

# FOR ALL MY RELATIONS

NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
FOR INDIAN FAMILIES



July 10-12, 2008

Anaheim Marriott Hotel (Near Disneyland)

Anaheim, California

*CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL INDIAN JUSTICE CENTER*

# **WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR INDIAN FAMILIES**

Welcome to the Ninth Annual For All My Relations: A Conference for Indian Families. Please join us for new information and resources for developing ways to address issues of concern to Native communities. We are proud to welcome the next generation. The children are proof of the continuing achievements of Native communities. We celebrate their presence and anticipate their contributions.

Native American communities have struggled with destructive federal and state policies designed to eliminate tribal communities, people, and cultures. We have survived and some have prospered. We still have much work ahead of us to improve conditions for the next generation. The cultural, social and political integrity of tribal communities will become healthy and stable if we commit collectively to care for and support Native families, communities, and cultures. It is our duty to increase our knowledge and awareness about issues that threaten the health, safety and welfare of Indian families.

**It is for ALL OUR RELATIONS that we come together to share our knowledge, skills, hopes, and dreams for the future of Indian families.**

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

**This conference is for Indian youth and parents, tribal council members, tribal court personnel, various tribal agency employees, health and social service providers, judges, attorneys, housing staff, police officers, various county and state employees, and others who work with or are concerned about the health, welfare, and safety of Indian Families.**

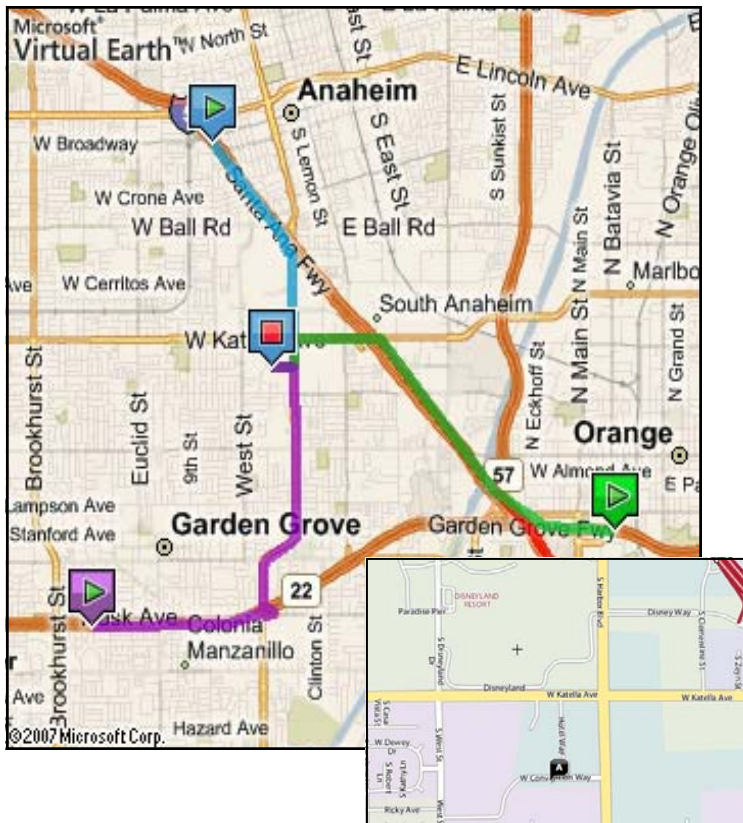
# Anaheim Marriott

*Near Disneyland Resort*

700 West Convention Way  
Anaheim, California 92802  
(800) 228-9290  
(714) 750-8000  
www.marriott.com



The conference room rate is \$159.00 per night, single or double occupancy. This special rate will be available until June 17, 2008. To reserve a room, call the Anaheim Marriott at (800) 228-9290 and state that you are with the **For All My Rela-**



## Local Attractions:

- Disneyland & CA Adventure
- Downtown Disney
- Knott's Berry Farm
- Honda Center
- Universal Studios
- The Block at Orange
- Angel's Stadium
- World Boxing Hall of Fame
- Garden Walk
- Orange County Zoo
- And Much Much More...

Conference Site

# Conference Agenda

This schedule is subject to change for more information regarding concurrent workshops, see the partial workshop list contained in this brochure or go to [www.nijc.org](http://www.nijc.org) for the complete workshop list. A banquet luncheon will be provided on July 10, 2008.

## **July 9, 2008**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Early Registration

## **July 10, 2008**

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Prayer  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. General Session  
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Break  
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Banquet Luncheon  
1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Break  
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break  
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

## **July 11, 2008**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Workshops  
10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. COLLEGE FAIR  
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Workshops  
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break  
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

## **July 12, 2008**

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Closing General Session  
11:30 a.m. - Closing Optional Off Site Activity -  
Disneyland and Disney's California  
Adventure (additional payment  
required, purchase tickets online at  
[www.disneyland.disney.go.com](http://www.disneyland.disney.go.com) or  
onsite at the Disneyland park.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

American Indians have suffered from economic disparity. Today, tribal members are faced with a variety of financial circumstances. Whether your resources are big or small, the elements of financial literacy must be learned. This workshop will provide a basic understanding of money management, saving, investing and credit.

