

4th Annual OVW Tribal Governments Program National Summit



Omaha, Nebraska ~ September 25-27, 2019

Agenda Subject to Change

Tuesday, September 24, 2019

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Travel Day/Early Registration Sign-in**

Day 1 ~ Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:30 am **Registration Sign-in**

8:30 am **Opening and Welcome**

- ❖ Rose Birdhead, Ponca Tribal Elder
- ❖ Sherriann C. Moore, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs, Office on Violence Against Women
- ❖ Tina Olson, Executive Director, Mending the Sacred Hoop

9:15 am **Keynote:** A Journey of Hope –Roxanne DeLille, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

10:30 am **Workshop Sessions:** Key Issues in Addressing Violence Against Women in Native Communities

<p>Strengthening the Response to Sex Trafficking Victims Who Do Not Want to Report</p> <p>- Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya: Honwungsi Consulting</p>	<p>We Are All Related: Outreach Approaches</p> <p>-Bonnie Clairmont & Lonna Hunter: Tribal Law and Policy Institute</p>	<p>OVW Listening Session</p> <p>- Sherriann C. Moore, Deputy Director of Tribal Affairs: Office on Violence Against Women</p>	<p>Building a Trauma Informed Response to Violent Crime in Indian Country: A Case Study</p> <p>- Leslie Hagen: National Indian Country Training Initiative</p>
<p>The Health Impact of Strangulation</p> <p>- Arlene O'Brien: Southwest Center for Law & Policy, Michael Ford, Tribal LE, Cordelia Clapp, R.N.</p>	<p>"Many Paths"</p> <p>- Sandra Bercier & Ashley Roulette: First Nations Women's Alliance</p>	<p>Incorporating Indigenous Values into the Criminal Justice System</p> <p>- TBD</p>	<p>Grants Financial Management: Setting Up & Managing Your Award</p> <p>-Mychal Sterling & Suheylya Lasky: OVW Grants Financial Management Division</p>

12:00 pm **Lunch: on your own**

1:30 pm **Workshop Sessions:** Key Issues in Addressing Violence Against Women in Native Communities

Weaving our Wisdom by Decolonizing our Work - Nicole Matthews: MIWSAC	Housing First: A Model for Transitional Housing - Victoria Ybanez & Honovi Schoonover: Red Wind Consulting Inc.	Count Me In! Making Data Collection a Priority - Dawn Stover: Native Alliance Against Violence, N. Diane Gout: Gray O.A.K. LLC	The Health Impact of Strangulation - Arlene O'Brien: Southwest Center for Law and Policy, Michael Ford, Cordelia Clapp
Privacy, Confidentiality & Privilege: What Every VAWA-funded Entity Needs to Know - Jessie Mindlin: Victim Rights Law Center	Case Study: U.S. vs. Anthony McCauley - Lecia E. Wright: Tribal Liaison, United States Attorney's Office, Jeff Howard: FBI Special Agent	Crossing the Bridge: Tribal, State & Local Collaborations Protection Orders - Kelly Stoner: Tribal Law & Policy Institute	Advocacy Skills: Individual and Institutional Strategies for Advocates - Tina Olson: Mending the Sacred Hoop, Alyxis Feltus: Sacred Hoop Tribal Coalition

3:00 pm **Break**

3:15 pm **General Session:** Historic Trauma: *We are Still Here* –Carolyn K. Fiscus, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Closing Comments

4:45 pm

Adjourn Day One

5:00 pm

Day 2 ~ Thursday, September 26, 2019

- 9:00 am **Overview of Day Two** – Tina Olson, Mending the Sacred Hoop
- 9:15 am **General Session:** Collaborating through Federal and Tribal Prosecution –Troy Morley, United States Attorney’s Office, District of South Dakota
- 10:30 am **Workshop Sessions:** Key Issues in Addressing Violence Against Women in Native Communities

