

Tribal Related Comments on the Proposed Head Start Rule

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TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACF POSTED TRIBAL CONSULTATION TESTIMONY

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Serrell Smokey

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12346 | [View comment](#)

President; August 25 Tribal consultation testimony.

Mikah Carlos

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12740 | [View comment](#)

Councilmember; August 25 Tribal consultation testimony.

Jennifer Webster

Oneida Nation

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12741 | [View comment](#)

Councilwoman; August 25 Tribal consultation testimony.

J. Guadalupe Castañeda

Makah Tribe

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12742 | [View comment](#)

Makah Tribal Council; August 25 Tribal consultation testimony.

Lenore Myers-Nault

“Chippewa Creek Tribe Tribal Council” in bulk download

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12743 | [View comment](#)

Likely Chippewa Cree Tribe; retained the docket wording pending attachment verification.

Jacob Timmons

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12744 | [View comment](#)

August 25 Tribal consultation testimony.

Amber Caldera

Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

September 15, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12778 | [View comment](#)

Chairwoman; August 25 Tribal consultation testimony.

Luisa Machuca

Kawerak, Inc.

September 14, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12910 | [View comment](#)

August 25 Tribal consultation testimony; substantive testimony is in the attachment.

Chuck Hoskin, Jr., Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29388 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Governor Raymond Aguilar, Santo Domingo Early Childhood Learning Center, Santo Domingo Pueblo

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29391 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Amber Caldera, Chairwoman, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29392 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Peter Lengkeek, Chairman, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation, South Dakota

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29397 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Paulette Moreno, Vice President, Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29501 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Teresa Paukan on behalf of Jonathon Ross, Chairman, Cook Inlet Native Head Start

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29503 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Jeremy Oyenque, Director of Youth and Learning/Head Start Director, Santo Domingo Pueblo

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29505 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Not identified on regulations.gov; no transcript of the comment was uploaded

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-29512 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Caroline Wolkoff, Head Start Division Administrator, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 29, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31312 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

MaryEllen Fritz, Department Director, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31313 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Herman Sanchez, Tribal Administrator, Santo Domingo Early Childhood Learning Center, Santo Domingo Pueblo

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31314 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Wayne Buchanan, Policy Council Chairman, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 29, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31316 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Davy Malie, 1st Lt. Governor, Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31318 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Daryl D. Gardipe, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Nevada

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31319 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Andrea Gonzales, Councilwoman, Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31320 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Kameron Runnels, Vice Chairman, Santee Sioux Nation, Nebraska

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31321 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Dimitri Philemonof, President/CEO, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31325 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Randall Werk, Sr., President, Fort Belknap Indian Community

ACF-posted Tribal consultation testimony

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31326 | [View comment](#)

September 16 Tribal consultation testimony posted by OHS; speaker and Tribe are identified only in the attachment.

Fort Belknap Indian Community

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September 14, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12888 | [View comment](#)

Formal written comment opposing the 5% administrative cap and funding reductions; requests an AI/AN exemption.

Director, Sicangu Lakota Oyate Head Start and Early Head Start

Rosebud Sioux Tribe

September 29, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-26841 | [View comment](#)

Formal program director comment addressing the administrative cap, consultation, Tribal authority, Lakota language and culture, transportation, workforce, and comprehensive services.

INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFYING A DIRECT TRIBAL PROGRAM OR RESERVATION CONNECTION

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Caitlin Fondell

Sitka, Alaska / Tlingit and Haida-operated Head Start

August 21, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-3045 | [View comment](#)

Discusses Head Start operated by the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska and the Tlingit language.

Gail Bird

Former reservation educator

August 21, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-3223 | [View comment](#)

Taught for many years on reservations in Montana and Arizona.

Louise Lockard

Navajo Head Start

August 21, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-3245 | [View comment](#)

Former Navajo Head Start teacher; her sons attended Navajo Head Start.

Rachelle Besaw

Head Start immersion-program parent

August 24, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-3366 | [View comment](#)

Invokes the Native American Languages Act and protection of Tribal language and culture.

Cynthia Huffman

Suquamish Tribe-operated Head Start

August 28, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-6268 | [View comment](#)

Current volunteer in a Head Start program operated by the Suquamish Tribe.

Lauren Brandland

Tribal Head Start in rural Washington

September 14, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12168 | [View comment](#)

Health and Nutrition Manager.

