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Upcoming Navajo Project I-LAUNCH Speaker Series focuses on Fatherhood and Traditional Teachings

Early Childhood Speaker Series set for Zoom, Facebook



The next installment of the ongoing virtual Speaker Series is set by the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education (DODE) and Office of Special Education & Rehabilitation (OSERS). The series discusses Navajo Family Wellness for families with young children as part of an Indigenous LAUNCH (I-LAUNCH) grant that works to develop a system of social emotional development across the Navajo Nation.

The upcoming Speaker Series is scheduled for July 15 at 12 pm through Zoom, and an audio recording will be broadcast on KTNN AM 660 on July 22 at 6 pm and Zoom recording will be posted to the Navajo Project I-LAUNCH Facebook Page. Listeners are invited to join First Things First, Southwest Human Development, Division of Behavioral & Mental Health Services, and Navajo Project I-LAUNCH for the discussion on the importance of fatherhood and traditional teachings.

Listeners can join guest speaker Nelvin Tohonnie, traditional practitioner with the Division of Behavioral and Mental Health Services, to learn about fatherhood traditions and the Navajo perspective of being a father in modern day.

About the Early Childhood Speaker Series

The Navajo Nation Early Childhood Speaker Series is hosted by DODE/OSERS Navajo Project I-LAUNCH through a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA] grant under OSERS in collaboration with Arizona First Things First Navajo Nation.

Developmental screenings are also available and provided by Navajo Project I-LAUNCH staff virtually. If you have further questions, contact Kim Kee, Program Coordinator/Navajo I-LAUNCH at kimkee@nndode.org.

For more information on Navajo Project I-LAUNCH, including the developmental screenings and Zoom registration links, or if you have questions about the Speaker Series, visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Public---Government-Service/Navajo-Project-I-Launch-102849661518413/>.