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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners -

**SUBJECT: Adolescent and Young Adult Health Projects**

I am writing to provide information about plans and progress of the [Adolescent and Young Adult Health Unit](#) (AYAH) centered in the Office of Family and Community Health Improvement in the Division of Prevention and Community Health at the Department of Health.

There are several new projects to improve care for teens and young adults in Washington:

- The [Adolescent and Young Adult Health Youth Advisory Council](#)
- The [Adolescent Health Mini Needs Assessment](#)
- The Adolescent Health Info Hub (an upcoming DOH webpage cocreated with young people)
- Upcoming: Planning a Youth-Friendly Certification program for youth-serving health care providers

AYAH will be presenting at the Monthly Tribal Meeting:

**Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM**  
**Zoom Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89908784932>**

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Sincerely,

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