
Youth Reinvestment Grant (YRG) Tribal Advisory Group Member Bios

Olin C. Jones, Chair of the Tribal Advisory Group and YRG Liaison, has over forty years of experience in the field of criminal justice and founded the Olin C. Jones Consulting firm to offer a unique blend of tribal and state relationship building expertise. The scope of his background highlights a lifelong commitment to public safety service, criminal justice policy, planning, program development and addressing the concerns of underserved communities. Prior to his retirement from state service in August 2017, Olin served four of California's Attorneys Generals over the last eighteen years as the first Director of the California Attorney General's Office of Native American Affairs. During his time at the Attorney General's Office he framed the mission of the Office of Native American Affairs and developed goals that would address the justice-related needs of California's Reservations, Rancherias, and other federal and state justice agencies that serve Indian lands. As the Director, he structured solutions for some of the most challenging of Native American justice issues in California such as improving collaboration between tribal governments and local law enforcement, clarifying tribal policing authority, enforcing tribal court domestic violence protection orders and promoted compliance of the federal/state Indian Child Welfare Act.

Olin began his criminal justice career in 1973 with local law enforcement and accepted a position at the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning in 1989, and in 1996, went on to the California Attorney General's Crime and Violence Prevention Center, and was appointed as the first Director of the Attorney General's Office of Native American Affairs in 2000. In addition to addressing tribal issues, Olin's expertise includes community-based corrections, gang violence suppression, crime/violence prevention, policy, legislative solutions, federal and state grants administration and cultural familiarity instruction.

Olin is a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma and holds a bachelor's degree from Minot State University in North Dakota. He has been honored with numerous awards and certificates for his work in Indian Country. Olin has been married to Debra for 39 years, has three adult children and six grandchildren.

Dayna Barrios is the Program Associate for the Youth Initiatives Department at the Sacramento Native American Health Center. Ms. Barrios is a member of the Ventureño Chumash Tribe and holds a Master of Arts in Socio-Cultural Anthropology. Both her academic and professional careers have consisted of serving California Native communities in a variety of ways. Currently, her work is focused on two key issues: creating systemic change regarding Native children's mental health and wellness in Sacramento County, and suicide prevention work within the Sacramento Native community.

Angi Cavalieri is the Minor's Counsel for the Children's Law Center of California. She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Change & Development with a minor in First Nations Studies, as well as a Juris Doctorate and a Master of Jurisprudence in Children's Rights & Policy. As a law student she served as a Children's Rights Fellow and interned at the school's in-house clinic, a county self-help center, and was a practicing law student intern at Children's Law Center. She was a volunteer and coordinator for the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall Advocacy (LPJHA) program, where she advocated to ensure that the civil rights of juveniles placed at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall were not violated. Ms. Cavalieri was awarded the Wiley Manuel Award for Public Service for her work as a law student.

Currently she serves as Minor's Counsel at the Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, utilizing her life experience and education to assist children as they navigate through the dependency

system. Her clients are the most vulnerable citizens, children involved in not only dependency but also delinquency. Foster youth are statistically more likely to also be involved in the delinquency system, so her caseload includes many cross-over clients for whom she advocates on a dual basis. Two years ago, she was appointed to and continues to serve on the Los Angeles County Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) dedicated court - one of only five state-based ICWA courts in the nation. ICWA is the gold-standard, and she strives ensure that same standard is applied to dependency and juvenile justice involved youth nationwide. She works collaboratively with California Tribes and Tribal Nations across the country to ensure strong advocacy for the best interests of tribal youth.

Ms. Cavalieri is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, a small tribe whose ancestral lands originated in upstate New York but whose reservation is now in Bowler, Wisconsin. Raising two children of her own, she strives to achieve a balance between providing for her own children and protecting the rights of all children. She continues her life learning through formal education, traditional teachings, community outreach, cooperation with other non-profit organizations and through her work with tribes.

Bill Denke is the Police Chief for the Sycuan Tribal Police Department (PD). Chief Denke is the President of the California Tribal Police Chiefs' Association and the Chairman of the Indian Country Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). He currently serves on the IACP Board of Directors, the US Department of Justice Advisory Committee on Global Justice Information Sharing, the San Diego County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors, and as appointed by the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he is an active member of the Criminal Justice Information Services Advisory Policy Board.

Highlights of Chief Denke's work include the negotiation of an agreement with the US Department of Interior to deputize Sycuan's officers as special-federal officers and develop protocols for direct prosecution of federal cases with the US Attorney's Office of Southern California and the Central Violation Bureau, the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the San Diego County District Attorney's Office for the direct prosecution of Sycuan Tribal PD cases, service as the subject matter expert on officer training related to policing Indian lands for the California Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Training Program, and his role as trainer/speaker for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department "Policing Indian Lands" training program.

Heather Hostler is the Director of the Office of Tribal Affairs for the California Department of Social Services. Ms. Hostler was selected as the first Director of the Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) at the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and assumed office July 2017. The OTA is a new program established by the CDSS and its foundational development is being led by Ms. Hostler. Prior to this post, she served as Chief Deputy, Tribal Advisor for Governor Brown from 2012-2017. She started her career in state service as the Native American Liaison for the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. She is a member of the Judicial Council's Tribal Court State Court Forum. Ms. Hostler received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Native American Studies: Law and Government, from Humboldt State University (HSU). In 2016 she was honored by receiving HSU's Distinguished Alumni Award. She has extensive experience working effectively with tribal governments, developing tribal consultation policies, administering grass roots community initiatives, as well as directing foundation and grant making programs. Ms. Hostler is a member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, located in far northern California.