



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
Office of the Assistant Secretary, Suite 600
370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is pleased to announce the 2010 ACF Tribal Resources Day and Tribal Consultation Session scheduled for September 28 - 29, 2010, at The Fairfax at Embassy Row, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Since 2005, ACF has been working under the guidance of the HHS Tribal Consultation Policy. Due to the various programs administered by ACF and the many requests from Tribes for consultation for specific programs, as well as specific program mandates for tribal consultation, ACF is developing a Tribal Consultation Policy to help ACF program and regional offices better engage Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in the development or revision of policies, regulations, and proposed legislation that impact American Indians. ACF firmly believes that to create a good policy, ACF needs input from the Tribes to ensure that we are meeting Tribal needs and establishing a partnership that can carry into the future.

ACF assembled a Tribal/Federal Workgroup to develop a draft policy that ACF will send to Tribal Leaders prior to the ACF Tribal Consultation Session. During the Consultation session on September 29, 2010, ACF is interested in receiving Tribal feedback on the policy and in working together to further refine a policy that meets both of our needs and works towards solidifying our partnership. Please feel free to provide your comments in written format in the event we are unable to fully address them during the meeting.

ACF Principals will also be available to speak with Tribal Leaders to discuss issues important to the Tribes. To better prepare ACF Principals, we are asking that you submit written testimony addressing your most important issues regarding ACF programs no later than September 21, 2010. This request for testimonies does not prohibit you from discussing issues at the consultation meeting itself. Testimonies and consultation policy comments can be submitted to:

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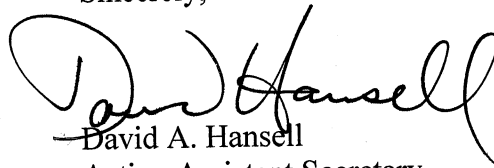
In addition to the Tribal Consultation Session, ACF will be hosting a Tribal Resources Day to provide information about ACF programs, funding opportunities, and tools on how to use ACF funding to create comprehensive community programs. The Tribal Resources Day will take place on September 28, 2010, at the location listed above. ACF is encouraging Tribes to send their tribal planning officers or similar personnel to attend

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the Tribal Resources Day. A stipend up to \$400 will be provided for the first 50 participants who register (limit 2 per tribe) to attend.

To register for the Tribal Consultation Session and Tribal Resources Day, please visit www.acfconsultation.com or call the Toll Free Line: 1-877-760-0702. To reserve your room at the government per diem rate of \$229.00, please contact the hotel at 1-888-627-8439 and ask for the “ACF Tribal Consultation” room block. The cutoff date for the room block is September 6, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Hansell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "H".

David A. Hansell
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Children and Families