

HEAD START TRIBAL CONSULTATION

July 21, 2009
Kansas City, Missouri
Region VII

EXECUTIVE REPORT



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ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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CONSULTATION PARTICIPANTS

TRIBAL PARTICIPANTS

No Designated Tribal Representatives were in attendance. Some eleven Designated Tribal Representatives and five Tribal Council Members registered for the Tribal Consultation. However, registration records indicate that only two registration cancellations were submitted prior to the event.

OFFICE OF HEAD START PARTICIPANTS

Reneé Perthuis, Director of Program Operations, Operations Division, Office of Head Start (OHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

Nina McFadden, Regional Program Manager, American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) Head Start Programs, OHS, ACF, HHS

Craig Turner, Director, Budget and Policy Division, OHS, ACF, HHS (attended via Webinar)

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES

Lynda Bitner, Head Start Manager, ACF Regional Office, Missouri

Alan Guttman, Project Director, AIAN Technical Assistance Network, Academy for Educational Development (AED), Washington, D.C.

Arnold Ramirez, Fiscal Specialist, AIAN Technical Assistance Network, Academy for Educational Development (AED), Arizona

TRIBAL CONCERNS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As mandated by the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, the Office of Head Start (OHS) held a one-day Tribal Consultation session in Kansas City, Missouri on July 21, 2009. The purpose of the consultation session was to solicit input on ways to better meet the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native children and their families. General topics included funding allocations under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), distribution formulas, and other issues affecting the delivery of Head Start services in the Tribes' geographic locations. Specific topics included policy, Head Start/Early Head Start conversion, program quality, and monitoring.

The concerns and recommendations communicated by participants at the session in Kansas City are highlighted below.

ARRA Funding/Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) Payments

- A question arose on what should be done when a grantee's budget year starts after or before June 30, the deadline to allocate all monies. Should salary and fringe benefits be reduced during that period until the beginning of the next budget year?

In response, one possibility to consider may be that supplemental partial funding be provided to Grantees prior to receiving the program funding.

Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion

- AIAN grantees were not provided enough time to prepare for EHS expansion. The timeframe precluded many grantees from applying.
- There is a need to provide EHS funding for home-based to center-based programs, and from part-day to full-day programs.

Facilities

- The Risk Management meetings have highlighted the need to address facilities infrastructure issues. Many programs forego submitting an application for EHS because they do not have a facility.

Due to low attendance at the Tribal Consultation, the representatives from the Office of Head Start used this opportunity to collaborate with Region VII ACF staff on the needs and priorities of Tribal Head Start programs in the area of blended child care programs.

AGENDA

TRIBAL CONSULTATION MEETING

July 21, 2009
Kansas City, Missouri

AGENDA

9:00 A.M.

TRIBAL OPENING

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

*Renée Perthuis, Director of Program Operations, Operations Division,
Office of Head Start (OHS)*

9:30 A.M.

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDING

Craig Turner, Director, Budget and Policy Division, OHS

12:30 P.M.

WRAP UP & ADJOURNMENT

Renée Perthuis, Facilitator


HEAD START FUNDING: AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FY 2009 APPROPRIATIONS: POWERPOINT PRESENTATION



Head Start Funding

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
FY 2009 Appropriations

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ARRA Funding

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) includes a funding increase of \$2.1 billion for Head Start.
- \$1.1 billion of the funding is for Early Head Start expansion.
- \$1 billion of the funding is to be allocated in accordance with the statutorily mandated allocation requirements for Head Start.

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FY 2009 Appropriations Increase

- In addition to the ARRA funding, Head Start was given a \$235 million increase in funding for fiscal year 2009.
- The total funding increase for Head Start is \$2.35 billion.

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\$2.35 billion

This \$2.35 billion will be used for several purposes:

- COLA	\$ 325,577,000
- Quality	\$ 353,779,000
- Expansion	\$ 219,612,000
- EHS Expansion	\$ 1,157,000,000
- T/TA	\$ 140,820,000

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**\$2.35 Billion (cont'd)****COLA (\$325,577,000)**

All grantees will get a funding increase of 4.9% to offset increased inflationary costs. Most staff should receive a 4.9% salary increase.

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**\$2.35 billion (cont'd)****QUALITY IMPROVEMENT
(\$353,779,000)**

- All grantees will get an increase in funding based on their number of enrolled children. The average increase will be 5%. Quality funds can be used to increase staff salaries and fringe benefits, hire additional staff, improve facilities and other quality related improvements.

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\$2.35 billion (cont'd)

**Head Start Expansion
(\$120,000,000)**

- Expansion will add another 16,600 children.
- AIAN grantees will compete for \$10 million in expansion funding. (The AIAN expansion allocation is determined by law.)

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\$2.35 billion (cont'd)

**Early Head Start Expansion
(\$578,000,000)**

- Funds will be competitively awarded.
- Expansion is not limited to current grantees.
- Any eligible agency may apply.
- AIAN will compete against other AIAN applicants.

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\$2.35 billion (cont'd)

Training and Technical Assistance (\$140,000,000)

- Funds will be used for several purposes, including assisting newly funded EHS grantees.

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Funding Availability

- ARRA funds are time limited (thru 9/30/2010)
- The \$235 million appropriation increase is not time limited and will be added to grantees' base funding.
- The \$235 million will provide for continuation of part of the COLA (3.1%) and all of the AIAN expansion (\$10M).

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