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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners and Professionals,

**SUBJECT: Invitation for Collaboration - Early Child Development and Family Well-Being**

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), I am writing to you today to invite collaboration on Early Child Development and Family Well-Being at a convening on:

**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM**  
**[Cedarbrook Lodge - Seattle, WA](#)**  
**RSVP by Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The intent of this day is to reconvene local health jurisdictions, Department of Health subject matter experts, State Board of Health members, and tribal public health partners to continue progress towards a strategic and coordinated public health system approach to early child development and family well-being in the prenatal-to-3 years period. This is a follow-up to a session held on [May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024](#), and will focus on key themes related to advancing equity, promoting system change within public health and broader state systems, and improving family economic and caregiver supports in early childhood.

To RSVP or for additional information including a summary of the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting, please contact Office of Family and Community Health Director Katie Eilers at [katie.eilers@doh.wa.gov](mailto:katie.eilers@doh.wa.gov) or 360-489-5910. You may also contact Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations Executive Director Candice Wilson-Quatz'teanut at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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