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TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Tribal Leaders

FROM: Monty Wilkinson, Director
Executive Office for United States Attorneys

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SUBJECT: **Drug Endangered Children: Building a Successful Collaborative Response**
Columbia, South Carolina
March 3-5, 2015

ATTENTION: Training Officers/SACs/SSRAs

DUE DATE: **Nominations are due by January 16, 2015**

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The U.S. Department of Justice's National Indian Country Training Initiative is pleased to announce that it is co-sponsoring with the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children a seminar titled "Drug Endangered Children: Building a Successful Collaborative Response." The seminar will be held March 3-5, 2015, at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina. Travel and lodging accommodations will be provided by the Office of Legal Education.

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children defines drug endangered children (DEC) as children who are at risk of suffering physical or emotional harm as a result of illegal drug use-possession, manufacturing, cultivation, or distribution. There also may be children whose caretaker's substance misuse interferes with the caretaker's ability to parent and provide a safe and nurturing environment. The primary challenge with illegal substance abuse and DEC is in coordinating the social and political systems charged with preventing, intervening, and treating these cases.

Accordingly, the goal of this seminar is to further develop a national network of trainers who can deliver the Core DEC Training within their communities and also connect with other DEC efforts taking place across the nation at the local, tribal, state, and national level. This seminar is designed for individuals working cases in Indian country with child victims and/or child witnesses where drug and alcohol issues are present. Assistant United States Attorneys, Victim-Witness Specialists, Law Enforcement Coordinators, federal law enforcement officers, tribal prosecutors, law enforcement, victim advocates, and social service personnel interested in becoming a DEC trainer or community organizer are encouraged to attend this seminar.

This seminar is a shared project of the National Indian Country Training Initiative and the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. The training will cover the following material: (1) relevant federal laws and strategies for developing a successful DEC program; (2) a description of how the criminal investigation is a critical point for identifying and responding to the needs of drug endangered children; (3) a description of how the criminal justice system can align with the child welfare system; and (4) an explanation of how a good handoff between agencies, followed by lasting efforts by all professionals, is critical to track and reduce potential harm to children.

At the conclusion of this skill-building training, students will be certified instructors of the National Core DEC Training Program. Students will receive a USB flash drive (jump drive) with all the necessary materials to do DEC presentations in their home communities.

Please copy and complete the attached form for each of your nominees and E-Mail or FAX to the attention of Delores McCarter, Office of Legal Education, FAX number (803) 705-5110. **Nominations are due by January 16, 2015.** The Office of Legal Education will review all nominations and will send an e-mail advising nominees of their selection on or about January 26, 2015. Selected nominees will also receive travel and lodging information.

In order to ensure that our records are correct, please type in the required information when completing the nomination forms. Illegible and/or incomplete forms will not be considered.

Due to the increasing number of last minute cancellations we must ask that only nominations for those who are certain to attend be submitted.

The Executive Office for United States Attorneys will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities. Requests should be made to Delores McCarter as early as possible, preferably at least two weeks in advance of the seminar. No nominee will be excluded from a course on the basis of a disability-related accommodations request.

This training is authorized under the Government Employees Training Act.

Any questions regarding this training seminar should be directed to Delores McCarter at (803) 705-5123.

Drug Endangered Children: Building a Collaborative Response

March 3-5, 2015

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NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS NOMINATION FORM BY JANUARY 16, 2015, AND EMAIL OR FAX IT

TO: Delores McCarter at delores.mccarter@usdoj.gov or FAX: (803) 705-5110

*Order of Preference:

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Please type your information below:

Name of Nominee:	
Nominee's Job Title:	
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Secondary Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Supervisor's Name and Number:	

*If multiple applicants are from the same agency, please have the Training Officer or Supervisor rank applicants in order of preference.