

IHS HRSA Hybrid Simulation Program

Ardith Aspaas is a registered nurse and a citizen of the Navajo Nation. She serves as the Indian Health Service Emergency Medical Services for Children Nurse Consultant in the Division of Nursing Services, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services. Having grown up utilizing IHS facilities for healthcare and later working as a registered nurse in various clinical settings in the private sector and within IHS, Ardith brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise from the field. Since joining IHS, Ardith has worked closely with HRSA and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to set up a hybrid simulation training program for IHS and tribal emergency departments to improve pediatric emergency care for American Indian and Alaska Native youth. She has made it a goal to improve partnerships with federal, state, local, and Tribal stakeholders and elevate and improve access to quality care by focusing on pre-hospital EMS and hospital emergency services.



Elizabeth Sanseau is a physician who specializes in pediatrics, emergency medicine and global health. She began her pediatrics career in 2014 working in the Alaska Native medical system and describes this time as the most inspirational and formative five years of her professional life. She currently practices clinically as a pediatric emergency medicine provider at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia while partnering with several national and international healthcare organizations to co-create, implement and evaluate simulation-based medical education adapted for both in-person and remote facilitation. She co-leads the IHS HRSA Hybrid Simulation Program with Ardith Aspaas, RN with the mission to optimize pediatric emergency preparedness throughout the Indian Health System.

