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First Nations Law Development: Child and Family Welfare Law-Making Forum

**August 2, 2023
1:00 – 3:30 p.m. (EDT)**

Register and Join Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcofuGhrzwtGtD7dW4Tf4C5a3FHQSKMskYS>

[Download: C-92 Child and Family Well-Being Law Making Resource Bundle](#)

This forum is being dedicated to the life and work of Adolphus Cameron. Adolphus was a lifelong advocate for the exercising of First Nations inherent jurisdiction and the safety and care of our children. His work and legacy will live on forever.

AGENDA

1:00 p.m. Opening Prayer and Remarks from Elder Blu Waters

1:10 p.m. Welcome and Introduction from Director of Justice, Jackie Lombardi

- Review scope of session and agenda

This forum follows Chiefs of Ontario's release of the [C-92 Child and Family Well-Being Law Making Resource Bundle](#). The purpose of this forum is to provide in-depth information on the various stages of the child and family welfare law making process. With only two First Nations in the Ontario region entered into coordination agreements, we hope this forum is beneficial for First Nations interested in learning more or currently within the process of their law-making development.

1:20 p.m. Presentation from Dr. Hadley Friedland & Koren Lightning-Earle, JD

- Professors, University of Alberta

A presentation from two experts in the field of Indigenous law and child welfare, on both obstacles and strategies to creating child and family welfare laws. The presentation will provide an overview of the various stages involved in law-development and suggested best practices to navigating the process.

1:50 p.m. Open Forum and Q&A

2:20 p.m. Legal Presentation from Maggie Wente

- **Partner, Olthuis Kleeer Townshend LLP**

A legal presentation on coordination agreements delivered by legal counsel with extensive experience working with First Nations exercising their inherent jurisdiction. The presentation will cover the process, operation, and components of coordination agreements.

2:50 p.m. Open Forum and Q&A

3:25 p.m. Reflection and Wrap-Up

3:30 p.m. Closing Prayer and Remarks from Elder Blu Waters