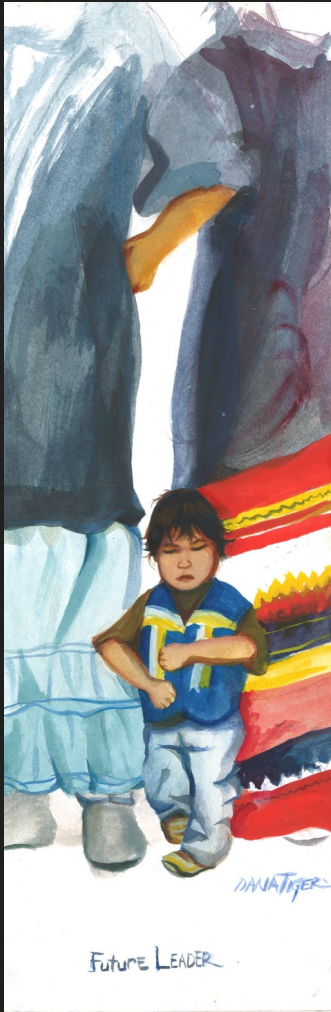


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## Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Conference

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## Conference Agenda\*

Monday, November 14, 2011

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### Opening General Session: 01:30 p.m.—03:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker



**D.J. Vanas**

**Motivational Storyteller, Leadership Expert, Author, and Warrior**

Enduring the extreme conditions of traditional ceremonies and rights of passage, D.J. "Eagle Bear" Vanas has had the values of the warrior spirit burned into his core. A tribally-enrolled member of the Odawa Nation and a former U.S. Air Force officer, D.J. inspires others to **practically apply the power of the warrior spirit in business and life** to stay resilient, lead with courage, and thrive in tough, changing environments ...he has used his dynamic programs to build warriors in 49 states and internationally to over 3,000 audiences to "strengthen the tribe" of organizations such as IBM, Walt Disney, NASA, the Secret Service, the American Cancer Society, and hundreds of tribal communities. He has been invited to The White House to share his message—twice. Now he's ready to deliver his powerful high-energy message to you!

### Workshop Session I: 03:15 p.m.—04:45 p.m.

Change Child Welfare Systems by Collecting ICWA Performance Data (Repeats Session III)

Expert Witness Training (Repeats Session III)

Family Group Decision Making with Lakota Families in Two Tribal Communities:  
Implementation Tools and Early Findings

Region VI ACF/Children's Bureau Updates

Trauma Informed Care in Oklahoma's Child Welfare System (Repeats Session VII)

Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation in Indian Child Welfare (Repeats Session III)

To Be Announced

### Reception/Entertainment: 06:00 p.m.—08:30 p.m. Performers



**Mahenwahdose**

**Mahenwahdose** is a performance storytelling team comprised of Will Hill and Jehnean Washington. Called "The Dynamic Duo" by the Native American Times, these two have thrilled audiences with their Storytelling Show. Mahenwahdose is dedicated to performing accurate, educational, and traditional stories of Native America and combines the tradition of storytelling with language, traditional flute, drum, & comedy. Hill and Washington were the first American Indians to perform at the Smithsonian Institute of the National Museum of the American Indian.

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**Workshop Session II: 08:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**

BeLieving in Native Girls: Risk Factors Influencing Adolescent American Indian Girls (Repeats Session IV)

Engaging Native Families in Safety Planning: A Collaborative Effort Between OKDHS Child Welfare and Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Workers (Repeats Session VI)

Learning the "Golden Thread": OKDHS Practice Model Part 1 (Repeats Session VI)

Making Supervised Visitation More Therapeutic: A Play Therapy Approach (Repeats Session VII)

So What Does That Mean? Considerations on Foster Care and Mental Health (Repeats Session V)

Supporting the Voices of Youth

To Be Announced

**Workshop Session III: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Change Child Welfare Systems by Collecting ICWA Performance Data (Repeat from Session I)

Creating a Matrix of Indian Child Welfare Services in Minnesota

Expert Witness Training (Repeat from Session I)

Helping Children Recover from Abuse

Learning the "Golden Thread": OKDHS Practice Model Part 2 (Repeats Session VII)

Tribal Title IV-E Options

Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation in Indian Child Welfare (Repeat from Session I)

**Luncheon/2nd General Session: 12:00 p.m.—01:30 p.m.**

Comments from Guest Speakers/Youth Panel/Door Prizes

**Workshop Session IV: 01:30 p.m.—03:00 p.m.**

BeLieving in Native Girls: Risk Factors Influencing Adolescent American Indian Girls (Repeated from Session II)

Chickashshaat ilokchina': Chickasaw Wellness (Repeats Session VII)

Compassion Fatigue and Stress Relief for Service Providers in Indian Country (Repeats Session V)

Family Group Conferencing: An Indigenous Perspective

Helping Children Impacted by Parental Substance Abuse

Placement Preferences (Repeats Session V)

Youth Engagement at All Levels

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### Workshop Session V: 03:15 p.m.—04:45 p.m.

