



Texas Indian Child Welfare Act Summit

Agenda-at-a-Glance

January 22, 2021

All Times are Central Standard; 5.5 CLE and 5.0 CEU available

9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.	Opening Remarks and Prayer
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	<p>The Creation and Significance of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978</p> <p>This session will provide the historical context for the importance of ICWA and implications for the everyday approaches of child welfare professionals.</p>
11:10 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	<p>Nuts and Bolts of ICWA</p> <p>This session will provide a broad overview of the legal structure and key components of ICWA.</p>
11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.	<p>ICWA Lived Experience Panel</p> <p>This panel will bring the legal elements of ICWA into real world context as panelists discuss how ICWA has affected them on a personal and community level.</p>
12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	<p>Case Study: ICWA in Practice</p> <p>Panelists will walk through a case sample and provide context to the central elements of ICWA including Reason to Know, Notice, Active Efforts, and Qualified Expert Witness.</p>
2:55 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.	<p>ICWA Case Law Update</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of key ICWA cases and the current status of <i>Brackeen v. Bernhardt</i>.</p>
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	<p>Texas Tribe Roundtable</p> <p>Representatives from the three federally recognized Tribes in Texas will discuss the importance of ICWA for Texas and what they envision for the future of Texas and ICWA.</p>
4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Final Remarks



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9:55 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	<p>Transition break</p>
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4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	<p>Final Remarks</p> <p><i>Jamie Bernstein, Children's Commission</i> <i>Councilman Rafael Gomez, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo</i></p>

