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Global Leaders for Americas Meet in Albuquerque

The Global Leaders for Young Children program of the World Forum Foundation has a goal to develop leadership throughout the world for the next generation in early care and education by identifying and developing leadership skills in the field. Community Development Institute (CDI) is the Secretariat for the Global Leaders (GL) project for the World Forum with CDI's CEO Mark Elliott serving as program director for the Global Leaders initiative. The Global Leaders initiative currently has active regional cohorts in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the Americas.

The Global Leaders Americas (GLAM) had their first face to face meeting March 13–17, 2017 in Albuquerque, New Mexico in conjunction with the Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs Inc., 36th Native American Child and Family Conference. The GLAM face-to-face was a meeting with GL participants from tribal child care programs across the United States and early childhood education leaders from Brazil and México. The group had the opportunity to engage in activities to build leadership skills, develop strong networks, and learn more about early childhood issues from a global perspective. The GLs conducted individual tribal/country presentations about the status of children, and participated in individual leadership skill development activities, as well as discussions about their individual advocacy projects and next steps for leadership development. GLs had the opportunity to attend conference workshop sessions including one session presented by a North America GL and GL Coordinator.

The GLAM cohort consists of eight GLs: six from Native American tribes in the US (Deserea Zuintana, Jennifer McGowan, Gale Spotted Tail, Melissa Madrid, Mary Zoller, Monica Sayad), plus a leader from Brazil (Isabella Vieira Machado Henriques), and one from México (Connie Duran Robertson). Kim Nall is new in her role as Regional Coordinator and will supervise Global Leaders from the United States (Kim is an alumni GL), and Maria Thereza Oliva Marcilio, a former GL and who is returning as Regional Coordinator, will supervise Global Leaders from Brazil and México. Lucia Vicencio and Laurie Hand from CDI helped with meeting logistics. The National Indian Child Care Association (NICCA) is the network partner in the United States and the Global Leaders for Young Children, has also worked closely with the Brazilian National Alliance.

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