathe Deep with Virtual Breathing

1	10:00 MDT	Traditional Opening: Eileen Hudon, Ogitchidakwe Singers
	11:15 MDT	Introductions: Staff, Board, Federal Officials: Cherrah Giles, NIWRC Board Chairwoman ACFY Remarks: Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Debbie Powell (Invited)
		Official Welcoming & Opening Remarks: Debra Haaland, United States Secretary of Interior (Invited) Tillie Black Bear Awardee Announcement: Carmen O'Leary, NIWRC Board Member & Director of Native Women's Society of the Great Plains

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		Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
2	11:30 MDT	Using Indigenous Knowledge for Advocacy Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition	Systems Advocacy in a Coordinated Community Response Mending the Sacred Hoop	Crooked Beads & Other Stories for Decolonization Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence	Higher Risk: LGBTQ2S Youth and Domestic Violence Tate Topa Consulting, LLC
	12:45 MDT				

12:45 PM 1:45 PM Lunch

		Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	Session 8
3	1:45 MDT	Decimating the Cradleboard to Prison Cell Pipeline American Indian Prison Project & Restoring Justice for Indigenous People	Institutional Analysis: Addressing Racism and Sexism in U.S. Criminal Legal System Responses to Native Women who Report Rape Praxis International, Mending the Sacred Hoop	How to Use Data that You Already Have? American Indian Development Associates	Four Pillars for a Strong Transitional Housing Program Redwind Consulting
	3:00 MDT				

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		Session 9	Session 10	Session 11	Session 12
4	3:15 MDT	What are Human Rights? Women's Rights? Indigenous Rights? Indian Law Resource Center	Combating MMIWG by Reclaiming Native Matrilineal Traditions Through Girl-Centered Programming Kelly Hallman	A Silent Epidemic: Sexual Violence Against Men and Boys Tate Topa Consulting, LLC	Kapu Aloha "Sacred Love" Pouhana O Na Wahine
	4:30 MDT				

E Evening Activity (optional)

E	5:00MDT	Talking Circle	
	6:30MDT		
	6:00 PM	Roundtable to Develop Guidance for Indigenous Advocacy Programs to Up-lift Our Spiritually/Culturally-based Resources and Programming NIWRC, Kerri Colfer	WAS TALKS NIWRC, Gwendolyn Packard
	7:30 PM		

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	11:15 MDT	Tribal Strengths & Resilience: Initiatives Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women in Our Communities: Elsie Boudreau, Malinda Limberhand Harris and Rose Harris
		Legislative Update Impacting Indian Nations: Kerri Colfer, NIWRC, Senior Native Affairs Advisor

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2	11:30 MDT	S.O.A.R. Web-Based Database	Human Trafficking in Tribal Gaming-Identify and Respond	VAWA 2013 - Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction	Youth session: Growing Roots & Grounding Ourselves in Healthy Relationships
	12:45 MDT	Gray O.A.K., LLC	Innovations Human Trafficking Collaborative	National Congress of American Indians	Strong Hearts Native Helpline

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	Session 17	Session 18	Session 19	Session 20	
3	1:45 MDT	Structural Factors Related to Intimate Partner Violence Among Indigenous Women: Findings from the ourCircle Study	Crossroads: The Intersections of Child Welfare and Sex Trafficking	Changing How We Work with Youth in Alaska impacted by Gender-based Violence	Confidentiality Between Victim Advocates /Survivors and the Tribal Justice System: Statutory/Funder Requirements and Best Practices
	3:00 MDT	Johns Hopkins School of Nursing	Christine Stark	Alaska Native Women's Resource Center	Rob Valente and Caroline LaPorte

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	Session 21	Session 22	Session 23	Session 24	
4	3:15 MDT	Using Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration to Strengthen Enforcement of Tribal Protection Orders	Combating Sex Trafficking In and Around Our Native Communities	Understanding the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act: Past, Present and Future	Using Indigenous-Based Program Evaluation and Research Methods
	4:30 MDT	Tribal Law and Policy Institute	TRUST (Tribes United against Sex Trafficking) Task Force	NIWRC, Strong Hearts, AKNWRC, NCAI, ACTEV	University of Washington School of Social Work

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Introduction Remarks: Director of Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services FVPSA, Shawndell N. Dawson

Implementation of Federal Trust Responsibilities: OVW, ANA, OVC, BIA, HUD and IHS Federal Agency Panel: Shawndell N. Dawson, Rose Quilt, NIWRC Director of Policy and Research

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Session 28

Part 1 of 2 - National Strategies to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: The Role of Political Clarity

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

Using Group Activities to Reclaim Our Lives Through Culture and Healing

Native Women's Society of the Great Plains

Strong Roots: Supporting Staff Through Healing-Centered Workplaces

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health

Youth session: Understanding the Effects of Historical Trauma and Creating Healthy Relationships

Center for Native American Youth

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Lunch

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Session 32

Part 2 of 2 - National Strategies to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women: Indigenous Worldview and Organization

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

Helping Men Walk in Balance by Addressing Historical Trauma and Youth Victimization

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Traditional Advocacy and Protecting Our Alaska Native Women

Alaska Native Women's Resource Center

Findings from the National Workgroup on Safe Housing for American Indian/Alaska Native Survivors of Domestic Violence

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, NRC DV, Caroline LaPorte

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Plenary

Tillie Black Bear Awardee Remarks: Connie Brushbreaker, TBD

Women Are Sacred Listen and Act: Nicole Matthews, Natasha Kingbird, Marissa Cummings, Jonel Beauvais

Closing Remarks: Cherrah Giles, NIWRC Board Chairwoman

Traditional Closing Ceremony: Wendy Schlater, NIWRC Boardmember, Bird Singers