

# Children's Behavioral Health: Promising Practices in Tribal Communities

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Indian Health Service (IHS), with the Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, are planning a 2-part webinar series focusing on the behavioral health of children in Tribal communities.



The objectives for this two-part series include the following:

- Highlighting promising practices and outcomes of behavioral health prevention and services developed and implemented by and for children, youth, and families in Tribal communities
- Sharing information about Federal programs and resources to support the behavioral health and well-being of children, youth, and families in Tribal communities
- Creating a forum to discuss and learn about opportunities to strengthen the integration of relevant behavioral health services in human services and health care programs in Tribal communities
- Providing the opportunity for participants to ask questions and share information about what they are observing in their communities and where they see gaps and opportunities for resources and partnerships to support children, youth, and families

**Part 1: Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 12:00pm (EST) – 2:30pm (EST) Focus on Early Childhood and School-Based programs**

**Part 2: Friday, May 12, 2023, from 12:00pm (EST) – 2:30pm (EST) Focus on Whole Family and Workforce programs**

Intended audience includes behavioral health program and school staff, federal grantees, and the public. Presenters will include Federal leaders, Federal grantees, community-based programs, and national organizations.

Sign up [here](#) to register to join the webinar! If you cannot attend, the training will be recorded.

## Speakers & Facilitators



Lauren Behsudi is a senior advisor in the Immediate Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In this role, Lauren leads cross-cutting priorities to improve behavioral health outcomes for children, youth, and families.



Misty L. Boyd, Ph.D., is a clinical psychologist and serves as the Young Child Wellness Expert for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Research and Public Health. She has experience working in traditional outpatient clinical settings as well as both rural and urban schools.



Ryan T. Chee was born and raised on the Navajo Nation in the small community of Leupp, Arizona. His clans are of the Red House People (Kinlichii'nii') born for Yucca-strung-out-in-a-line clan (Hashk'aahadzohi). Ryan is an alumnus of ASU '08, with an undergraduate degree in Special Education/Learning Disabilities. He is the Principal of Leupp Elementary School.



Capt. Carmen Clelland, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, is the chief of staff for the Indian Health Service, an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The IHS is the principal federal health care advocate and provider of health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives. As chief of staff, Clelland oversees the coordination of key agency activities and supports the Office of the Director in a broad range of duties related to the development and implementation of IHS initiatives and priorities.



January Contreras is the Assistant Secretary at the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As the Assistant Secretary, Contreras leads with a focus on effectively and equitably delivering on the agency's vital mission to promote the economic and social well-being of children, families, and communities across the nation.



Dr. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon is a clinical community psychologist currently serving as the Assistant Secretary for the Substance Use and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA). Through her 20-year career in the behavioral health field, Assistant Secretary Delphin-Rittmon has extensive experience in the design, evaluation, and administration of mental health, substance use, and prevention services and has received several awards for advancing policy in these areas.



Shamika Dokes-Brown is the Program Manager of the Strong Families Tribal Home Visiting Program at the Native American Health Center. For over 20 years, Shamika has remained committed to making a difference in women's Health and family wellness. She is a certified Family Planning Health Worker, Lactation, and Childbirth Educator.



CDR Angela Fallon, an enrolled member of the Tohono O'odham Nation and a descendant of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck, Montana, serves as the Deputy Director of the Office of Clinical and Preventative Services (OCPS) for the Indian Health Service (IHS).



Jaclyn Haight resides on Bainbridge Island, Washington near the Port Gamble Reservation in Kingston, Washington. She is currently the Director of the Early Childhood Education Program for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. Jaclyn has thirty-seven years' experience in the Early Childhood field and oversight responsibility for the mental health and disability services for the program. Her interest in working with young children began as an undergraduate at the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.



CAPT Karen (Kari) Heard is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and directs SAMHSA's Office of Tribal Affairs and Policy (OTAP). Her office acts as SAMHSA's primary point of contact for Tribal governments, Tribal organizations, federal departments and agencies, and other governments and organizations on behavioral health issues facing American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).



Hope MacDonald Lone Tree serves as the deputy commissioner at the Administration for Native Americans managing a nation-wide discretionary grant program. Previously, Ms. MacDonald Lone Tree served her people through the Office of the Speaker, 24th Navajo Nation Council on special projects and initiatives that included public safety, public health, and veterans.



Andrea Palm is the Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As Deputy Secretary, she is the Chief Operating Officer and is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Department.

Palm most recently served as Secretary-designee of the Department of Health Services (DHS), overseeing one of the largest state agencies in Wisconsin as a member of Governor Tony Evers' cabinet.

Previously, Palm held a number of policy and operational roles in the Obama-Biden Administration at HHS. During her eight-year tenure, she worked on a variety of Administration priorities, including the Affordable Care Act, as well as providing leadership for the Department's work to combat the opioid epidemic.



Bobbi Jo Peltier, an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is the Public Health Advisor-Behavioral Health Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Lead of the Indian Health Service.



Glorinda Segay is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and received her Doctor of Behavioral Health from Arizona State University. Dr. Segay began her career at the IHS in 2020 as the Director for the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH). She also served as the Division Director for Navajo Nation Department of Health.



CAPT (retired) Tina Tah, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the Public Health Nurse Consultant in the Division of Nursing Services at the Indian Health Service headquarters. Ms. Tah serves as the principal advisor concerning Public Health Nursing and program liaison to provide direction and advocacy for the broad range of public health nursing services.

Rev. Clarence Yarholar is the pastor with Springfield United Methodist Church in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and a tribal member of Thlopthlocco Tribal Town and the Mvskoke Nation of Oklahoma. Starting in 2013, Clarence received his license to preach. In 2021, Clarence was officially ordained by the Bishop of South Central Jurisdiction. He currently serves on the "Board of Ordained Ministry" (BOM) in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.



Sarah Walters joined HOSA-Future Health Professionals in August 2022, but her involvement in HOSA-FHP extends back to her time as a health science student and HOSA-FHP member. She has served as a state and national officer, conference staff member, active alumni and as a member of the HOSA Inc.