

2025 NATIONAL CLINICAL & COMMUNITY WORKFORCE SUMMIT

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Braiding Health: Weaving together
health care, innovation, and community





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ABOUT

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AND COMMUNITY***

The 2025 Indian Health Service (IHS) National Clinical and Community Workforce Summit is a premier opportunity to assemble and hear from nationally recognized speakers, health care providers, Tribal leaders, and health care officials committed to addressing emergent clinical and community health topics in Indian Country. The summit will highlight program successes and best and promising practices while providing professional development, collaboration, and networking opportunities.

Your hosts for the event will be the IHS Division of Clinical and Community Services (DCCS) team within the Office of Clinical and Preventive Services. The DCCS serves as a source of national advocacy, management, policy development, and coordination of comprehensive clinical, preventive, and community-based programs. DCCS uses a public health approach to focus on the following areas: cancer prevention, elder health, emergency medical services, health education, health promotion and disease prevention, health records, hepatitis C prevention and surveillance, HIV/ AIDS, medical services, men's health, and pharmacy for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/ AN) people. Working with Tribes, Tribal organizations, Urban Indian health organizations, and in other partnerships, DCCS coordinates national efforts to improve the quality of care, support patient safety, build capacity, and improve access to care by developing and implementing evidence-based, practice-based, and culturally-based activities in Indian Country.

Thank you for being with us!

The Indian Health Service National Clinical and Community Workforce Summit

"Braiding Health: Weaving Together Health Care, Innovation, and Community"

Seattle, Washington

May 12-16, 2025

Continuing Education Information

The Indian Health Service National Clinical and Community Workforce Summit will be held in Seattle, WA. Approximately 320 participants are expected to attend. There will be a two-day pre-conference Monday and Tuesday with three full day conference starting Wednesday-Friday. This is an annual conference; goal is to train, educate, and create opportunities for our I/T/Us.

Conference Objectives:

At the end of this activity, the healthcare team will be able to:

- Apply new skills, insights, and knowledge for targeted and emerging health priorities and IHS strategic initiatives for AI/AN communities.
- Develop interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships to enhance skills and performance for clinical and community-based care systems for AI/AN communities.
- Employ culturally grounded principles and innovative approaches to care and services for AI/AN communities.

Target Audience:

Healthcare teams from IHS, Tribal, and Urban programs, community health providers, and clinicians (Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, Psychologists, and all other disciplines).

Guidelines for Continuing Education Credit:

- ◆ There are no fees to participate.
- ◆ Continuing Education (CE) is available for Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers, and Psychologists who participate in this in-person activity.
- ◆ To obtain continuing education credit, you must:
 - Be present no later than 5 minutes from the start of each CE approved presentation and attend the entire presentation. No partial credit will be awarded.
 - Complete the online Activity Evaluation and CE Request. The link to the evaluation will be emailed to registered participants at the close of the conference and will be available until May 30, 2025.
 - CE Certificates will be issued by the end of June via email.
 - For assistance, please contact Lucianna Kanson at Lucianna.Kanson@ihs.gov.

Accreditation:



In support of improving patient care, IHS Clinical Support Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.



This activity was planned by and for the health care team, and learners will receive up to 11.0 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change.

Physicians

The IHS Clinical Support Center designates this live activity for a maximum of 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Pharmacists

The Clinical Support Center uses the ACPE-NAPB collaborative CPE-Monitor system while awarding CPE credit and keeping records.

See CE Session Tracking Form for pharmacy awarded CE sessions with assigned UANs.

Credit will be uploaded to the NABP CPE Monitor within 30 days after the activity completion. It is the responsibility of the pharmacist to provide the correct information (NABP ID and DOB (MMDD)) in order to receive credit.

- NABP e-Profile ID (4-7 digit number)
- Date of Birth (MMDD format – 4 digits, No Slash)

Nurses

This activity is designated up to 11.0 contact hours for nurses.

