

List of Potential Qualified Expert Witnesses

The following individuals have attended training on testifying as a qualified expert witness in cases subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act. For convenience in identifying potential witnesses, the individuals are listed by tribal affiliation. However, while it may be helpful for the witness to be affiliated with the same tribe as the child(ren) involved in the case, affiliation in a tribe is not required in order to testify as a qualified expert witness. Instead, the court determines whether the individual is qualified depending upon his/her knowledge of the culture and child-rearing techniques of the child's Indian tribe.

Some of the individuals listed below have been determined by a court to be qualified to testify regarding one or more tribes other than those in which they are affiliated. Other individuals have not yet testified as a qualified expert witness.

Highlighted individuals have attended QEW training in September of 2016

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

- Diane Garreau (605) 964-6460 dgarreau61@hotmail.com
- Renee Iron Hawk (605) 538-4330 or (605) 230-1574
- Manny Iron Hawk (605) 538-4330 or (605) 200-0997

Crow Creek Sioux Tribe

Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

- Jessica Morson (605) 997-5055 jessica.morson@FSST.org
- Cynthia Johanson (605) 573-5044 cynthia.johanson@fsst.org
- Myrna Weston-Louis (605) 268-1745

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe

- Jera Brouse-Koster (605) 473-5561 j_lou_koster@yahoo.com

Oglala Sioux Tribe

- William Cross (605) 867- 5752 or 1124 wi_cross@yahoo.com
- Lema Richards (605) 867- 5752 or 1124
- Twila Hopkins (605) 868- 5752 or 1124

Rosebud Sioux Tribe

- Shirley Bad Wound (605) 856-5270 rsticwa9@gwtc.net

- Elizabeth Little Elk (605) 856-4855 elittleelk@rstscfs.org
- Bernadette Roubideaux (605) 856-5270
- Dave Valandra (605) 682-1823

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

- Evelyn Pilcher (605) 698-7029 EvelynP@swo-nsn.gov
- Lorraine Rousseau (605) 698-3992 lorrainer@swo-nsn.gov

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

- Raquel Franklin (701) 854-3095 rfranklin@standingrock.org
- Jackie Brown Otter (605) 823-2025 jbrownotter@standingrock.org
- Marilyn Kary 701-854-3461 (8-4 PM Work) or 701-471-9739 (Cell for weekends/evenings) or marilynkary@yahoo.com

Yankton Sioux Tribe

- Melissa Chrans (605) 384-5712 yst_icwa@outlook.com
- Ella Rae Stone (605) 384-5712 erstone2000@yahoo.com
- Faith Spotted Eagle (605) 491-0416
- Raymond Cournoyer (605) 491-0055
- Chiara Cournoyer (605) 384-4544 or cell (605) 491-6527

The following individuals have been determined by a court to be qualified to testify but have not attended a training on testifying as a qualified expert witness:

Rosebud Sioux Tribe

- Luke Yellow Robe (605) 716-1120 or cell (605) 431-2145
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Pursuant to 25 C.F.R. § 23.81, requests for assistance in identifying qualified expert witnesses can also be sent to the Area Director for the BIA whose name and address follows:.

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