

# Tribal Governance for the Next Generation

2014 Annual Convention & Marketplace

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Hyatt Regency Atlanta



## 2014 NCAI ANNUAL CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

October 26-31, 2014

On October 26, 2014, Indian Country will gather in Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate a historic milestone – the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). When delegates gathered in Denver, Colorado for the first NCAI Annual Convention in 1944, they founded a congress that was committed to advancing sovereignty, ensuring cultural continuity, securing tribal rights, and educating the public. The 2014 Annual Convention & Marketplace will be a unique opportunity to celebrate the victories of the past 70 years and develop our unified vision for future generations.

Sessions at the Convention will focus on the following themes:

- **Strengthening governance** – the Convention represents NCAI's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the self-determination act. General assembly speeches, pre-conference trainings, and breakout sessions will focus on promising strategies to strengthen tribal governance.
- **Protecting cultural legacy** – cultural patrimony links the past to the future for Indigenous peoples and we must be vigilant and endeavor to protect and restore sacred places, seek return of confiscated and stolen remains and artifacts and monitor laws and policies that impact our lifeways.
- **Investing in youth** – NCAI and our partners will launch the First Kids 1st initiative to focus on building the strong future for Native youth that the delegates who founded NCAI dreamed of. Sessions will focus on equipping Native youth to build a bright future for tribal nations for generations to come.
- **Preparing for the future** – tribal nations are America's first governments and America does best when we have access to the tools of 21<sup>st</sup> century governance. From trust modernization to tribal technology, the Convention will focus on strategies to position tribal nations and Native peoples for success.

## Saturday, October 25

4:00 – 8:00 pm

### **NCAI Executive Board Meeting**

*Hanover FG*

## Sunday, October 26

9:00 – 5:00

### **Rockwood Leadership Training**

*Hanover G*

The session is designed to engage participants in a valuable learning experience that enhances their personal leadership and introduces a few of the Rockwood Leadership practices. Rockwood is a nonprofit training institute that teaches leadership and collaboration skills to social change leaders across the United States and internationally. A separate registration is required for this exciting opportunity. Reservations are required, limited space available, email [pmorris@ncai.org](mailto:pmorris@ncai.org) to request a seat.

Session outcomes:

- Self-experience of “leadership from the inside out”
- Practice with tools for working across difference
- Awareness of the importance of staying centered in the midst of too much stress
- Deeper community built with other participants.

10:00 – 4:30

### **Financial Education Summit: Ensuring the Financial Capability of the Next Generation**

*Hanover E*

Join tribal leaders, Native youth leaders, members of the President’s Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans (PACFCYA), Native organization leaders, and financial services and government representatives in an interactive summit to highlight and explore the unique role of tribal nations in strengthening financial capability of Native youth. This full day pre-session will include three parts: a morning discussion among tribal leaders and Native youth leaders about the opportunities and challenges in financial capability; a luncheon presentation on current research; and a listening session with the PACFCYA in the afternoon to share Native models and promising practices on financial education, asset building, youth employment, and consumer protection to inform the Council’s recommendations to the President in their report next March.

#### ***Welcome and Opening Remarks***

Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, USET

Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

Sherry Salway Black, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI & PACFCYA

#### ***Tribal and Youth Leader Strategy Session***

- Tribal leaders panelists:
  - Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Indian Nation
  - Aaron Payment, Chairman, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
  - John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

### ***Financial Education Summit (continued)***

- Native youth leader panelists:
  - Martha Ludlow Martinez, Youth Development Assistant, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
  - Cassondra Church, Youth Representative, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
  - Forrest Cox, Youth Representative, Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation
  - Alex Wesaw, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

### **Lunch – Regency VI**

***Luncheon Speaker*** - Gary Mottola, Research Director, Investor Education at Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) on *Financial Literacy among American Indians and Alaska Natives: An examination of data from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation's National Financial Capability Study*

### ***Listening Session with Representatives from President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability for Young Americans***

Louisa Quittman, Director of Office of Financial Education of the Department of the Treasury

### ***Presentation of Model Programs***

Moderated by Joanna Donohoe, Seven Sisters Community Development Group

Presenters:

Janet Owle, Cooperative Extension Interim Director, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

René Dubay, Director, Salish Kootenai College

Sunny Guillory, Financial Literacy Program Coordinator, Northwest Indian College

Nikki Pieratos, CEO, Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union

Lakota Mowrer, Assistant Director, Four Bands Community Fund

Natalie Charley, Executive Director, Taala Fund

### **Morning Sessions:**

9:00 – 12:00

### **Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force**

*Hanover F*

The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

### **Task Force on Violence Against Women: Our Work Is Not Finished**

*Hanover AB*

The NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. This pre-meeting will focus on: Debriefing oral testimony from the October 15<sup>th</sup> DOJ Office on Violence Against Women Annual Tribal Consultation; S. 1474 Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act; NCAI Resolution ANC-14-048 regarding a tribal set-aside within the VOCA fund; murdered & missing; sex trafficking; VAWA implementation updates; Regional Organizing updates; International update—including the recent World Conference on Indigenous Peoples—and other advocacy efforts.

12:00 – 1:00

### **New NCAI Member Orientation**

*Chicago D*

All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process. This is an opportunity to learn more about NCAI meeting policy and procedures.

Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI  
Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI  
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI  
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI

1:00 – 5:00

### **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

*Centennial Foyer*

## **Afternoon Meetings**

1:00 – 4:00

### **Secretarial Elections Consultation\***

*Regency V*

The Department of the Interior wishes to consult with Indian tribes on a new proposed rule with respect to the Department's regulations on Secretarial Elections (25 C.P.R. § 81, *et seq.*). This proposed rule addresses the process Bureau of Indian Affairs uses to call and conduct Secretarial elections upon a tribe's request or tribal members' petition. For several years, the Department has been working to update these regulations. In 2009 and 2010, the Department held several consultation sessions on draft versions of these rules in Anchorage, Alaska; Brooks, California; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Pala, California; and Albuquerque, New Mexico. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register and is available at:

<http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/ORM/25CFR81/index.htm>

1:00 – 5:00

### **The Affordable Care Act- What You Need to Know**

*Hanover C*

The first half of this session will provide information to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) on what they need to know about the Affordable Care Act. Information will be presented on the AI/AN special protections and benefits, Marketplace enrollment and deadlines, and will include step-by-step instruction on how to claim the exemption from the individual shared responsibility payment in 2014. The second half of this session will provide information to tribal leaders and tribes as employers and include specific information on the employer shared responsibility mandate which goes into effect in 2015.

Presenters:

Laura Bird, Legislative Associate, National Congress of American Indians

Dawn Coley, Tribal Health Care Reform Outreach & Education Manager, National Indian Health Board

April Hale, Tribal Health Care Reform Communications Coordinator, National Indian Health Board

Raho Ortiz, Director, Division of Business Office Enhancement, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service

## **The Indian Water Rights Settlement Program\***

*Grand Hall C*

The Interior Secretary's Indian Water Rights Office (SIWRO) wishes to consult with Indian tribes on policies related to the Department's Indian Water Rights Settlement Program. The discussion will focus on ways to strengthen SIWRO, including providing more robust guidance to Indian tribes and coordination with settlement teams negotiating Indian water rights settlements.

## **Made in Indian Country & Rural America – Workshop on Tribal Business Exporting**

*Centennial Ballroom 1*

*Hosted by the White House Rural Council, US Department of Agriculture, White House Council on Native Affairs, and NCAI.*

This half-day workshop will highlight the role exports can play to help Native-owned businesses access new opportunities and create jobs in tribal communities ensuring long-term, sustainable growth in Indian Country. Attendees will hear from experienced tribal exporters and from tribal, federal, and state organizations about resources and opportunities to help tribal companies achieve their growth objectives. Presenters will also discuss free trade zones, world trade centers, and how tourism can be export.

Panel Presenters:

Leslie Wheelock, Director, Office of Tribal Relations, USDA

Brian Cladoosby, President, National Congress of American Indians

Phil Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service, USDA

Chris James, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs, Small Business Administration

Del Laverdure, Consultant, Arrow Creek Law

Karlene Hunter, Chief Executive Officer, Native American Natural Foods

Michael Scott, Senior Vice President, Maniilaq Service, LLC

W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Lillian Salerno, Administrator for the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA

Nathan Kotch, Senior Vice President, Maniilaq Service, LLC

Tom Strauss, Southern Regional Director, US Commercial Service, US Department of Commerce

Jamie Fuller, Chairman, Blue Stone Strategy Group

Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

John Dickson, President, World Trade Partnership, LLC

Robert Shade, Director, Native American Global Trade Center

Ed Hall, Tourism Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Kristin Lamoureux, Director, International Institute of Tourism Studies, The George Washington University

Lana Sleeper, Director of Tourism, Choctaw Nation

Sherry Rupert, Board President, AIANTA

## **Women's Caucus**

*Hanover AB*

The Native Women's Caucus supports the interests of women throughout Indian Country. The Caucus gives visibility and respect to Native women's perspectives and actions. Sessions will explore emerging issues that our communities are facing and the central roles of women and families.

## **Federal Recognition Task Force**

*Grand Hall A*

The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes in policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the tribal acknowledgement process. This session will continue work on the development of realistic, actionable recommendations to Congress and the Administration on revising the acknowledgement process.

1:00 – 5:00

## **FEMA Tribal Leaders Emergency Management Training**

*Dunwoody*

Tribal leaders faced with the dilemma of needing to be aware of tribal disaster and emergency declaration authority and responsibility, but unable to travel because of a demanding schedule, can receive training on emergency management concepts and operations offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Course topics include the components of an effective emergency management program; the role of a tribal emergency manager; the roles of tribal leaders in emergency management; and an overview of FEMA programs available to tribal governments.

*Participants will be required to enter a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID). Instructors will assist in obtaining SID on site.*

3:00 – 5:00

## **Indian Child Welfare Act Listening Session\***

*Chicago D*

The Department of the Interior will host an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Working Group update and listening session. Please join us as federal officials share updates on ongoing efforts being made by the federal government to ensure ICWA compliance is strengthened. Your voice will contribute to the vision of strengthening compliance and help lead the way in protecting American Indian and Alaska Native children.

5:00 – 6:00

## **NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee**

*Hanover G*

NCAI requests all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

6:00 – 8:00

## **Welcome and Cultural Evening**

*Regency VI*

Come and visit old friends and make some new ones. This reception will kick off the great week we are going to have at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention.

