



**2025 Mid-Year CANAR  
Conference  
Davenport Grand Hotel  
Spokane, WA  
June 3-5, 2025  
Agenda At-A-Glance**



# **Strength of the Salmon: Navigating, Adapting, and Thriving in Adversity**

## **Monday, June 2nd**

Start	End	Session Title	Room
10:00AM	2:00PM	CANAR Executive Board Meeting	Redwood Boardroom

## **Tuesday, June 3rd**

Start	End	Session Title	Presenters	Room
7:30AM	8:45AM	Breakfast		Grand Ballroom A
7:30AM	5:00PM	Registration		Grand Ballroom A
9:00AM	9:30AM	Welcome	Emma De La Cruz	Grand Ballroom A
9:30AM	9:45AM	Break		
9:45AM	12:00PM	Membership Meeting	CANAR Board	Grand Ballroom A
12:00PM	1:30PM	Lunch (On Your Own)		
1:30PM	3:00PM	Membership Meeting	CANAR Board	Grand Ballroom A
3:00PM	3:20PM	Break		
3:30PM	5:00PM	Talking Circles		
3:30PM	5:00PM	Directors	Jana Finkbonner	Meeting Room 1
3:30PM	5:00PM	Counselors	Melissa Williams	Meeting Room 2
3:30PM	5:00PM	Support Staff	Lorrie Ellsworth	Meeting Room 4
3:30PM	5:00PM	Partners	Wayne Dagel	Meeting Room 5
5:00PM	6:00PM	AIVRTTAC Session	Wayne Dagel	Grand Ballroom A
5:00PM		Dinner (On Your Own)		
7:00PM	9:00PM	Fish War	Documentary	Grand Ballroom A
9:00PM	10:00PM	Recovery Talking Circle		Grand Ballroom A



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## Wednesday, June 4th

Start	End	Session Title	Presenters	Room
7:30AM	8:45AM	Breakfast		Grand Ballroom A
7:30AM	5:00PM	Registration		Grand Ballroom A
9:00AM	10:00AM	Opening Ceremony Welcome and CANAR Highlights	Emma De La Cruz	Grand Ballroom A
10:00AM	10:30PM	Break		
10:30PM	12:00PM	Keynote	Shajira Brown and Elizabeth Layman National Disability Institute	Grand Ballroom A
12:00PM	1:30PM	Lunch (On Your Own)		
1:30PM	3:00PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Room</b>
1:30PM	3:00PM	Sicangu Vocational Rehabilitation Program	Dr. Tammy Keller	Meeting Room 1
1:30PM	3:00PM	Outreach to Veterans and Their Families	Amy Claridge, Buck Richardson	Meeting Room 2
1:30PM	3:00PM	TVR Post Employment Services	Wayne Dagel, Rebecca Holland	Meeting Room 4
1:30PM	3:00PM	The Five Feathers Employment Training Program	Caleb Titus	Meeting Room 5
3:00PM	3:30PM	Break		
3:30PM	5:00PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Room</b>
3:30PM	5:00PM	Key Elements of Holistic Tribal VR Project Services	Dr. Lee Gaseoma, Jon Ringlero	Meeting Room 1
3:30PM	5:00PM	American Indian and Alaska Native in VR Programs: A Scoping Review	Elizabeth Boland, PhD, Jamie Emanuel	Meeting Room 2
3:30PM	5:00PM	TVR Self-Employment: Finding Your Profit Point	Rebecca Holland, Catherine Ispen, PhD	Meeting Room 4
3:30PM	5:00PM	Region X VR Coalition-Stronger Together	Susie Calhoun, Kelly Franklin, Keith Ozols	Meeting Room 5
5:00PM		Dinner (On Your Own)		
6:00PM	7:00PM	GLOW WALK		Grand Ballroom A
8:00PM	9:00PM	Recovery Talking Circle		Grand Ballroom A



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## Thursday, June 5th

Start	End	Session Title	Presenters	Room
7:30AM	8:45AM	Breakfast		Grand Ballroom A
9:00AM	10:00AM	How to Talk to Your Legislators	Christopher Zilar	Grand Ballroom A
10:00AM	10:30AM	Break		
10:30AM	12:00PM	Spokane Tribe History, Culture, and Traditions	Warren Seyler	Grand Ballroom A
12:00PM	1:30PM	Lunch (On Your Own)		
1:30PM	3:00PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Room</b>
1:30PM	3:00PM	School to Work: Partnering for a Seamless Transition	Melinda Bocci, Mistie Larch Amber Lehman	Meeting Room 1
1:30PM	3:00PM	Lakota Legends: Animal-Assisted Therapy Project	Dr. Tammy Keller	Meeting Room 2
1:30PM	3:00PM	Creating a Container for Online Service Delivery	Kimber Olsen	Meeting Room 4
1:30PM	3:00PM	Supporting Job Seekers with Criminal Backgrounds	Christa Martin	Meeting Room 5
3:00PM	3:30PM	Break		
3:30PM	5:00PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	<b>Presenters</b>	<b>Room</b>
3:30PM	5:00PM	Lifecycles: A Pathway to Yoyot-ness	LaDonna Bluff, Melodi Wynne, PhD	Meeting Room 1
3:30PM	5:00PM	New Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Directors: What You Really Need to Know But Didn't Know to Ask	Cammie Falcon, Christopher Zilar	Meeting Room 2
3:30PM	5:00PM	Pre-Apprenticeships: Individualized, Creative Workforce Development	Mary Dibiasse, Wayne Dagel	Meeting Room 4
3:30PM	5:00PM	Inviting the Sacred Wound into Circle: Re-Storying Indigenous Mind-Body Medicine	Kimber Olsen	Meeting Room 5
6:00PM	9:00PM	<b>BANQUET/Closing Ceremonies</b>		Grand Ballroom A
9:00PM	10:00PM	Recovery Talking Circle		Grand Ballroom A