Social Workers



As a Jointly Accredited Organization, the IHS Clinical Support Center is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 11.0 clinical continuing education credits.

Psychologists



Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP) and the IHS Clinical Support Center. The IHS Clinical Support Center maintains responsibility for the content of the program. Psychologists completing this course receive 11.0 continuing education credits.

Disclosure Statement: As a jointly accredited provider of continuing education, the IHS Clinical Support Center must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in its educational activities. Course directors/coordinators, planning committee members, faculty, reviewers and all others who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity are required to disclose the existence of all financial relationships with ineligible companies within the prior 24 months. Safeguards against commercial bias have been put in place. Faculty will also disclose any off-label and/or investigational use of pharmaceuticals or instruments discussed in their presentation. All those who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity have completed the disclosure process and have indicated that they do not have any relevant financial relationships or affiliations with any manufacturers or commercial products to disclose. There is no commercial interest support for this educational activity.

WELCOME

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

Welcome to the 2025 IHS National Clinical and Community Workforce Summit. It's been a long time since we've had the opportunity to gather in person, and this summit marks an important moment to reconnect, reflect, and look ahead.

This year's theme—Braiding Health: Weaving Together Health Care, Innovation, and Community—captures the strength of partnership. Each of us brings a unique strand to this work, and when woven together, those strands create a stronger, more resilient system of care. By aligning clinical practice, community engagement, and creative solutions, we can build something far greater than any one piece alone.

As we look ahead, our shared efforts remain grounded in key priorities that guide the work across our system: advancing patient safety, delivering high-quality care, strengthening care coordination, and fostering a culture of respectful, supportive customer service. These values are essential to improving outcomes and ensuring the people we serve receive the care they need and deserve.

Over the next few days, I encourage you to engage fully—share ideas, ask questions, and learn from one another. This summit is a space for collaboration and growth, grounded in our shared commitment to health and healing.

Thank you for the work you do each day and for taking the time to be here. Your dedication continues to shape the future of care across our system, and your presence at this summit helps strengthen the connection and purpose that drives us all.

Your commitment and collaboration are what make this work possible.

With appreciation,

L. Christensen

Dr. Loretta Christensen, MD, MBA, MSJ, FACS
Chief Medical Officer, Indian Health Service

PRE-SUMMIT DAY 1:

MONDAY 5/12

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration and Information
Desk Open

GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Pre-Summit Concurrent Trainings

Alzheimer's Team Training Room -
ALL DAY

Northwest Ballroom 1

Basic Tobacco Intervention Skills
Certification Training for Native
Communities

Alberta Becenti, Lucinda Charleston, Janna Vallo
Northwest Ballroom 3

HOPE Annual Planning Meeting
Evergreen 3-4

Seven Directions' Indigenous
Evaluation Toolkit

Myra Parker
Cascade 5-6

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Resources for Enhancing
Alzheimer's Caregiver Health
(REACH) Essentials: Mini Intervention
Training

Dr. Alan Stevens & Dr. Jordan Lewis
Northwest Ballroom 1

PRE-SUMMIT DAY 2:

TUESDAY 5/13

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM

AM Physical Activity Session
Olympic 1

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration and Information
GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Virtual Dementia Tour

Olympic 2 & 3

* Pre-Registration Required



PRE-SUMMIT DAY 2: (CON'T)

TUESDAY 5/13

Pre-Summit Concurrent Trainings

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Elder Care Poster Session - All Day
Grand Ballroom 1

HOPE Annual Planning Meeting
Closed Session
Evergreen 3-4

Youth Mental Health First Aid for
Tribal Communities and
Indigenous Peoples
Joe Law, Kevin Seyler, MSW/LICSW
Cascade 5-6

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Catch My Breath - Vape
Prevention for Youth
Anna Knight, MS, APRN, FNP-C, Paula Carter
Northwest Ballroom 3

Creating a CHR Communications
Initiative
Michelle Archuleta, MS, MA, Jami Murphy, Kristin
Helvey
Cascade 9-10

