



**Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Family Violence Services, Public Safety Department
Tribal State & Federal Summit
*Beyond Policy: Shaping Behavior and Culture***

July 7 – 9, 2026

Wildhorse Resort & Casino - Cayuse Hall

July 7, 2026 – Tuesday – Day One

<p>8:00 – 8:30</p>	<p>Opening</p> <p>Drum – Eagle Eyes Flags – CTUIR Veterans Invocation – Fred Hill</p> <p>Welcome – N. Kathryn Brigham, Chair Board of Trustees</p>	
<p>8:30 – 10:00</p>	<p>Keynote - Shared Responsibility to Address Violence Against Women Through Coordinated, Culturally Rooted, and Systems-Level Approaches</p> <p>Drawing from the principles of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Tribe’s commitment to sovereignty, the session will explore how domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, and related harms must be addressed holistically—across criminal justice systems, social services, and Tribal governance structures.</p> <p>The presentation will highlight the importance of strengthening cross-jurisdictional collaboration among Tribal, state, and federal partners, while centering Tribal sovereignty and culturally informed responses. Participants will gain insight into the interconnected nature of public safety, public health, and community wellbeing, with emphasis on prevention, early intervention, and survivor-centered services.</p>	<p>Marisa Miakoda Cummings</p>

	<p>Through a strategic and practice-informed lens, the session will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frame the current landscape of violence impacting Tribal communities, including domestic violence, sexual assault, MMIP, trafficking, and child welfare involvement • Identify gaps and opportunities in coordination across service systems such as law enforcement, courts, behavioral health, housing, and social services • Emphasize the role of Tribal leadership, community-based advocates, and culturally grounded programming in improving outcomes for victims and families • Provide a foundation for the Summit’s ongoing discussions, supporting participants in building stronger networks for collaboration, strategic planning, and systems change <p>This session aligns with the Family Violence Services (FVS) mission to uphold individual sovereignty and eliminate oppression by fostering honor, respect, and safety through direct services, systems transformation, and community-driven solutions. It will serve as a call to action for all attendees—service providers, Tribal leaders, and community members alike—to engage in meaningful partnership and advance collective efforts to increase safety and healing across Tribal nations.</p>	
<p>10:00 – 10:15</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>10:15 – 11:45</p>	<p>Beyond Compliance: Supporting Survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking in the Workplace</p> <p>Many employers are unaware that domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking (DVSAS) are workplace issues. Whether an employee is navigating these forms of violence in the workplace or at home, the short- and long-term impacts of</p>	<p>Jordyn Battle & Arianna Sessions</p>

	<p>violence can significantly disrupt the survivors' safety, economic security and mobility, and ability to thrive at work. This session moves beyond minimum sexual harassment compliance requirements to explore how workplaces can prevent DVSA, respond effectively to disclosures, and build trauma-informed policies and procedures that protect confidentiality and cultivate a safer work environment for all workers.</p>	
	<p>LUNCH <i>on your own</i></p>	
<p>1:00 – 2:00</p>	<p>The Road Ahead: CVSSD's Commitment to Collaboration, Equity, and Meaningful Engagement</p>	<p>Shannon Sivell Alexxis Robinson-Woods Libby Villa</p>
<p>2:00 – 4:00</p>	<p>Understanding the Neurobiology of Trauma: Implications for Disclosure, Help-Seeking, and Supporting Sexual Assault Survivors How do our brains and our bodies experience and survive trauma? This presentation will summarize decades of research on the neurobiology of trauma and identify how this research can inform our work with survivors of sexual assault. Participants will learn how trauma affects survivors' emotions, memories, and behaviors. Geared to a multidisciplinary audience, this session will explore how this research can help practitioners work with survivors more effectively to promote disclosure, help-seeking, and healing.</p>	<p>Dr. Rebecca Campbell</p>

July 8, 2026 – Wednesday – Day Two

8:00 – 10:00	<p>Responding to Coercive Control in Families This presentation will support you to more effectively tackle coercive control: a form of severe abuse based on stripping away a person’s autonomy and choices in order to exploit and harm them. Coercive control is often at the heart of children’s and women’s experiences of domestic violence and abuse.</p> <p>The presentation will help you to recognise when coercive control is happening, and what to do about it. The actions of coercive control perpetrators impact on adult and child victims-survivors in many ways. The presentation will examine coercive controllers’ use of multiple tactics of abuse pre- and post-separation, and how every tactic harms the lives of the children in the family as well the life of the adult victim-survivor.</p> <p>The presentation will draw on interview data from mothers and children who have participated in research on coercive control. In this data, victim-survivor mothers and children powerfully describe their lived experiences.</p> <p>You will benefit from learning about cutting-edge research on victim-survivor mothers’ protective parenting. This will help you to recognise and articulate the often-overlooked positive elements of victims’-survivors’ relationships with their children. By joining this presentation, you will gain practical knowledge about how to effectively write about the coercive control that is taking place in the families you encounter, helping you to fully identify the harms caused by the perpetrators. You will also gain insights into what real change in perpetrators would involve, helping to distinguish between meaningful change and pretence of change in perpetrators.</p>	Dr. Emma Katz *Virtual*
10:00 – 10:15	Break	

