Session 10: American Indian & Alaska Native Suicide Prevention Hotline: 9-8-8

Course Description:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) formally designated 9-8-8 as a nationwide 3-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide prevention services. The implementation plan approved by the FCC establishes a two-year timeline to make 988 operational nationwide (by July 16, 2022), with calls routing through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. In this course, an overview of the 9-8-8 implementation plan will be reviewed with a focus on future directions and impacts Indian Country.

Learning Objectives:

1. List timeline of 9-8-8 implementation.
2. Summarize the impact of the implementation of 9-8-8 within Indian Country.
3. Summarize impacts and future directions for the implementation of 9-8-8 in Indian Country.