## CALIFORNIA INDIAN STORYTELLERS

The storytelling tradition is an important means of conveying family values to each generation. Take some time to listen, learn and laugh with two wonderful California Indian Storytellers. Enjoy a traditional method of communication that can bring family values to the modern world.

## BASKETWEAVING: ART & TRADITION

California Indians are famous for their basket weaving techniques. Learn about the history of California Indian basket weaving. Also, learn about the gathering, preparing, and drying methods used by traditional basket-makers.

## STOPPING VIOLENCE

It is time to take a step toward community healing by setting policies that violent crimes will not be tolerated in tribal communities. This workshop examines the facts behind the alarming rates of spousal abuse and child abuse and neglect in our communities and how violence can be prevented.

## CREATING & ENHANCING CULTURAL PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

This workshop will explore the development of tribal cultural preservation and enhancement programs including tribal language preservation and repository programs, distance learning and tribal cultural field trips.

## SPIRITUALITY, SACRED SITES & REPATRIATION

This workshop examines the issues and legal disputes that plague native spirituality. The NAGPRA IAN and other laws examined.

## ICWA, ASFA & TITLE IV-E

This workshop will provide an overview of the challenges in developing tribal-state agreements for Title IV-E funding for foster care expenses, competing ICWA and ASFA timelines, and judicial requirements triggering Title IV-E eligibility.

## DEALING WITH CRIMES THAT IMPACT THE FAMILY

Crimes in Indian country often go unanswered by the state justice system. Crimes such as DUIs, assault and other forms of violence have an untold impact on the stability of the family. This workshop will explore strategies for dealing with the impact of crimes on families.

## CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COURTS: FACT OR FICTION?

Can California tribes develop and administer tribal courts? Can justice be administered in small communities where relationships and rivalries prevail? This workshop will explore the requirements for effectively developing a tribal court in California.

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## FACING THE HEALTH CRISIS

Indian communities are plagued by health problems at rates that do not exist anywhere else in the nation. Tribal leaders must find solutions to these health issues. This workshop focuses on prevention and maintenance. It will examine diabetes, nutrition, cancer, alcohol related birth defects and suicide.

## SOVEREIGNTY V. CIVIL RIGHTS

There is a growing tension on Indian reservations across this country caused by complaints of “governmental” tyranny. This workshop will probe the issues of sovereign immunity from lawsuits, lack of separation of powers, the role of tribal attorneys, disenrollment, weak tribal courts, and other issues.

## FAS AWARENESS & EDUCATION

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) occurs at alarmingly high rates in Indian country. Yet it is a totally preventable condition. This workshop concentrates on preventing FAS. It also addresses the issues of caring for persons with FAS, and how to access local, state and federal resources.

## SAFE JOURNEYS

We often look to the state to manage transportation issues in tribal communities. There is more that we can do to reduce automobile collisions and injuries to drivers, passengers and pedestrians occurring on Indian country roads.

## DEALING WITH CRIME IN HUD HOUSING

There is a chronic housing shortage in Indian country. HUD projects cause people to move in next to those they may hate, causing hostility which sometimes turns into crime. Learn how to improve the conditions of Indian people by reducing crime in Indian housing.

## TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS: SERVING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

California tribal governments have endured, rebuilt and prospered. Yet, we are still in need of programs to meet the needs of community members. This workshop will focus on the legal requirements, the structures of and issues facing California tribal governments and the people they serve.

## GARBAGE DUMPS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DANGERS

Tribal communities have been plagued by illegal dumping and failure to manage solid waste and other hazards such as “meth” labs. This workshop will explore the resources and tools that tribal communities need to achieve healthy environments for children, families and cultural practices.

## EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT: TOOLS FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Trial programs that depend on state and federal funding must evaluate their program operations if they want to maintain future funding. This workshop will discuss the nuts and bolts of effectively evaluating tribal programs.

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS,  
GO TO [WWW.NIJC.ORG](http://WWW.NIJC.ORG)**

The Youth Track will offer an introduction to the issues which face California Indian families today. We have designed this program specifically for our youth participants. We recommend that the youth participants follow this program, joining the other participants during the General Session. A Youth Track Coordinator will be available to assist you in planning your schedule.

### YOUTH FORUM: LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

We need your help! Tribal youth face many challenges: stereotypes, gang violence, drug and alcohol abuse. How can tribal communities help reduce the impacts of these challenges on tribal youth? Come and participate in a youth forum on these issues. Let your voice be heard!

### LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION

Historically, federal and state policies have sought to destroy Native cultures, languages and religions. The preservation and revitalization of our tribal languages is essential to the maintenance of our cultural identities and worldviews. Participants will learn a variety of tools and strategies used by youth and adults engaged in language preservation work.

