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Introduction

Mathematica is conducting the American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey 2019 (AI/AN FACES 2019) under contract with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has decided to conduct Al/AN FACES 2019 remotely via the web. We will continue with plans to collect surveys of program directors and center directors.

Given these extraordinary circumstances, please consider the *typical* dates and times of operations and those initially planned for the 2019-2020 program year when answering question in this survey.

To help us understand your center better, we need you to complete this brief survey. It asks about staffing and recruitment; Native culture and language; staff education and training; curriculum and assessment; physical activity and nutrition; program management; and a few questions about yourself your center and staff as well as your thoughts about program management and your background.Please be assured that all information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Questions are not always numbered sequentially, so please answer questions in the order they appear, regardless of the question number. Additionally, you may be told to skip some questions because they do not apply to you.

Your participation in the study is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any questions you are not comfortable answering. Your answers will not be shared with other staff at your center, or anybody else not working on this study. Please be assured that all information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. The information you provide to the study will be protected and will only be seen by selected members of the study team. The survey will take about 20 minutes of your time to complete.

AB. NATIVE CULTURE/LANGUAGE AT CENTER

Thefirst questions are about use of Native culture and language at your center.

	Does your center have a cultural/language elder or specialist?
	By cultural/language elder or specialist we mean someone that you may rely on or consult we regards to culture or language. Though culture and language are interrelated, sometimes an specialist might only be consulted on one or the other, and not both.
	O Yes
	O NO GO TO AB3
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	Who is your cultural/language elder or specialist?
	MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES
	\Box_1 A spiritual leader
	\Box_2 An influential member of the tribal or cultural community
	\Box_{*} A member of the tribal or cultural community
	Comparing Spacetory
	□₄ Other – Specify
	Do children at your center receive Native language lessons?
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Who teaches the Native language lessons?

MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES

- Lead classroom teacher
- □₂ Assistant classroom teacher
- □ Paid aides
- □ Cultural/language elder or specialist
- □ Other Specify

In what ways does your center support parent engagement in children's Native language learning?

MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES

- \Box_1 Offering language lessons to parents
- \Box_2 Sending home flyers about the words and phrases children are learning
- Sending home language curriculum materials (e.g. curriculum manuals)
- Offering single events or workshops about the Native language and Native language learning (e.g. family nights)
- □ Sharing multimedia such as CDs or videos with language resources (e.g., audio or video of the language being spoken)
- □ Language communities
- □ , Other Specify

During this program year, how often have children in your center done the following as part of their Head Start activities?

		MARK ONE FOR EACH ROW						
		DAILY	WEEKLY	MONTHLY	YEARLY	NEVER	NOT APPROPRIATE IN OUR COMMUNITY	
a.	Listened to Elders or cultural knowledge holders tell traditional stories	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_{5}	\bigcirc_{ϵ}	
b.	Participated in traditional activities such as gathering/preparing food, hunting, fishing, planting, harvesting, or other traditional activities	O,	\bigcirc_2	O,	O 4	Os	0,	
C.	Observed or listened to presentations about gathering/preparing food, hunting, fishing, planting, harvesting, or other traditional activities	O,	\bigcirc_2	O ₃	O 4	Os	\bigcirc_{6}	
d.	Participated in some aspect of a community's social dancing, singing, or drumming traditions during the Head Start day	O 1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_3	\bigcirc_4	O ₅	\bigcirc_{ϵ}	
e.	Participated in a program event outside the Head Start day that included traditional dancing, singing or drumming	O_1	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_{3}	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_{5}	\bigcirc_{ϵ}	
f.	Participated in traditional craft making activities, (for example: beading, weaving, making pottery, jewelry, or dance regalia)	O_1	\bigcirc_2	O ₃	\bigcirc_4	$\bigcirc_{\mathfrak{s}}$	O 6	
g.	Had the opportunity to observe or participate in a							

What percentage of center administrative staff and teachers are AI/AN members?

Include both staff who come from the same or different tribes as the children and families served.

