Coping with Crisis: Building Psychosocial Resilience in the Face of Climate Change

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Climate change is putting Tribal communities at an increased risk for severe impacts from heat, drought, wildfires, floods, melting ice, sea level rise, and more. As tribal environmental professionals, it is our job to understand these risks and help develop plans for adapting to climate change threats. Addressing the mental and emotional impacts of climate change is an important part of developing individual and community psychosocial resilience. This webinar will provide you with the opportunity to learn and share techniques to protect emotional health and wellness as part of your climate change adaptation planning, and will help you build psychosocial resilience to better cope, connect, and recover before, during, and after a disaster.

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