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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Head Start and Early Head Start Grantees and Delegate Agencies

SUBJECT: Availability of FY 2008 One-time Training and Technical Assistance Funding

INFORMATION:

As you know, on December 12, 2007, President Bush signed P.L. 110-134 reauthorizing the Head Start program. Section 640(a)(1)(C)(i)(II)(aa) of the new Head Start Act requires that at least 50% of Head Start’s annual Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) allocation be awarded directly to Head Start grantees. In order to comply with this requirement the Office of Head Start is, in FY 2008, making available to grantees on a one-time basis a little more than \$5 million in Head Start T/TA funding (PA 20) for the purpose of assisting agencies to meet the new staff qualifications requirements articulated in Section 648A(a) of the new Head Start Act.

Any grantee interested in applying for a portion of these funds should submit a supplemental funding application to its OHS Regional Office no later than June 2, 2008. This application should discuss why the grantee is requesting funding and how the training is necessary to assist the grantee in addressing the requirements of Section 648A(a); how many staff will be trained if the request is approved; the type of training that will be provided; which staff were selected to receive training and the basis for that selection, and any other information that will help your Regional Office better understand the nature of your request. Funding is not limited only to assisting staff with costs related to acquiring a college degree but may also be used to assist teacher assistants acquire a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

Those grantees selected to receive part of this funding will be notified by their Regional Office.

Please direct any questions on this instruction to your OHS Regional Office.

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