

# Continuing Upward from the Summit - June 2022

Day 1 Takeaways

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## Takeaways

I always learn something when I listen to people that have been through the child welfare system. I am also interested in comparing the checklist from Utah with our own here in Florida.

*We would love to see yours too! feel free to reach out  
danielmr@utcourts.gov – ANONYMOUS*

**The presentations of Sixto and Zaide were amazing.**

| Sixto Cancel Zaide Martinez

## Centering lived experience voice

The insight from the youth was impactful and made me think about how we need to change things to make sure their voices are heard.

Implementation of lived experience voice.

**Creating a vehicle for you to submit their own court report to the judge before the hearing**

## Forming a lived experience task force

Remembering these are REAL kids and families

**Never stop looking for familial connections!**

Effective, respectful engagement of youth and biological parents.  
Relative search is critical and must be done with integrity!

## Adaptive change and the Safety Poem

## Utah's Core Principles and Guiding Practices for a Fully Integrated Child Welfare System



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Welfare%20Core%20Principles%20and%20Guiding%20Practices.pdf  
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**Adaptive Leadership was so interesting!  
Thanks**

## How to facilitate adaptive change

Elizabeth Waetzig, NTTAC Field Director

Strategies for centering youth lived experience

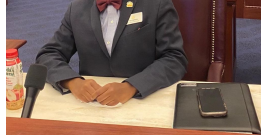
**Always proactively seek the input of those with the lived experience in our cases.**

**Thank you, Tee!**

**Safety Isn't Real**

Youth Voice Writing Contest 2022 - Finalist,

Poetry safety is a place that can't be found on this earth because safety is unconditional it has too much worth you see, the things of this world can be taken away mothers and fathers, they can leave you astray places and blankets



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**I think a reinforcer for me is that this is a system but it takes people to make it work...remembering everyone in the "system" is also a person and trying to make interactions within the "system" are meaningful is key to a successful "system"**

**Importance of youth voice...not only in court but in committees and planning**

**ICWA**

Brought a question about having similar laws for the Black community with all that has been done to their community around law and justice

**Charlie as Teri's Co-Presenter**



LOL - this!!! - ANONYMOUS

**The need for Indigenous law to impact and influence child welfare. (ICWA = gold standard of child welfare)**

Methods to Engage and Revitalize Indigenous Law

Sheldon Spotted Elk  
Professor Lightning-Earle  
Professor Friedland

**it might be time for our team to step back from proposing law changes and focus on training and implementation of recently changed child welfare laws.**

**I would like to follow up on the Hearing checklist. Something as simple as announcing the purpose of the hearing can help everyone be on the same page for purpose**

**Promoting consistency in hearings with checklists**

**Don't just add the voices of people with lived experience, but center that.**

**Allowing space for self determination**

**adaptive change presentation**

**The spirit of ICWA as opposed to just the letter of the law.**

Distinction between technical and adaptive change was invaluable.

**Getting a report to the court from the child or parent.**

**Take aways**

Having youth and/or parent submit their own court report

**Never give up looking for connections and family**

the lived experience

**Adaptive Leadership**

**Promote Youth and Family Voice**

**Prioritize and center the voice that is the one most impacted**

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