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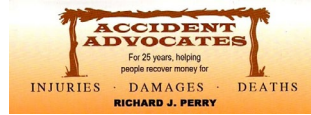


*“Respect for Natural Laws
 and Traditional Stories to
 Prevent Disharmony”*



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*“Gathering Native Voices to Learn
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Desert Willow Conference Center

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VIRTUAL AND ON-SITE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Held in the Cottonwood Ballroom

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremony

Presentation of Colors: Honor Guard from Ira Hayes Post #84 and Pledge of Allegiance

Tribal Land Acknowledgment –
Dr. Kimberly Yellow Robe (Rosebud Sioux)

Opening Prayer

Blessing song played by Aaron White, Canyon Records recording artist and flute maker

Governor’s Proclamation

Tribal Youth Disability Summit
Emcee Zoe Irwin (Rosebud Sioux)

Welcome

Darrel Christenson, Vice President of Community Integration, ABILITY360, Phoenix, Arizona

Greetings from Miss Indian Arizona 2022-2023, Sistine Lewis, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kimberly Yellow Robe (Rosebud Sioux)

KEYNOTER:

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“Respect for Natural Laws and Traditional Stories to Prevent Disharmony”

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Marcus Harrison Jr. Leadership Award – Jon Meyers/Summit Chair:

2023 Leadership Awardee:

Ms. Tona TreeTop (Hunkpapa Lakota)

Announcement Youth Summit Award winner and virtual workshops on March 25, 2023 –

Youth Summit Emcee Adrian Shortey

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

Break, Vendor/Exhibitor Hall Open

Room

10:45 AM – 11:45 AM

Ocotillo Room

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designed to aid students/participants to live in the moment to the fullest, with honor

Chia Room

Lorita Thomas Director

Soaring Eagles Home Care, Phoenix, AZ
Honoring Those We Serve

Brittlebush Room

Panel

Olivia Lindly, PhD and Candi Running Bear
Northern AZ University Flagstaff, Arizona

Parents Taking Action to Improve Autism Services Access for Dine’ Families

11:45 AM

1:15 PM

LUNCH

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Panel

Leigh Ann Davis, Gina Griffiths, Asim Dietrich, and Tania Harvey

Southwest Indigenous Women’s Coalition

Joining Forces: Building Collaborations to Address Sexual Violence within Tribal Communities

Moderator

Kimberly YellowRobe

Jim E Warne, CEO

Warrior Society Development MS, Rehabilitation Admin San Diego, California

Film & Discussion:
“Remember the Children”

Heather Williamson, DrPH, Marissa Adams,
Northern Arizona University
and Julie Armin, PhD,
University of Arizona
Health Care Self-Advocacy

Hopi Cancer Support Services Update for Native American women with intellectual and developmental disabilities

2:30 PM

2:45 PM

BREAK, VENDOR/EXHIBITOR HALL OPEN

2:45 PM 3:45 PM

Enmanuel Gomez Antolinez and Sidney Blodget

The Council of State Governments – CAPE Youth Center

Supporting Youth with Disabilities in their Transition to Employment

Hoskie Benally Jr. Community and Government Liaison,

Native American Disability Law Center, Farmington, New Mexico

Advocating for the Disabled

Panel

Tona TreeTop, MEd,
Tribal Education Dept. Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Sacaton, AZ

Cathy Quintana, MA
Education Department, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Smoothing the Path to Adulthood for Students with Disabilities

3:45 PM

4:00 PM

CLOSING REMARKS

YOUTH Summit held Saturday, 3/25/23 VIRTUAL

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