



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the White House are excited to announce that we will be co-hosting a series of Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) events across Indian Country this spring.

As you know, President Obama launched the Gen-I Initiative at the 2014 White House Tribal Nations Conference to focus on improving the lives of Native youth by removing the barriers that stand between Native youth and their opportunity to succeed. Through new investments and increased engagement, this initiative takes a comprehensive, culturally appropriate approach to ensure all young Native people can reach their full potential.

Expanding on the success of the first ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering, HHS and USDA collaboratively developed a daylong event focusing on youth leadership, skill building, and employment opportunities. Native youth ages 14-24 from your communities are invited to join these regional events.

Events will be held throughout the country in the following locations:

Denver, Colorado:	March 24, 2016
Green Bay, Wisconsin:	April 9, 2016
Phoenix, Arizona:	April 16, 2016
Albuquerque, New Mexico:	April 28, 2016
Seattle, Washington:	May 14, 2016
Anchorage, Alaska:	May 26, 2016

Registration and contact information for each session can be found in the enclosures. Registration for each session will be on a first come, first serve basis and will be capped at 200 participants.

We look forward to continuing our work with you in improving the lives of Native youth across Indian Country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia M. Burwell".

Sylvia M. Burwell

Enclosures



Generation Indigenous Youth Gatherings 2016

General Registration Information

- Registration is required for these events and will be on a first come, first serve basis.
- Registration will be capped at 200 youth participants for each event.
- Each event is designed for high school and college age youth (ages 14-24).
- If a chaperone plans to attend, we ask that they register separately and indicate chaperone status; depending on space availability we may not be able to accommodate chaperones in the session. **Youth attendees will have priority.**

Event Information

More details including location and time of each event is forthcoming and will be emailed to all registered attendees. Each event will feature 4-5 hour agenda. General questions can be directed to Elizabeth Carr at elizabeth.carr@hhs.gov or (202) -690-6060. Please see below for the time of day for each event:

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