PERCENT OF TEACHERS OR ASSISTANT TEACHERS

PERCENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

A. Staffing and Recruitment

Next, we have some questions about your center, staffing and recruitment. We have several questions about the schedule available for Head Start funded center-based enrollment slots. These questions are focused only on Head Start slots. Please do NOT consider Early Head Start slots.

What a based		d dates of the p	ogram year for Hea	d Start funded center
			MONTH	YEAR
A0-1a.	Start date			
A0-1b.	End date			
			of days per week an ed center-based en	nd hours per day that rollment slots.
How m	nany days per week	do Head Start f	unded slots in your	center receive servic
MARK OI	NE OR MORE BOXES			
🗌 1 4 d	lays per week			
□ ₂ 5 d	lays per week			
How m slots?	any <u>hours a day</u> is	this program av	ailable to Head Star	rt funded center-base
Please c	consider the working hour	rs for this center, ratl	ner than the individual chi	ld or classroom.
	NUMBER OF HOU	RS		
		d a full-day proo	gram or half-day pro	ogram?
- -	NE ONLY			
O ₁ Full-	•			
O ₂ Half	, ,			
	ombination of both			

How many lead teachers are currently employed in this center?
By "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teachers count them here.
LEAD TEACHERS
How many of these lead teachers were new to the center this year?
By "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teachers count them here.
LEAD TEACHERS
In the past 12 months, how many lead teachers left and had to be replaced?
By "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teachers count them here.
LEAD TEACHERS
Does your center serve any children or families who speak a language other than English at home?
O Yes
O No GO TO SECTION B, PAGE 8
Other than English, what languages are spoken by the children and families who are
part of your center? MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES
□ ³⁵ Native language(s) – <i>Specify</i>
□ 12 Spanish
\Box_{2} Other – Specify
Do you have any lead teachers or assistant teachers who are bilingual?
By "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teacher count them here.
O ₁ Yes
O. NO GO TO A_C3j, PAGE 7

Other than English, which of the languages that are spoken by the children and families in your center are also spoken by any lead teachers or assistant teachers your center?
By "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teach count them here.
MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES
□ [™] Native language(s) – <i>Specify</i>
Spanish
\Box_{a} Other – Specify
Are you unable to provide interpreters or translate written materials in any of the languages spoken by children and families that are part of your center because not have staff members that speak those languages?
O, Yes

The next questions are about efforts to promote staff education and training.

different	is and centers can support staff's professional develo ways. Does your program or center offer the followir re providers, or home visitors?	-	nily
		MARK ONE FOR E	ACH ROW
		YES	NO
14.	Support/funding to attend Tribal, regional, state, or national early childhood conferences	O,	\bigcirc_{\circ}

		U	\mathbf{O}_{0}
5.	Paid substitutes to allow teachers time to prepare, train, and/or plan	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}
6.	Coaching/mentoring	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}
1.	Other types of consultants hired to work directly with staff to address a specific issue or concern	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}
7.	Workshops/trainings sponsored by the program	$\bigcirc_{_{1}}$	\bigcirc_{\circ}
8.	Workshops/trainings provided by other organizations	$\bigcirc_{_{1}}$	\bigcirc_{\circ}
9.	A community of learners, also called a peer learning group (PLG) or professional learning community (PLC), facilitated by an expert	O,	\bigcirc_{\circ}
	1 Time during the regular work day to participate in Office of 0. Head Start T/TA webinars	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}
	1 1. Tuition assistance for Associate's or Bachelors' courses	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}
	1 2. Onsite Associate's or Bachelor's courses		\bigcirc_{\circ}
	$\frac{1}{3}$. Tuition assistance for courses toward getting a credential	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}
	9 9. Other – <i>Specify</i>	O,	0.

How often do the following staff typically participate in training and technical assistance activities? Is it every week, 2 or 3 times a month, monthly, once every few months, or once a year or less?

By "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teachers count them here.

