



Thursday April 22, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. ET

Using resources to effectively support child and family well-being.

Expert panelists/Co-conveners & bios:

Dr. Helaina Gaspard, Director, Governance and Institutions, Institute of Fiscal Studies and Democracy (IFSD) at the University of Ottawa

Helaina Gaspard, Ph.D, is a researcher, advisor, teacher and convener. A co-founder of the IFSD, Helaina works at the intersection of politics and public money, in research and strategic engagements to deliver evidence and public policy outcomes.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Schiffer, Executive Director, Native Child and Family Services of Toronto

Jeffrey J. Schiffer has Métis and German ancestry, and was born and raised in unceded Coast Salish territory - in what is today Vancouver, British Columbia. He holds a BA in anthropology from the University of British Columbia, and an MA and PhD in anthropology and education from Columbia University. Dr. Schiffer has conducted community-based research and program development with Indigenous communities in Canada and Central America, and his dissertation focused on decolonizing and indigenizing Aboriginal child welfare in diverse urban spaces. Over the past 15 years Dr. Schiffer has held positions at the Earth Institute at Columbia University, Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society, the Justice Institute of British Columbia, and the City of Toronto. Throughout this time, he has also taught alongside his mother, Shirley Turcotte, in the Aboriginal Focusing Oriented Therapy (AFOT) program, and Indigenous Tools for Living training. Dr. Schiffer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Child Welfare League of Canada, the Association of Native Child and Family Services Agencies of Ontario, the Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council, and Boost Child Advocacy Centre, and he co-chairs the City of Toronto's Aboriginal Affairs Committee.

Doreen Moellenbeck, Executive Director, Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services Manitoba

Doreen Moellenbeck-Dushnitsky is a member of Shoal Lake #40 and has approximately 14 years of experience in the field of Child and Family Services. She has a Master's

Degree in Social work from the University of Manitoba. Doreen has one son, a granddaughter named Ella and a grandson named Erich.

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