8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Building Indian Health Dementia
Models of Care: Introduction &
Grantee Models of Care
Presentations
Northwest Ballroom 1

8:00 AM – 12:30 PM

ETHIC I & II Grantee Meeting
Restricted to ETHIC Grantees
Northwest Ballroom 2

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Elder Health and Dementia:
Lightening Roundtables
Geriatric Nurse Fellow and others.
**Includes IHS Alzheimer's and Dementia
Models of Care Grantee reverse site visit*
Northwest Ballroom 1



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TUESDAY 5/13

Pre-Summit Concurrent Trainings

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

How to use social media to share your work and build awareness

Kristin Helvey

Cascade 9-10

Community Health Aide Program: CHAP HQ Team

Cascade 7-8

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

National Syndemic Track #1

- Official Start/Opening Plenary -

Keynote: Bill Hall (Tlingit)

Northwest Ballroom 2

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

National Syndemic Track #2

Building Relationships for better health:

Richard Haverkate, MHP

Northwest Ballroom 2

Elder Care Poster Session

Grand Ballroom 1

SUMMIT DAY 1:

WEDNESDAY 5/14

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM

AM Physical Activity Session

Olympic 1

7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration and Information

GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Elder Care Poster Session - All Day

Grand Ballroom 1

Virtual Dementia Tour

Olympic 2 & 3

* Pre-Registration Required



SUMMIT DAY 1: (CON'T)

WEDNESDAY 5/14

8:00 AM – 8:15 AM

Welcome and Introductions:
Posting of Colors, Opening Prayer

Grand Ballroom 2-3

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM

Opening Remarks by Dr. Loretta Christensen, MBA, MSJ, FACS

CMO, Indian Health Service

Grand Ballroom 2-3

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Cultural Presentation

Duwamish Tribe, RDML Marcus Martinez, P.E.

Grand Ballroom 2-3

9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

Opening Plenary

Keynote Speaker *Abigail Echo-Hawk*

Grand Ballroom 2-3

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

Break: Transition to Concurrent Trainings

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

Medications & Older Adults:
Literacy, Safety, &
Reconciliation, Oh My!

LCDR Casey Marlin, Jennifer Reagan

Grand Ballroom 2-3

Strategies to Move For Wellness

Theresa Clay, Lucinda Charleston, Adeline June

Northwest Ballroom 3

Redefining Men's Health

Emery Tahy

Cascade 5-6

Naloxone: Keeping the Circle Strong

LCDR Fiona Chao, PharmD, CDR Samantha

Gustafson, PharmD

Evergreen 3-4



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WEDNESDAY 5/14

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

Building Programs to Support Dementia Caregivers

Dr. Jordan Lewis, Emily Nakamura, Lori Nisson
Northwest Ballroom 1

CHR Integration: Building Teams Together, A 5-Step Guide to integrate CHR's into Care Coordination (part A)

Samantha Sabo, PhD, Louisa O'Meara, Amanda Whitesinger, Brooke Bender
Cascade 9-10

Expansion of the Community Health Aide Program in the Contiguous 48 States

Marcy Ronyak, PhD, Wyatt Whitegoat, MAT, ATC, MPH, PhD, Cheryl Sixkiller, DDS, Bobbi Jo Peltier, MS, MPA, Dion Reid, MHA
Cascade 7-8

10:30 AM – 11:05 AM

National Syndemic Track #3

CAPT Holly Van Lew, Dr. Bethany Johnson, CDR Rebecca Geiger
Northwest Ballroom 2

11:10 AM – 11:45 AM

National Syndemic Track #4

Dr. Whitney Dickson, Jessica Rienstra
Northwest Ballroom 2

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Break: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

12:45 PM – 1:45 PM

Summit Plenary

Fireside Chat: Priorities for Elder Health & Dementia Care for American Indian & Alaska Native People

