



# American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey: Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 Special Study

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# Thank you

- **We want to express our sincerest gratitude to you for making the AIAN FACES 2019-2020 data collection possible, especially in light of a very difficult 2020**
- **Some study findings have been published, with more to come**
  - **Google “AIAN FACES OPRE” or visit <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/project/american-indian-and-alaska-native-head-start-family-and-child-experiences-survey-ai-0>**
- **Information from AIAN FACES, the only national study of Region XI Head Start, is vitally important**
  - **Office of Head Start uses data from AIAN FACES to help make decisions about training and technical assistance**
  - **Qualified researchers can apply to use the data, contributing to broader knowledge about Native children and families**
  - **Individual programs can use the data to understand how their program compares to Region XI as a whole**

# Overview

- **What new data is being collected, and why**
- **What continued participation involves for the children, families, and Head Start staff in your community**
- **The benefits of continued participation - for your program and community, for Region XI, and for Head Start as a whole**
- **Study findings and dissemination of information**

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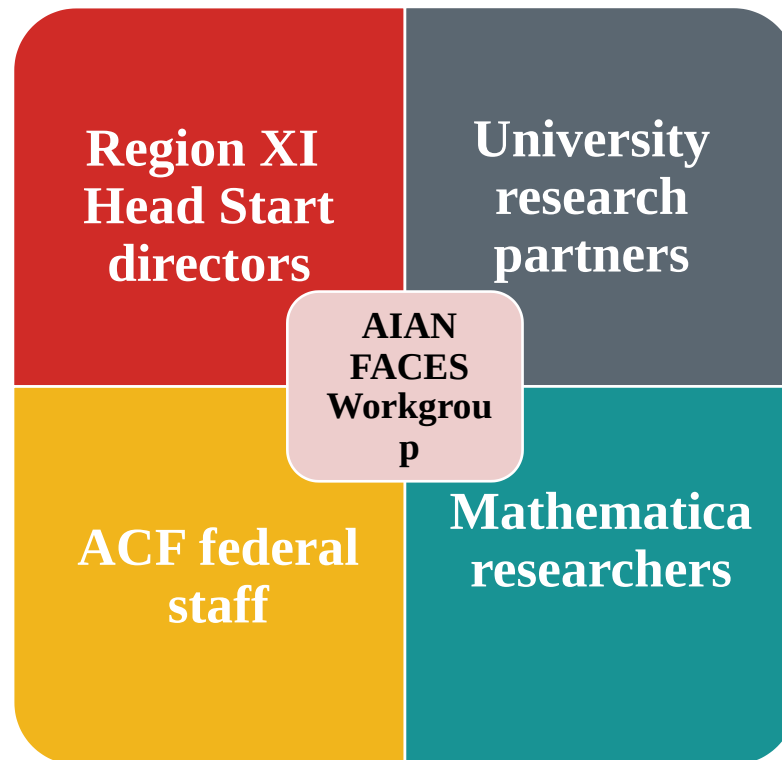


# AIAN FACES in 2021-2022

- **The focus of AIAN FACES in 2021-2022 is to describe children, their families, and their classrooms, centers, and programs**
- **This study will seek to:**
  - **Understand child, family, and staff well-being in light of the COVID-19 pandemic**
  - **Provide a picture of the strengths and needs of children and families served by Region XI in fall 2021 and spring 2022**
  - **Better understand the cultural and linguistic experiences of AIAN children and families in Region XI**
  - **Understand children's cognitive and social-emotional growth in Region XI Head Start programs from the beginning to the end of the program year**

