



Four Corners Warrior Spirit

Conference & Ceremony

Calling Upon the Warrior Spirit, Inspired by Our Creator, to Heal Historical Trauma Among Native America Through Indigenous Wisdom & Trauma Science

Navajo Nation Museum Auditorium
Window Rock, Arizona
April 4th & 5th 2019

Building a Trauma-Informed Community and School System • How to Promote Trauma Informed Health Care • Legal Update • ACEs Science • Creating Trauma Informed Police Departments and Courts • Combining Western Medicine and Traditional Healing - Youth & Elder Panel • Sweat Lodge Ceremony • Traditional Healing Circle • Equine Therapy Demonstration • “Call to Action” Networking Event and MUCH more!

This conference and ceremony are dedicated to the universal healing and resilience of the Native communities across the Four Corners and all Native Americans who have experienced historical trauma and are seeking healing.

Register HERE:

<https://4cornerswarriorspiritconferenceandceremony.eventbrite.com>

Early Bird Registration: \$100 before March 15, 2019

Regular Registration \$ 125 after March 15, 2019

Youth Registration: \$25

Elders: Age 60 years and older: Free

For more information, please email:
info@natedisabilitylaw.org

As wisdom keepers with life experience, we will provide our Elders (individuals 60 or older) from tribal affiliation/organizations complimentary admission and a seat of honor throughout this two-day event.

Elders Register by Phone: 505-566-5880

Hotel Reservation can be made at the Quality Inn, Window Rock, Az.

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Conference Announcement

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A coalition of local and national organizations is pleased to announce an upcoming conference and ceremony entitled “The Four Corners Warrior Spirit Conference and Ceremony - Calling Upon the Warrior Spirit, inspired by our Creator, to heal historical trauma among Native American through Indigenous Wisdom. The event is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, 2019 in Window Rock, Arizona at the Navajo Nation Museum Auditorium.

The purpose of the conference and ceremony is to focus on historical and childhood trauma in Indian Country through the shared experiences and expertise of guest speakers, presenters, and conference participants. In addition to the conference, there will be a sweat lodge and Talking Circle ceremony to pray for individuals, families, communities and tribes impacted by historical trauma. A conference agenda and registration form are attached.

We are inviting all individuals, tribes, programs, services, and entities currently serving trauma-impacted communities in the Four Corners. We would especially like to invite traditional Native elders to the conference and sweat lodge ceremony and waive the registration fee for them because we value and honor Native elders from all tribes and their input, advice, and respective unique traditional healing perspectives and prayers.

The conference and ceremony objectives are as follows:

To have a conference from an indigenous perspective that focuses on input and recommendations from Native speakers, traditional elders, national and local organizations, and tribal representatives on how to holistically address historical and childhood trauma in the Four Corners area;

To develop a specific goal and plan to enhance the effectiveness of programs, services, facilities, funding and treatment of individuals and families experience trauma through collaboration, input and advice of all attendees;

Through these objectives, the following outcomes are sought:

- Creating a holistic healing model of care that combines western medicine and traditional healing into an effective service and program for Indigenous populations
- Creating trauma-informed communities
- Creating better communication and collaboration among individuals, tribes, programs, and services at the community level to establish and enhance holistic healing of historical and childhood trauma
- Establishing an action plan, with mutually agreeable goals, and objectives among conference participants to support collectively in the future, including recognizing traditional healing as an integral component of services, networking, funding and legislation
- Creating awareness and strategies to address historical and childhood trauma in the fields of education, health care and in the courts and legal system

The conference and ceremony bring together a distinguished group of Native American professionals and elders, addresses topic of great interest to Native communities, and addresses historical trauma from an Indigenous holistic healing perspective and approach.

The conference is hosted by the following organizations:

Roundtable on Native American Trauma Informed Initiatives
 The Native American Disability Law Center
 Native Health Care Solutions LLC.
 Dine Bi Olta School Board Association, and
 The Van Ness Feldman Law Firm;

In Partnership with the Indian Health Service - Gallup Indian
 Medical Center Pediatric Clinic and Gallup Indian Medical Center
 Health Promotion Methamphetamine & Suicide Prevention
 Initiative (MSPI) Program

Please contact the following Planning Committee members if you have any questions or need further information:

- Kenneth G. White Jr., CEO, Native Health Care Solutions LLC (928) 853-7835 or kgwhitejr@suddenlink.net
- Therese Yanan, Director, Native American Disability Law Center, (505) 566-5889 or (800) – 862-7271 or tyanan@natedisabilitylaw.org
- Dan Press, General Counsel, Roundtable on Native American Trauma-Informed Initiatives, and Partner Van Ness Feldman, (202) 361-5477 or dsp@vnf.com

AGENDA

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Thursday morning, April 4, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Posting of the Colors & Opening Prayer

- Posting of Colors – Warrior Society, Fort Defiance, Arizona
- Prayer – Mary Lou White, Elder White Cone Arizona