Dr. Maria Bellantoni (Facilitator), Dr. Bruce Finke, Dr. Dan Calac, Bill Benson
Grand Ballroom 2-3

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Break: Transition to Concurrent

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

Diagnosing Dementia: Strategies to Promote Accurate and Timely Detection

Dr. Maria Bellantoni, Dr. Dedra Buchwald
Northwest Ballroom 1

Naloxone: Keeping the Circle Strong

LCDR Fiona Chao, PharmD, CDR Samantha Gustafson, PharmD
Evergreen 3-4

Strategies to Support Commercial Tobacco-Free Living and Wellness

Alberta Becenti, MPH, Janna Vallo, MA
Northwest Ballroom 3

CHR Integration: Building Teams Together, A 5-Step Guide to integrate CHR's into Care Coordination (part B)

Samantha Sabo, PhD, Louisa O'Meara, Amanda Whitesinger, Brooke Bender
Cascade 9-10

Bridging Care: Exploring the CHAP Disciplines

Marcy Ronyak, PhD, Wyatt Whitegoat, MAT, ATC, MPH, PhD, Cheryl Sixkiller, DDS, Bobbi Jo Peltier, MS, MPA, Dion Reid, MHA
Cascade 7-8

Innovations in Early Dementia Detection: IHS Mini-Cog Initiatives

Michelle Archuleta, MS, MA, Dr. Daniel Calac, Jessica Ford
Grand Ballroom 2-3

Partnerships in Action

Gary Leslie
Cascade 5-6

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

National Syndemic Track #5

Rikki LaRoche, Robbie Bright, Cody Knight, Kaitie Ritchie, and Andrew Yu, MS, BSN, CAPT Holly Van Lew
Northwest Ballroom 2



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WEDNESDAY 5/14

3:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Break: Transition to Concurrent

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

National Syndemic Track #6 (A)
Robbie Bright, Ashley Hoover, Cody Knight
Northwest Ballroom 2

National Syndemic Track #6 (B)
CDR Rebecca Geiger, Andrew Yu, MS, BSN
Northwest Ballroom 3

Approaching Interdisciplinary
Assessments and Dementia Care
Planning: Part 1 - Memory Care
Home Solutions
Jill Cigliana, MSOT, OTR/L
Northwest Ballroom 1

Women's Health
Dr. Stephanie Funk
Evergreen 3-4

CHR Area Office Consultant
Leadership Meeting
Cascade 9-10

Best Practices in Public Health
Messaging in American Indian &
Alaska Native communities
**Dr. Paula Carter, Dr. Emily Tahy-Ceballos,
Megan Russell**
Cascade 7-8

Public Health Campaigns:
National Hope for Life Day Toolkit
Alyssa Smith-Longee, MPH, BSN, RN
Cascade 5-6

SUMMIT DAY 2:

THURSDAY 5/15

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM

AM Physical Activity Session
Olympic 1

SUMMIT DAY 2: (CON'T)

THURSDAY 5/15

7:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Registration and Information
GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Elder Care Poster Session - All Day
Grand Ballroom 1

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Welcome and Opening Prayer
Grand Ballroom 2-3

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM

Summit Plenary
Keynote Speaker **Brian Frejo**
Grand Ballroom 2-3

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Cultural Presentation
Duwamish Tribe
Grand Ballroom 2-3

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Summit Plenary
Keynote Speaker **Dr. Donald Warne**
Grand Ballroom 2-3

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM

**Break: Transition to Concurrent
Trainings**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

Best Practices for Dementia
Outreach & Awareness in Native
Communities
Beverly A. Kimmons, Breana Dorame
Grand Ballroom 2-3

Approaching Interdisciplinary
Assessments and Dementia Care
Planning: Part 2 - MIND at Home
by Johns Hopkins
Halima Amjad, MD, PhD, MPH
Northwest Ballroom 1

National Syndemic Track #7
Ashley Hoover and Gwenda Gorman
Northwest Ballroom 2



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10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