<p>Strengthening the Response: Sex Trafficking Victims Who Do Not Want to Report - Valaura Imus-Nahsonhoya: Honwungsi Consulting</p>	<p>The Uncle Project - Jeremy NeVilles-Sorell & Greg Grey Cloud: Wica Agli</p>	<p>Supporting Families Post Separation: Enhancing Supervised Visitation for Families Experiencing Domestic Violence - Jennifer Rose & Beth McNamara: Inspire Action for Social Change</p>	<p>Weaving Our Wisdom by Decolonizing Our Work - Nicole Matthews: Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition</p>
<p>The Wellbriety Movement and the Healing Forest Model: A Culturally-based Approach to Domestic Violence - J. Carlos Rivera: White Bison Inc.</p>	<p>Incarcerated Women Who Are Raped - Beverly Harris: Tohono O’odham</p>	<p>Honoring Our Spirit: Providing TA to Tribal College Campuses Addressing Sexual Assault - Raquel DeHerrera: Red Wind Consulting Inc.</p>	<p>Grants Financial Management: Policies and Procedures - Mychal Sterling, Suheylya Lasky: OVW Grants Financial Management Division</p>

12:00 pm **Lunch: on your own**

12:30-1:15 pm **Lunch Session: VAWA 2013 Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction – Esther Labrado**, Project Attorney: Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction, National Congress of American Indians

1:30 pm **Workshop Sessions:** Key Issues in Addressing Violence Against Women in Native Communities

<p>Alaska Tribal Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy - Kristie Traver: National Indian Country Center for Sexual Assault (NICCSA)</p>	<p>Is a Tribal Domestic Violence Court or Docket Right for Your Community? - Kelly Gaines Stoner & Chia Halpern Beetso: Tribal Law & Policy Institute</p>	<p>Building Community Collaborations for Strengthening School-based Response - Victoria Ybanez: Red Wind Consulting Inc.</p>	<p>Cracking the Code: Understanding Motives of Those Who Batter - Steven M.S. Halley & Dorthy Stucky Halley: Family Peace Initiative</p>
<p>What if Our Normal Meter is Broken? - N. Diane Gout: Gray O.A.K. LLC</p>	<p>Understanding the Neurobiology of Trauma: Implications for Working with Youth & Teen Trauma Survivors - Elicia Goodsoldier: Red Wind Consulting</p>	<p>Tribal Leaders Fulfilling <i>Sumi'nangwa</i>: Protecting Women, Protects Tribal Nations - Carey Onsa-Namoki & Kim Zahne: Hopi Tewa Women's Coalition to End Abuse</p>	<p>Mending the Rainbow: Service Provisions for Native LGBTQ2S - Kurt Begay: Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition</p>

3:00 pm **Break**

3:30 pm **Workshop Sessions:** Key Issues in Addressing Violence Against Women in Native Communities

<p>Listening to Women Speak: Facilitating Support Groups for Survivors - Paula Morton: Dabinoo'Igan, Katherine Eagle: Mending the Sacred Hoop</p>	<p>Sexual Assault Protection Orders - Kelly Gaines Stoner, Chia Halpern Beetso: Tribal Law & Policy Institute</p>	<p>Alaska Tribal Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault - Tamra Truett Jerue & Janelle Chapin: Alaska Native Women's Resource Center</p>	<p>Stalking Identification and Response - Donna Wolff: Ponca Tribe of Nebraska</p>
<p>Serving Survivors with Disabilities -Kaitlin Shetler: Vera Institute of Justice</p>	<p>Grants Financial Management: Accounting for Personnel Activities & Timesheets - Mychal Sterling & Suheylya Lasky: OVW Grants Financial Management Division</p>	<p>The River of Cruelty and the Enlightened Witness - Steven M.S. Halley: Family Peace Initiative</p>	<p>Bartering of Babes: Pornography as a Gateway to Sex Trafficking - Brandon Nahsonhoya, Honwungsi Consulting</p>

5:00 pm **Adjourn Day Two**

Day 3 ~ Friday, September 27, 2019

- 9:00 am **Welcome Back & Overview of Day Three** – Tina Olson, Mending the Sacred Hoop
- 9:15 am **General Session:** Legislative and Policy Updates – Virginia Davis, National Congress of American Indians
- 10:15 am **Break**
- 10:30 am **General Session:** Honoring Our Strengths – Ruth Anna Buffalo, ND State Representative
- 11:30 am **Closing Prayer**
- 12:00 pm **Summit Adjourned** – Safe Travels!

