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Re: U. S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS),
Food Distribution Division
Response to Comments:
60-Day Federal Register Notice of Intent to Collect Information
FDPIR Nutrition Paraprofessional Training Assessment for Indian
Tribal Organizations (OMB Control Number: 0584—NEW)
Comment Period End Date September 19, 2016

Dear Mr. Pepin:

Thank you for the supportive comments and suggestions submitted on September 21, 2016 on behalf of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics regarding the intent to conduct an assessment of the best way to deliver nutrition paraprofessional to staff who work for FDPIR programs at Indian Tribal Organizations (ITOs).

We agree that utilizing the experience of well-established USDA programs such as SNAP-Ed and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) will help to avoid duplicative efforts. At the same time, we recognize that a training program for FDPIR staff will have to reflect the environment in which staff provide services. Many ITOs that are managing FDPIR are currently providing some form of nutrition education from warehouses, at remote food distribution sites, at community garden sites, and at unique community locations. We intend to consider how nutrition education may be offered to participants in a manner that enhances the services that are already provided.

The assessment results will provide a baseline understanding of the methods needed to achieve the goal of providing culturally appropriate training for staff that will enable them to enhance the nutrition knowledge of participants. Our interview contact list identifies FDPIR-ITOs from several FNS regions. This should provide information from ITOs with a wide range of cultural and social differences.

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FNS is committed to providing effective nutrition education . We appreciate your assistance as we move forward with this project.

Regards,

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