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Dear Head Start Director/Health Service Manager:

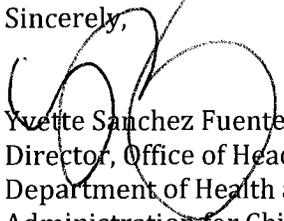
This document from the Office of Head Start (OHS) serves as a letter of support for the Head Start Health Managers Descriptive Study to be conducted by the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE) within the Administration for Children and Families. OPRE has contracted with the RAND Corporation to complete this study. The study is expected to begin in November of 2012.

The purpose of the Head Start Health Managers Descriptive study is to provide a current snapshot of health-related activities and programming within Head Start programs, to better understand the context in which the Head Start health service area operates, and to identify the current needs of health managers and health staff as they work towards improving the health of Head Start children, parents and staff. The results of the study will help the Office of Head Start provide support, better direction, and appropriate training and technical assistance to Head Start programs, and more specifically for health service managers, across the country.

The Office of Head Start appreciates that that the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation intends to make every effort to include the universe of Head Start programs inclusive of American Indian/Alaskan Native and Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs, as these populations have been excluded in previous studies.

The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation has incorporated and actively engaged with OHS staff to obtain our input. The conceptualization of the study has involved the expertise of OHS staff and has sought feedback from the OHS community. Therefore, OHS offers its support for the study. I encourage your active involvement in completing the surveys and participating in the interviews if requested. OHS looks forward to the results of this study as we anticipate that the information will inform our future work. Please do not hesitate to contact Lynn Karoly ([lynn\\_karoly@rand.org](mailto:lynn_karoly@rand.org)) or Laurie Martin ([laurie\\_martin@rand.org](mailto:laurie_martin@rand.org)) from the RAND Corporation for additional information.

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