Collaboration for Kids

Compassion Fatigue and Stress Relief for Service Providers in Indian Country  
(Repeated from Session IV)

Minnesota American Indian Child Welfare Initiative: A Tribe-State-County Government to Government Partnership

Placement Preferences (Repeated from Session IV)

Oaks Indian Mission: An ICW Foster Care Placement Option

So What Does That Mean? Considerations on Foster Care and Mental Health  
(Repeated from Session II)

Trauma Informed Care for Children in Indian Country

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### Workshop Session VI: 08:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Collaborating with Child Support to Ensure Needs of Children Are Being Met

Completing the Circle

Courtroom Training (Repeats Session VII)

Engaging Native Families in Safety Planning: A Collaborative Effort Between OKDHS Child Welfare and Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Workers (Repeated from Session II)

Learning the "Golden Thread": OKDHS Practice Model Part 1 (Repeated from Session II)

National Child Welfare Resource Center for Tribes: Accessing Child Welfare Technical Assistance

Play Therapy with Traumatized Children

### Workshop Session VII: 10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

AWOCs: Do I Really Need to Show Active Efforts If It Involves an Indian Child?

Chickashshaat ilokchina': Chickasaw Wellness (Repeated from Session IV)

Courtroom Training (Repeated from Session VI)

Learning the "Golden Thread": OKDHS Practice Model Part 2 (Repeated from Session III)

Making Supervised Visitation More Therapeutic: A Play Therapy Approach  
(Repeated from Session II)

Title IV-E Direct Funding Planning

Trauma Informed Care in Oklahoma's Child Welfare System (Repeated from Session I)

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**Closing General Session: 01:30 p.m.—03:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker**



**Eddie Slowikowski**

**Eddie Slowikowski** is the country's most dynamic professional speaker and Empowerment Strategist who goes the extra mile in each and every aspect of his presentations. As a motivational speaker, Eddie inspires thousands with his message of conceiving, believing, and achieving one's dream in life. Eddie's story has always been about taking the lead and setting the pace. His accomplishments include: Entrepreneur for 20 years as a speaker and trainer; Founder and Operator of the LifeRide Leadership Camp for disadvantaged youth; Author of "LifeRide: The Ultimate Rollercoaster" and LifeRide curriculum; A 3-time Division I All American in Track & Cross Country at Loyola University, Chicago; USA Gold Medal winner at international competition in London, England; Fastest college indoor mile (3 min. 58 sec.) in the nation in 1990; and a husband and father of two, proving that a successful balance of life and business is attainable.

In almost 20 years of speaking, Eddie has found a way to combine the high energy of his competitive running years with a service to community. With his own state of the art sound system, Eddie uses music and sound effects and amazing dance moves that bring his memorable presentations to life. His dynamic approach creates an interactive experience for the audience that is unforgettable!

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Navajo Jewelry (Victoria Mason)

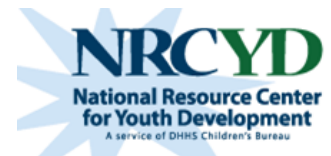
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Yankton Art (Joe Chamberlain)

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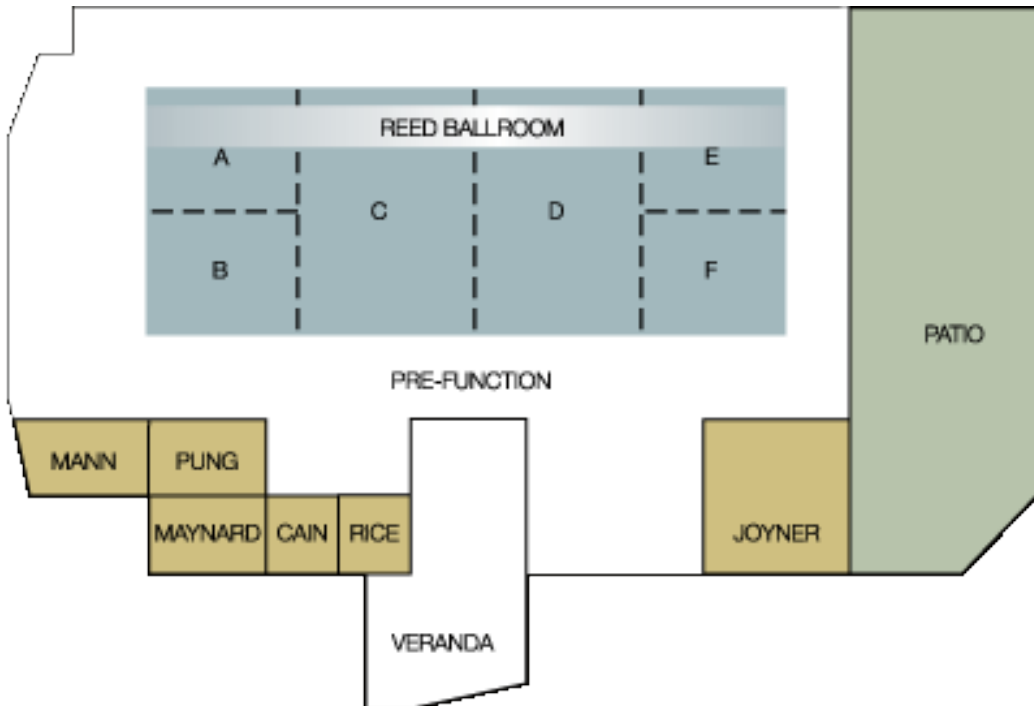


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