September 13, 2021

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is planning a virtual Tribal Consultation instead 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 November 4, 2021. More information about registration and the meeting site will be posted here: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ana/2021-acf-tribal-consultation. During the sessions, ACF leadership will be available to speak with tribal leaders to discuss issues important to the tribes and ACF tribal program priorities.

To help both tribes and the 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.

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

- Monday, September 20, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (ET)
- Monday, September 27, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (ET)

The call-in number and passcode are: 866-566-7974 passcode: 2255657 #. (Please note, if there are a small number of participants on the call, the call may end sooner than 5:00 p.m.)

ACF has identified the following topics for consultation:

- Tribal leader input on ACF Tribal Consultation Policy
- Additional topics to be determined through tribal leader input

In order to facilitate the discussion, we ask that consultation participants provide a brief overview of their testimony and include the specific issues to be addressed at the session during the online registration process. If you plan on providing testimony, please include the name of the office(s) you wish to address, 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 60 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.
Should you have any questions about the consultation session, please feel free to contact the ANA helpdesk at anacommants@acf.hhs.gov or 1-877-922-9262.

We have enclosed the ACF Tribal Consultation Policy, ACF Tribal Consultation Draft Agenda, and ACF Tribal Fact Sheet for your reference. We greatly value your input into the programs and resources provided through the Administration for Children and Families and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JooYeun Chang

Enclosures