

**INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA, INC.
&
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF METNAL HEALTH**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

NATIVE AMERICAN'S TRIUMPH THROUGH COLLABORATION

CONFERENCE

PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

CONNIE REITMAN-SOLAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.

Mrs. Solas currently serves as the Executive Director of the Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc., a statewide Tribal organization comprised of 49 Tribes and/or Tribal organizations. Mrs. Solas has over 35 years of experience on community development, promoting social and economic development for underserved Tribal communities in rural areas. Mrs. Solas has experience in public policy development at the federal, state and community levels with an emphasis on recognizing the unique government-to-government relationships between Tribes and state/federal government entities. Mrs. Solas has been very effective in the design of systems of care that provide improved services for Tribal children, youth, families and communities in health, education, social services and economic development.

Mrs. Solas has participated on various boards, commissions, committees and councils, including Sonoma State University; Training Curriculum Development on Domestic Violence for In-Home Health Care Providers, University of California Davis; Curriculum Development for Medical and Health Care Providers, University at Channel Islands; Inter-Faith Curriculum Development on Domestic Violence, Lake County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council; Lake County Juvenile Justice Commission; Sutter Lakeside, Board of Trustees; Tribal Advisory Committee, Indian Child Welfare Subcommittee to the State Department of Social Services; and Tribal Law Enforcement Summit Planning Committee, California Attorney General's Office.

Tribes Task Force and as Chairman of the Indian Health Task Force and the Legislative Task Force from 1992-1998.

Other employment includes the Mendocino County Public Health Department, AOD and the Inter-Tribal Council of California. Mr. Freeman is currently employed as an archaeologist.

HOWARD CHAVEZ

Coordinator of Tribal Youth Program
Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc.

Howard Chavez is Program Coordinator for Tribal Youth Program for Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. For the past four years he has coordinated an education and intervention/prevention program for Tribal youth in Fresno, Greenville, Lake and Mendocino counties. Mr. Chavez designed a comprehensive culturally based operational manual that engages youth and communities while documenting, tracking, and modifying services to fit their unique developmental needs. In addition, Mr. Chavez has also developed several cultural "best practices" training models that inspire youth and communities to complete in and beyond their school.

Mr. Chavez 's public school experience includes four years as a high school principal and fifteen years teaching middle and elementary schools. Howard Chavez spent a year guiding divergent Tribal youth to actively participate in their school experience by restoring the "Chain of Respect" of the Native American "old ways" systematically into the structure of a Tribally controlled high school at Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Other experience consists of five years in Vocational Counseling and case management experience with developmentally disabled persons strengthening his capacity to help disadvantaged and underserved Native Americans overcome barriers that impede their pursuit of self-sufficiency. Mr. Chavez contributed six years of administrative and leadership experience with Tribes and this has reinforced his awareness and understanding of the dynamics that exist in Tribal affairs.

Mr. Chavez's credentials: M.A. Ed. and State of California Teaching Credentials for K-12 and Multiple Subjects.

Mr. Chavez was raised as a ceremonial doctored dancer and fisherman on Sulfur Bank Rancheria in Clearlake Oaks, California. Mr. Chavez lives with his Little Lake Pomo wife, granddaughter, stepson and a pet dog and resides near seven Rancherias in Northern California. Mr. Chavez organized a "Big Time Tribal Youth Talent Gathering-Featuring "Litefoot", a Youth Role Model" at Robinson Rancheria. Mr. Chavez recently developed "California Tribal Path to Self-Reliance and Distinctiveness", a development program for the Tribes of California. Next year, Mr. Chavez will be involved with a team offering (CTPSD) Reconciliation, Edification, Resurgence, Affiliation and Navigation (RERAN), a five series economics and cultural development program establishing unifying standards for the Tribes of California.

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THOMAS LEROY BROWN

Presenter to Lake County Board Of Supervisors Land Acquisitions.

Master of Ceremonies, American Indian Music Festival, Oakland, California.

Public Relations Proposition 5 California Indian Gaming.

Guest on Channel 4 Native American Century 21 Program, Phoenix, Arizona

Presenter, Martin Luther King Day Celebrations, Clearlake Queen of the Peace Church

Master Of Ceremonies, UNITY DAY Clearlake State Park

Representative Elem Indian Colony Tribal Chairman at the White House to meet wit
President Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton, Al Gore, Tipper Gore.

Culture Oriented: Son of the late Jim Brown II & Elvina Brown both cultural leaders ad
blessing people of the POMO Tribes.

Singer of Shakehead Songs, Big Head Songs, Blessed by both my father and mother and
medicine men of the Apache Nation.

Education:

Graduate, Business Administration, Munson business college, San Francisco, California.

Business Law & Police Science Major, Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa,
California

High School Graduate, Lower Lake Union High School, Lower Lake, California

ROY REDNER

Roy Redner, M.A., RAS, Coordinator

Substance Abuse Treatment Services for United Indian Health Services.

Western Shoshone and Redwood Creek Ancestry.

College of the Redwoods, Instructor for the Addiction Studies Program.

Mr. Redner's experience consists of seven years in Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment and nine years in Substance Abuse Prevention.

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California Native American

Triumph Through

Collaboration

Northern California

Native Americans

Most Underrepresented and Underserved Minority

Native Americans in California have been the most underserved and underrepresented minorities in California.

**STARTING FROM A PLACE OF
TRUTH AFFORDS US A CHANCE
TO FIX IT**

Northern California Native American

Panel Of Consultants

- **Chris Partida, Big Valley Rancheria**
- **Thomas Leon Brown, ELEM Indian
Colony - Genocide Affliction Post
Traumatic Stress**
- **George Freeman, Paskenta Rancheria -
U.S. Indian Policy toward Native
American Indians**

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PANEL OF CONSULTANTS**

**STARTING FROM A PLACE OF TRUTH
AFFORDS US THE INSIGHT TO
DEVELOP VIABLE RESOLUTIONS**

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- **James Ochoa, Round Valley Indian
Reservation**
- **Roy Redner, United Indian Health
Arcata, California**

Generational Trauma

**False: GENOCIDE NEVER HAPPENED
Pomos in Lake County were exterminated
at Bloody Island in 1849.**

True: History is “Living history” for tribal people

- Genocide Affliction Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Syndrome**

Chris Partida, Big Valley Rancheria

Inter-generational Trauma

- **We are out of balance and harmony with the teaching of our ancestors and elders.**

Boarding Schools

Relocation

Termination

- **Thomas Leon Brown, ELEM Indian Colony**

U.S. Indian Policy

- **Spiritualism is a part of our tradition, U.S. and California Policy had disconnected us from our spiritualism and traditions.**
- **U.S. Indian Policy toward Native American Indians**

George Freeman, Paskenta Rancheria

Effects of GAPS and GT

- **FAS is not apart of our tradition, alcoholism is not a part of our tradition, diabetes is not a part of our tradition, child neglect is not a part of our tradition, nor is domestic violence; however, these diseases and many other dysfunctional behaviors are part of our reality today.**

**James Ochoa, Round Valley Indian
Reservation**

Triumph Through Collaboration

- **MHSA has the resources and tribal people have the knowledge, together we can bring wellness to Native American Communities.**

**Roy Redner, United Indian Health, Arcata,
California**