



ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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Dear Tribal Administrator:

I am pleased to extend an invitation to you to participate in the Office of Family Assistance (OFA) 2018 Regions IV-VIII Tribal Technical Assistance Meeting at the Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota on July 17-18, 2018. The event will bring together program administrators, stakeholders, and leaders, with the common goal of improving programs that benefit families in need.

The meeting agenda has been carefully designed to offer attendees an interactive experience with peers and provide them with information, resources, and tools to support stronger partnerships and more effective service delivery that will result in better outcomes for families and communities. The meeting will feature:

- A report from the OFA Central Office outlining priorities of the current administration;
- Plenary discussions on strategies for strengthening father-child engagement and working with participants with multiple employment barriers;
- Job development resources and approaches for improving employment outcomes for youth and adults; and
- Regional breakout sessions and other peer-to-peer opportunities.

The 2018 Regions IV-VIII Tribal Technical Assistance Meeting will begin on Tuesday, July 17 at 9:30 a.m. with registration opening at 8:30 a.m. We are encouraging all to arrive on Monday, July 16 due to the early start time on Tuesday, July 17. The meeting will conclude on Wednesday, July 18 at 3:00 p.m. with joint tribal and state breakout sessions. Your regional state representative will be contacting you with full details. All attendees will be responsible for their own travel and hotel expenses. Please register for the event on the [meeting website](#) today and reserve a [hotel guestroom](#) no later than **June 27** by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The meeting will also feature a **Cultural Exchange** – participation is completely optional, but attendees are encouraged to bring an item of local and/or cultural significance. Staff will display these items for viewing throughout the meeting and, at the end of each day, participants will have the opportunity to exchange items with their peers.

If you have questions or concerns regarding logistics, please contact [Kathleen Cook](#) (240) 399-8738. For additional information regarding the meeting sessions, please contact [Patrick Heiman](#) (240) 723-0542. I look forward to seeing you in July!

Sincerely,

Clarence H. Carter
Director
Office of Family Assistance