

**The 11th Annual North Dakota Indian Child Welfare Wellness Conference - February 1- 3, 2012**  
**"Celebrating Life, Relationships and Culture"**

<b>Wednesday, February 1, 2012</b>	
7:00 -5:00 pm	Conference Registration
Pre-Conference Session	
8:00 - 10:15 am	<b>The Indian Child Welfare Act : <i>Judge William Thorne - ICWA 101</i></b>
10:15 -10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 - 11:30 am	<b>ICWA: <i>Judge Thorne Continued</i></b>
11:30 -12:00 pm	<b>OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING</b> <b>Opening Prayer: <i>Mr. Russell Gillette, Bismarck, ND</i></b> <b>Flag Song:</b> <b>General Session Master of Ceremonies:</b> <b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks: <i>Renee Mayer, Three Affiliated Tribes, Social Services Director</i></b> <b>North Dakota Indian Child Welfare Proclamation:</b>
12:00 - 1:00 pm	<b>Noon Luncheon</b>
1:00 - 2:00 pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>"The State of ICWA"</b> <i>Judge Williams Thorne</i>
2:00 - 3:00 pm	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> <b>"Fatherhood"</b> <i>John Buckley</i>
3:00 - 3:15 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15 - 5:00 pm	<b>"Foster Care Alumni Panel"</b> <i>Moderator: Kristal Huntley Egemo, Catholic Charities</i> <i>Panel Members: Wenelle Clown</i> <i>Angel Cadotte</i>
5:00 pm	<b>Star Quilt Drawing</b>

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Thursday, February 2, 2012					
8:15 - 8:30 am	<p align="center"><b>Opening Prayer:</b> <i>Mr. Russell Gillette, Bismarck, ND</i>  <b>Flag Song:</b></p>				
8:30 - 8:45 am	<p align="center"><b>Master of Ceremonies Welcome:</b> <i>Ina Olson, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Child Welfare &amp; Family Services Director</i></p>				
8:45 - 10:15 am	<p align="center"><b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>  <b>"Mindfulness"</b>  <i>Dr. Michael Yellow Bird</i></p>				
10:15 - 10:30 am	<p align="center"><b>BREAK</b></p>				
Tracks	Child Welfare	Culture	Wellness	Juvenile Justice	Child Welfare
10:30- 12:00 pm	<i>Dr. Michael Yellow Bird</i>	<p align="center"><b>"Even More on Resiliency"</b>  <i>Jasper Young Bear</i></p>	<i>Tami DeCoteau</i>	<p align="center"><b>"An Introduction to the Youth Culture Achievement Program"</b>  <i>Michael Trahan</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Fostering Connections for Native American Youth"</b>  <i>Sandi Zaleski</i></p>
12:00 - 1:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>Noon Luncheon Buffet</b></p>				
1:30-3:00 pm	<p align="center"><b>"Effective Culture Plans"</b>  <i>Kathy Felix</i>  <i>Marilyn Poitra</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Cultural Resources"</b>  <i>Sandra Bercier</i>  <i>Merle Botone</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Coming of the Blessing/ March of Dimes"</b>  <i>Reba Mathern-Jacobson</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Sunka Wakan Ah-Ku"</b>  <i>Darla Thiele</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Recruitment &amp; Retention"</b>  <i>Casey Family Program</i></p>
3:00-3:15pm	<p align="center"><b>BREAK</b></p>				
3:15-4:45 pm	<p align="center"><b>"NRC4Tribes"</b>  <i>Joe Walker</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Youth Cultural Identity"</b>  <i>Allan Demaray</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Sources of Strength"</b>  <i>Mark LoMurray/Jaret Baker</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"YCC TOUR"</b>  <i>Ron Crouse</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>"Recruitment &amp; Retention"</b>  <i>Tribal Programs Panel: Nichole Henry,</i></p>
4:45pm	<p align="center"><b>General Housekeeping</b>  <b>Announcements &amp; Star Quilt</b>  <b>Drawing</b></p>				
7:00 - 9:30 pm	<p align="center"><b>"First Circle" Debriefing/Discussion Afterwards Led By Susan Paulson</b></p>				







