



**Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service
Division of Environmental Health Services
Injury Prevention Program**



**2009 – 2010 RIDE SAFE AND SLEEP SAFE
FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Key Dates:

Applications Due: April 3, 2009
Award Notification: April 10, 2009
Mandatory Workshop: August 4 - 7, 2009 (Minneapolis, MN)

Summary:

The Indian Health Service, Division of Environmental Health Services, Injury Prevention Program in collaboration with the Indian Health Service Head Start Program and the IHS Emergency Medical Services for Children announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2010 funds for partnership agreements between the Region XI AIAN Head Start grantees and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention staff to: 1) reduce/prevent motor vehicle childhood injuries and deaths due to the limited use or improper use of child safety seats; and, 2) to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries due to households not properly installing and/or operating smoke detectors.

Funds for the Ride Safe Program will specifically be used for the purchase of child safety seats for Region XI AIAN Head Start children ages 3 to 5 years old, Ride Safe Program modules, and the mandatory workshop attendance for the Ride Safe Coordinator and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Funds for the Sleep Safe Program will specifically be used for the purchase of photoelectric smoke alarms with a longer lasting lithium battery for Region XI AIAN Head Start and Early Head Start children's parents and grandparents' homes, Sleep Safe Modules, and the mandatory workshop attendance for the Sleep Safe Coordinator and the IHS or Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Coordinator.

Please review the two Funding Announcements to determine if either Program will meet the needs in your community. Each application must be submitted by the deadline, no exceptions will be granted.



Ride Safe

“A Child Safety Seat on Every Trip”

Background

The Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Program and the IHS Head Start Program are pleased to announce funds for the 2009 - 2010 academic year to support the **Ride Safe Program**, which is an American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start based child passenger safety (CPS) program that provides an educational curriculum and child safety seats for Head Start children ages 3-5.

The goal of **Ride Safe** is to help Tribal communities address motor vehicle injuries among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children aged 3-5 by promoting motor vehicle child restraint use among children/families participating in a Region XI AIAN Head Start programs through:

- Child passenger safety education for Head Start students and parents
- Distribution/installation of child safety seats for Head Start students
- Completion of evaluation activities (observational surveys and follow-up home-visits)
- Promoting community awareness on the importance of child safety seat use

2009 – 2010 Ride Safe Program Applications

This notice solicits letters of applications from tribal Head Start programs that are interested in implementing a **Ride Safe Program in their community**. All applications must be fully completed to be considered for the Ride Safe Program.

- *What is the scope of the funding?*
 - Purchasing child safety seats. Purchasing program equipment. Funds are prioritized to provide child safety seats. Consideration will be given to requests for CPS training and program equipment.
 - Mandatory attendance by a coordinator at the national **Ride Safe Program** workshop. This workshop will be held in conjunction with the Sleep Safe Coordinator’s Workshop, August 4 - 7, 2009. Funding for travel to this Workshop will be reimbursed by the IHS Injury Prevention Program.
- *Who is eligible to apply?*
 - Region XI AIAN Head Start grantees in partnership with local and Area IHS/Tribal Environmental Health/Injury Prevention Staff.
- *How are the applications completed?*
 - Attached is the Ride Safe Program application. This is a fillable PDF document. After completing all sections of the document, you will click the buttons after item 18 to print and to send via email.
 - All supportive documentation can be attached in an email or faxed.

Application Submission

Applications must be submitted by email, fax, or regular mail by **April 3, 2009**, to:

Robert Bialas
Early Childhood Health & Safety Specialist
IHS Head Start Program
801 Thompson, Suite 300
Rockville, MD, 20852
Email: Robert.Bialas@IHS.GOV
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What is the timetable for the program?

- Applications due: April 3, 2009
- Award notification: April 10, 2009
- **Ride Safe Program** Training: August 4 - 7, 2009 (Minneapolis, MN)
- **Ride Safe Program** implementation: September 2009
- **Ride Safe Program** completion: June 1, 2010

Please remember, incomplete applications will not be reviewed - no exceptions will be made.

Sleep Safe



“Every American Indian and Alaska Native Child will Sleep in a Home Protected with a Smoke Alarm”

Background

The American Indian Head Start Programs Branch, Indian Health Service and the United States Fire Administration are collaborating for the tenth year on the Sleep Safe fire safety program

The *Sleep Safe* project goal is to reduce the rate of fire and burn injuries among American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children ages 0-5 enrolled in Tribal Head Start centers participating in the Sleep Safe Program. This goal will be achieved by:

- Increasing the percent of operable smoke alarms in parents and grandparents’ homes of AI/AN children participating in the Sleep Safe Program.
- Providing fire safety educational curricula to Head Start programs to increase awareness among American Indian and Alaska Native families and among childcare providers of children ages 0-5.
- Promoting community coalition development, community data collection, and community fire safety activism.

2009 – 2010 Sleep Safe Program Applications

This notice solicits letters of interest from tribal Head Start programs that are interested in implementing a **Sleep Safe project in their community**. All applications must be fully completed to be considered for the Ride Safe Program.

- *What is the scope of the funding?*
 - A **Sleep Safe** Fire Safety Curriculum Module and photoelectric smoke alarms will be provided to Head Start families. Funds are prioritized to provide at least 1 smoke alarm in the homes of parents and grandparents
 - Technical assistance on addressing fire/burn prevention issues
 - Mandatory attendance by a coordinator at the national **Sleep Safe Coordinator’s Workshop**. This training will be held August 4 - 7, 2009, in Minneapolis, MN. Costs (airfare, per diem, lodging) associated with this training session will be reimbursed by the IHS Injury Prevention Program.
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