Session Descriptions

Advocacy Skills: Individual & Institutional Strategies for Advocates: Advocacy for battered women has reshaped the way society responds to the issue of violence against women. Advocacy's common goal is to ensure women's safety, whether in the role of finding shelter and safety in a time of crisis (Individual Advocacy), or working with the civil or criminal justice system to change the response (Institutional Advocacy or System Advocacy). Within this realm is a basic principle of building respectful relationships with survivors, as well as people within collaborating agencies like probation, law enforcement, civil and criminal court. This session will examine the distinctions and provide a road map to ensuring women's safety through Individual and Institutional Advocacy.

Alaska Tribal Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault: This workshop is dedicated to the voices, languages and teachings of each of the 229 federally recognized Tribes in Alaska and the collaboration with those Tribes and other organizations on violence against Alaska Native women. AKNWRC's philosophy is that violence against women is rooted in the colonization of indigenous nations. Since the mid-1980s, legal reforms have created fundamental change in criminalizing violence against women, specifically domestic and sexual violence. AKNWRC is rooted in Alaska Native villages and is involved in addressing emerging issues, such as parity of services and access to service in rural and remote villages for victims, increasing responses to cases of missing and murdered Native women, and the immediate need of more informed and appropriate responses by law enforcement and the judicial systems (state, tribal and federal). AKNWRC is keenly aware of the importance of developing and sharing village-based best practices to build upon our gains increasing victim safety and holding perpetrators accountable for their violent behavior. Education and awareness concerning victim safety is an essential consideration of all aspects of AKNWRC's ongoing efforts in each Tribal community. This presentation is a small sample of the work being done in Alaska Tribal communities.

Alaska Tribal Sexual Assault Victim Advocacy – A Strengths-based Approach to Establishing and Increasing Victim Services in Resource-Challenged Communities: The rates of sexual violence perpetrated against Alaska Native women and children eclipses those of all other populations within the United States. Efforts to address this crisis within Alaska Native villages have been severely hampered by a critical lack of resources, including minimal availability of locally based, culturally appropriate, and trained sexual assault victim advocates. This presentation will discuss current statistics and existing resources in Alaska Native communities, unique challenges faced by Alaska Native villages in establishing sexual assault victim advocacy programs, and methodology in providing culturally specific, strengths-based training and tools to assist Alaska Native villages in developing or expanding services to victims of sexual assault.

Bartering of Babes: Pornography as a Gateway to Sex Trafficking: Pornography is a "gateway" to sex trafficking, furthering more violence against our Native women, girls, boys, and men. This workshop will introduce the ways in which pornography acts as a gateway to sex trafficking: how johns' and traffickers' addictions to porn lead to purchasing pornography, and eventually, women, girls, boys, and men. We will discuss addressing pornography within Native communities to decrease the demand for sexual exploitation.

Building a Trauma Informed Response to Violent Crime in Indian Country Case

Study: The criminal justice system is now paying attention to the effects of trauma on the brain and on memory. The manner in which a crime victim is interviewed can dramatically impact the answers she is able to provide and her willingness to have her case prosecuted. This session will address the effects of trauma, from a prosecutor's perspective, on victims and witness. It will also provide some best practice examples for incorporating a trauma informed law enforcement and prosecution response into Indian country violent crime cases. An actual Indian country strangulation case will serve as the backdrop for this session and will illustrate what can happen when poor interviewing and reporting writing occur.