# AIAN FACES Workgroup

## Study design guided by Native voices

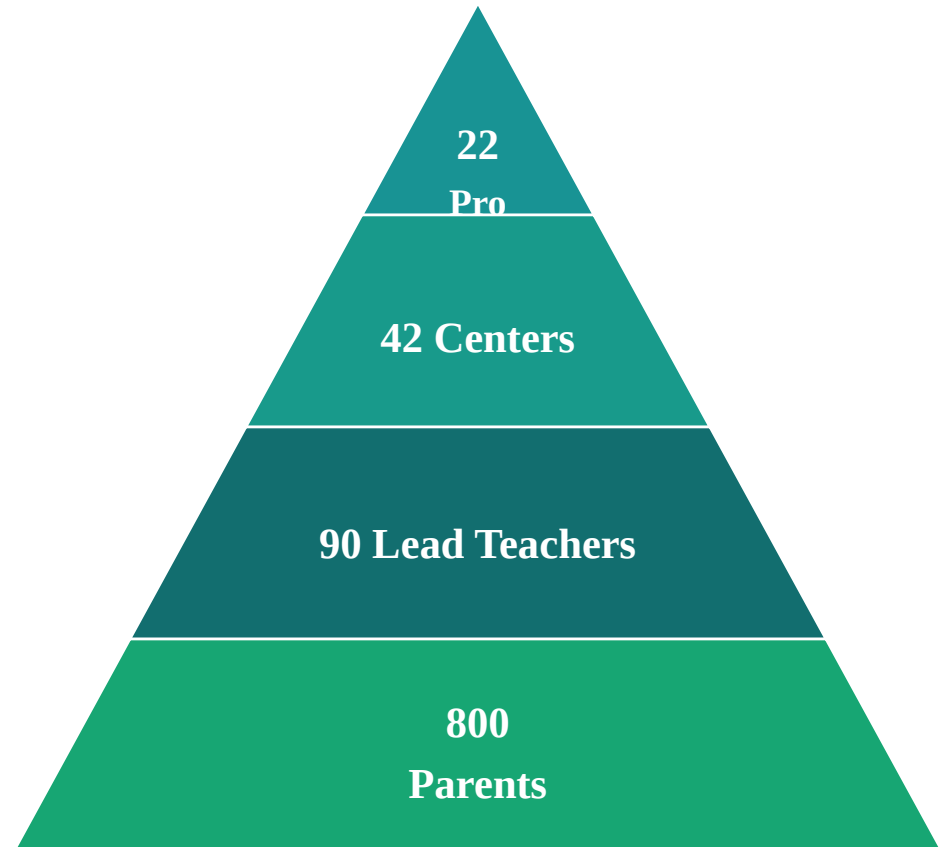


# QUESTIONS?

# What continued participation involves

# We thank the 22 programs that participated in AIAN FACES 2019

- **AIAN FACES 2021 will visit those same 22 programs**
- **Protocols for review will continue to be followed in each community**
- **Information will again be collected from parents, teachers, and program and center directors**



Fall 2021-Spring 2022 sample

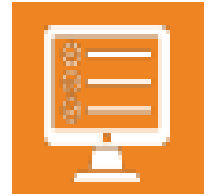


# Collaborative Approach

- **The continued success of this important study of children and families served by Region XI Head Start programs depends on our continued close collaboration**
- **We have designed an agreement of collaboration and participation to ensure this is a collaborative effort that:**
  - **Clearly establishes roles and responsibilities**
  - **Seeks to build trust through respectful interactions and communication**
  - **Honors local cultural protocols and respects tribal sovereignty**
  - **Clearly established procedures to protect the interests of all involved**



# All data collection will be remote



Who	What	How	When
Parents	Survey	Web or telephone	Fall 2021 and spring 2022
Teachers	Survey and teacher child reports (questions about individual study children)	Web or paper	Fall 2021 and spring 2022
Center directors	Survey	Web	Spring 2022
Program directors	Survey	Web	Spring 2022

# The study and your community

- **[TRIBE] Head Start sample**
  - **[FILL] centers per participating program chosen at random**
  - **Up to [FILL] classrooms/teachers chosen at random**
- **On average, 52 children and their parents (13 per classroom) chosen at random**

