



INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT CONFERENCE

“Pathways to Justice for Native American Children”

Silver Star at the Pearl River Resort - Choctaw, Mississippi

August 13, 2019

AGENDA

8:00 a.m.	Registration	Silver Star Convention Center
	Continental Breakfast	Breakout Rooms 1-4
8:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	

INVOCATION

Harold “Doc” Comby

Deputy Director of Internal Operations

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

COLOR GUARD

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

UNITED STATE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Presented in the Choctaw Language

Mr. Ajay Lewis

Choctaw Middle School

Ms. Shastyn Lewis

Pearl River Elementary

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Hon. Cyrus Ben

Chief

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Hon. Jess H. Dickinson

Commissioner

Department of Child Protection Services

Hon. Dawn Beam

Associate Justice

Mississippi Supreme Court

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9:15 a.m.

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

[Hon. Kevin Briscoe](#)

Chief Justice

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

“Human Trafficking in Indian County”

[Hon. Richard Blake](#)

Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribe

California

10:30 a.m.

BREAK

***Door Prizes following the break**

10:45 a.m.

“ICWA UPDATE - THE TRIBAL PROSPECTIVE”

[Hon. Richard Blake](#)

Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribe

California

12:00 noon

LUNCH - Neshoba Buffet

Breakout Rooms 1-4

“Mississippi’s Got Talent”

***Door Prizes following lunch**

1:00 p.m.

ICWA LANDMARK CASES and ETHICAL GUIDELINES

[Hon. Edwin R. Smith](#)

Attorney for MCBI in the U.S. Supreme Court Case

2:15 p.m.

BREAK

***Door Prizes following the break**

2:30 p.m.

ETHICS HOUR PANEL

[Hon. Roy Jim](#)

Judge

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

[Ann Nelson](#)

Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services

[Hon. Richard Blake](#)

Chief Judge, Hoopa Valley Tribe

California

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3:30 p.m.

ROLE OF CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTERS

Karla Tye

Executive Director

Children’s Advocacy Center of Mississippi

4:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS AND TAKE-AWAYS

***Final Door Prizes**

You must be present to win a door prize.

One door prize per person with winning ticket

4:30 p.m.

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PLEASE SIGN IN AND BE PRESENT IN THE SESSIONS TO RECEIVE CEs, CJEs or CLEs.