*\*NCAI assists in meeting space for Consultations and Listening Sessions during the NCAI Annual Convention as a benefit to all tribes. These sessions do not require NCAI Annual Convention registration to participate.*

## Monday, October 27

- 7:00 – 8:00                    **Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering**  
*Regency V*  
Come and hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships. We will join together in prayer in order to better serve the concerns of Native communities and nations.
- 7:30 – 5:00                    **Registration/Rules & Credentials - Open for the week**  
*Centennial Foyer*
- 7:30 – 5:00                    **Resolutions Office - Open for the week**  
*Chicago C*
- 9:00 – 4:00                    **Elder's Lounge - Open for the week**  
*Harris*
- 8:30 – 12:00                    **First General Assembly**  
*Centennial Ballroom II, III, & IV*
- 8:30                              **Call to Order**  
Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI
- Color Guard**  
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians citizens and  
Veterans of Steve Youngdeer Post 143
- Honor Song**
- Invocation**
- 9:00                              **Welcome**  
Michell Hicks, Principal Chief, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians  
  
Brian Patterson, President, United South and Eastern Tribes
- 9:40                              **Rules of the Convention**  
Yvonne Oberly, Credentials Committee Chair
- 9:50                              **Resolutions Process**  
Juanita Ahtone, Resolutions Committee Chair
- 10:00                             **President's Address**  
Brian Cladoosby
- 10:15                             **Executive Director's Report**  
Jacqueline Johnson Pata
- 10:30                             **Message from the White House**  
Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs,  
The White House

10:50	<b>Julian Castro, Secretary,</b> US Department of Housing and Urban Development, <i>video</i>
10:55	<b>Gina McCarthy, Administrator,</b> Environmental Protection Agency
11:15	<b>DOI Indian Affairs Update</b> Kevin K. Washburn, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, US Department of the Interior
11:30	<b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>NCAI Press Conference</b> <i>Chicago D</i>
12:00 – 1:30	<b>Secretary of HHS Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) Forum</b> <i>Fairlie</i> STAC members will provide an update to tribal leaders on recent STAC meetings and priorities and seek input on STAC agenda items.
1:30 – 4:00	<b>Second General Assembly</b> <i>Centennial Ballroom II, III, &amp; IV</i>
1:30	<b>Call to Order</b> First Vice President, NCAI
1:40 – 2:00	<b>Indian Health Services Update</b> Yvette Roubideaux, Acting Director, Indian Health Services, US Department of Health and Human Services
2:00 – 2:20	<b>Messages from Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</b> Mary Pavel, Staff Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
2:30 – 2:50	<b>Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veteran Affairs</b>
2:50 – 3:10	<b>Consumer Financial Protection Bureau</b> Zixta Martinez, Associate Director of External Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
3:10 – 3:30	<b>Mascots</b> Ray Halbritter, Representative, Oneida Indian Nation
3:30 – 4:00	<b>Tribal Leader Discussion</b>
4:15 – 6:00	<b>Committee Meetings</b> Economic, Finance & Community Development - <i>Dunwoody</i> Human Resources – <i>Hanover C</i> Land & Natural Resources – <i>Hanover B</i> Litigation & Governance – <i>Regency V</i> Veterans – <i>Hanover A</i>





## Tuesday, October 28

7:30 – 8:30

### Area Caucus Meetings

Alaska Area – *Hanover A*  
Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Fairlie*  
Great Plains Area – *Hanover C*  
Midwest Area – *Hanover E*  
Northeast Area – *Chicago D*  
Northwest Area – *Courtland*

Pacific Area – *Hanover D*  
Rocky Mountain Area – *Hanover B*  
Southeast Area – *Baker*  
Southern Plains Area – *Greenbriar*  
Southwest Area – *Dunwoody*  
Western Area – *Inman*

10:00 – 4:00

### Youth Commission General Assembly

*Inman*

9:00 – 5:00

### Marketplace - Open for the Week

*Grand Hall West & East*

8:30 – 12:00

### Third General Assembly

*Centennial Ballroom II, III, & IV*

8:30

### Call to Order

Recording Secretary, NCAI

Announcements

8:40 – 9:00

### Sally Jewell, Secretary, Department of the Interior

9:00 – 12:00

### Making Our Commitment!

Indian Country has seen considerable progress on key policy priorities over the past five years. To sustain our success we need to come together to define our shared priorities for the next five years and identify the commitments we will make as a Congress of tribal nations to build a strong future together.

Join leading voices in Indian Country and tribal leaders from throughout the nation as we identify our commitments and set Indian Country's agenda for the next five years.

12:00 – 1:30

### Lunch Recess

12:00 - 1:00

### Youth Honoring Luncheon

*Regency VII*

Taylor Thomas, Miss Indian World

Ernie Stevens NCAI Youth Leadership Awards Presentation

*Tickets are available for purchase.*

**The Path to Well-Being***Hanover D*

Tribes have implemented innovative wellness programs to address suicide, depression and substance abuse issues. Panelists will discuss creative and innovative programs in Indian Country that are having positive outcomes on the health and well-being of Native communities.

Presenters:

Robbie McGhee, Board Member, Center for Native American Youth and Board Member, National Indian Child Welfare Association, *invited*

Stephanie McCladdie, M.P.A., Regional Administrator, Region IV, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, US Department of Health & Human Services

Mary Cwik, PhD, Assistant Scientist, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health

Francene Larzelere Hinton, BA, WMAT/JHU NARCH Director

Collin Church, Native Youth Cabinet, National Congress of American Indians

**Redesigning the Indian Trust Resource Management System***Courtland*

NCAI has created the Trust Modernization Task Force. The Co-Chairs of the Task Force have been appointed and its work has already begun. The breakout session at Mid Year, providing a broad overview of recent changes to the trust management laws was well attended, and a webinar on bottlenecks in the appraisal process was held in September. Tribal leaders, officials, lawyers, trust resource program managers, individual landowners, and other stakeholders are invited to attend this session and to participate in the Task Force. This break out session will examine the appraisal process and other areas of trust land management and how they can be improved, from identifying the “low-hanging fruit” that can be fixed without amending federal statutes or regulations to proposing “tweaks” to the Indian Land Consolidation Act that will improve existing trust management activities or discussing more ambitious changes laws and regulations—all to give Indian tribes more options and choices, more authority, control and flexibility.

