



Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor



MEMORANDUM

To: Tribal Partners

From: Alyssa Chatterjee, Early Learning System Director
Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Manager

Date: August 30, 2021

Re: The Early Learning Division is seeking nominees for the Tribal Advisory Committee.

[House Bill \(HB\) 2055](#) (passed in 2021) establishes a Tribal Early Learning Hub that will deliver early learning services to the tribal communities of Oregon. **The Early Learning Division is seeking nominees for the Tribal Advisory Committee.**

The purpose of the committee is to strengthen services and programming in the tribal early care and education sector. All efforts of the Tribal Advisory Committee will respond to the needs of American Indian/Alaskan Native children and their families. The committee's work will also connect with [Raise Up Oregon](#) goals for children to arrive ready for kindergarten, have access to high-quality (culturally responsive, inclusive, developmentally appropriate) early care and education opportunities, and help ensure children are raised in healthy, stable and attached families.

Representatives from a variety of backgrounds are encouraged to participate, including those with early care and education expertise and perspectives, and those with experience in other areas such as health and human services.

In addition, the Tribal Advisory Committee seeks the following representatives:

- 18 members of the nine (9) federally recognized tribal nations of this state,
- Four American Indian/Alaskan Native family representatives,
- One member of the Early Learning Council, and
- One member of the Legislative Commission on Indian Services.

To nominate yourself or another person, [fill out this application form](#) by September 30, 2021 at 5 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Manager at 971-375-5049 or by email Valeria.Atanacio@ode.state.or.us.