



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
**Office of Head Start**  
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1250 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

August 3, 2010

Dear Tribal Leader:

This letter provides updated information on the Tribal Consultations being conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services with leaders of Tribal Governments and directors of Tribal Head Start and Early Head Start programs. These Consultations are meant to help the Office of Head Start better meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) children and families. We welcome your participation and the participation of your Head Start director.

A Tribal Consultation was scheduled for August 16 in Boston, MA. Information for this event was sent out at the beginning of April along with reminders encouraging programs to register for this important event.

However, registration for this event has remained low, and this Tribal Consultation has now been cancelled. There will be no Tribal Consultation in Boston. All interested parties are invited to join another Consultation – either in person, via online conferencing, or by submitting written testimony. The upcoming Consultations are:

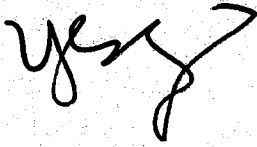
Rapid City, South Dakota	August 27	Regions VII & VIII
Auburn, Washington	October 18	Region X
Fairbanks, Alaska	October 20	Region X

You may register for the session most convenient for you; the registration form is attached. This information is also online at <http://headstartresourcecenter.org/events/event/?subsec=318&subsub=319&id=342>

If you have questions about session planning or would like to provide written testimony, please contact Trevondia Boykin, Head Start Program Specialist, Office of Head Start, [Trevondia.Boykin@ACF.hhs.gov](mailto:Trevondia.Boykin@ACF.hhs.gov) or (202) 205-7830. If you cannot attend any of the remaining Consultations but would like information about participating online, please indicate your interest on the attached Registration Form.

The Tribal Consultations promise to be highly informative and useful in shaping the future of Head Start services for AI/AN children and their families. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful participation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yvette Sanchez Fuentes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Yvette Sanchez Fuentes  
Director  
Office of Head Start