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Tribal Notes E-Bulletin

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FTF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (FTF news related to tribes and tribal communities)

Arizona American Indian Oral Health Summit

The first Arizona American Indian Oral Health Summit took place on April 21-22, 2011 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort and Casino. The summit's goal was to promote access to prevention and prevention services, as well as to coordinate resources to improve the status of oral health in Arizona Indian Country. This event convened over 150 partners ranging from tribal leaders to Native American Oral health professionals. Highlights of the summit included a presentation on the state of children's oral health in Arizona by Julia Wacloff from the Office of Oral Health with the Arizona Department of Health Services. This presentation offered a snapshot of the oral health disparities for children in Arizona tribal communities. This information will be accessible on the DHS website in the oncoming months. Another great learning opportunity was a Tribal Leaders Town Hall session. This forum offered the tribal leaders in attendance an opportunity to share their priorities for their respective tribes and nations as it relates to oral health. The following are some of the goals voiced by the tribal leaders in attendance:

- Increase federal, state and private partnerships to identify resources specifically for tribal oral health opportunities.
- Increase the number of mobile dental units to bring services to rural and isolated tribal lands.
- Increase oral health community outreach and education efforts focusing on families not just the child.
- Increase dental telemedicine programs for tribes.

First Things First was on hand to provide a presentation on our partnerships with tribes. During this presentation oral health strategies funded by tribal regional partnership councils were highlighted. It was great to see that several FTF tribal regional partnership council members and grantees were in attendance. Over the next few weeks the planning committee will work to prepare a report, document and formulate recommendations based on the dialogue at this summit. Additionally, the oral health summit planning committee is now in the process of transforming into a coalition to further the work that was generated by this summit.

News from the West: Hualapai Week of the Young Child

This month the Hualapai Tribe declared April 10-16 "Week of the Young Child" on Hualapai tribal lands. The Week of the Young Child, now in its 40th year, is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that

meet those needs. Congratulations to the Ashley Pascual, Della Gray, and the Hualapai Regional Partnership Council for their work to educate the community about the importance of early childhood development.



Hualapai Chairman Whatoname and Vice-Chairman Richard Walema present Sandra Irwin, (left) Chair of the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council and grantees Jennifer Pope and Alyce Crook (right) of the FTF Maternal Child Health Home Visitation program with a proclamation declaring April 10-16 "Week of the Young Child."

ARTICLES OF INTEREST (local and national information/articles relating to early childhood development in tribal communities)

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grants \$5,000,000 to American Indian College Fund for Early Childhood Development Program

DENVER, April 4, 2011 /PRNewswire-US Newswire/ -- The W.K. Kellogg Foundation announced a grant award of \$5,000,000 to the American Indian College Fund to establish four early childhood development centers to be located at tribal colleges and universities and serving Native children. The program, titled *Wakanyeja* "Sacred Little Ones" Early Childhood Development Initiative, will span a five-year period and is intended to improve young Native students' skill acquisition; prepare them for grades K-12 and post-secondary education; improve the quality of early childhood teachers in Native communities through partnership opportunities with post-secondary teacher training programs at the tribal colleges; bridge early childhood and K-3 education; integrate Native language and culture into early childhood curriculum; and empower Native families and communities as change agents in education for their children.

Richard B. Williams, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, said, "The generosity of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation will help transform learning opportunities for young Native children who are vulnerable in Indian Country. By providing the opportunity for our communities to focus on high quality early childhood development, the Fund, in partnership with our tribal colleges, will pave the way for these children not just to succeed, but to excel in K-12 and post-secondary education. This exciting initiative furthers the ability of our tribal colleges to enhance intellectual capacity in our communities while expanding their vital role in Indian communities." All U.S.-based tribal colleges and universities are eligible to apply for the grant. Grant awards of \$800,000 over a period of four years per college will be awarded to the four colleges whose proposals best support the goals and objectives of the program.

Requests for Proposals will be available beginning Friday, April 8, 2011. Completed proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, June 1, 2011 to the American Indian College Fund, which will administer the *Wakanyeja* "Sacred Little Ones" Early Childhood Development Initiative. For a Request for Proposal or information about the program, contact Hepsi Barnett, Director of Projects and Research, American Indian College Fund, at 303-426-8900 or hbarnett@collegefund.org.

