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May 11, 2020

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is planning a virtual Tribal Consultation, in lieu of an in-person meeting this year, due to ongoing travel concerns related to COVID-19. The sessions will take place live via webinar and conference call on Wednesday, June 10 and Thursday, June 11, 2020. More information regarding registration and the meeting will be posted on <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/2020-acf-tribal-consultation>. During the sessions, ACF leadership will be available to speak with tribal leaders to discuss issues that are important to tribes and ACF tribal program priorities.

To help both tribes and ACF representatives prepare for this consultation, we have enclosed background information about ACF's programs and services. We invite you to participate in planning calls to identify individuals who will provide oral testimony to ACF and identify additional specific topics of interest for discussion. If you are unable to participate in one of the planning sessions below, but would like to suggest a topic for consultation, please email [anacommissioner@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:anacommissioner@acf.hhs.gov).

The planning teleconference calls will be held on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (EDT)  
Thursday, May 14, 2020, 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (EDT)

The call-in number and passcode are as follows: **1-866-566-7974**, passcode: **2255657** #.

ACF has identified the following topics for consultation:

- Tribal leader input on early childhood initiatives in tribal communities
- Office of Head Start annual consultation
- Administration for Native Americans administrative requirements for non-federal share waivers, per 45 CFR § 1336.50(b)(3) ([https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/1336.50#b\\_3](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/1336.50#b_3)), and proposing new requirements to protect tribal language/intellectual property
- Additional topics to be determined through tribal leader input

In order to facilitate the discussion, during the online registration process, we ask that consultation participants provide a brief overview of their testimony and include the specific issues to be addressed at the session. If you plan on providing testimony, please include the name of the office(s) you wish to address, as this will help us know to call on you during the virtual dialogue.

Please be aware that ACF will also keep the testimony record open for 30 days after the date of the consultation. After that time, ACF will provide written responses to all testimonies received.

We prefer that testimonies be submitted electronically to [anacommissioner@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:anacommissioner@acf.hhs.gov).

Should you have any questions about the consultation session, please feel free to contact the ANA helpdesk at [anacomments@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:anacomments@acf.hhs.gov) or 1-877-922-9262.

We greatly value your input into the programs and resources provided through ACF and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn A. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lynn A. Johnson  
Assistant Secretary  
for Children and Families

Enclosure:  
ACF Tribal Consultation Fact Sheet Annual Tribal Consultation FY 2020