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*“Indigenous Abundance:  
Cultivating Advocacy  
through Community”*



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*“Gathering Native Voices to Build  
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# Virtual and On Site Program at a Glance

## 8:30 TO 9:00 AM

Opening Ceremony

Presentation of Colors: Honor Guard from the Ira Hayes Post 84, Sacaton, AZ

Opening Prayer

Blessing song: Aaron White, Grammy Award winner and flute maker, Canyon Records

National Anthem and the Governor's Proclamation

Welcome, Darrel Christenson, Vice President of Community Integration, ABILITY 360, Phoenix, Arizona

Greetings from Miss Indian Arizona for 2021-22, Alyse Marrietta, Gila River Indian Community (GRIC)

## 9:00 TO 10:00 AM

Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Kimberly Yellow Robe, Lakota

Keynoter: Darold H. Joseph, Ph.D, Assistant Professor, Northern Arizona University, Hopi

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## 10:15 TO 10:30 AM

Marcus Harrison Jr. Leadership Award presentation – 2022 Award winner: Announcement of the Youth Track Award winner and workshops on April 8, 2022

## Session

10:45 am – 11:45 am

### Held in the Cottonwood Ballroom

**Anthony Dekker, D.O. Chief Medical Officer**  
Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

*Special Services for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians Available Through DDD*

### Chia Room

**Heather Williamson (NAU), Julie Armin & Tamsen Bassford (U of A), Kenneth Kundert (self-advocate), Dana Russell (NAU's Hopi Cancer Support Services), and Veronica Boone (Tucson Indian Center)**

*How to Advocate for the Health Care You Want*

### Brittlebush Room

**Neil Tift Outreach Coordinator**  
Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

*Supporting Fathers of Children With Special Needs*

12:00 pm  
1:15 pm

## LUNCH

1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

**Wendy Parent-Johnson, Jim E. Warne, Jacy Farkas, and Treva Roanhorse**

Sonoran Center for Excellence in Disabilities (UCEDD) Univ. of Arizona, Tucson  
*Communities Coming Together, Supporting Tribal Members with Disabilities*

**Judy Wiley and Joann Sebastian Morris**  
Native American Resource Collection at CPIR: Culturally Responsive Resources Created by Native American Authors

**Stephanie Miller Disability Access Educator**  
Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council (AZSILC)

*Building Community Resiliency Before, During and After a Disaster*

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

**Ivan L. Rivera Program Manager Benefits 2 Work Ability 360**

*Transitioning to Independent Living is Possible*

**Terry McDermott and Arthur Jackson Peer Support Specialists**  
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Valley of the Sun

*In Our Own Voice*

3:45 pm  
4:00 pm

## CLOSING REMARKS

**NOTE:** Date April 8, '22 Youth Track sessions. Virtual Workshops being held the following Friday, 4/8/22. Details will be announced.