Building Community Collaborations for Strengthening School-based Response:

Tribal programs often have limited engagement in developing collaborative partnerships to enhance their capacity to serve children and youth through work with school systems to ensure children are effectively being supported in the very systems they spend most of their waking hours. It is important for educators, school counselors, and other education related professionals to understand the causes of trauma from domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking and dating violence (*Helping Traumatized Children Learn, 2005*) and how it manifests itself in the school setting in order for them to work for change and creating an environment that is supportive and responsive to children and youth experiencing impacts from this violence. Participants in this session will examine how to build a school-based response through community partnerships that enhance the safety and success of children and youth impacted by domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking and dating violence.

Building Community Collaborations, Strengthening Community Response: Small programs sometimes feel that going through a community-based planning process is a task that requires more time and resources than they have available. But if they start at a level with which they feel comfortable and capable, and build toward a process that involves wider community and potential partner organization participation, they often find themselves building stronger projects that have the potential of transitioning into sustainable programs. This workshop will focus on building strong, mutually beneficial partnerships and leveraging resources as ways to move from an internal-oriented project to an external community-based project; showing how committed partnerships and commitment of leveraged funds usually are critical components in creating project sustainability.

Case Study: U.S. vs. Anthony McCauley: This Indian Country sexual assault case was tried in federal court in March 2019 resulting in a hung jury. The case involved a sex act perpetrated on an incapacitated victim as a result of intoxication. The prosecutor charged a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2242(2). The case presented some complicated evidentiary challenges involving DNA found at the scene and during the forensic medical examination. Additionally, body camera footage and witness testimony were challenges faced by the trial team. This session will address lessons learned by the trial team and will illustrate how difficult it can be to investigate and prove an alcohol facilitated sexual assault case.

Count Me In! Making Data Collection a Priority: Love it or hate it, we all use and rely upon data. Every individual writing a grant, managing a grant, or funded under a grant is driven by data. This session will demonstrate how data can enhance capacity, promote accountability, and create opportunities for overall health and well-being for American Indians and Alaska Natives at the program, community, and individual levels. Information will also be shared on the OVW Targeted T/TA Project on DATA Collection, Utilization, and Program Assessment designed to assist Tribal Government and Tribal Jurisdiction Program grantees, subgrantees and potential grantees on data collection and how to use data to develop or enhance programs to effectively respond to domestic and dating violence, stalking, and sexual violence occurring within their communities.

Cracking the Code: Understanding the Motives of Those Who Batter: In this workshop, Dorthy Stucky Halley and Steve Halley “crack the code”, bringing to the practitioner an understanding of the different types of batterers who have different motives, display different behaviors, and present different dangers to their victim and to their community. The commonality among batterers—their desire to dominate and control—has been understood for a long time. Unfortunately, their differences have eluded researchers and professionals for years, making it difficult to provide effective response. This workshop provides information that unlocks the mystery of domestic violence, and provides practical information that will change and enhance your response.

Crossing the Bridge: Tribal, State and Local Collaborations for Enforcement of Tribal Protection Orders: This presentation will focus on drafting enforceable tribal protection orders including Full Faith and Credit and drafting remedies tailored to meet the needs of victims. The session also focuses on drafting enforceable protection orders that may provide the basis for criminal actions for violations of a protection order. This session concludes with a discussion on tribal protection order enforcement issues and includes some promising practices for State and Local enforcement of tribal protection orders.

Ensuring Health, Safety & Wellness through Public Policy Advocacy, Day One
Keynote – Presenter: Ruth Anna Buffalo

This session will discuss how it is possible to use a public health lens through prevention to strengthen individual, families and communities. Ruth will present on her ability to use her degrees: Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, master’s in management, master’s in business administration and master’s in public health; to serve the people of North Dakota. Having served the 27th District since December 1, 2018, Ruth set out to fix healthcare issues her own family has experienced and will share how she has devoted her education and career to improving the health and lives of the public.

