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RE: Announcement of the 2020 PARIS Program Training Conference

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, in the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), gladly announces the 2020 Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Training Conference to be held on March 10-11, 2020 in Washington D.C at the InterContinental Hotel at the Wharf. The conference provides the free opportunity for state governmental staff working on PARIS program-related activities throughout the country to better understand and improve this valuable matching system assisting in the detection and prevention of improper payments of public assistance.

As in previous years, PARIS Member States (including Puerto Rico & D.C.) will be provided financial assistance in accordance with Federal regulation from ACF to send one representative—whose expertise is from the programmatic/operational perspective of the PARIS program—to the Training Conference at no cost to the state. It is recommended to each state that their public assistance agencies coordinate amongst themselves to determine who will be listed as their sponsored participant. Costs covered for these participants include: travel, lodging, and meal per diem.

Although ACF is limited in covering expenses for just the one attendee per state, states are encouraged to send additional staff at their own expense, particularly since this event is otherwise provided free of charge. Representatives from organizations working with data matching related to the detection and prevention of improper payments of public assistance are certainly invited to attend. I believe you will find that the agenda topics covered throughout the two days provide quality information that will be most helpful in improving your state's PARIS submissions, data analysis, and after actions.

Logistical arrangements for this training are being handled by PSA. We request that you inform us of choice of sponsored participant by January 10th, 2020 by contacting David Brown at [dbrown@explorepsa.com](mailto:dbrown@explorepsa.com) or (917) 363-7027, whereupon your sponsored participant will receive additional instructions. Registration and travel arrangements for sponsored participants must be completed no later than January 31, 2020. If these steps are not completed by this date, your State's one sponsored spot may be forfeited. Other non-sponsored participants may register at <https://cvent.me/zRarKw> by February 21, 2020. Additional information is also available on the website.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding logistics, please feel free to contact David Brown at [dbrown@explorepsa.com](mailto:dbrown@explorepsa.com) or (917) 363-7027.

Should you have you any questions regarding the program agenda, you may contact Joshua Williams at [paris@hhs.gov](mailto:paris@hhs.gov) or (202) 205-8478.

We are certain that you will find your participation in the 2020 PARIS Training Conference a useful and informative activity that is not to be missed.

Sincerely,

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