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**Re: Collaborative – Listening Sessions for Adult and Youth Engagement on Tribal Data Reporting**

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we write to invite collaboration to participate in **two listening sessions within the Office of Health and Science at the WA-DOH**.

We recognize that it is vital for Tribes and Urban programs to have the opportunity to influence how data reflect the priorities that matter most to your communities. As we continue to develop our Tribal data sovereignty policies and principles, we also seek to create space to collaborate on data reporting. Your input is essential to ensuring that **Healthy Youth Survey (HYS)** and **State Health Assessment** reporting accurately reflect the needs and values of Indigenous populations in Washington.

**Listening Session 1: Healthy Youth Survey Tribal Reporting Model**

The HYS Planning Committee (HYSPC) is seeking guidance on the development of a new reporting model for Tribal youth data from the [HYS](#). Your input will help ensure the reporting model prioritizes Tribal perspectives and is accessible and useful for Tribal communities:

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
<b>Listening Session during the AIHC Bi-weekly</b>	<b>Thursday, January 23, 2025 8:30am-10:00am</b>	<b><a href="#">865 334 6749</a> Passcode: 645672</b>

The HYSPC is also **seeking other Tribal spaces** to share conversations about Tribal youth data reporting. Learn more from HYS Tribal Fellow MichaelLynn Kanichy or HYS Principal Investigator, Dr. Megan Suter, [healthy.youth@doh.wa.gov](mailto:healthy.youth@doh.wa.gov).

**Listening Session 2: 2024 State Health Assessment (SHA)**

We invite participation in an upcoming listening session to gather input on how to effectively report American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) data compiled in the 2024 SHA:

Meeting Type	Date and Time	Zoom Information
<b>Listening Session after the AIHC Bi-weekly</b>	<b>Thursday, January 23, 2025 10:00am-11:00am</b>	<b><a href="#">865 334 6749</a> Passcode: 645672</b>

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Sincerely,

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