Grants Financial Management: Accounting for Personnel Activities and Timesheet Exercise: This hands-on activity will first discuss time and attendance policies and procedures, and then engage participants with an exercise on processing a time sheet.

Grants Financial Management: Policies and Procedures: The importance of maintaining, following, and updating policies and procedures that support strong financial management systems, internal controls, and supporting documentation will be discussed.

Grants Financial Management: Setting Up and Managing Your Award: This session will cover how to create a grant file; review the special conditions and regulations; track budgeted-to-actual-expenditures; and how and when to make modifications to the award.

Historic Trauma: “We are Still Here” Day One General Session – Presenter: Carolyn Fiscus, University of Nebraska, Omaha. This interactive session explores and endeavors to explain the current and lingering effects of the trauma placed upon tribal entities since contact. This interactive session explores and endeavors to explain the current and lingering effects of the trauma placed upon tribal entities since contact.

Honoring Our Spirit: Providing Technical Assistance to Tribal College Campuses Addressing Sexual Assault: Tribal colleges and universities are the cornerstone for preserving our tribal communities. While there is some research demonstrating the prevalence and dynamics surrounding sexual violence on college campuses, there is little research on sexual violence within tribal college campuses. What we do know is our people experience sexual violence at much larger rates than non-Native people (NIJ). We also know that access to traditional practices and life-ways are critical for our healing and is often the most effective means available. Tribal colleges and universities create a space where we can honor our spirits by learning more about our culture, while also empowering us to gain more knowledge to create a better, more just world. Red Wind can provide training and technical assistance to all tribal colleges and universities developing and/or implementing a holistic response to sexual assault. This session will discuss the work Red Wind is engaging in with tribal colleges and campuses and will allow participants the opportunity to gain a better understanding of what holistic tribal sexual assault responses might look like on tribal colleges and university campuses.

Housing First: A Model for Transitional Housing: The Housing First model has been shown to be a highly effective approach to achieving permanent housing for chronically homeless individuals with serious mental illness and chemical dependency. The Housing First model is based on the presumption that helping people obtain stable housing before addressing other concerns makes dealing with these other issues easier, and the evidence has strongly supported this claim. There are many components of the model that lends itself toward achieving similar goals for homeless domestic violence survivors, survivors of sexual assault, and their children. Participants in this session will explore what housing first is and how it can serve as a strong model to providing transitional housing for victims of domestic violence, sexual violence, and stalking within their tribe.

Incorporating Indigenous Values into the Criminal Justice System: Participants will engage in discussions about incorporating Indigenous values into the work they do within the criminal justice system and how this impacts the overall wellness of their tribal community.

Innovative Approaches to Safety in Rural Alaska: Dedicated to the restoration of tribal sovereignty to increase the safety of Alaska Native women, the Alaska Native Women’s Resource Center (AKNWRC) is partnering with Tribal villages in their efforts to create safer communities that address the immediate crisis of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking. Alaska Tribal communities have various challenges and disparities that impact response to these issues This discussion will honor those unique methods that some communities have used to keep their Tribal members safe in these various circumstances, while emphasizing and

strengthening the capacity of village governments to develop their responses to violence against women.

Is a Tribal Domestic Violence Court or Docket Right for Your Tribal Community?

This highly interactive presentation will utilize exercises drawn from TLPI's latest resource on this topic to guide Native nations through discussions to determine whether a tribal domestic violence court or docket would be the best fit for a tribal community. The presentation will touch on other important issues for consideration including protocol and policy development, benefits and barriers and sustainability.

Listening Session: Understanding the Complex and Co-occurring Barriers for Survivors and People Who Use Violence: Visitation programs, advocates and other providers working with families experiencing domestic violence have expressed, for many years, that some of the biggest challenges they face are related to addressing issues related to substance abuse and addiction. Many parents come to supervised visitation with co-occurring safety issues in addition to the violence. Providers have shared with us that this creates challenges when working with families, in particular, when supporting victims who are visiting parents. Join us for a listening session that will focus on exploring the issues and challenges advocates, visitation providers and those working to reduce violence are facing in addressing the co-occurring barriers faced by families post-separation.