About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, established in 1930, supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and southern Africa. For further information on the foundation, please visit www.wkkf.org

About the American Indian College Fund

With its credo "Educating the Mind and Spirit," the Denver-based American Indian College Fund is the nation's largest provider of private scholarships for American Indian students, providing more than 6,000 scholarships annually for students seeking to better their lives and communities through education at the nation's 33 accredited tribal colleges and universities. For more information about the American Indian College Fund or to make a donation, visit www.collegefund.org.

SOURCE American Indian College Fund

RELATED LINKS

<http://www.collegefund.org/>

<http://www.wkkf.org/>

UPCOMING EVENTS (meetings, events, conferences etc. related to tribal affairs)

- ❖ May 10, 2011: TTAG Live Meeting
- ❖ May 10-12, 2011: Region IX Tribal CCDF Plan Preprint Training, Reno, NV
- ❖ June 2, 2011: TTAG In Person Meeting, Phoenix Office, Phoenix, AZ
- ❖ June 6-7, 2011: Arizona Indian Education Association, AIEA 2011 Parent Conference "Empowering our Native Families", Glendale Community College, Glendale, Arizona
- ❖ June 21, 2011: Tribal Early Childhood Roundtable Fort McDowell Radisson Resort, Conference Center & Casino, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- ❖ June 22-24, 2011: 2011 Inter Tribal Caring and Sharing Conference, Fort McDowell Radisson Hotel, Conference Center & Casino, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- ❖ June 27-30, 2011: 2011 Annual Native Health Research Conference, Niagara Falls Conference Center, Niagara, NY

RESOURCES (opportunities for Tribal Regional Partnership Councils and regional staff)

Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Programs Funding Opportunity Number (FON): HHS-2011-ACF-ACYF-CA-0147

Program Office: Administration on Children, Youth and Families

Post Date: 04/05/2011

Application Due Date: 07/05/2011

The primary purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to provide financial support to selected Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for child abuse prevention programs and activities that are consistent with the goals outlined by Title II of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. This legislation specifies that one percent of the available funding from Title II will be reserved to fund Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant Programs. The goal of the programs and activities supported by these funds is to prevent the occurrence or recurrence of abuse or neglect within the Tribal and Migrant populations. The funds must support more effective and comprehensive child abuse prevention activities and family support services, including an emphasis on strengthening family life and reaching out to include fathers, that will enhance the lives and ensure the safety and well-being of Migrant and Native American children and their families. Some examples of programs that may be funded include, but are not limited to, voluntary home visiting, respite care, parenting education, mutual support, family resource centers, marriage education, and other family support services. Applicants are strongly encouraged to implement evidence-based and evidence-informed programs and practices. The funds must also be used to support an evaluation of the programs and services funded by the grant. Finally, programs funded should develop stronger linkages with the Community-based Child Abuse Prevention Program (CBCAP) State Lead Agency funded under Title II of CAPTA. It is anticipated that three grants (one each to a Tribe, a Tribal Organization, and a Migrant Program) will be funded under this announcement for \$138,963 per grantee for FY 2011. To view the full announcement visit:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-ACYF-CA-0147>

Request for Grant Applications: Circles of Care V: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Communities (Short Title: Circles of Care Grants)

Program Office: SAMHSA

Posting on Grants.gov: April 1, 2011

Application Due Date: May 31, 2011

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2011 Circles of Care for Mental Health Services for American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Communities (Short Title: Circles of Care) grants. The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based, coordinated system of care to support mental health and wellness for children, youth and families. These grants will increase the capacity and effectiveness of mental health systems serving AI/AN communities. Circles of Care grantees will be equipped to reduce the gap between the need for mental health services and the availability and coordination of mental health services in AI/AN communities for children, youth, and young adults from birth through age 25 and their families. To view the full announcement visit:

http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2011/sm_11_007.aspx

Child Nutrition Reauthorization 2010: Categorical Eligibility of Tribal Foster Children

USDA-Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) issued a memo confirming categorical eligibility of Foster Care children for the Child and Adult Care Food Program: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2011/SP17_CACFP08_SFSP05-2011_os.pdf This streamlines the process to enroll these kids in the food program. (Children enrolled in Tribal Head Start are also categorically eligible for the food program). The memo addressed the issue of state placement in foster care but did not provide any real guidance related to tribal foster care. Subsequently FNS issued the attached Question and Answer guidance (Q & A guidance is attached to this email) including confirmation of eligibility of tribal foster children for food program. See questions 2 and 3. (Pasted below).

