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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners and Professionals -

SUBJECT: Invitation for Collaboration - CDC Rape Prevention and Education Program

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration on the process to update the [Sexual Violence Prevention State Action Plan \(SAP\)](#) federal grant deliverable.

The SAP is part of the CDC's [Rape Prevention and Education](#) program for DOH and will be used to plan, prioritize, and establish a portfolio of sexual violence primary prevention approaches. The Department of Health will be holding two tribal listening sessions on this topic:

Listening Session 1: Monday, September 16, 2024, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Listening Session 2: Monday, September 23, 2024, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

For more information, please contact Gender-Based Violence Prevention Program Manager Carolyn House-Higgins at carolyn.house-higgins@doh.wa.gov or 564-200-2790, or Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR) Executive Director Candice Wilson-Quatz'teanut at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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