



National Congress of American Indians  
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St. Paul, Minnesota

**Afternoon Breakout**  
June 30, 2015  
1:30 – 4:00 pm

## **Tribal-State Relations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Description:** Beyond the trust relationship between tribes and the federal government is the trust that is emboldened or broken between tribes and the states. Presentations in this session will highlight ways in which to strengthen tribal-state relationships in key arenas such as child welfare, juvenile justice, health and wellness, and transportation—as well as how tribal leaders can initiate these efforts and sustain collaboration for maximum community benefit.

**Policy Applications:** Information shared at this session will be used to inform policy development on child and juvenile welfare system development and accountability, tribal infrastructure, and health outcomes.

**Co-Facilitators:**

Chairman Chief James Allan, Coeur d'Alene Tribe (*invited*)  
Shilo Valle, Central Council Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Chippewa (*invited*)

**PRESENTATIONS:**

***Tribal Notification for Native Youth in the State of New Mexico Juvenile Justice System: A Policy Research Project***

Dr. Jen Rountree, National Indian Child Welfare Association  
Jack Trope, Casey Family Programs

***Forever Fragile: Tribal-State Relations and Tribal Health Inequities***

Dr. Gail Dana-Sacco, University of Maine/ Passamaquoddy Tribe

***Strengthening Tribal-State Relationships by Measuring ICWA Performance***

George McCauley, QUICWA Compliance Collaborative Project, Minneapolis American Indian Center  
Brenda Bussey, MSW, University of Minnesota-Duluth  
Raquel Franklin, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

***Understanding Transportation Safety Risks on Tribal Lands: Learning from a Collaborative Research Project with American Indian Communities in Minnesota***

Dr. Guillermo Narváez, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota  
Dr. Kathy Quick, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota