

Appendix D

Recruitment Email Script for Data Needs Assessment Talking Circles

Subject: Tribal TANF Talking Circles (Data Needs Assessment)

Dear **[Name]**,

My name is **[XXXXXX]**, and I work for Kauffman and Associates (KAI). KAI is an American Indian-owned consulting firm that supports American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) people and communities. We were selected as contractors along with MEF Associates to conduct the Next Steps for Tribal TANF Research and Data project on behalf of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF).

The purpose of the study is to hear directly from AIAN communities about their experiences with Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF), including what is going well, what is challenging, and recommendations for future directions for Tribal TANF research and data. This study is not an evaluation of Tribal TANF; rather it is an opportunity for AIAN communities to share their wisdom and perspectives about Tribal TANF.

Talking Circles are one way the project is learning from Tribal TANF knowledge holders. We are scheduling in-person and virtual talking circles to hear directly from Tribal leaders and Tribal TANF program leaders about their needs and experiences related to Tribal TANF. The goal is to co-create knowledge on next steps for Tribal TANF research and data.

If you would like to honor us with your knowledge, please select which talking circle you would like to attend **[Insert poll with possible times and dates]**. Talking circles are expected to last for approximately two hours. Please also let us know if you do not want to share your knowledge at this time, so we can take you off our list.

I hope you will consider sharing your knowledge as part of this study. Participating in this study is an opportunity to potentially shape future directions for Tribal TANF research and data and build knowledge about how to support current recipients and future generations of AIAN families who may receive TANF assistance.

Sincerely,

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