“Many Paths”: “Many Paths” simulates the life journeys of Indigenous victims of abuse who seek to free themselves from the destructive patterns of domestic violence. Workshop participants will gain increased awareness of the dynamics of domestic violence as they manifest in the lives of Indigenous survivors; an understanding of how various systems and institutions impact victims' lives in positive and negative ways; insights into how to be a more effective community and family member, friend, or policy maker; inspiration and hope from the resilience, strength, and courage of survivors.

Mending the Rainbow: Service Provision for Native LGBT2S Survivors: Intimate partner and sexual violence among Native lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or two spirit (LGBT2S) individuals is a critical issue that service providers must be made aware of and develop appropriate responses to. This workshop focuses on tribal victim services utilizing shared stories & experiences, and small group activities to support presented material. The intent of the session is to increase participant skill and knowledge in providing victim-centered services to Native LGBT2S survivors.

Privacy, Confidentiality and Privilege: What Every VAWA-funded Entity Needs to Know! Are verbal releases allowed? Do we need a release to share information between different units of the same organization? May a minor sign a release? Does state advocate privilege law apply in tribal court? Come learn the answers to these and other VAWA privacy-related questions. In this interactive workshop, we will review the elements of VAWA confidentiality, discuss who they cover, untangle mandatory reporting laws, and review the newest federal privacy provisions that apply to OVW grantees. The workshop will include case scenarios, issue spotting, and reflective exercises. Bring your questions, concerns and confusion; let's sort them out together!

Sexual Assault Protection Orders: This presentation will discuss protection orders unique to the sexual assault survivor as well as protection order overlaps when a sexual assault survivor is also a survivor of domestic violence. The presentation will delve into how a protection order addresses safety and batterer accountability. This session also includes tips to drafting an enforceable protection order for sexual assault survivors.

Stalking Identification & Response: The objectives of this session will be to identify stalking behaviors and dynamics, recognize the intersection of stalking and other violent crimes against women. Attendees will learn how to apply strategies for working with victims of stalking.

Strengthening the Response to Sex Trafficking Victims Who Do Not Want to Report: Over the years, victim service programs have identified sex trafficking to be occurring within tribal communities, most often through third party information. Why are these incidents not reported to law enforcement for an appropriate judicial response? This workshop will share information on sex trafficking victims unwilling to report; and how victim service providers maintain trust and respect while maintaining the dignity of the victim and family. We will discuss cultural identification and healing regardless of victims reporting to law enforcement.

Supporting Families Post Separation: Enhancing Supervised Visitation for Families Experiencing Domestic Violence: Supervised visitation is an essential service for families experiencing domestic violence that requires an in-depth understanding of the needs of adult and child survivors, strategies for working with people who cause harm as well as the ability to simultaneously hold safety and healing for each member of the family. Inspire Action will provide participants with a hands-on, engaging opportunity to develop new skills and tools to support efforts to provide supervised visitation services to American Indian and Alaska Native Survivors and their families.

The Health Impact of Strangulation: Strangulation is a type of asphyxiation characterized by closure of the blood vessels and/or air passages of the neck as a result of external pressure on the neck. It takes less than ten seconds to lose consciousness due to strangulation and death can occur within five minutes. Strangulation victims have greater risk to experience subsequent attempted homicide or killed by their partner. In this workshop, participants will recognize the patterns of injury, lethality, signs and symptoms associated with strangulation.