			MARK	ONE FOR	EACH RC	w
	WEEKLY	2 OR 3 TIMES PER MONTH	MONTHLY	ONCE EVERY FEW MONTHS	ONCE A YEAR OR LESS	DON'T KNOW
a1Center-based lead teachers, by "lead teacher" we mean the head or primary teacher in the classroom. If teachers are co-teachers count them here	O,	\bigcirc_2	0,3	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_{5}	Oď
a2Assistant teachers	O_1	O_2	\bigcirc_{3}	$\bigcirc_{_{4}}$	\bigcirc_{5}	Oď
b. Family service workers	O_1	O_2	\bigcirc_{3}	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_{5}	Oď

Who conducts the professional development activities?

MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES

- Center or grantee staff
- Community resources
- Consultants
- □ 11 AI/AN T/TA provider
- □ ₅ National Head Start Association
- □ ¹⁰ State conferences
- □₁₅ Regional conferences
- National conferences
- Tribal conferences
- Private companies or organizations
- OHS Regional T/TA Providers
- OHS National Centers
- □ 12 Cultural/language elder or specialist
- Other Specify

Do not have professional development activities

Has your center consulted with a regional T/TA specialist? \bigcirc_1 Yes \bigcirc_2 No
 Has your center consulted with <u>AI/AN</u> T/TA specialists, either early childhood
education (ECE) specialists or grantee specialists?
How often are teachers given a formal performance evaluation?
MARK ONE ONLY
O_{1} Two or more times per year
O_2 Once a year
\bigcirc Once every two years
\bigcirc_4 Once every three years
$igodot_{\circ}$ Once every four years or more
igodot No formal evaluations are conducted

E. Curriculum and Assessment

The next questions are about curriculum and assessment.

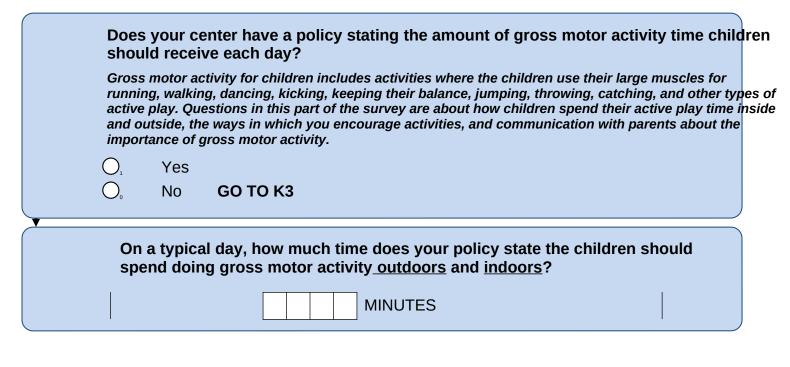
MARK ONE FOR EACH ROW ONCE AT THE ONCE AT THE BEGINNING N BEGIINNING END OF THE AND END OF							
		NEVER	OF THE YEAR	YEAR	YEAR	PER YEAF	
a.	Reported to parents	$\bigcirc_{_{1}}$	\bigcirc_2	$\bigcirc_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_{5}	
b.	Reported to program administrators	O_{i}	\bigcirc_2	\bigcirc_{3}	\bigcirc_4	\bigcirc_{5}	
С.	Recorded in child's record	O_1	$\bigcirc_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	O ₃	$\bigcirc_{_4}$	O₅	

○₁ Yes
 ○₀ No

No GO TO SECTION K, PAGE 12

K. Physical Activity and Nutrition

The next questions are about physical activity and nutrition in your program.



Ha	we you talked with any of your teachers about children's weight?
0	Yes No
	ave you talked with any of your teachers about how to talk to parents about ildren's weight?

Но	w often	do you do any of the following?					
				MAR	rk one f	OR EACH	ROW
			NEVER	ABOUT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR	A FEW TIMES A YEAR	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ONCE A MONTH
a.		Send information about physical activity home to parents	O_1	O_2	\bigcirc_{3}	O_4	O_{5}
b.		Invite parents to participate in program education activities about physical activity	O_{i}	O_2	O ₃	\bigcirc_4	Os
C.		Share information with parents about programs that can help foster physical activity outside of the classroom such as programs at a local community center	0.	0.2	O _s	0.4	Os
d.		Invite parents to participate in					

The next questions are about program management.