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Igniting the Warrior Spirit

Kenneth G. White Jr. CEO
Native Health Care Solutions LLC

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Keynote: Historical Trauma and Healing

Dr. Tami DeCoteau, Arikara/Chippewa
DeCoteau Trauma-Informed Care and Practice,
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:30-11:00

Goals and Objectives of the Conference and Ceremony

Dan Press, General Counsel

Roundtable on Native American Trauma Informed Initiatives, Washington D.C.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Healing - Elder/Young Adult Panel

- Prosper Waukon, Tribal Elder
- Richard Taliwood, Gallup, New Mexico
- Anya Ashley, Tuba City, Arizona
- Barbara Burnside, Indian Wells, Arizona

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Special Entertainment

Delbert Anderson Trio, Navajo Nation

Thursday afternoon, April 4, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Building an Indigenous Trauma Informed Education System

Dr. Joseph Martin, Special Advisor to the President, Northern Arizona University

1:45 p.m. - - 3:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion – Input and Recommendations for Building a Trauma Informed School System

- Moderator – Dr. Joseph Martin
- Dr. Tommy Begay, University of Arizona
- Angela Barney Nez, Executive Director, DBOSBA, Inc.
- Christine Carlson, Federal Project Director, San Carlos Unified School District, San Carlos, Az.
- David Randall, Exceptional Student Services Director, Bavoquivari Unified School District, Sells, Arizona
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- Tiffany Haswood, M.S.
School Psychology Intern
Sweetwater School District &
Co-Facilitator, Native American and Indigenous
Scholars Collaboration Project
Dept. of Counseling & School Psychology
San Diego State University, San Diego, Ca.

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Litigation Update - Declaring Trauma as a Disability

Therese Yanan, Attorney
Native American Disability Law Center
Farmington, New Mexico

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Next Steps to Promote Trauma- Informed Schools

- Moderator - Gloria Hale Showalter, Consultant
- Velma Spencer, Program Manager, Office of
Special Education & Rehabilitation Services,
the Navajo Nation
- Pauletta White, Ed.D. – Assistant
Superintendent for Student Services, Gallup
McKinley County Schools
- Ann Reeves, Arizona School Psychologist,
Window Rock Unified School District

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- Men's Sweat Lodge
Jesse Kaulaity, Kiowa, Sweat Lodge leader
- Women's Talking Circle
Iya Affo, Behavioral Health Specialist,
Women's Talking Circle Leader
- Equine Therapy Healing



Mr. Andy Miritello, Tribal Employment Rights
Office Director, Gila River Indian Community
& Equine Specialist

Friday morning, April 5, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Opening Prayer

Matt Parkett, Dine' Spiritual Leader
Gallup, New Mexico

8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Indian Health Service Pediatric
Integrated Care Collaborative (PICC)
Panel

- Moderator – Janet Greenholz, Gallup Service Unit, Indian Health Service, Gallup, New Mexico
- Dr. Marla Yazzie, PICC, Gallup Service Unit, Indian Health Service; Gallup, New Mexico
- Dr. Jesse Kerr, PICC, Northern Navajo Medical Center; Shiprock, New Mexico
- Other panelists to be determined

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Center on American Indian Health –
The Family Spirit Program

Marissa Begay, Family Spirit Program Manager for
Logistics, Gallup Indian Medical Center, Gallup,
New Mexico

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Combining Western Medicine and
Traditional Healing Circle

- Mack Parkett, Traditional Healer
Gallup, New Mexico

- Kenneth G. White Jr., CEO
Native Health Care Solutions LLC
Flagstaff, Arizona
- Alex Laky, Principal
ARCHSOL, The Architectural Solutions Team
Scottsdale, Arizona

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion – How Do We Promote Trauma Informed Health Care on the Dine’ Nation

- Kenneth G. White Jr., Moderator
- Anya Ashley, Adolescent Care Unit,
Tsehootsooi Medical Center, Fort Defiance,
Arizona
- Dr. Tami DeCoteau
DeCoteau Trauma-Informed Care and Practice,
Bismarck, North Dakota
- Ken Collins, CPSW, Executive Director
Hozho Center for Personal Enhancement
Gallup, New Mexico

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch – Special Entertainment

Rippy and the Sillyettes, Navajo Nation

Friday afternoon, April 5, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trauma Informed Police Departments and Courts

- Navajo Peacemaker Court Representative
- Anna Rangel, Tribal Law and Policy Institute,
University of Oklahoma (tentative)
- Other Panelist(s) to be identified

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Interactive Session (all conference participants): Action Planning for the Future

- Moderator – Dan Press, General Counsel, Roundtable on Native American Trauma Informed Initiatives, Washington, D.C.
- Developing a Navajo Trauma-Informed Coordinating Committee
- Programs, Services, Projects and Facilities
- Lobbying and Funding for Education, Health and Court Pilot Projects

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Women's Sweat Lodge

- Louise Benally, Sweat Lodge Leader (tentative)

Men's Talking Circle

- Kenneth G. White Jr., Talking Circle Leader

