

AGENDA AT A GLANCE

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual ND Indian Child Welfare & Wellness Conference**  
Spirit Lake Casino and Resort, St Michael, ND  
**“ICWA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Hope, Healing, & Perseverance”**  
February 26-28, 2018

**Registration**

Sunday, February 25 ~ 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
Monday, February 26 ~ 7:30am – 5:00 pm

**Pre-Conference Institute for Child Welfare and Courts (Ethics CEUs 3.0 hours)**

- 08:30am-11:30am     ⌘ Judge William Thorne: *ICWA 101*  
08:30am-11:30am     ⌘ Deb DeWitz: *The Many Layers of Child Welfare Ethics: A Unique and Honest Look*

**Conference Day 1 – Monday, February 26, 2018**

**Moderator: Stephanie DeCoteau**

- 11:30am-12:00pm     ⌘ Official Conference Welcome  
  Opening Prayer, Flag Song, Proclamation  
12:00pm-01:00pm     ⌘ Luncheon: Guest Speaker – Amber Warman: *A Personal Story*  
01:00pm-02:00pm     ⌘ Keynote Address: Sandy WhiteHawk  
02:00pm-03:00pm     ⌘ General Session: Judge William Thorne: *Doing Better for Children and Families: What Research & Science Tell Us*  
03:00pm-03:15pm     ⌘ Break  
03:15pm-04:45pm     ⌘ Panel: ND ICWA Directors  
04:45pm                 ⌘ 1<sup>st</sup> STAR QUILT DRAWING - *Must Be Present To Win*

**Conference Day 2 – Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

**Moderator: Ina Olson/Kathy Felix**

- 07:45am-08:30am     ⌘ Continental Breakfast  
08:15am-09:00am     ⌘ General Session: Allyson Bartlett: *Neuroscience, Epigenetics, Adversity, Resilience*  
09:15am-10:15am     ⌘ Keynote Address: Dr. Tami DeCoteau  
10:15am-10:30am     ⌘ Break  
10:30am-12pm         ⌘ Break-Out Sessions: Set 1  
12:00pm-1:30pm     ⌘ Luncheon: Special Presentation: Vern Lambert  
  *Honoring Leadership of Original ICWA*  
01:30pm-03:00pm     ⌘ Break-Out Sessions: Set 2  
03:00-03:15pm         ⌘ Break  
03:15pm-04:45pm     ⌘ Break-Out Sessions: Set 3  
04:45pm                 ⌘ 2<sup>nd</sup> STAR QUILT DRAWING – *Must Be Present To Win*  
06:00pm-08:00pm     ⌘ Entertainment: Movie – Te’ Ata  
  & 3<sup>rd</sup> STAR QUILT DRAWING – *Must Be Present To Win*

**Breakout Session 1: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>Culture</b>	<b>Wellness</b>
Harmony Bercier <i>Active Efforts</i>	Josie Lawrence <i>History of Spirit Lake</i>	Ashley Roulette <i>Human Trafficking Today in Indian Country</i>

**Breakout Session 2: 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>Culture</b>	<b>Wellness</b>
Cristine Davidson <i>Pillars of Oppression: Effects On Our Children &amp; Families</i>	Nola Taken Alive <i>Gift of Healing Brought by Today's Youth</i>	Bree Bussey <i>Fostering Children from Domestic Violence Homes</i>

**Breakout Session 3: 03:15 pm – 4:45 pm**

<b>Child Welfare</b>	<b>Culture</b>	<b>Wellness</b>
Sandy WhiteHawk <i>ICWA Education Days in Minneapolis</i>	Demus McDonald <i>Spirit Lake Culture</i>	Heidi DeMars <i>Meditation/Yoga in Classrooms and at Home</i>

**Conference Day 3 – Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

**Moderator: Vince Gillette**

- 08:00am-08:15am      ✘ Opening Prayer, Flag Song, Welcome,
- 08:15am-09:00am    ✘ Opening Remarks (Address by Federal, Tribal & State Leaders)
- 09:00am-10:15am   ✘ Keynote Session: Nola Taken Alive: *Healing Community & Ourselves*
  
- 10:15am-10:30 am   ✘ Break and Silent Auction Winners
- 10:30am-11:45am   ✘ General Session: Bree Bussey: *Weaving the Past into the Present*
  
- 11:45am-12:00pm   ✘ 4<sup>th</sup> STAR QUILT DRAWING – *Must be present to win*
- 11:45am-12:00pm   ✘ Closing Remarks – Stephanie DeCoteau, NATI Director  
Closing Prayer