Presenters:

Kevin Washburn, Department of the Interior

Mike Olguin, Tribal Council, Southern Ute

Brian Gunn, Attorney, Powers Pyles Sutter and Verville PC

Majel Russell, Elk River Law Office

Reid Chambers, Attorney, Sonosky

**The Boarding School Era: Moving Forward Through Generational Healing***Regency V*

This session will highlight some of the healing work being done in our communities regarding historical traumas that resulted from the Indian Boarding School era. Panelists will discuss the history of this issue and how policies and actions have affected generations of Native peoples. The session will also begin focused dialogue to address core issues that have resulted from intergenerational traumas, and the tribal-centric approaches and practices being used to heal our communities.

Moderator:

Chairman Robert Shepherd, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

Panelists:

Dr. Erma J. Vizenor, Chairwoman, White Earth Nation

Gina Jackson, Casey Family Programs

Terry Cross, Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

### **Tribal Emergency Management and FEMA Policy Development**

*Hanover B*

Implementation of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policy and guidelines to last year's Stafford Act amendment for tribes to seek direct disaster declarations is the primary focus of the first of two sessions on tribal homeland security/emergency management. Discussion of the recent FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy will be discussed along with the revised and soon to be released Draft Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance. FEMA officials will provide briefings and updates on other tribal affairs activities and outreach.

Presenters:

David Myers, Senior Advisor, FEMA

Stephanie Tennyson, Deputy Director of External Affairs, FEMA-DHS

Nicole Mlade, IGA Director, FEMA-DHS

Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Director, FEMA-DHS

Jessica Stewart, Recovery Directorate, FEMA-DHS

Sharon Thompson, Director Center for Agriculture Food Security, University of Tennessee

### **Governing through Codes & Policies: Launch of the Tribal Public Health Law Database**

*Greenbriar*

Tribal nations create codes and policies to establish their authority, exercise their sovereignty and stewardship of tribal lands and citizens, and govern through cultural values. These codes and policies can serve as critical anchor points for decision-making in a context where public health, science, and development policy are shifting rapidly. In this session, we will launch a new web-based resource developed by NCAI and NIHB, called the Tribal Public Health Law Database that features information on existing tribal codes and policies developed to advance tribal public health law. We will also hear brief presentations by tribal health policy leaders describing ongoing health policy conversations nationally (e.g., training Native public health leaders; biobanking and specimen data sharing; and health coordination across jurisdictions), as well as other tools and insights designed to support tribes in developing effective codes and policies as part of strengthening governance. The session then will open to a collective discussion about how best to share information and develop technical assistance for tribes on public health code and policy development.

Presenters:

Montrece Ransom, Senior Public Health Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Doris Cook, Contractor, Association of American Indian Physicians

Dolores Welch, Program Manager, Association of American Indian Physicians

## **Tribal Tax Parity: Next Steps After a New Federal law**

*Fairlie*

NCAI is working with a coalition of tribal leaders and organizations on an initiative on taxation. The coalition was recently successful in enacting the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act. This session seeks to further our progress, with a focus on pushing forward on appointments to the Tribal Advisory Committee created by the Act. Also, important tribal tax issues will be considered by Congress during the Lame Duck session. Finally, we want to continue to prepare for the larger Tax Reform opportunities in the next Congress, and actions needed from tribal leaders to continue to promote good tax policy and economic growth on Indian reservations.

Moderators: Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno Sparks Indian Colony and  
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

Speakers:

Elaine Buckberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination, Department of Treasury  
W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe  
Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers  
Aurene Martin, Consultant, Spirit Rock Consulting  
Del Laverdure, Consultant, Crow Nation, Akin Gump

## **Reforming Indian Education – Tribal Community Engagement**

*Baker*

This session will provide an opportunity to bring together tribal leaders, Indian education stakeholders, and federal partners to discuss Indian education reform opportunities. Indian education has played a prominent role over the last year both in the administration and in this session of Congress. The administration will discuss their “Blueprint for Reform” intended to implement meaningful reforms in the Bureau of Indian Education system. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will hold a listening session to continue their work on their “Indian Education Series” surveying the current state of Indian education on all levels – early childhood education, BIE schools, public education, higher education, and Native languages.

Presenters:

Dr. Charles Roessel, Director, Bureau of Indian Education  
Kenneth Martin, Policy Director, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

4:15 – 6:00

### **Subcommittee Meetings**

Disabilities – *Harris*  
Economic Development, Finance &  
Employment – *Hanover E*  
Education – *Hanover B*  
Elders – *Harris*  
Energy & Mineral Policy – *Hanover C*  
Environmental Protection & Land Use –  
*Greenbriar*  
Health – *Learning Center*  
Housing – *Hanover D*  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns –  
*Fairlie*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Hanover G*  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Regency V*  
Taxation – *Hanover F*  
Technology & Telecommunications –  
*Courtland*  
Transportation & Infrastructure – *Chicago D*  
Tribal Gaming – *Baker*  
Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture  
– *Dunwoody*  
Veterans – *Hanover A*

6:00 – 8:00

### **United League of Indigenous Nations Event**

*Regency V*

The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed by NCAI's Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships in 2007. The Treaty establishes an international political and economic alliance to advance the common interests of Indigenous nations on several issues, including: climate change, trade and commerce, cultural properties, and human rights. This meeting will consist of a signing ceremony for tribes interested in endorsing the treaty and a forum for discussion and presentation on important issues affecting Indigenous peoples.

