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Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

**SUBJECT: Informative – Initiation of the Washington State Child Wellness Survey**

We are writing to share that the Washington State Department of Health is launching the [Child Wellness Survey \(CWS\)](#), a new population survey of families with children aged 6 months to 11 years. The CWS is funded through Foundational Public Health Services and supported by the American Indian Health Commission, state and local public health agencies, and Washington State Association of Local Public Health Officials.

The survey questions are designed to help assess the health and wellbeing of young children and families. The results will ultimately help us understand changes in Washington communities and how best to serve them. The survey includes topics such as:

- Child's demographic information (e.g., age, race/ethnicity, sex assigned at birth, gender)
- Child's health and development (e.g., child's overall health, disability, child as a baby, vaccination, etc.)
- Child's access to health care and childcare (e.g., referrals, access and barriers to childcare, etc.)
- Child's family, household, and neighborhood (e.g., family engagement, barriers to basic needs, etc.)
- Demographic information about the parent or caregiver (e.g., relation to child, age, education, etc.)

The survey is voluntary and confidential and there is a \$20 gift card for all who complete the survey. It will run every other year and will be administered by a contractor, ..

We welcome your questions and comments at any time. Please feel free to contact the Child Wellness Survey coordinator, Caryn Chalmers, at [child.wellness@doh.wa.gov](mailto:child.wellness@doh.wa.gov) or 564-669-3107, or Executive Director of Tribal Public Health and Relations, Candice Wilson, at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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