



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Correspondence I – ACF-OHS-PI-24-03 New Eligibility Provisions for American Indian & Alaska Native Programs

**SUMMARY:**

This item presents the following from the Department of Human Services (DHS) Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership programs for action by the Head Start Policy Council.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

On March 23, 2024, President Biden signed the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) which provides fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations for several federal departments and agencies. This spending bill funds Head Start programs through the remainder of the fiscal year. The Office of Head Start (OHS) funding changes for FY 2024 are detailed in a

separate Program Instruction (PI), ACF-OHS-PI-24-02. This PI describes changes to eligibility criteria for Region XI, American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) Head Start recipients in Section 238 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.

OHS regularly engages with tribes to understand the special circumstances of AIAN Head Start programs. Through regular consultation, tribal leaders and Tribal Head Start administrators have indicated that tribes should be able to exercise appropriate discretion in determining which children should be eligible and prioritized for Head Start services. Following this historic statutory change, OHS affirms that tribes - to the maximum extent possible - should determine which children in their communities would most benefit from Head Start services.

**ISSUE:**

Rules and regulations for the Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Start-Child Care Partnership grants as set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) require the Head Start Policy Council to review programmatic actions to oversee certain key responsibilities.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no anticipated impact to the general fund as a result of these actions.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The review of the items included in this memorandum are required for program compliance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rules and regulations for Head Start, Early Head Start, and Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership programs.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff will present a briefing on this item subject to possible action by the HSPC Committee. Staff recommends review and approval of the items included in this memorandum.