6:00-8:00

### **NCAI Technology Task Force Meeting**

*Courtland*

This meeting will convene members of NCAI's Technology Task Force to discuss the ongoing work in the fields of technology and communications issues in Indian Country. The Task Force was created during NCAI's 2013 Executive Council Winter Session and is comprised of tribal leadership, tribal telecommunications companies, Information Technology (IT) experts, business entrepreneurs, and representatives from tribal organizations. The Task Force will meet to discuss technology initiatives that could benefit tribal education, healthcare, governance, and public safety. Conference attendees are encouraged to attend this meeting.

7:00 – 9:00

### **It's Hoop Time!**

*Harland Unit of Boys & Girls Clubs Metro Atlanta, 435 Peoples Street*

Bring your tennis shoes and come show off your skills. Youth, tribal leaders and professional basket players are all invited for fun night. All are welcome! If you don't play, come out and cheer on your favorite player!

## Wednesday, October 29

7:30 – 8:30

### Area Caucus Meetings

Alaska Area – *Hanover A*

Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Fairlie*

Great Plains Area – *Hanover C*

Midwest Area – *Hanover E*

Northeast Area – *Chicago D*

Northwest Area – *Courtland*

Pacific Area – *Hanover D*

Rocky Mountain Area – *Hanover B*

Southeast Area – *Baker*

Southern Plains Area – *Greenbriar*

Southwest Area – *Dunwoody*

Western Area – *Inman*

9:00 – 4:00

### Youth Commission General Assembly

*Inman*

9:00 – 5:00

### Marketplace Open

*Grand Hall West & East*

8:30 – 11:30

### Fourth General Assembly

*Centennial Ballroom II, III, & IV*

8:30

### Call to Order

Dennis Welsh, Treasurer, NCAI

8:30 – 10:00

### Honoring Nations Finalist Presentations & Award Announcements

Please join Honoring Nations for a special plenary session to learn about and celebrate success in tribal governance. The six 2014 Honoring Nations finalists will each share a 10-minute presentation about their inspiring and innovative work. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Honoring Nations Board of Governors will announce the awards for High Honors and Honors.

The 2014 Honoring Nations finalists are:

#### **Lummi Wetland and Habitat Mitigation Bank**

Lummi Nation

#### **Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Child Welfare Program**

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

#### **Owe’neh Bupingeh Rehabilitation Project**

Ohkay Owingeh

#### **Potawatomi Leadership Program**

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

**Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency  
(SCALE)**

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

**Swinomish Climate Change Initiative**

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

10:00 – 11:30

**First Kids 1<sup>st</sup>**

National Congress of American Indians

National Indian Child Welfare Association

National Indian Education Association

National Indian Health Board

Jim Clark, President and CEO, Boys and Girls Club of America

Leo Nolan, Native Vision, Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health

Clark Gaines, Native Vision, NFL Players Association

Brian Weeden, Co-President, UNITY, Inc.

Raina Thiele, Associate Director, The White House

Erin Bailey, Executive Director, Center for Native American Youth

11:30 – 12:30

**“Walking with the Next Generation”**

**National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles  
Walk, Run, Rally and Wellness Marketplace**

*Grand Hall Lobby*

11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk hosted by NCAI, Nike N7, and the Indian Health Service. Come and join leaders from more than 500 nations as we all “Walk the Talk,” and show our commitment to wellness. All participants will receive Healthy Lifestyles incentives!

12:30 – 1:30

**Get Your Native Business Online!**

*Hanover F*

The *Google my Business* and *Accelerate with Google Academy* programs are designed to help businesses to learn about digital marketing to grow their presence online. Participants will learn about how to make the most of the web using Google tools, including Google Maps, Google+, and Google AdWords. Come prepared to learn how to get your business on the map and learn how to access the Accelerate with Google Academy. *Participants are encouraged (but not required) to bring their laptop/tablet/phone to get the most out of this session.*

Trainers: Kris Easton and Hillary Ross, Google



12:30 – 1:30

**US Department of Education – Tribal Consultation: Native Youth Initiative\***

*Hanover B*

The Department is considering making discretionary grants for FY 2015 that would fund culturally-relevant, place-based strategies that are designed to improve the educational and life outcomes for children and youth in tribal communities. Recognizing the importance of tribal self-determination, the grants would support a coordinated intervention strategy chosen by the tribal community, within the context of a more comprehensive approach to youth development planned by that community.

1:30 – 4:00

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**Oral Health is Good Health**

*Hanover D*

This session will provide an introduction to the Dental Health Aid Therapist program (DHAT), present research on the oral health needs in Indian Country, provide information on the legislative efforts in various states, and the specific efforts by tribal leaders in their states.

Presenters:

Brian Cladoosby, President, National Congress of American Indians and Chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Terry Batliner, DDS, Associate Director, Center for Native Oral Health Research, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus

David Jordan, Project Director, Dental Access Project, Community Catalyst

Michael E. Bird, Chairman, Kewa Pueblo Health Corporation and Board Member, Health Action New Mexico

**Modern Tribal Government, Tribal Constitutions, and Tribal Sovereignty**

*Regency VI*

Tribal governments are taking on increasing responsibilities, running everything from health clinics to schools to police departments to large economic developments operations. Tribes often have hundreds or thousands of employees in a variety of operations. In this context, are the old tribal constitutions from the 1930's still adequate for today's tribal governments? This session will explore several topics in tribal government, with a focus on building strong internal mechanisms to handle today's challenges.

