

## "Protecting our tribal youth: Utilizing research and civil rights resources to address school-based bullying, harassment, and discrimination."

## Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 11am to 12pm PST

Partnerships for Native Health at the University of Washington is excited to invite you to participate in our inaugural online seminar, the first in a quarterly series that will address community-based solutions on issues relating to behavioral health in American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

Our goal is to bring speakers of varying expertise to address behavioral health topics in a manner that acknowledges that there are many factors, such as access to resources, trauma, and discrimination that influence the health of Native people.

The webinar will be facilitated by Abigail Echo-Hawk, MPS (Pawnee).

## Who should attend?

Parents, community advocates, tribal leaders, education advocates, urban Indian organizations, tribal education departments, foster parents, youth workers, researchers, policy makers, health care providers, teachers, tribal advocacy groups, and all others interested in protecting our tribal youth.

## **Presenters:**

Mike McDonell, PhD: Dr. McDonell will review youth suicide risk factors such as bullying and harassment, and discuss current research on suicide prevention strategies.

**Beth Caldwell, JD:** Ms. Caldwell will cover what constitutes race, sex and disability harassment; the rights of students who are subjected to harassment; the responsibilities of schools in addressing and preventing harassment; and how parents of students who experience harassment can obtain assistance. The presentation will inform American Indian/Alaska Native communities on how to fight school based harassment and identify avenues to file civil rights complaints on behalf of our tribal youth.

**Registration instructions:** To register for the upcoming webinar, on February 5, 2014 at 11:00AM PST, please complete use the following link to the registration form: <a href="https://redcap.iths.org/surveys/?s=jXu2HijD2K">https://redcap.iths.org/surveys/?s=jXu2HijD2K</a>

Please contact our Webinar Coordinator - Jared Dunlap, MPH (Ojibwe) - with any questions at <a href="mailto:idunlap2@uw.edu">idunlap2@uw.edu</a>

This webinar series is sponsored by the Partnerships for Native Health and Washington State University's Collaborative Action Toward Community Health (CATCH) grant P20MD006871 which supports research and training aimed at treating mental health and substance abuse in Rural American Indian communities. Using a transdisciplinary approach, CATCH brings together scholars from across the full spectrum of biological, social, and behavioral science, all working closely with Native experts and community members to advance the health of individuals and their communities.