Question 2. Do Tribal child welfare agencies fall in the category of "an agency that administers a state plan under part B or E of title IV of the Social Security Act" under this provision?

If the Tribal child welfare agency is directly responsible for the administration of a title IV-B program or a title IV-E program (meaning, the Tribal child welfare agency has submitted an approved title IV-B or title IV-E plan), or if the Tribal child welfare agency operates under an agreement with a title IV-E agency for the placement and care of children eligible under section 472(a) of the Social Security Act, the agency would be considered "an agency that administers the State plan under part B or E of the Social Security Act."

Question 3. Do Tribal court placements fall under this provision?

Yes, if the Tribal court has jurisdiction over the foster child placement.

Intertribal Circle of Caring and Sharing Training Conference: Call for Presentations Deadline Extended

There is still room for additional workshop presentations at this year's Intertribal Circle of Caring & Sharing Training Conference to be held June 22-24, 2011 at the Fort McDowell Radisson Resort on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Attached is the Call for Presentations. Please share/forward this Call for Presentations to your contacts who might be interested in providing a workshop at this year's conference. **A final deadline for submission is May 6, 2011.**

Native American Oral Health Care Project Launches Website

The Native American Oral Health Care Project is sponsored by the American Dental Association. The purpose of this project is to collaborate with American Indian tribes, Native communities and health care stakeholders to improve the oral health of Native Americans. This website is home to many resources relating to oral health and children such as information relating to the [Indian Health Service Early Childhood Caries Initiative](#) and the [American Dental Association Early Childhood Caries Symposium Report](#). You can also find news articles and public policy information relating to tribal communities and oral health. It is my understanding that this website is officially launching the second week of May. The web address is:

www.nativeoralhealth.com

DID YOU KNOW? (Tribal Facts)



White Mountain Apache Tribe

The White Mountain Apache Tribe is located in the east central region of Arizona, 194 miles northeast of Phoenix. Located on the Apache, Gila and Navajo Counties, the White Mountain Apaches reside on 1.6 million acres at its ancestral homeland on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. On November 9, 1891, by Executive Order the Fort Apache Indian Reservation was established. It is now known as the White Mountain Apache Reservation. It originally included the San Carlos Apache Reservation but was separated by an act of Congress in 1897.

The Fort Apache Indian Reservation is home to the White Mountain Apache Tribe consisting of 1.67 million acres (over 2,600 square miles) in east-central Arizona. It ranges in elevation from 2,600 feet in the Salt River Canyon on the southwest corner of the reservation to over 11,400 feet at the top of Mount Baldy, one of the sacred peaks of the White Mountain Apache People. There are many different nations of Apache people. The White Mountain Apache are Western Apache and closely related to the people of San Carlos, Payson, and Camp Verde. Though there are differences in language, history, and culture, they are also related to the other Apache nations: the Chiricahua, Mescalero, Jicarilla, Lipan, and Kiowa-Apache peoples. The White Mountain Apache Tribe consists of approximately 15,000 members. The majority of the population lives in and around Whiteriver, the seat of Tribal government, with others residing in the communities of Cibecue, Carrizo, Cedar Creek, Forestdale, Hon-Dah, McNary, East Fork, and Seven Mile.

Sources: *White Mountain Apache Tribe Website*- <http://www.wmat.nsn.us/> and the *Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Website*- http://www.itcaonline.com/tribes_whitemtn.html

The FTF Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) is an internal advisory body providing expertise on policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the delivery of First Things First funded early childhood development and health programs in partnership with Arizona Tribes.

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