Presenters:

Rocky Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, *invited*

Richard Luarkie, Governor, Pueblo of Laguna

Justin Beaulieu, Constitution Reform Initiative Coordinator, Red Lake Nation

Erma Vizenor, Chairwoman, White Earth Nation, *invited*

## **Modernizing Funding of the Trust Responsibility**

*Dunwoody*

A part of trust reform/modernization should include improving the way federal funding that upholds the trust responsibility is delivered to tribes. NCAI and tribes assert that federal funding for health, education, infrastructure and other programs to tribes are trust obligations and should be mandatory. Yet, federal agencies struggle in defining, understanding, and meeting the needs in Indian Country. Many tribes now effectively administer federal programs through self-determination, self-governance, and improved efficiency with the 477 model.

Presenters:

Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, United South and Eastern Tribes

W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Will Micklin, First Vice President, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist, Sense, Inc.

## **Tribal Homeland Security**

*Hanover A*

Wide-ranging topics on national homeland security issues and tribal government significance are included in this second of two tribal homeland security/emergency management sessions. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) operations and initiatives on human trafficking; tribal IDs, travel and border crossing and security; and, tribal governmental affairs updates; FirstNet tribal outreach for a tribal public safety wireless broadband network; and, the tribally-proposed DHS national Tribal Advisory Council, will be discussed.

Presenters:

Kimberly Walton, Assistant Administrator, Department of Homeland Security – Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

Bryan Hudson, Policy Advisor, Department of Homeland Security -TSA

Maurice Gill, Director – State Tribal Local Liaison Office,

Department of Homeland Security – Customs and Border Protection

Harold Hurtt, Assistant Director, Office of State Tribal and Local,

Department of Homeland Security - Immigration Customs Enforcement

Richard Broncheau, Emergency Management Coordinator, Nez Perce Tribe

## **Land to Trust – The Goal for the Next Two Years**

*Courtland*

Under the Obama Administration, the Department of the Interior has made great strides in increasing land restoration for Indian tribes, with the acquisition of over 275,000 acres. However, Secretary Jewell has set a goal of 500,000 acres of restored lands, and tribes will need to do their part to meet this goal. This session will be devoted to working together to restore the tribal land base.

Moderators: Chairman Arlan Melendez, Reno Sparks, and John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

## **Tribal Promise Zones and Food Sovereignty: Securing Indian Country's Future through Community Development, Economic Development, and Food Production**

*Hanover C*

This session will look at a few different ways tribes can help boost economic development and security in their communities. First, the Obama Administration recently announced its second Promise Zone Competition which looks to designate particular areas of the country as Promise Zones “to create a new pathway to the middle class by partnering with local communities and businesses to create jobs, increase economic security, improve educational opportunities, and reduce violent crime.” Attendees will hear from USDA, one of the partner agencies with HUD, on the initiative as well as from Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the first tribal Promise Zone. Next, there will be look at tribal economic development through food production and the potential for value added food products in Indian Country.

Presenters:

Leslie Wheelock, Director, Office of Tribal Relations at USDA

Sara-Jane Smallwood, Director of Public Policy & Promise Zone Coordinator,  
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Zach Ducheneaux, Program Manager, Intertribal Agriculture Council

## **Advocating for Youth – Putting our First Kids 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Fairlie*

In this session we will discuss how to advocate on issues of importance to Native youth. The discussion will center on how to implement an effective advocacy strategy and the advocacy tools that can be used at the local, state, and federal level to bring awareness to issues – especially those issues that affect youth in their local communities. NCAI and its First Kids 1<sup>st</sup> partners will discuss specific issues and work through the factors to be considered at each level of advocacy and will engage participants in the ways that they can move the First Kids 1<sup>st</sup> agenda forward in their families, in their local communities, in their tribal governments, and at the national level.

Speakers:

Denise Desiderio, Policy and Legislative Director, National Congress of American Indians

Sarah Kastelic, Deputy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association

Stacey Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board

Cassandra Holt, Sault Ste. Marie tribal member

Michelle L. Castagne, Sault Ste. Marie tribal member

## **Decolonizing Tribal Child Welfare: Reclaiming our sovereignty through our traditions and culture**

*Greenbriar*

As the movements towards self-determination and self-governance grows stronger in Indian Country many tribes are examining how they can reclaim their traditions and cultural approaches to preventing child abuse and neglect. Key to this work is the understanding of how colonization has affected tribal communities and their efforts to respond to child abuse and neglect. Many tribes are reforming their existing child welfare systems using community based processes that focus on the renewal of tribal traditions, beliefs, and customs in their child welfare services. This includes tribal codes, program policies and procedures, court processes, and service delivery. This workshop will provide information on how tribes are decolonizing their child welfare systems through culturally based program designs and implementation, and the role tribal leadership plays in this process.

Presenters:

Terry Cross, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association  
Suzanne Garcia, Assistant General Counsel, Washoe Tribe

## **Safety for Native Women: An Update on Implementation of the VAWA Tribal Jurisdiction Provisions**

*Baker*

This breakout session will feature an update on the exercise of criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians authorized by the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. The panel will include representatives from the three tribes who have begun exercising criminal jurisdiction over non-Indians. This breakout session is intended for tribal leaders who want to plan for VAWA implementation—whether it is next year, 5 years or 10 years down the road—and hear updates from the experiences of the tribes exercising jurisdiction on an accelerated basis. We will also share information about useful tools developed by the Intertribal Technical-Assistance Working Group including a tribal code development checklist.