Anonymous

Navajo-language connection

September 14, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12451 | [View comment](#)

Discusses a family member producing Navajo-language educational materials for children on the reservation.

Gail Storch

Former federal Head Start monitor

September 14, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-12696 | [View comment](#)

Monitored numerous Tribal Head Start programs.

Tracey Hosselkus

Former Tribal Head Start parent, teacher, and supervisor

September 22, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-15520 | [View comment](#)

Describes more than 50 years in early-childhood education.

Julia Doney

Aaniiih Nakoda / Tribal Head Start

September 22, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-15884 | [View comment](#)

Head Start director and former first female president of the Tribal Council.

Anonymous

Siberian Yupik language

September 26, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-18630 | [View comment](#)

Urges protection and valuation of Siberian Yupik in Head Start settings.

Karel Hedstrom

Grand Portage Reservation

September 28, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-19062 | [View comment](#)

Former employee of a Head Start program serving the reservation.

Leah Rogne

Reservation-community connection

September 29, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-22335 | [View comment](#)

Lives near a reservation and describes Head Start as vital to families there.

Christine Cassidy

Alaska Tribal Head Start

September 29, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-23051 | [View comment](#)

Parent of an enrolled infant and employee of the same program; discusses Alaska Native students and Indigenous curriculum.

Lauren Allen

Tribal Head Start parent

October 4, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-32283 | [View comment](#)

Addresses Tribal authority, state encroachment, administrative costs, and self-determination.

Emily Schubert

Reservation Head Start/Early Head Start

October 4, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-32652 | [View comment](#)

Program employee and parent of an enrolled child; describes services to reservation families.

SOVEREIGNTY FOCUSED MASS CAMPAIGN FILINGS

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1,918 individual campaign filers

Sovereignty-focused public-action campaign

09/29/26-10/03/26 | ACF-2026-0595-23116 | [View comment](#)

Counted as 1,918 docket records. The link opens the first identified filing; records run through ACF-2026-0595-32502 and contain substantially similar language addressing Tribal sovereignty, jurisdiction, curricula and language, Native caregiving arrangements, remote-program costs, and consultation.

OTHER NON CAMPAIGN COMMENTS ADDRESSING TRIBAL ISSUES

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Anonymous

Head Start Act consultation requirements

August 25, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-4952 | [View comment](#)

Argues that ACF failed to consult the National Indian Head Start Directors Association concerning language-acquisition standards.

Becky Shumway

Treaty and trust obligations

September 5, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-9328 | [View comment](#)

Frames Head Start services in relation to treaties, dispossession, reservation conditions, and federal obligations.

Juan Habes-Franco

Tribal-language exception

September 29, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-24051 | [View comment](#)

Addresses the proposed exception while criticizing the rule's broader treatment of multilingual education.

Matt Myres

Tribal sovereignty

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-25261 | [View comment](#)

Objects to state and local jurisdiction, limitations on Tribal control of curricula, age verification, and the administrative cap.

Maija Schaefer

Tribal sovereignty

October 3, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-27617 | [View comment](#)

Customized comment addressing jurisdiction, curricula, Native caregiving arrangements, and remote-program costs.

Karen Froiland

Treaty rights and Tribal sovereignty

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-27786 | [View comment](#)

Customized campaign-derived comment adding objections based on treaty rights and repeated federal assaults on Native peoples.

Colleen Cabot

Tribal sovereignty

October 3, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-28592 | [View comment](#)

Reports concerns conveyed by Tribal allies and addresses jurisdiction, curriculum, kinship arrangements, and costs.

Roxanne Richards

Tribal sovereignty and trust responsibility

October 2, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31085 | [View comment](#)

Characterizes the proposal as an attack on sovereignty and invokes trust and treaty responsibility.

Anonymous developmental psychologist

Consultation and self-determination

October 3, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31152 | [View comment](#)

Calls for meaningful consultation with Tribal governments and protection of Tribal authority.

Anonymous dental hygienist

AI/AN children's oral health

September 30, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31317 | [View comment](#)

Documents disproportionate early-childhood caries among American Indian and Alaska Native children.

Renate Pealer

Tribal sovereignty and Native language

October 1, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-31393 | [View comment](#)

Customized comment addressing state jurisdiction, Tribal curricula, and language preservation.

Callie Parr

Tribal jurisdiction

October 2, 2026 | ACF-2026-0595-32365 | [View comment](#)

Requests express regulatory language clarifying that state and local standards do not displace Tribal jurisdiction or sovereignty.