



**The American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey:
COVID-19 response in Region XI AIAN Head Start: How children's centers and programs faced the pandemic**

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Webinar Overview: The American Indian and Alaska Native Family and Child Experiences Survey (AIAN FACES 2019) was designed and implemented through a partnership of Region XI AIAN Head Start leaders, researchers, and federal officials. Region XI Head Start programs are those operated by grants to federally-recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. AIAN FACES 2019 is a national study of Region XI Head Start children and families. The study was conducted with 22 Region XI AIAN Head Start programs during the 2019-2020 program year. This webinar is the second of a series planned on findings from the second round of AIAN FACES (first done in 2015). This webinar will provide a selection of findings from questions to children's program and center directors on how they were providing services during the COVID-19 pandemic this spring. Information on AIAN FACES and findings from the 2015 study can be found on the study link below.

Intended Audience: The webinar is intended for a diverse audience of AIAN early care and education program staff and families and community leaders and researchers who work with or support young Native children, families, and programs. The content may be of particular interest to AIAN Head Start directors, teachers, and families.

About the Presenters:

Dr. Lizabeth Malone is a senior researcher at Mathematica in Washington DC. Over the last 20 years, she has contributed to the design, implementation, and analysis of several national studies on children's development and early care and education settings, including the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES) and the Early Childhood Longitudinal Studies (ECLS). She is the current project director of FACES and AIAN FACES.

Dr. Sara Bernstein is a senior researcher at Mathematica in Washington DC. She is the study director of AIAN FACES. She focuses on early care and education, and Head Start/Early Head Start specifically through her work on projects such as AIAN FACES, FACES, and the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships Sustainability Study.

Dr. Michelle Sarche is an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Colorado School of Public Health, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health. She co-directs the Tribal Early Childhood Research Center and assists in the leadership of the AIAN FACES Workgroup.

Lana Garcia is a tribal member of the Pueblo of Jemez and a speaker of the Jemez Language. She has been the Program Manager for the Walatowa Head Start Program since October 2007. Since joining the Head Start Family, Lana has served on the Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs Board of Directors advocating for American Indian/Alaskan Native children and families and the importance of teaching language and culture within our tribal head start programs throughout the nation. She is a contributor toward Native Language Revitalization and Maintenance efforts and issues. Under her management, the Walatowa Head Start Language Immersion Program is now in its eighth year as a full language immersion program. The program was recognized by the Obama Administration for their work in language revitalization and maintenance with a 2016 Educator of the Year Award.

Todd Lertjuntharangool is the Office of Head Start Regional Program Manager for Region XI (AIAN) Head Start. He will be offering opening remarks and a brief commentary.

Recording: The webinar will be recorded and available at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/opre/research/project/american-indian-and-alaska-native-head-start-family-and-child-experiences-survey-faces>

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