



Commission on Native Children
Thursday, December 15, 2022
11am-1pm AKT/ 1-3pm MT/ 2-4pm CT/ 3-5pm ET

Virtual Hearing: Role of Federal Government:

This panel will address the opportunities for a respectful partnership between the United States government, Tribes, and Native people (including the over 70% of whom reside in urban areas) that honors Self-Determination and fulfills the trust and treaty obligations of the federal government. In the era of Self-Determination, Tribes, tribal organizations and urban Indian organizations have developed strong skills and effective approaches to addressing the many ills and impediments to well-being that historical trauma has created in Native communities, based on exercising greater autonomy. The panelists will provide academic and research perspectives on the best methods to transform the relationships of the federal government with Tribes, defined by a recognition of inherent sovereignty and autonomy, so that Tribes and Native people are most able to fulfill the potential and purpose of Self-Determination as a foundation for how best to create sustainable, effective programs to improve educational, economic, health and justice outcomes for Native children.

- Introductions and welcome (5 minutes) Chair Gloria O’Neill
- Invocation (3 minutes)
- Review of Commission Norms (2 minutes) Chair O’Neill

The Commission will adhere to the following norms in all interactions:

- To incorporate ceremony and/or prayer to begin each meeting
 - To recognize and celebrate what is working
 - To respect all ideas
 - To be mindful of each person’s own behavior and reactions so as not to repeat trauma behaviors
 - To promote healing
 - To ensure there is a community-organized closing event at hearings
 - To treat others as they want to be treated
 - To not take offense and observe without judgment
 - To pause before decision
 - To have fearless, honest dialogue
 - To be flexible
 - To hear all voices
 - To learn from story
 - To be respectful of time
- Overview of Commission and goals of meeting (5 minutes) Chair O’Neill
 - **Naomi Riley**, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)

- **Dr. Joe Kalt**, Ford Foundation Professor (Emeritus) of International Political Economy. Harvard University, Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- **Professor Elizabeth Hidalgo Reese**, Stanford Law School (15 minutes, 5 minutes for questions)
- Cross-Cutting Recommendations from Witnesses (20 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Questions and discussion (22 minutes) Chair O'Neill
- Wrap up (3 minutes) Chair O'Neill