



Conference Agenda

Sunday, September 24

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Registration - *Open All Week*

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Vendor Set Up - *Open All Week*

Monday, September 25

Facilitator: NICOA Board Chairperson
Billie Tohee, Southern Plains Region

9:00 AM Opening and Welcome with Otoe Missouri Tribe Color Guard and Steve Youngdeer, American Legion Post 143 Color Guard (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)

9:30 AM **Plenary Session 1: Policy, Politics & Legislation**

The Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act
The Impact of the 2024 Elections
Planning for the 2025 White House Conference on Aging
The White House Conference on Nutrition and Hunger

11:00 AM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)

1:30 PM Workshops, Focus Groups, Special Meetings (Concurrent, Open to All)

4:30 PM, 7:00 PM Wal-Mart Trip: Sign up at the Registration area (required)

Tuesday, September 26

Facilitator: NICOA Board Vice Chairperson
Mary Jo Hunter, Midwest Region

9:00 AM Opening and Welcome

9:30 AM **Memorial Breakfast** (includes Drum Group / Eagle Dancers)

10:45 AM **Plenary Session 2: Social Determinants of Health**

Alzheimer's in Indian Country and Impact Families
Caregivers in Indian Country
The Healthcare System & Tribal Elders
Financial Security & Federal Programs

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM **Tribal Consultation** hosted by the Social Security Administration

Wednesday, September 27

Facilitator: NICOA Board Secretary
Eddie Tullis, Eastern Region

9:00 AM Opening and Welcome

9:15 AM **Plenary Session 3: Veterans & Culture Preservation**

Healthcare and Services for American Indian Veterans
Effects of Boarding School Trauma
Preservation of Language and Culture



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Wednesday, September 27 (continued)

- 11:00 AM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 12:00 PM **Warrior's Honoring Luncheon**
- 1:30 PM **NICOA Voting Membership Regional Caucus Sessions**
- 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 3:30 PM **NICOA Board Member Meeting:** Board Members ONLY
- 4:30 PM, 7:00 PM Wal-Mart Trip: Sign up at the Registration area (required)

Thursday, September 28

Facilitator: NICOA Board Treasurer
Edna Riley, Alaska Region

- 9:00 AM Opening and Welcome
- 9:30 AM **NICOA Voting Session – Voting Members Only**
- 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 1:00 PM CPR Class & Certificate: Sign up at the Registration area (required)
- 2:30 PM **Plenary Session 4: Into the Future**
Technology, Its Application and Uses
Impact of Demographics, Population, Growth and Outmigration
Impact and Consequences of Climate Change on Elders and Indian Country
Violence and Protection of Our Elders and Children
- 4:00 PM Workshops (Concurrent, Open to All)
- 6:00 PM **Cultural Dinner & Fashion Show** with Master of Ceremonies Wilma Toledo (Jemez Pueblo), Southwest Region

Friday, September 29

- 9:00 AM Call To Action
- 10:30 AM Closing and Retiring of the Colors by Steve Youngdeer, American Legion Post 143 Color Guard (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians)
- 12:00 PM Post-Conference Meetings / Activities