

Dear <NAME OF 18 YEAR OLD CHILD>

We are writing to you on behalf of the Early Head Start Follow-up Study. This is the project you started with (FILL SITE NAME) when you were a baby. As you might remember, The Early Head Start Follow-up Study is a long term project evaluating early childhood programs that you and your family may have been a part of.

Thanks to your participation over the years, we have learned a lot about children's growth and development. The project has been so successful and the information has been so valuable that the government hopes to continue its research to learn how participation in Early Head Start or other child care programs affects children and their families when children are older.

The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) is asking for your permission to access your school and juvenile justice records to help look at how these early childhood programs affect kids and their families as they get older. **ACF will only use this form to access your school and juvenile justice administrative records if (and only if) the government decides to continue the Early Head Start Follow-up Study. The records cannot be accessed or used for any other purpose.** Any information collected from your school and/or juvenile justice records will be kept private to the extent permitted by law.

Reading and returning this form should only take about 5 minutes. After we receive your updated contact information, we will send you \$5. All of the information you provide will be shared ONLY with researchers working on the Early Head Start Follow-up Study and kept private to the extent permitted by law.

If you have any questions about this project, please take a look at the brochure that was included with this letter or give us a call on our toll-free line, (888) 800-3748.

Sincerely,

<NAME >

