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IN CHILD WELFARE TRAINING AND EDUCATION
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SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS

Laurel Brown, MSW, Inland Training Center Director, has over 15 years experience in Public Child Welfare as a worker, supervisor, trainer, and manager for Riverside County. She has trained child welfare workers and supervisors for several years with Riverside County and with the Academy, including co-training for the Academy's Supervisor Core. She is currently the Site Director for the Inland Area PCWTA.

Rev. Daniel A. Buford, Senior Core Trainer and Community Organizer, The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, West Coast Office (People's Institute West), Berkeley, California, is an internationally recognized speaker, writer, playwright, director, artist and community organizer. Over the last 25 years, he has led over 300 workshops in university and community settings on the subjects of culture, racism, militarism and education. He has worked in a variety of environments and facilitated training sessions in leadership development with African American, Native American, Latino and Asian American communities in the United States. His recent work in Undoing Racism™ has taken him to various communities in South Africa and throughout the United States. He currently serves as a faculty member and resource for the Oakland Unified School District.

Soledad Caldera-Gammage, MSW, is the Curriculum and Evaluation Specialist for the Central California Child Welfare Training Academy at CSU Fresno. Her responsibilities include the coordination and oversight of curriculum development and curriculum quality control. Soledad is also responsible for the recruitment, development, and evaluation of Academy trainers.

Corinne L. Florez, MSW. Ms. Florez received her undergraduate degree in Child Development in 1975 and her MSW in 1978. She has been a field educator for fifteen years at CSU, Fresno. She joined the Title IV-E Child Welfare Program in 1993 and became coordinator in 1997. Ms. Florez has also worked in schools, child welfare and as a medical social worker. Her current projects include the ICWA Summit and the Immigration Collaborative Committee.

Jack Glaser, Ph.D., is a social psychologist who studies stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination, particularly how they intersect with policy issues such as racial profiling. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1999 and joined the faculty of UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy in 2000.

Rachel Guerrero, LCSW, is the Chief of the Office of Multicultural Services for the State of California's Department of Mental Health. She is a nationally known expert in cultural competency policy and organizational development.

Robbin Huff-Musgrove, Ph.D., is the Cultural Competency Officer for San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and an expert in cultural competency training and organizational development.

Phyllis Jeroslow, M.F.A., MFT, Training and Curriculum Specialist at CalSWEC, manages the development and revision process for California's standardized common core curricula for child welfare workers in collaboration with the Regional Training Academies. She has produced the Symposium on Fairness and Equity Issues since 2004. Ms. Jeroslow has explored cultural and gender identity issues as a documentary filmmaker, thesis researcher, and clinical family therapist in a multicultural community healthcare setting.

Barrett Johnson, LCSW, Regional Training Academy Coordinator at CalSWEC, has worked extensively on major statewide training initiatives related to the Federal Child and Family Services Review, AB 636, and the CWS Improvement Activities. He has a long-time interest in cross-cultural clinical social work practice, and has focused CalSWEC's attention on issues of fairness and equity within California's Child Welfare System.

Tom Lidot is the Curriculum Coordinator for the Tribal STAR (Successful Transitions for Adult Readiness) Program. He is a member of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska and is actively involved with local, regional, and national Tribal issues related to health, child welfare, and self-determination.

Lisa Molinar, M.A., Director, Consulting You, was a Child Welfare Social Worker for 11 years and a Staff Development Specialist for Contra Costa County for 6 years. She has been in private consulting since 2005. Ms. Molinar specializes in organizational development, the AB 636 process, training, and curriculum design.

Amy Okamura, MSW, LCSW, is a lecturer and Title IV-E Coordinator for SDSU School of Social Work. Ms. Okamura also acts as advisor for the Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Student Association. Presently she is advisor to Tribal STAR, a program of the Academy for Professional Excellence.

Stuart Oppenheim. After 32 years in public social services, Stuart Oppenheim was appointed as the founding Executive Director of the Child and Family Policy Institute of California (CFPIC) in September, 2004. CFPIC is a statewide training and technical assistance organization affiliated with the County Welfare Directors Association.

Thomas Phillips, MSW, American Indian Graduate Outreach & Recruitment Coordinator, CSU, Stanislaus, has 35 years of experience with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and extensive experience with American Indian Tribal Family & Children Services, Tribal Courts, Expert Witness and ICWA training services.

Elizabeth Quinnett, MSW, has over 20 years of experience in Child Welfare Services. She was a social worker, supervisor and manager in San Diego County with diverse program assignments along the way. She trained and contracted with the Academy before joining full time in 2004. Ms. Quinnett is passionate about teaming strategies and has trained extensively on Family Group Decision Making, Team Decision Making, and other family-centered subjects. She is currently the Program Coordinator of the Public Child Welfare Training Academy, a division of the Academy for Professional Excellence.

Alberto Reynoso, LCSW, is a trainer for the USC Center on Child Welfare. He has been training child welfare staff in Los Angeles County on issues of fairness and equity for the past two years.

Jeri Smith, Psy.D., is currently a Child Welfare Staff Development Specialist for Contra Costa Children & Family Services, providing training for new child welfare workers and advanced training for experienced child welfare staff. Ms. Smith has worked for the county for almost seven years, five of them as a child welfare worker. Ms. Smith also has experience working with women and children recovering from domestic violence, adults and children with chronic mental illness, and adults in substance abuse recovery. For the past five years, Ms. Smith has been fortunate to recruit and train foster parents for Contra Costa County, which has become her passion—to provide support and services for the foster parents.

Matthew West is an enrolled member of the Ute Indian Tribe from Fort Duchesne, Utah. He is the current Director of the Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi-Yokut Tribe Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department in Lemoore, California. Mr. West is a former Assistant Prosecutor for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Fort Hall, Idaho and a Special Prosecutor for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of Owyhee, Nevada/Idaho. He is a Board Member of the Kings County Child Abuse Prevention Coordination Committee, Board Member of the Kings County Mental Health Advisory Board and a Board Member of the California Indian Child Welfare Association. Mr. West is also a member of the Central Valley ICWA Task Force, the State ICWA Work Group and the ICWA Work Group representative at the Statewide Training and Education Committee meetings. Mr. West trains several curricula and serves as an adjunct domestic violence instructor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.