Speakers:

Fred Urbina, Attorney General, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Jill Engel, Chief Prosecutor, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
O.J. Flores, Assistant Chief Prosecutor, Pascua Yaqui Tribe  
Sharon Jones Hayden, SA/DV Prosecutor (and SAUSA), Tulalip Tribe  
Michelle Demmert, Reservation Attorney, Tulalip Tribe  
Brent Leonhard, Attorney, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Kyle Daley, Prosecutor, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
Ryan Rusche, Attorney, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, *invited*

4:15 – 6:00

### **Subcommittee Meetings**

Disabilities – *Harris*  
Economic Development, Finance &  
Employment – *Hanover E*  
Education – *Hanover B*  
Elders – *Harris*  
Energy & Mineral Policy – *Hanover C*  
Environmental Protection & Land Use –  
*Greenbriar*  
Health – *Learning Center*  
Housing – *Hanover D*  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns –  
*Fairlie*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Hanover G*  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Regency V*  
Taxation – *Hanover F*  
Technology & Telecommunications –  
*Courtland*  
Transportation & Infrastructure – *Chicago D*  
Tribal Gaming – *Baker*  
Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture  
– *Dunwoody*  
Veterans – *Hanover A*

5:30 – 6:00

### **Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**

*Inman*

6:00 – 8:00

### **Tribal Climate Change Task Force**

*Courtland*

At NCAI's 2014 Mid-Year Conference, our membership requested action on NCAI Resolution #REN-13-020, which calls for the creation of a Tribal Climate Change Task Force to help set NCAI's climate change policy and establish a clear agenda of Indian Country action items. This meeting will be the first of the Task Force. The Task Force, which will be overseen by two chairpersons (one or both tribal leaders, with one potentially being a tribal programmatic person), will establish an agenda, set a list of priorities, and develop a Resolution for consideration by NCAI membership on climate change policy and action in Indian Country. The meeting will have presentations by scientists both in Indian Country and internationally on climate change policy targets.

6:00 – 8:00

### **#OneLouder Native Vote Talent Competition**

*Centennial Ballroom I*

Join us as we celebrate the importance of the Native Vote and show exactly how each Indian Country talent and voice makes Native Vote #OneLouder. Compete to win a Google Nexus Tablet or other great prizes. All talents welcome! Sign up at [NativeVote.org](http://NativeVote.org)

Come to enjoy the DJ and performances; eat delicious food; visit the Native Vote Photo Booth and win prizes for posting your best photos on social media outlets; and more! Don't forget to bring your smart phone! The audience will be voting for the best performance via social media.

*\* NCAI assists in meeting space for Consultations and Listening Sessions during the NCAI Annual Convention as a benefit to all tribes. These sessions do not require NCAI Annual Convention registration to participate.*

## Thursday, October 30

7:30 – 8:30

### Area Caucus Meetings

Alaska Area – *Hanover A*  
Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Fairlie*  
Great Plains Area – *Hanover C*  
Midwest Area – *International South*  
Northeast Area – *Chicago D*  
Northwest Area – *Courtland*

Pacific Area – *Hanover D*  
Rocky Mountain Area – *Hanover B*  
Southeast Area – *Baker*  
Southern Plains Area – *Greenbriar*  
Southwest Area – *Dunwoody*  
Western Area – *Inman*

9:00 – 5:00

### Marketplace Open

*Grand Hall West & East*

10:00 – 4:00

### Youth Commission General Assembly

*Inman*

8:30 – 12:00

### Fifth General Assembly

*Centennial Ballroom I, II, & IV*

8:30

#### Call to Order

Ron Richardson, Southeast Area Vice President, NCAI

Announcements

8:40

#### Youth Commission Report

#### UNITY, Inc. Update

9:00

#### Issue Updates

#### Gaming

Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association

#### Housing

Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chairwoman,  
National American Indian Housing Council

#### Education

Melvin Monette, President, National Indian Education Association

#### Indian Child Welfare

Gil Vigil, President, National Indian Child Welfare Association

#### Health

Lester Secatero, Chairperson, National Indian Health Board

**World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**  
Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor, Chickasaw Nation

**Update: Attorney General's Task Force on American Indian  
and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence**  
Byron Dorgan, Co-Chair, Advisory Committee

11:00 – 12:00

**Tribal Leaders Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00

**Elder's Honoring Luncheon**  
Nuti` aka mutu` (Sunrise Dancers)  
Music by Joe Garcia, Tribal Officer, Ohkay Owingeh  
*International Ballroom*  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*

1:30 – 4:00

**Sixth General Assembly**  
*Centennial Ballroom I, II, & IV*

1:30

**Call to Order**  
Randy Noka, Northeast Area Vice President, NCAI

1:30

**Red Cross MOU Signing**

1:40 – 2:00

**Moving Civil Rights in Indian Country**

2:00 – 2:20

**Native Vote**

2:20 – 2:45

**Supreme Court Project Update**  
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund  
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

***Carcieri* Update**

2:45 – 3:00

**Native American Financial Services Association, *video***

3:00 – 4:00

**Tribal Leader Discussion**

4:00 – 5:30

**Committee Meetings**  
Economic, Finance & Community Development - *Courtland*  
Human Resources – *Hanover C*  
Land & Natural Resources – *Hanover B*  
Litigation & Governance – *Hanover D*  
Veterans – *Hanover A*

7:00 – 10:00

**Gala Banquet**  
*Centennial Ballroom I&II*  
Frank Waln, Native Hip Hop Artist  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*

