Since July 2010, when the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) was signed, federal agencies have been working in conjunction with tribal leaders to address alcohol, substance abuse prevention and treatment, justice, safety, education and youth in Indian country. Through the TLOA, tribes have had the opportunity to create and lead their own tribal action plans (TAPs) to address substance abuse issues among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

This webinar will allow tribes, jurisdictions, organizations, and individuals the opportunity to listen to and engage in a presentation on the Tribal Action Planning process, its value and proven outcomes, and overall interagency efforts authorized under the Tribal Law and Order Act.
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Mr. Rod Robinson is currently working within SAMHSA as the Director of the Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse. His vision for this office is via the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 to carry out the will of congress and the tribes. His goals are to align, leverage, and coordinate fiscal resources across multiple agencies that will benefit tribes as they seek to address the myriad of substance abuse concerns within their communities. He is excited to be called home to work exclusively in Indian Country and to assist tribes in building comprehensive tribal action plans that better position them for success in the years to come.

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Mr. Koscinski enjoys teaching tribal members how to obtain federal grants. He has delivered his grant writing workshop all over the United States, especially to tribal members “Teach people the fundamentals and let them take off from there,” he likes to say. He has worked at SAMHSA for 16 years. He currently serves as a public health analyst in SAMHSA’s Office of Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Mr. Koscinski also has spent many years working with community based drug and alcohol coalitions as a project officer in CSAP’s Drug Free Communities grant program. In addition to his work as a project officer, he worked for five years in SAMHSA’s Extramural Grants Office where he was responsible for reviewing hundreds of extramural grant proposals that the Agency receives from tribes, tribal organizations, non-profit agencies, universities, and state and local governments.

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