



Pueblo of Isleta

Native Youth Empowerment Symposium

AGENDA

April 26, 2016

7:30am-4:00pm

Pueblo of Isleta
Resort & Casino

Grand Ballroom B – Plenary

- 7:30am Registration/Breakfast
- 8:00am Welcome: Isleta Governor E. Paul Torres
- 8:10am Opening Prayer: Lt. Governor
- 8:20am Presentation of Colors – Isleta Veterans
- 8:30am Drum Group: Michael Abeita
- 9:00am Vince Logan, Special Trustee
- 10:00am-11:30am Break Out Sessions (see attached list)
- 11:30am Break/Networking
- 12:00pm Lunch/Keynote Address: **William Mendoza**
*Executive Director, White House Initiative
on American Indian and Alaska Native Education*
- 1:30pm-3:00pm Break Out Sessions (see attached list)
- 3:00pm-3:45pm Break Out Sessions (see attached list)
- 4:00pm Closing Comments
- 4:30pm Closing Prayer



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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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Keynote Speaker



William Mendoza

William (Bill) Mendoza was appointed as Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education in December 2011. Bill, Oglala-Sicangu Lakota, grew up on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Sioux reservations in South Dakota.

Bill has experienced, firsthand, through his professional and life experiences, the multitude of challenges facing American Indian students, educators, and tribes. In addition to being a teacher and principal, Bill has worked at the school, professional and community level to help foster leadership development and civic engagement among American Indians. Integral to his professional and academic capacity has been his experiences as a tribal college student at Haskell Indian Nations University, Sinte Gleska University, and Oglala Lakota College.

Bill previously served as the Deputy Director and Executive Director for the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges. Since his appointment in January 2011, he has provided leadership to key administration initiatives including: Executive Order 13592, Tribal Leaders Speak – The State of Indian Education 2010 Report; State-Tribal Education Partnership Pilot; and 2012 ED-DOI Memorandum of Understanding. Before coming to Washington, DC, Bill was working towards a Doctorate in Education Leadership at Montana State University (MSU). He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Humanities from Fort Lewis College in 2005 and a Master of Education from MSU in 2010.



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10:00am-11:30am

Panel Discussion ~ Increasing Financial Capability

Financial markets are far more complex today than in past decades. Financial education is a prerequisite to making informed choices about balancing income and expenditures, buying a home, saving for education, buying insurance and the like. Financial behaviors are established early. This panel of experts will discuss best practices in the realm of financial education and the improvement of financial capability of Native youth.

Moderator: **Sheila Herrera**, Executive Director, TIWA Lending

Alan Sorcher, Securities & Exchange Commission
Susan Arthur, FINRA Investor Education Foundation
Diana Holshue, Montana Financial Education Coalition

1:30pm-3:00pm

Panel Discussion ~ Educational Opportunities for Native American Youth

Native youth have a special role as citizens of tribal nations, leading Native cultures, traditions and governments into the next century. Yet high school graduation rates and college attendance by Native youth lag well behind national averages. Hear from experts about the innovations and reforms that are showing promise in improving education outcomes in Native communities.

Moderator: **Deb DuMontier**, Deputy Special Trustee (OST)

Jack Soto, American Indian College Fund
Anpoa Duta Flying Earth, Associate Director, Native American Community Academy (NACA)
Melissa Wasanna, National Indian Youth Council

3:0pm-3:45pm

Empowerment Saga – An Introduction

Designed to help promote financial literacy and encourage Native youth, the Empowerment Saga is a series of illustrated stories in comic book fashion to help teach basic financial skills.

David Beeksm, OST Director of External Affairs



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\$pending Frenzy

The \$pending Frenzy Money game is an opportunity for Native youth to: Go shopping with \$50,000; purchase vehicles, homes and food; save and invest, and manage big money while experiencing the thrill of a financial reality fair. Join the morning session facilitated by Shawn Spruce from First Nations Development Institute.

12:00pm

Lunch/Keynote: William Mendoza

1:30pm-3:00pm

\$pending Frenzy

The \$pending Frenzy Money game is an opportunity for Native youth to: Go shopping with \$50,000; purchase vehicles, homes and food; save and invest, and manage big money while experiencing the thrill of a financial reality fair. Join the afternoon session facilitated by Raylene Swan, Fiduciary Trust Officer, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST).



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Bosque Room

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Panel Discussion ~ Hear From Tribal Youth: Success in Careers & Academics

The global market place requires today's students to not only maintain the competitive edge, but set new standards. Hear from some students who have been successful in achieving new standards in academics and career opportunities and learn why that is important for your future.

