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LASER TLC Tribal Affinity Group: Tribal Learning Huddles

Three-part Series (June 21, 4:00-5:00 PM EDT, August 4, 1:30-2:30 PM EDT, September TBD)

Purpose & Background

The three Tribal LASER TLC Sites (Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boys Reservation, the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, and the Yurok Tribe) comprise the Tribal Affinity Group. All three tribes have expressed an interest to meet with their LASER TLC tribal colleagues to discuss common issues. Site team leaders, coaches and liaisons identified topics they want to discuss, and the site team leaders prioritized the topics. Based on the level of interest in holding the session, the number of topics the tribes want to discuss, and the amount of time devoted to each session, the intent is to hold a three-part series of **Tribal Learning Huddles** through the summer and early fall.

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By the end of the first Tribal Learning Huddle, members of the LASER Site Teams will be able to:

1. Consider how to more effectively apply authority and rights rooted in tribal sovereignty to the operation of Tribal TANF Programs based upon the huddle discussion.
2. Acquire deeper knowledge for meeting federal TANF obligations and requirements in administering Tribal TANF Programs based upon the huddle conversation.

Tribal Learning Huddle Agenda – June 21st

4:00 – 4:05 **OFA Welcome to the Session**

4:05 – 4:55 **Facilitated Discussion of the Tribal Huddle Topic #1**

This will be a very interactive discussion among the Tribal Affinity Group members facilitated by LASER TLC BLH Team member Dr. Marc Mannes. Key elements of discussion will include:

- Exploring Tribal TANF Program authority in the context of tribal sovereignty
- Exchanging thoughts to gain a clearer understanding of tribal responsibilities for Tribal TANF Program administration
- Considering how to best apply tribal authority and rights in securing federal approval for Tribal TANF Program plans and tasks

4:55 – 5:00 **Closing Remarks from OFA**