The River of Cruelty Map: An Experiential Approach to Understanding Cruelty: The River of Cruelty is a model explaining how cruelty is passed from person to person and generation to generation. Through Family Peace Initiative's "River of Cruelty Map", participants will explore the impact of trauma and adverse experiences and explore the road to intervention. This experiential presentation will demonstrate how adverse emotions from cruel experiences create a pattern of behavior that can be self-sabotaging and destructive. Participants will become aware of how cruelty is often transferred from person to person and generation to generation. Ideas for intervention will be discussed. (This presentation can be emotionally activating for participants).

The Uncle Project: was created to engage men in the community as relatives, to be teachers and role models. Much of the prevention work with engaging men and youth has been modeled on non-Native communities and largely filled with academic language that doesn't match our cultural teachings of respecting and honoring women and our obligation as honorable men to stand up for what is right. It's fairly common to find "good men" who can talk about traditions, men who practice ceremonies, and men who walk the "Red Road" by living by their cultural values and beliefs; but understanding the nuances of coercion and control in intimate partner violence and addressing sexual violence from date rape to trafficking are areas that are lacking. In this workshop, we will present on The Uncle Project, and how we are working in our cultural context to organize and create solutions to end violence against women and youth based on our traditions and teachings.

The Wellbriety Movement and the Healing Forest Model: A Culturally-based Approach to Domestic Violence: This workshop will provide an overview of the Wellbriety movement. Through exploration of the Healing Forest Model and Wellbriety teachings, participants will gain knowledge on the leading causes of domestic violence. This workshop is designed to utilize culturally-based teachings and the Healing Forest Model to show the correlation between intergenerational and historical trauma and high levels of domestic violence in the community.

Tribal Leaders Fulfilling *Sumi'ngwa*: Protecting Women Protects Tribal Nations: Tribal leadership engagement is no small feat. It requires creating connections and cultural integration. Making connections for the safety of Native women, to protecting Native communities, families, and tribal sovereignty, is paramount. The cultural significance of women and girls at Hopi is summarized in the phrase *Wuhti Pas Hikyata*, “women and girls are valuable.” The phrase is a starting point in seeking to protect tribal communities, which is an obligation for any tribal leader. This connection that resonates with leaders because, like all, we come from women.

There is no cookie cutter formula for engaging leadership. However, tribes who integrate tribal cultural values and teachings in systems practice create connections that strengthen and revitalize *Sumi'ngwa Hita'ngwa*, and *Nami'ngwa*, and in turn strengthen tribal sovereignty. This workshop will provide knowledge through a cultural lens that HTWCEA uses to engage tribal leadership and build tribal leadership capacity, while working to end violence against Native women.

Understanding the Neurobiology of Trauma: Implications for Working with Youth and Teen Trauma Survivors: Youth and teenage brains are undergoing extreme changes during the adolescent years, making emotional trauma a higher-level threat to their mental health. This presentation is designed to introduce individuals in all professional arenas to the impact that trauma has on the adolescent brain. We will begin with an exploration of the nature of traumatic events (such as sexual assault, domestic violence and witnessing violence) and the difference between normal, situational and traumatic stress. Next, the physiological components of trauma will be introduced, such as brain structures and biochemistry, and exploring dissociation, hypervigilance and flashbacks. Finally, implications for healing will be discussed and current holistic interventions in mitigating the post-traumatic stress response in youth, will be presented.

Weaving Our Wisdom by Decolonizing Our Work: This session is interactive. We will look at some of the current habits that impact our daily lives through our organizations, community structures, and the ways that we move through the world. This session will explore how we have taken on harmful attitudes and behaviors that do not reflect our values as Native people. We will create space to reflect on how we can decolonize our own individual practices to make change for our communities by weaving together the wisdom in the room in order to end gender-based violence.

What if Our Normal Meter is Broken? Presenter N. Diane Gout will share her own personal story as a survivor, to provide participants with a unique insight into the dynamics of finding oneself in an abusive intimate partner relationship. How did we get there? Why do we stay? And, how to reject the shame that we, as victims and survivors, often feel. Participants will also gain a different perspective about the healing process for victims of physical and sexual trauma.