Moderator: **Maureen Zagone**, Souder, Miller & Associates

Thaddeus Yazzie
Ariel Nephew
Shaun Tsabetsaye, Intel Corporation

1:30pm-3:00pm

Panel Discussion ~ Career Opportunities & Workforce Development

Poverty and unemployment rates are substantially higher in Indians Country than in the United States as a whole. Substantive career and work options for Native youth are critical both to individual financial stability and to the financial strength and well-being of tribal nations. Listen to experts in the field as they describe opportunities for career development.

Moderator: **Jim James**, Senior Advisor to the Special Trustee

Maureen Zagone, Souder, Miller & Associates
Brandon Habaadh, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Josie Raphaelito, Center for Native American Youth
Janie Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (invited)

3:00pm-3:45pm

Panel Discussion ~ Personal Credit & Lending: What's the Connection?

Do you know what a FICO Score is? Can you name the three big credit bureaus? Financial choices made today can impact your ability to get a job, lease an apartment, increase insurance premiums, and determine your interest rate on loans. Hear from the experts on how to manage your personal credit.

Moderator: **TBA**

Miranda Lente, TIWA Lending
Gina Vincent, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



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Manzano Room

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Panel Discussion ~ Entrepreneurship: How to start your own business

Ever wanted to be your own boss? Make your own hours? Have no limits on how much you can earn? Attend this session to learn from the experts on how to get started charting your own destiny.

Moderator: **TBA**

Steven Becerra, The Becerra Group
Loren White, Native Community Development CDFI

1:30pm-3:00pm

Panel Discussion ~ Supporting Youth in Building Assets: Child Savings Accounts

Asset building refers to strategies that increase financial and tangible assets, such as savings, a home, and businesses of all kinds. Asset building policy focuses on long-term development of individuals, families and communities. Learn from the experts how to incorporate asset building in Native communities starting with the youngest savers.

Moderator: **Sarah Dewees**, Senior Director of Research, Policy & Asset Building Programs
First Nations Development Institute

Christy Finsel, Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition
Ona Porter, Prosperity Works

1:30pm-3:00pm

Workshop ~ Consumer Protection: Insurance and Financial Services in the Marketplace

Today there are so many insurance and financial products available for consumers. How do you differentiate the legitimate products from would-be scammers? This workshop focuses on consumer education and presented by one of New Mexico's foremost authorities on consumer protection.

John G. Franchini, New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance



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Rio Grande Room

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Panel Discussion ~ How Personal Finances Affect Personal Health

If you have ever been stressed over money, chances are it has impacted your health on some level. Learn about the correlation between financial struggle and personal health, and what you can do to get both on the road to wellness.

Moderator: **TBA**

Melvina Murphy, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Theresa Clay, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Olowan De Herrera, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Gordon Quam, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service
Alleyne Toya, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service

1:30pm-3:00pm

Workshop ~ Investing 101

A fun and interactive activity for youth. Stocks, bonds, mutual funds and Wall Street. Learn what these terms mean and how they can help you plan for a brighter financial future. Designed to educate the beginning investor on how to navigate through the sometimes complex world of investing, this interactive session will help empower attendees to better understand the world of investing.

Shawn Spruce, First Nations Development Institute

3:00pm-3:45pm

Workshop ~ Empowerment \$aga

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Brian Ross, OST Director of Financial Education



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Sunrise Room

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Panel Discussion ~ Innovative Financial Education Resources

Interested in learning more about financial education tools designed for Native youth? Several national organizations will share information about their Native financial education curricula, tools, and resources for youth. Curriculum workbooks, online curriculum, and other resources will be discussed.

Moderator: TBA

Chrystel Cornelius, First Nations Oweesta Corporation
Sarah Dewees, First Nations Development Institute
Jerry Ryburn, Owner, October Hill Development Funding
Dante Desiderio, NAFOA (invited)

1:30pm-3:00pm

Workshop ~ Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families

Looking for a financial education curriculum to use in your work? The **Building Native Communities** curriculum has been used in hundreds of Native communities and covers topics related to saving, budgeting, and managing your money. Designed to be culturally sensitive and work in a broad range of communities, this curriculum is managed by First Nations Oweesta Corporation and First Nations Development Institute. This workshop will provide an introduction to the curriculum and a mini-training on how you can use the curriculum in your community.

Chrystel Cornelius, First Nations Oweesta Corporation
Chris Hansen, First Nations Oweesta Corporation

3:00pm-3:45pm

Workshop ~ How to Select a Financial Advisor

With so much information available on the internet covering every topic under the Sun, there are a lot of Do-It-Yourself-ers (DIY). When it comes to investing and saving for the future, sometimes it makes sense to get help from a licensed professional. Learn what to look for and what to look out for when selecting a personal financial advisor to help you reach your goals.

Gilbert Arealos, CMFC, AAMS, Guardian Group Investments