

Agenda

September 16th-18th, 2025



National Indigenous and Native American WIC Coalition Conference Journey Into the Future: Embracing and Navigating Change

September 16th

8:00AM-9:00AM	Breakfast served		Canoe Ballroom
9:00AM-10:30AM	Welcome and Opening Session Prayer and Suquamish Leadership	Opening Session: Azure Boure	Canoe Ballroom
10:30AM-11:00AM	Break/Exhibits		Deer Hall
11:00AM-12:00PM	The road ahead: Developing a WIC food delivery system for Navajo Nation	Veronica Clark, Program Manager; Wynette Begaye, Principal Nutritionist, Navajo WIC Program; Michelle Estradé, Research Associate, Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health	Canoe Ballroom
	Navigating Lactation Support Services when Culture, Community Needs and WIC Program Guidelines Clash	Rachel August, WIC and Breastfeeding Peer Consultant Washington State Department of Health	Whale Hall
12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch served Washington WIC Presentation- Making Connections to WIC and MCH	Sheryl Pickering, WA WIC, Cindy Gamble	Canoe Ballroom
1:15PM-2:15PM	Traditional Foods for Stronger Tomorrows	Michaela Parrott, Chickasaw Nation WIC	Canoe Ballroom
	Seattle Indian Health Board: Indigenous Knowledge Informed System of Care Model	Madelynn Giola, Director of Research and Evaluation; Heather Graham, WIC Program Mgr, Seattle Indian Health Board	Whale Hall
2:15PM-2:45PM	Break/Exhibits		
2:45PM-3:45PM	The Intersection of Food Allergies and WIC-Approved Foods: Refresh your knowledge & support families	Susan Krahn, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist & Author	Canoe Ballroom
	Indigenous Parenting: Perspectives from a Home Visitation Lens	Cori Silvey	Whale Hall
4:00PM-5:00PM	Partner Presentation: FNS NWA	FNS (invited) Georgia Machell, President and CEO, National WIC Association	Canoe Ballroom
5:30PM-7:30PM	Cultural Activity (offsite travel provided)		

**Join our movement sessions during the breaks provided by Kaylee*

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Main Ballroom

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7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast served		Canoe Ballroom
8:45AM-9:45AM	Opening Session Reclaiming Food Sovereignty FAST Blackfeet	Nonie Woolf, FAST Blackfeet Board Chair	Canoe Ballroom
9:45AM-10:15AM	Break/Exhibits		Deer Hall
10:15AM-11:15AM	The Healthy Hapai Hui: Gestational Diabetes Management for Native Hawaiian Families	Dr. Amy Nielsen, DCN Waimanalo Health Center WIC	Canoe Ballroom
	Breastfeeding Support with the Mother in Mind	Cheryl Richardson, Nutrition and Breastfeeding Coordinator, Citizen Potawatomi WIC Program	Whale Hall
11:15AM-11:30AM	Break/Exhibits		Deer Hall
11:30AM-12:30PM	Plant Teachings for Community Health and Wellness	Elise Krohn, Co-Director Tahoma Peaks Solutions Native Plants and Food Institute, Elizabeth Campbell	Canoe Ballroom
12:30PM-1:15PM	Lunch Served		Canoe Ballroom
1:30PM-2:30PM	Generational Clarity	JanMarie Ward, Senior Public Health Policy and Project Advisory, AIHC	Canoe Ballroom
	Increasing Fruit and Vegetable Consumption for WIC Recipients with Farmer's Market Produce Bags	John K. Trainor, PhD, MPH, Lead Program Evaluator, Jeanne Holifield, Operations Manager, Karen Cutler, WIC Coordinator, Southcentral Foundation,	Whale Hall
2:30PM-3:00PM	Break Exhibits	Last chance to visit exhibits and thank our sponsors	Deer Hall
3:00PM-4:00PM	Improving Access and Outreach: Updates from a WIC Modernization Project	Blanca Reyna, WIC Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada	Canoe Ballroom
	FNS Update (Invited)		Whale Hall
4:15PM-5:15PM	NINAWC Membership Meeting		Canoe Ballroom

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7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast served		Canoe Ballroom
8:45AM-9:45AM	Holding the Sacred in the Clinical	Elizabeth Montez, ILC, IBCLC, Flower Moon Families and Michigan WIC	Canoe Ballroom
9:45 AM-10:00AM	Break		Canoe Ballroom
10:00AM-11:15AM	The Old Growth Table: Nourishing Generations, Feeding Futures	Valerie Segrest, Tahoma Peaks Solutions Native Plants and Food Institute	Canoe Ballroom
11:15AM-12:00PM	Closing Remarks Prayer/Send Off	Brittany Tybo, Washington WIC (invited) Cindy Gamble Sheryl Pickering	Canoe Ballroom