



September 24-25, 2024  
 Navajo Nation Museum & Library  
 Window Rock, AZ

# NAVAJO NATION OPIOID AWARENESS SUMMIT

HÓZHÓÓGO NAASHÁA DOO: WALKING IN BEAUTY AWAY FROM OPIOIDS

## AGENDA

Mistress of Ceremony:  
 Alberta Curley, Prevention Specialist, DBMHS Ft. Defiance OTC

### Tuesday, September 24, 2024

<p><b>8:00 - 9:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Registration</b></p> <p><b>Continental Breakfast</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsored by the Navajo Nation Division of Behavioral &amp; Mental Health Services</li> </ul>	<p><b>Lobby</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen</b></p>
<p><b>9:00 – 9:05 am</b></p> <p><b>9:05 – 9:15 am</b></p> <p><b>9:15 – 9:45 am</b></p> <p><b>9:50 – 10:50 am</b></p>	<p><b>Invocation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rita Gilmore, Traditional Practitioner, DBMHS</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christopher Bahe, SPPS, COHR</li> <li>Dr. Michelle Brandser, HSA, DBMHS</li> </ul> <p><b>Welcome Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Buu Nygren, President, The Navajo Nation</li> <li>Dr. Loretta Christensen, Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service (IHS)</li> </ul> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Tommy K. Begay, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, University of Arizona</li> </ul>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p>
<p><b>10:50 – 11:00 am</b></p>	<p><b>Break &amp; Resource Fair</b></p>	<p><b>Lobby</b></p>
<p><b>11:00 am - 12:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Historical Perspective on Synthetic Drug Trafficking</i> Towanda R. Thorne-James, DEA Special Agent in Charge, El Paso Division</li> <li><i>Program Overviews</i> Dr. Paula Mora, Navajo Area IHS Opioid Workgroup &amp; Yvonne Lee, Prevention Specialist, COHR</li> <li><i>Novel Opioids &amp; other Psychoactives in the Opioid Crisis</i> Juniper Dry, Harm Reduction Specialist, Transgender Resource Center of NM</li> </ol>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p> <p><b>Library 1</b></p> <p><b>Library 2</b></p>
<p><b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	<p><b>Kitchen</b></p>

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<b>1:00 - 2:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Leadership Panel Discussion:</b> <i>Federal Tribal Healthcare</i> CDR Kevin Gaines, Chief Medical Officer, Navajo Area IHS &amp; Dr. Michelle Brandser, HSA, DBMHS</li> <li><i>Opioid Prevention for Adults &amp; Elders</i> Bert Houston, Case Management Specialist, COHR &amp; Delton Francis, Prevention Specialist, DBMHS</li> <li><i>Opioid Awareness &amp; Prevention for Youth</i> Megan Benally, Health Educator, Navajo Health Education Program</li> </ol>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p> <p><b>Library 1</b></p> <p><b>Library 2</b></p>
<b>2:00 – 2:15 pm</b>	<b>Break, &amp; Resource Fair</b>	<b>Lobby</b>
<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Opioid Settlement Funds</i> Ethel Branch, Attorney General, NN DOJ</li> <li><i>Naloxone Training &amp; Distribution</i> CDR Erica Harker, Navajo Area IHS</li> <li><i>Sacred Wisdom: Healing from the Devastation of American Indian Historical Trauma</i> Dr. Tommy K. Begay, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona</li> </ol>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p> <p><b>Library 1</b></p> <p><b>Library 2</b></p>
<b>3:15 – 3:30 pm</b>	<b>Break &amp; Resource Fair</b>	<b>Lobby</b>
<b>3:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Opioid Use &amp; Infectious Diseases</i> Dr. Alithea Gabrellas, Gallup Indian Medical Center, IHS</li> <li><i>Stay Informed, Stay Alive! What is PolySubstance &amp; Stigma in Northwest New Mexico Area</i> Gloria J. Dee, MSW, Sr. Project Director &amp; Thomalisa Yazzie, Project Director, Capacity Builders Inc.</li> <li><i>Culture is Prevention: Continuing to plant the seeds to grow healthy forests</i> Larita Anderson, Owner/Cultural Facilitator, Anderson Stevens LLC</li> </ol>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p> <p><b>Library 1</b></p> <p><b>Library 2</b></p>
<b>4:30 – 4:45 pm</b>	<p><b>Day 1 Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christopher Bahe, SPPS, DBMHS</li> </ul>	<b>Auditorium</b>



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<p><b>8:45 - 8:50 am</b></p> <p><b>8:50 - 9:50 am</b></p> <p><b>9:50 - 10:50 am</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Day 1 Recap</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christopher Bahe, SPPS, COHR</li> </ul> <p><b>Medication for Opioid Use Disorder &amp; MAT (virtual)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Jennie Wei &amp; Dr. Mia Lozada, Gallup Indian Medical Center, IHS</li> </ul> <p><b>The Role of Traditional Practices in Behavioral Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nelvin Tohannie, Traditional Practitioner, DBMHS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p>
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	<p>2. <i>Navajo Wellness Model</i> Kenneth Begay, Traditional Practitioner, DBMHS <i>Culture as a Protective Factor: Substance Use Prevention</i></p> <p>3. <i>in Urban American Indian Youth &amp; Families</i> Shemaine Nelson &amp; Jolene Fernandez, Prevention Specialists, Phoenix Indian Center &amp; UICAZ</p>	<p><b>Library 1</b></p> <p><b>Library 2</b></p>
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<b>2:15 – 3:15 pm</b>	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <p>1. <i>Local &amp; National Opioid Overdose Trends</i> Larissa Cruz, Epidemiologist, Navajo Area IHS</p> <p>2. <i>Supporting Families through Community-Based Approaches</i> Shaina Sagg &amp; Tazbah Jackson, HI 365 Community Wellness Specialists, UNHS Behavioral Health Dept.</p> <p>3. <i>Arizona &amp; New Mexico State Resources</i> Ariel Moreno, State Opioid Response Program, Arizona Department of Health Services Stephen Charzuk, Operation and Outreach Manager, New Mexico Harm Reduction Collaborative</p>	<p><b>Auditorium</b></p> <p><b>Library 1</b></p> <p><b>Library 2</b></p>
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\*Disclaimer: information within presentations will be presented in English and/or Diné Bizaad (Navajo)\*

\*\*Agenda is subject to change\*\*