# Reducing Burden

- **We work to minimize any time needed from your program**
- **We will be respectful of staff, families, children, and the community**
- **Together, we work with an appointed on-site coordinator (OSC)**
  - **The OSC is often the program director or a staff person the director appoints**
  - **The OSC helps to identify eligible classrooms and children to be sampled for the study**
  - **The OCS also help obtain study consent from parents**
- **The program will receive an honorarium for helping us in fall 2021 and spring 2022**

# AIAN FACES Timeline

**Fall 2019 –  
Spring 2020**

Initial child,  
parent,  
teacher,  
classroom,  
and program  
data collection

**Summer 2021**

Recruitment  
for special  
study  
activities

**Spring 2022**

Parent,  
teacher, and  
program data  
collection

**2021** Reports  
start to be  
released;  
restricted use  
data available  
for qualified  
researchers

**Fall 2021**  
Parent and  
teacher data  
collection

**2023**  
Analysis and  
reporting  
begin

# Data Collection Staff

- **We will use an experienced staff, including staff from 2019-2020 whenever possible**
- **All staff will sign confidentiality agreements**
- **Staff will be trained by members of the Mathematica study team**
- **Training will include lessons on working with Native communities and families**

# QUESTIONS?

# Benefits to continued participation



# Broader Benefits to Continued Participation

- **To help the Office of Head Start understand the strengths and needs of Region XI 18-months into the pandemic, and areas where OHS can provide support**
- **To further our understanding about children, families, and staff in Region XI - and to look at change**

# Region and Program Benefits to Continued Participation

- **Region XI as a whole**
  - **Can understand where resources would help to address identified needs - in particular any changing needs coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic**
  - **Can inform changes to policy and practice to better meet the needs**
- **Individual programs in Region XI**
  - **Individual programs will not see their data but...**
  - **Programs can use study findings to think about how their program might be similar to or different from all of Region XI**
  - **Use data on Region XI as a whole and their individual community data to support the need for additional resources and services, including those related to supporting COVID-19 related needs**

# Importance of Continued Participation

- **Your program was part of the 2019-2020 data collection and is one of only 22 programs eligible for new data collection - your perspectives cannot be replaced**
- **Continued participation of each selected program helps to:**
  - **Reflect a picture of diverse Native communities served by Head Start**
  - **Ensures the breadth of experiences, activities, and needs across Region XI are represented in findings for the region as a whole**
  - **Understand family and staff needs coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Being a part of a study that is important to programs in Region XI, and to research on Native children's early development!**

# QUESTIONS?

# Sharing study findings and information

# Sharing findings with Native programs and communities

- **Access to publications, reports, and presentations that are prepared by the study team will be provided to [TRIBE]**
- **List of publications, reports, and presentations prepared by others will be archived at the Child & Family Data Archive and available to [TRIBE]**
- **The study team, the AIAN FACES Workgroup, and officials from the Administration for Children and Families will work together to identify the best ways to share findings with Native Head Start staff, parents, and Tribal leaders**
- **For previous work from AIAN FACES, visit:**  
**<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/research/project/american-indian-and-alaska-native-head-start-family-and-child-experiences-survey-faces>**
- **Or just Google “OPRE AIAN FACES”**

Who will have access to the data and where will it be stored?

- **AIAN FACES data will be available to qualified researchers working in institutions of higher education or research organizations.**
- **AIAN FACES data and documentation will be housed at the [Child & Family Data Archive](http://www.childandfamilydataarchive.org) ([www.childandfamilydataarchive.org](http://www.childandfamilydataarchive.org))**
- **ACF and the AIAN FACES Workgroup have established procedures informed by tribal best practices of data access and review**
  - **Data protections to remove all tribal or direct identifiers**
  - **Data access via the data archive application reviewed by a committee comprised of Region XI Head Start directors and researchers who work with Native communities**
  - **Data transparency via committee review of dissemination materials and an ACF annual report on the institutions and research organizations granted access to the data**

# QUESTIONS?