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DATE: August 19, 2020
TO: Tribal Leaders
FROM: JooYeun Chang, Executive Director, MDHHS Children's Services Agency
SUBJECT: Public Notice – Participation in Steering Committee and/or Workgroups to Improve Safety in Care in Michigan Child Caring Institutions

MDHHS is providing you with public notice and invitation to participate in efforts to improve safety in care in Michigan's Child Caring Institutions (CCIs). Michigan reached out to national experts, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Casey Family Programs, and Building Bridges Initiative, to conduct a review and make recommendations regarding the safety and quality of care being provided in CCIs; the report, including recommendations for reform, are attached.

A steering committee and seven workgroups are being established to drive implementation of each recommendation; the MDHHS welcomes Tribal participation on the steering committee and/or on any of the following seven workgroups:

1. Intervention Policy & Practice
2. Youth & Family Engagement
3. Licensing Oversight
4. Contract Monitoring and Quality Improvement
5. Data Reporting
6. Organizational & Finance Structures
7. Casework Policy & Practice

The first steering committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020; 1-2:30pm.

Please submit tribal representation interest to participate to Stacey Tadgerson, TadgersonS@michigan.gov. Please contact Stacie Bladen, BladenS@michigan.gov, with questions or for additional information.

Attachments