### ORAL HISTORY DOCUMENTATION

This workshop will provide youth the tools to undertake their own oral and video history documentation projects. Participants will learn how to use audio/visual equipment, conduct interviews, and an overview of editing techniques.

### STREET-SMART LAW FOR YOUTH

This workshop will answer questions such as What are *Miranda Rights*? When can an officer search me or my car? And what impact does an arrest have on my future? Join us for a discussion of your legal rights and responsibilities.

### HOW TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Starting a business on tribal lands or under state law is a detailed process but it is not impossible. Do you have a great idea for a business, service, product, logo or marketing strategy? Let's talk about how you can make it a reality. This workshop will provide an overview of the necessary steps to start a business in California.

### DEVELOPING YOUTH RE- SOURCES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Girls and Boys Clubs, computer labs, cultural centers and many other youth resources and programs may help tribal youth to achieve greater stability in their personal, academic and professional lives. This workshop will explore strategies for developing more local youth resources in tribal communities.

### SONGS, RHYTHMS & MELODIES

Tribal communities have rich and diverse songs, rhythms and melodies. Music is used for a variety of purposes in tribal communities. This workshop will share information about songs, instruments and music in tribal communities.

### FOURTH ANNUAL COLLEGE DAY

Meet College Outreach Personnel and get answers to your questions about going to, staying in and paying for college. We encourage youth and adults to attend. A group of Native American professionals will interact with the students and discuss their academic experiences and career paths.

# Youth Track Workshops

NIJC will offer Certificates of Achievement for attending six (6) or more conference workshops. These Certificates may be used as evidence of attendance for accounting purposes or to obtain continuing education credit from an agency. This is how it works:

- Attend six (6) or more workshops;
- Obtain & Complete the Workshop Evaluation Form from each workshop attended;
- Return the completed Workshop Evaluation Form to Conference Registration Staff on the day that you attend the workshop; and
- Conference Staff will stamp your Conference Passport to verify your attendance.
- If you fulfill these requirements, return your conference passport to conference staff and we will issue a Certificate of Achievement after the Closing Session. If you are not present, your certificate will be mailed to the address provided on your conference registration form.



**P**articipants are encouraged to donate items that represent their tribes, regions and cultures. Additional items will be solicited from local tribes, businesses, organizations and individuals. If you would like to donate an item, please contact NIJC staff (707) 579-5507. We would like to thank all who have supported us by generously donating items to the silent auction in the past.



The Silent Auction will be open for bids until Friday, July 10, 2008, at 12:45 p.m. At that time, winning bids will be determined and items will be available for pick up. If you do not claim your item by providing payment by noon Saturday, July 11, 2008, your item will be offered to the next highest bidder.

**P**roceeds from the Silent Auction go to support next year's conference including support for tribal youth in most need.

**Education Makes a Difference for our families, children and communities! It's never too early or too late to start planning for college.**



We invite you to attend our **Fourth Annual College Day** on July 11, 2008, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Meet College Outreach Personnel and get answers to your questions about going to, staying in and paying for college. We encourage youth and adults to attend. Over 100 colleges and universities have been invited to attend. Native American professionals will be present at the event to interact with students and discuss their academic experiences and career paths. Attendees can participate in “the Quest for Knowledge” fact gathering game and be eligible to win special prizes. Come join us for a fun filled afternoon and earn two (2) workshop credits towards the conference certificate of achievement.



Fourth Annual College Fair  
Off Site Activity

# 2008 REGISTRATION FORM

<b>Early Bird Registration</b>	\$200/person (general or youth)	<b>Due by: 04/30/08</b>
<b>Standard Registration</b>	\$235/person (general or youth)	<b>Due by: 06/27/08</b>
<b>Late/On-Site Registration</b>	\$275/person (general or youth)	<b>After: 06/27/08</b>

We request that all conference attendees pre-register to assure the availability of all conference materials. There are no guarantees of materials for late registrants.

To register, please complete this form & return it with payment to NIJC (see below). Please complete a separate registration form for *each* conference participant. Confirmation of your registration will be mailed to you.

*Please print Clearly: (Information is used for your name tag.)*

Mr.      or       Ms. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

General or  Youth (17 and under)

Your Tribe: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (      )      Fax: (      )      E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any special needs (i.e. Dietary or Disability): \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Payment Type:	<input type="radio"/> Early Bird	<input type="radio"/> Standard Registration	<input type="radio"/> Late/On-Site Registration
Amount:	\$200	\$235	\$275
Deadline:	Before 04/30/08	04/30—06/27/08	After 6/27/08

Check or Money Order payable to NIJC

Credit Card:       VISA       MasterCard       American Express       Discover

Card#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Return this form to NIJC by fax to (707) 579-9019 or mail to NIJC, 5250 Aero Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95403.  
We look forward to meeting you at this very important conference.***

### For NIJC Use Only

ID#	Date Received	Payment	Notes