

**Sovereignty and Advocacy:
Examining Contemporary Issues Facing Indigenous Peoples**

DATE & TIME:

May 14, 2025

1:00PM - 3:00PM

All registration is completed on EventsHub prior to the training. A confirmation email reminder will be emailed to training participants one week before the training date. Check-in begins 15 minutes prior the training time. All participants must arrive during the check-in period. Late arrivals will not be admitted.

PLACE:

Web Broadcast via Microsoft Teams

REGISTRATION:

<https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/>

DESCRIPTION: This training will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of today's challenges and advocacy efforts within Indigenous communities. This session explores key issues facing Indigenous peoples, including sovereignty, environmental justice, healthcare access, and cultural preservation. Through historical context and contemporary examples, participants will gain insight into the resilience of Indigenous communities as they navigate policy impacts and assert their rights in today's world. Also, this training will highlight the importance of advocacy in strengthening Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination. Participants will explore the complex interplay between indigenous traditions and modern challenges and discuss how the various professional partnerships within can support Indigenous communities. Real life examples will guide participants to understanding the ongoing impacts of policies affecting the Indigenous communities and the importance of being culturally sensitive.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

DMH Staff, Contract Providers, and Community at Large

OBJECTIVES:

As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:

1. Define Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination.
2. List 2 contemporary issues impacting Indigenous peoples.
3. Describe the legal and policy frameworks affecting Indigenous rights.
4. Identify 2 strategies for culturally sensitive engagement.

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DEADLINE:

May 6, 2025 or when capacity is reached

**CONTINUING
EDUCATION:**

None

COST:

None