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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the MPCWIC, I am pleased to announce that we will have a request for application for Intensive Implementation Projects in the Spring of 2011. This opportunity is for states and tribes to receive resources, intensive technical assistance, and support for long-term implementation projects, lasting two years in duration, intended to achieve sustainable systems change. Up to four projects may be selected from this application round and each would begin in October 2011.

Currently the MPCWIC has four Implementation Projects underway, including Osage Nation (Oklahoma), New Mexico, Garden Project (Turtle Mountain Tribe and Three Affiliated Tribe, North Dakota), and Colorado. Project descriptions are available at mpcwic.org. Interested state or tribal applicants should review the current project descriptions as your team considers this opportunity.

The MPCWIC has revised the application process and we encourage potential applicants to review and download the revised application packet from our website. MPCWIC staff is also available to provide limited one-on-one technical assistance to help you develop your application for an implementation project.

The MPCWIC is actively engaged with states and tribes through outreach, networking, and peer-to-peer activities focused on best practices and resources for implementing and sustaining systemic change efforts. During the past year we had our first roundtable to share the current projects and to give information on implementation science, practice models, stakeholder engagement, and the intensive implementation project application process. We also had a webinar on implementation science, specifically the drivers needed for systems change. Media materials from these activities are available from our website.

Upcoming activities include:

- July 2010 Bi-Regional Advisory Committee teleconference
- September 2010 Webinar on “Adaptive Leadership”
- October 2010 TA Conference call with State /Tribal agencies planning to submit applications
- November 2010 Bi-Regional Advisory Committee teleconference

- January 2011 TA Conference call with State /Tribal agencies planning to submit applications
- Spring 2011 Second “Annual Round Table” to take place in Dallas/Fort Worth
- Spring 2011 Third Round of applications

We will send out reminders for all activities and notification of request for applications closer to their assigned dates.

If you have any questions or need clarification please do not hesitate to contact us. You may reach me at mscannapieco@uta.edu or 817.272.3535 or Susan Ferrari at sferrari@uta.edu. We look forward to continued engagement with you. Thank you.

Regards,

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