

The Indian Health Service (IHS) TeleBehavioral Health Center of Excellence in collaboration with the IHS Clinical Support Center (Accredited Provider) presents:

Telehealth Webinar Series
Suicide Risk Assessment for EMS
Continuing Education in Behavioral Health

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September 22, 2026, | 12:00 pm EST, 11:00 am CST, 10:00 am MST, 9:00 am PST, 8:00 am AKST

Duration: 1 hour

Presenter:

Jeremiah Simmons, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico - Health Sciences Center

Description:

This webinar will provide structured, field-appropriate tools for suicide risk recognition and brief assessment within the constraints of prehospital care. Participants will review warning signs, protective factors, documentation considerations, and coordination pathways with crisis response and behavioral health services.

Outcomes/Objectives:

1. Identify suicide risk indicators during EMS encounters.
2. Perform a standardized suicide risk screening and apply stabilization actions (such as environmental safety checks, verbal de-escalation, or supportive engagement), documented in all applicable situations.
3. Accurately describe and use the appropriate referral pathway for suicide risk and complete compliant handoff during transfers to higher-level of care.

Content Level:

Intermediate

Target Audience:

Target audience for training is clinical professionals, behavioral health specialists, and addiction specialists.

About the Presenter



Jeremiah D. Simmons, PhD, is a licensed clinical psychologist and Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center. He provides clinical services, supervision, and training through the Division of Community Behavioral Health, with a focus on rural and tribal communities. He has extensive experience working with adolescents and adults with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders in community behavioral health and integrated care settings. In his clinical practice, he utilizes the ASAM multidimensional assessment framework to guide clinical decision making, level-of-care determinations, and treatment planning. His work integrates evidence-based practices such as Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with culturally responsive approaches to care.

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