

Virtual Learning Series on Behavioral Health Initiative Funding

The virtual learning series on behavioral health initiative funding will be held in advance of formal Consultation and Confer sessions. The purpose of this series is to explain funding distribution methodologies, program administration, and reporting requirements for behavioral health initiatives that are currently distributed through grants. The funding for these grant programs are appropriated through various IHS budget lines. For instance, Substance Abuse and Suicide Prevention Program (SASPP) is through the Alcohol and Substance Abuse budget line; the Domestic Violence Prevention Program (DVPP) is through the Hospitals & Health Clinics budget line; and the Zero Suicide Initiative (ZSI) is through the Mental Health budget line.

As a part of the virtual learning series, there will also be a session that explains the functions that are supported by IHS National Management, including, but not limited to, training, evaluation services provided by the Tribal Epidemiology Centers, IHS technical support and assistance services such as national data collection and coordination, evaluation, grants management, and raising awareness and visibility of behavioral health across American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This session will also provide an overview of the cooperative agreements that the IHS has with national organizations to support the funding of these initiatives.

The virtual learning series are scheduled on the dates below and can be accessed through the following Adobe Connect session: https://ihs.adobeconnect.com/dbh_program_education/.

- SASPP Tuesday, May 29 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (ET)
- DVPP Tuesday, May 29 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (ET)
- ZSI Tuesday, June 5 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (ET)
- IHS National Management Wednesday, June 6 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (ET)

Please visit the IHS Division of Behavioral Health Web site for additional information and to access these virtual learning series, which will be recorded and posted online at:

<https://www.ihs.gov/dbh/consultationandconfer>.