Draft Study Notification Email from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Greetings [Awardee],

HRSA and ACF are pursuing an exciting research study that has implications for your work. ACF's Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation (OPRE), in collaboration with HRSA, has funded James Bell Associates and subcontractor University of Colorado's Anschutz Medical Campus, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health to conduct the Multisite Study of State-Tribal Collaboration in Home Visiting (MUSE-STC).

The aim of MUSE-STC is to explore the collaborations between MIECHV awardees and tribal communities and their influence on planning and implementation of home visiting services for American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) families. MUSE-STC is a qualitative case study of partnerships between MIECHV awardees and local programs that serve AIAN communities. The study will involve interviews with staff at awardee and local agencies. The MUSE-STC study team has engaged awardee and LIA staff in designing the study, so you may already be aware of the study and been involved in providing input.

I am reaching out because the MUSE-STC study team is beginning the process of recruiting awardee and local agencies to participate in the study. You may be contacted within the next month. We want participation in the MUSE-STC study to be private so that staff from awardee and local agencies can feel comfortable and speak freely. Because of this, I will not be included in the correspondence from the study team. If you are contacted by the study team, please do not share that information with myself, others from HRSA, or fellow awardees. This will allow us to keep awardee and local agency participation private.

HRSA supports this important research and intends to use the information to better support partnerships with local agencies serving tribal communities and services to AIAN families through MIECHV. If you are contacted for the study, we hope you'll consider participating.

Thanks very much and please let me know if you have any questions!

[HRSA Project Officer]