<p>10:15 – 11:45</p>	<p>Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon The presentation will cover the Native American Program at Legal Aid Services of Oregon's program history, priority populations, and legal services currently offered to tribes and community members living in Oregon. We will also discuss how NAPOLS is investigating adding MMIP as a priority population and will open a discussion on how we can support Tribes and communities.</p>	<p>Molly Washington Shanna Knight</p>
	<p>LUNCH <i>on your own</i></p>	
<p>1:00 – 4:00</p>	<p>The Intersection of Brain Injury and Domestic Violence: Finding A Path Forward Traumatic brain injuries (TBI) affect about 18.2% of the general population (Karamian, Luck-Wold, SEifi, 2024), yet rates soar in criminal justice settings. In a Colorado study, 45% of legal system participants had a TBI—with 55% among adults. Among probationers (the most common sentence for domestic violence offenders), TBI correlated with previous felonies, higher reoffending risk, more intensive supervision, and increased recidivism (Gorgens, Meyer & Dettmer, 2020). Higher containment levels further amplify these rates. This presentation explains how brain injuries are often overlooked, as their impairments mimic and overlap with mental health issues, substance use disorders, and criminogenic needs. It will outline simple, brain injury-informed adjustments to intervention, to identify brain injuries and strategies that foster healthier, less controlling interpersonal behaviors.</p>	<p>Russha Montag Knauer</p>

July 9, 2026 – Thursday – Day Three

8:00 – 9:30	Fraud Awareness Training Fundamental training on fraud, waste, and abuse as it relates to grant fraud. This training is geared to provide participants with an understanding of the grant fraud process and the responsibilities of securing funding. Participants will be provided with case examples of adjudicated cases pertaining to various fraud-related offenses as a result of funding misuse.	Robert Ransom
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:45 – 11:30	Complicit Behaviors in Family Trauma Those working with family trauma that is passed down through generations, such as domestic violence, or sexual or physical abuse, often focus on the victim and the perpetrator. But the question remains as to how the family could allow this behavior to exist, generation after generation? When a perpetrator is removed, and the victim is provided with the support they need, how is it that we often see the same behavior reappear within that family a few years later, involving a new victim and new perpetrator? This presentation will discuss the complicit behaviors of the family members, which are also passed from generation to generation and which allow for and even create an environment to encourage the ongoing trauma. It will also provide suggestions for family interventions, as well as confronting the opposition to change.	Duane Bowers
	LUNCH <i>provided</i>	
1:00 – 2:30	From “Failure to Protect” to Survivor-Centered Practice: Using the Nicholson Framework in Child Welfare Decision-Making	Gheisha-Ly Rosario Díaz Sharwline Nicholson

	<p>This session explores how “failure to protect” policies are applied in child welfare cases involving domestic violence and the consequences these approaches have for survivor parents and their children. Grounded in the <i>Failure to Protect Policy Brief</i> and the <i>Nicholson Brief</i>, presenters will outline how the <i>Nicholson v. Scoppetta</i> decision established a legally sound, trauma-informed framework for evaluating child safety without penalizing non-offending caregivers. The session will feature the lived experience of Sharwline Nicholson, the named plaintiff in the <i>Nicholson v. Scoppetta</i> class action lawsuit, alongside legal, policy, and practice analysis. Sharwline will share how “failure to protect” allegations impacted her family and shaped her advocacy. Presenters will also draw on research and practice-based observations to examine how child welfare professionals commonly approach and understand domestic violence—and where gaps in training, assessment, and system design continue to produce harmful outcomes. Together, the panel will connect lived experience, research, and policy reform, offering concrete guidance for how systems can shift toward survivor-centered practice that promotes child safety, holds the person causing harm accountable, and strengthens family preservation efforts.</p>	<p>Melissa Hope Johnson</p> <p>*Virtual*</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:45</p>	<p>According to Coyote</p>	<p>Kellen Trenal</p>
<p>3:45 – 4:00</p>	<p>Closing</p> <p>Drum – Eagle Eyes Flags – CTUIR Veterans Invocation – Fred Hill</p>	

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It has been an honor and a pleasure to learn alongside you!