

**Workshops Session I: Thursday, March 6, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM**

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| <p><b>An Overview of North Carolina's Tribal Recognition Process:</b> Greg Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), Elk Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi) Overview of NC's tribal state recognition process and procedures, including coverage of the NC General Statutes pertaining to the Commission of Indian Affairs' administration of tribal recognition procedures. Presents the administrative rules for tribal recognition in NC.</p>  | Auditorium III |
| <p><b>Law Enforcement Overdose Victim Support in Native Communities:</b> Rudy T. Locklear (Lumbee) Examines the critical role law enforcement plays in reporting, following up, and referring overdose victims in Native communities to mental health and substance abuse services. Explores collaboration strategies between law enforcement and health providers. Addresses systemic challenges and culturally sensitive approaches.</p>  | Biltmore       |
| <p><b>2024 SACIE Report: Our Children, Our Data, Our Legacy:</b> Dr. Leslie Locklear (Lumbee) Dr. Tiffany Michelle Locklear (Lumbee) 2024 State Advisory Council on Indian Education (SACIE) Report presentation. Covers key state-level findings in reading, math, and science, highlights trends and insights impacting NC American Indian students. Discussion of 2024 recommendations.</p>  | Morehead       |
| <p><b>Listening to Voices: Cancer Disparities in NC Tribal Communities:</b> Yadurshini Raveendran, MSc , Dr. Tomi Akinyemiju, Tony Locklear (Lumbee, Tuscarora), Vivette Jeffries-Logan (Kanhahabnen Tabunitckia translation: "Morning Star"), Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation (OBSN) Key findings from a series of talking circles held in various tribal communities. Explores the impact of cancer in Native communities. Summarizes personal stories and perspectives shared by community members. Invites community members to collaborate on next steps in reducing cancer health disparities.</p> | Carolina       |
| <p><b>Building Pathways to Homeownership: USDA Rural Development:</b> Sunshine Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi) An in-depth look at USDA Rural Development programs that promote sustainable housing opportunities for American Indian communities in NC. Focuses on the 504 Home Repair Loan and Grant and the 502 Direct Loan programs that offer financing options for low-income homeowners and first-time homebuyers.</p>  | Blandwood      |