## Friday, October 31

8:30 – 12:00	<b>Seventh General Assembly</b> <i>Centennial Ballroom I, II, &amp; IV</i>
8:30	<b>Call to Order</b> Rosemary Morillo, Pacific Area Vice President, NCAI
	<b>Memorials</b>
8:45	<b>Violence Against Women Act Implementation</b>
9:00 – 9:15	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Dennis Welsh, Treasurer, NCAI
9:45 – 10:05	<b>Rules and Credentials Report</b>
10:05 – 10:30	<b>Constitution Proposed Changes Vote Regarding Election Process</b>
10:05 – 11:45	<b>Resolutions Committee Report</b> <b>Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions</b> Economic, Finance & Community Development Human Resources Land & Natural Resources Litigation & Governance Veterans
11:55 – 12:00	<b>Retire Colors/Closing Prayer</b>
12:00	<b>Adjourn 71st Annual Convention</b>

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## Other Meetings and Events

The meetings and events listed below are included to give you other opportunities to network and come together on a particular topic. The meetings and events are not part of NCAI's main agenda.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

#### **Sneak Peek Screening: Across the Creek**

12:00pm – 12:30pm

*Learning Center*

Across the Creek, a new 30-minute PBS documentary from director/producer Jonny Cournoyer (Rosebud Sioux), explores the Lakota people's struggle for the restoration of a cultural legacy. Broken by colonialism and with both the unbridled dreams and the painful reality of today, the film is a conversation between the elder and younger generations. Interviews with Albert White Hat, Sage Fast Dog, Mike Prue, Florentine Blue Thunder, Christine Blue Horse and Nick Tilsen, among others, provide context for the film.

#### **Greenberg Traurig Welcome Reception**

6:30pm – 8:00pm

*Courtland*

Come join us at the Greenberg Traurig welcome reception. For more information contact Loretta Tuell at [tuell@gtlaw.com](mailto:tuell@gtlaw.com).

#### **US Census Bureau Recruiting for Focus Groups**

6:30pm – 8:30pm

*Location Offsite – RSVP Required*

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking American Indians interested in participating in a focus group on the topics of race and identity to help improve the 2020 Census. Two focus group sessions will be conducted in Atlanta during the NCAI conference, when American Indians from a wide diversity of areas and identities will come together. The first session will be on Monday, October 27, 2014. The second session will be on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. For more information and to reserve a spot contact Laurie Schwede at [Laurel.K.Schwede@census.gov](mailto:Laurel.K.Schwede@census.gov).

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

#### **Forest Carbon Credits: An Economic Development Opportunity for Indian Tribes**

12:00 – 1:15pm

*Hanover F*

California's cap and trade program for greenhouse gas emissions creates a \$2 billion opportunity for US forest landowners. By committing to natural and sustainable forest management practices, landowners including Tribes are generating significant revenue from forest carbon credits which is being used for land acquisition, forest management, and other community and economic development projects. Please join a panel of Tribal representatives and carbon credit development experts for a workshop to learn how your Tribe's forestlands can connect to this important new source of economic development funding. For more information: Paul Filzer (440) 313-2657 or [paul@fslawinc.com](mailto:paul@fslawinc.com).

### **Tribal Tax Sovereignty Reception – Hosted by the Seneca Nation of Indians**

6:00pm – 7:30pm

*Regency VII*

Please join the Seneca Nation of Indians and others as we celebrate enactment of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act and prepare for continued efforts in the next Congress to promote tribal nation tax sovereignty.

### **Cheyenne & Arapaho Reception**

6:30pm – 8:00pm

*Executive Conference 219*

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes would like to extend an open invitation to attend our reception. This is an opportunity for tribal leaders and dignitaries of all tribes and nations to network and share information. Mr. Chance Rush, who will be providing the evening's entertainment, will be the emcee. We hope that you will join us.

### **Working to Build Meaningful Relationships with Tribes**

6:30pm – 8:00pm

*Dunwoody*

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) will provide a brief overview of the Tobacco Control Act and ways Tribes and Tribal stakeholders working on tobacco issues in their communities might engage the Center for Tobacco Products. FDA CTP will also discuss how it plans to support Tribes with tobacco compliance while respecting Tribal sovereignty. The overall goal of this effort by FDA CTP is to make tobacco-related death and disease part of America's past, not America's future and, by doing so, ensure a healthier life for every family.

### **Honoring Nations Finalist Reception & All-Star Banner Sneak Preview**

6:30pm – 8:30pm

*Embassy Hall*

Please join the Honoring Nations Board of Governors welcome the 2014 Honoring Nations finalists to Atlanta, GA! This is an informal opportunity to meet the finalists, learn about their work, and celebrate excellence in tribal governance. Honoring Nations will also share a sneak preview of the 2013 All-Stars exhibit before they are unveiled at the Smithsonian in spring 2015.

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## **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

### **Sneak Peek Screening: Spirit in Glass: Plateau Native Beadwork**

12:00pm – 12:30pm

*Learning Center*

This 30 minute documentary provides a rare opportunity to experience Plateau culture through the eyes and hearts of the artists themselves. Narrated by Nez Perce storyteller Nakia Williamson, the film focuses on bead artists from the Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama Reservations. The talented individuals behind this spectacular beadwork share their history, motivation, and the key role that beadwork plays in binding their culture together.

### **Sneak Peek Screening: The Medicine Game**

7:00pm – 8:00pm

*Learning Center*

The Thompson brothers from the Onondaga Nation pursue their dreams of playing lacrosse for Syracuse University. With the dream nearly in reach, the boys are caught in a constant struggle to define their Native identity, live-up to their family's expectations and balance challenges on and off the Reservation.