Wellness Efforts on the Navajo Nation

Adeline June, Elfreida Barton, Lisa Chee
Northwest Ballroom 3

Community Health Representative (CHR) Reporting System: Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) Patient Care Component (PCC) Overview

Whitney Moseley
Cascade 9-10

Best Practices in Public Health Messaging in American Indian & Alaska Native communities

Dr. Paula Carter, Dr. Emily Tahy-Ceballos, Megan Russell
Cascade 7-8

Cascades of Care – Engaging Patients in SUD Treatment
CAPT. Cynthia Gunderson, PharmD, LCDR Fiona Chao, PharmD
Evergreen 3-4

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Break: LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

* Elder Care Documentary Screening:
"Missing Pieces Colleen's Story"
Grand Ballroom 2-3

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Summit Plenary

Keynote Speaker: Bill Hall, (Tlingit)
Grand Ballroom 2-3

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Break: Transition to Concurrent Trainings

2:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Summit Concurrent Trainings

"What Matters Most" Workshop: Engaging in Important Conversations with our Elders
Nora Downey, Phil Garrity
Grand Ballroom 2-3

Working Together to Support Elderly Wellness
Marcia Anderson, Adeline June
Northwest Ballroom 1

Not in My House – Reducing Stigma Starts with Me
CDR Kristin Allmaras, PharmD, CDR Samantha Gustafson, PharmD
Evergreen 3-4

Awareness and Understanding of the CHR Role and Capitalizing on Reimbursement Opportunities
Michelle Archuleta, MS, MA Vicki Palmreuter
Cascade 9-10

Bridging Care: Exploring the CHAP Disciplines
Marcy Ronyak, PhD, Wyatt Whitegoat, MAT, ATC, MPH, PhD, Cheryl Sixkiller, DDS, Bobbi Jo Peltier, MS, MPA, Dion Reid, MHA, NWPAlHB - Carrie Sampson-Samuels (Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board)
Cascade 7-8

Naloxone: Keeping the Circle Strong
LCDR Fiona Chao, CDR Samantha Gustafson
Evergreen 2

Getting Teens Moving with PAK
Scott Robison, Joe Law
Northwest Ballroom 3



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Summit Concurrent Trainings

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

National Syndemic Track #8
Jorge Mera (Cherokee Nation)
Northwest Ballroom 2

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Closing Plenary:
National Syndemic Track #9
Various ETHIC Grantees
Northwest Ballroom 2

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Break: Transition to Plenary

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

CLOSE OF SUMMIT

Cultural Presentation, End of Event
Remarks
Grand Ballroom 2-3

POST-SUMMIT DAY 1:

FRIDAY 5/16

Post-Summit Program Specific Meetings

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Health Promotion/Disease
Prevention & Health Education
Northwest Ballroom 2



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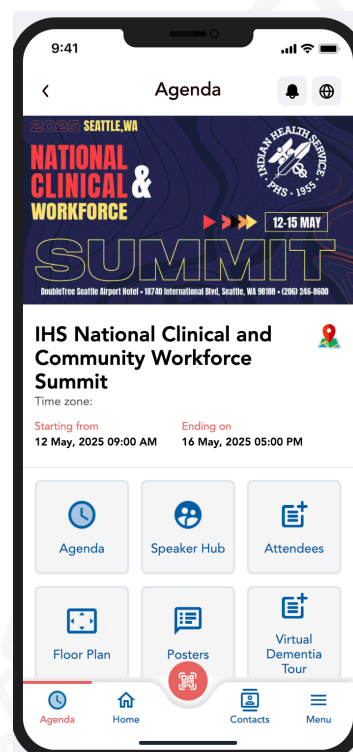
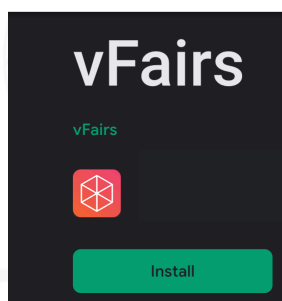
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