	In the past 12 months, have you participated in the following kinds of professional development?			
pre			MARK ONE FOR EACH ROW YES NO	
a.	College or university course(s) related to your role as a manager or leader (for example, a course on leadership, management and administration, human resources, or a course for a specific license, certificate, or other type of credential)	O,	\bigcirc_{\circ}	
b.	Visits to other Head Start or early childhood programs to improve your own work as a center director	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}	
C.	Formal coaching/mentoring that is provided by your program	$\bigcirc_{_{1}}$	\bigcirc_{\circ}	
d.	A network or community of Head Start and other early childhood program leaders organized by someone outside of your program, for example a professional organization	O 1	\bigcirc_{\circ}	
e.	A leadership institute offered by Head Start A leadership institute is a type of conference or workshop that provides an opportunity to learn new skills or discuss important issues related to leadership. Sometimes leadership institutes are specifically for staff who have named leadership roles in their centers or programs (like directors or managers), but leadership institutes can also include other types of staff who want to learn about leadership issues.	O,	0.	
f.	A leadership institute offered by an organization other than Head Start	O_1	\bigcirc_{\circ}	
g.	Trainings related to your role as a manager or leader (for example: NIHSDA Management Training Conference, Native American Child and Family Conference, Head Start governance training, CLASS training	O,	O.	

To do your job as a center director more effectively, what additional help do you need? Select the top three.

MARK UP TO THREE (3) BOXES

Program improvement planning

- **Budgeting**
- □ Staffing (hiring)
- □ Data-driven decision making
- Establishing good relationship with OHS, program and/or grant specialist
- Leadership skills (for example, diplomacy skills, coaching skills)
- Teacher evaluation
- Evaluation of other program staff
- □ , Teacher professional development (for example, conducting classroom observations)
- Educational/curriculum leadership
- □ Integrating Native culture and language into the curriculum
- Creating positive learning environments
- Child assessment
- \Box_n Working with parents, extended family and community caregivers
- □ In Building relationships with Tribal leadership
- □ ¹⁶ Working with and partnering in the community
- □ ¹⁷ Assessing community needs

I. Employment and Educational Background

Now, we'd like to ask you some questions about your professional background and your job with Head Start.

In total, ho	ow many years have you been a director
Please rou	nd your response to the nearest whole year.
10. In <u>a</u>	ny early childhood program
l2a. In <u>a</u>	ny Head Start program
l2b. Of <u>t</u>	his Head Start center
In total, ha	
· · · · · ·	ow many years have you worked
Please round	your response to the nearest whole year.
	NUMBER OF YEAF
I2. With	n <u>any</u> Head Start program
	part of <u>any</u> Head Start program's management team.
	a teacher or home visitor in <u>any</u> Head Start program
	a teacher of home visitor in <u>any</u> fread start program
In what mo	onth and year did you start working for this Head Start program?
MC	NTH YEAR
How many	hours per week are you paid to work for Head Start?
	HOURS
-	ur total annual salary (before taxes) as a center director for the curre
program y	ear?
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\$, . 0 0 DOLLARS PER YEAR

In your current Head Start position(s), how much do the following make it harder for you to do your job well? Do they make it a great deal harder, somewhat harder, or not at all harder for you to do your job well?

		MARK ONE FOR EACH ROW		
		GREAT DEAL HARDER	SOMEWHAT HARDER	NOT AT ALL HARDER
a.	Time constraints (not enough hours in the day)	\bigcirc_{3}	O_2	O_1
b.	Too many conflicting demands	O ₃	O_2	O_{1}
C.	Not a high enough salary for the job demands	O ₃	O_2	
d.	Lack of support staff	\bigcirc_3	O_2	
e.	Not enough training and technical assistance for professional development	O ₃	O_2	O_1
f.	Not enough support and communication from administration	O ₃	O_2	
g.	Not enough funds for supplies and activities	\bigcirc_3	O_2	
h.	Dealing with a challenging population	O ₃	O_2	
i.	Staff turnover	\bigcirc_{3}	O_2	O_1
j.	Lack of parent support	O ₃	O_2	
k.	Lack of qualified teaching staff	\bigcirc_{3}	O_2	O_1
0.	Tribal leadership changes	\bigcirc_{3}	O_2	
l.	Anything else? Specify	O ₃	O_2	O_1

What is the highest grade or year of school that you completed?

