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## **Abstract**

*This panel presentation will discuss the Nebraska Native American Career Ladder Project, a \$1,200,000 teacher education project funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of the project is to prepare paraprofessionals working on reservation schools to become teachers. After a brief description of the project, panelists will discuss strengths of the program and make recommendations for ways to improve the program for students.*

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