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Identifying Hidden Costs for Income Assistance Clients

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10:45am – 12:00pm MST



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Overview

- 5 Themed Breakout Sessions:
 - Defining Needs-based Funding
 - Identifying Culturally Appropriate Wrap-around Supports for IA Clients
 - Identifying First Nations Indicators for Determining IA Client Success
 - Identifying Priorities for Training, Resources and Supports
 - Identifying Priorities for Disability Programs, and Services within the IA Program.



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Costing IA Program Reform

- A standalone disability program,
- Building capacity for and maintaining First Nations data sovereignty,
- Priorities for a First Nations determined social safety net,
- Universal access to case-management and pre-employment supports, and
- Increased resources and resourcing for First Nations to develop and administer their own Income Assistance Programs.



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Cost Influencing Factors

- The hidden costs our income assistance clients face due to:
 - Lack of funding
 - Policy authority
 - Jurisdictional grey areas, etc.



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Examples of Cost Influencing Factors

- **Transportation**
- **Childcare**
- **Energy, etc.**



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Breakout Session