MARK ONE ONLY

- O_1 Up to 8th Grade
- O_2 9th to 11th Grade
- \bigcirc 12th Grade, but No Diploma
- O₄ High School Diploma/Equivalent
- O₅ Vocational/Technical Program after High School
- Or Some College, but No Degree **GO TO I14, PAGE 19**
- O₁ Associate's Degree
- O₃ Bachelor's Degree
- O ... Graduate or Professional School, but No Degree
- O_{11} Master's Degree (MA, MS)
- O₁₂ Doctorate Degree (Ph.D., Ed.D.)
- O₁₃ Professional Degree after Bachelor's Degree (Medicine/ MD, Dentistry/ DDS, Law/JD, etc.)

In what field did you obtain your highest degree?

MARK ONE ONLY

- O Child Development or Developmental Psychology
- O₂ Early Childhood Education
- O₃ Elementary Education
- O₄ Special Education
- On Education Administration/Management & Supervision
- O ... Business Administration/Management & Supervision
- \bigcirc Other field *Specify*

Did your schooling include 6 or more college courses in early childhood education or child development?
O Yes GO TO I15b
O. NO IF YOU COMPLETED SOME COLLEGE, BUT DO NOT HAVE A DEGREE, GO TO I15b, OTHERWISE GO TO I15
Have you completed 6 or more college courses in early childhood education or child development since you finished your degree?
O _a Yes
Do you currently hold a license, certificate, and/or credential in administration of early childhood/child development programs or schools?
O ₁ Yes
Do you have a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential?
O Yes
O_1 res
Do you have a state-awarded preschool teaching certificate or license?
A "teaching certificate or license" is usually granted to a teacher by a state department or agency that has authority over the education and/or early childhood system in that state. The certificate or license is given when the teacher has met certain education or experience requirements that are set by the department or agency. Usually a teacher would have to apply for a certificate or license after meeting those requirements.
O ₁ Yes
O _° No
Do you have a state-awarded teaching certificate or license for ages/grades other than preschool?
A "teaching certificate or license" is usually granted to a teacher by a state department or agency that has authority over the education and/or early childhood system in that state. The certificate or license is given when the teacher has met certain education or experience requirements that are set by the department or agency. Usually a teacher would have to apply for a certificate or license after meeting those requirements.
O _a Yes

Including your post-secondary degree, graduate degree, and certification program etc., are you currently enrolled in any additional training or education? O _a Yes O _a No
 What kind of training or education program are you enrolled in? MARK ONE or more boxes . Child Development Associate (CDA) Degree Program Teaching Certificate Program Special Education Teaching Degree Program Associate's Degree Program Bachelor's Degree Program Graduate Degree Program (MA, MS, PH.D. or Ed.D.) License, certificate and/or credential in administration of early childhood/ child development programs or schools Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Other – Specify
What is your sex? O _a Male O ₂ Female O ₃ Prefer not to answer
In what year were you born? YEAR Are you of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin? O, Yes O, No

What is your race?
MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES
Black or African American
American Indian or Alaska Native
ar Asian
Native Hawaiian, or other Pacific Islander
as Another race – <i>Specify</i>
Do you speak a language other than English
O. Yes
O NO GO TO SECTION IJ, PAGE 21
What languages other than English do you speak?
MARK ONE OR MORE BOXES
Sour Native language – <i>Specify</i>
□ ₃₄ Other Native language(s)– Specify
□ 12 Spanish
$\Box_{21} \text{ Other} - Specify$

End

Thank you very much for participating in AI/AN FACES 2019!