

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

IGA Office of Tribal Affairs

HHS Tribal Liaisons

HHS has Tribal Liaison located within each Staff Divisions and Operating Divisions. The Liaison's role is to serve as a primary point of contact for American Indians, Alaska Native, and Native American tribal governments and national Native organizations to facilitate communication and accessing Operating and Staff Divisions resources.

Staff Divisions

STAFF DIVISIONS			
Office Name	Role in HHS	Tribal Liaison	Contact Information
Immediate Office of the Secretary/ Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (IOS/IGA)	IGA facilitates communication regarding HHS initiatives as they relate to state, local, and tribal governments.	Stacey Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for <i>Tribal Affairs</i>	PH (202) 690-6060 FAX (202) 401-3207
Immediate Office of the Secretary/ Executive Secretariat (IOS/ES)	ES is responsible for reviewing and clearing documents designed for the Secretary's, Deputy Secretary's, and Chief of Staff's attention and approval, such as correspondence, regulations, reports to Congress, and decision memos.	Janice Cotter, <i>Policy Coordinator</i>	PH (202) 205-6380 FAX (202) 205-2135
Office of the Secretary/ Assistant Secretary for Health (OS/ASH)	ASH serves as the Secretary's primary advisor on matters involving the nation's public health and the Public Health Service.	Garth Graham, <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Minority Health)</i>	PH (240) 453-2882 FAX (240) 453-2883
Office of the Secretary/ Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management (OS/ASAM)	ASAM provides leadership for HHS human resource policy, grants management, acquisitions, and departmental operations.	Catherine Backmeyer, <i>Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Management & Administration</i>	PH (202) 205-5914 FAX (202) 401-5209
Office of the Secretary/ Assistant Secretary for Resources and Technology (OS/ASRT)	ASBTF provides advice and guidance to the Secretary on budget, financial management, and information technology, and provides direction and coordination of these activities throughout the	Amanda Jonas, <i>Program Analyst</i>	PH (202) 690-5616 FAX (202) 690-6896

Department.

Office of the Secretary/ Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OS/ASPE)	ASPE is the principal advisor to the Secretary on policy development and is responsible for policy coordination, legislation development, strategic planning, policy research and evaluation, and economic analysis.	Peggy Halpern, <i>Program Analyst</i>	PH (202) 260-0285 FAX (202) 401-6562
Office of the Secretary/ Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OS/ASPE/FBCI)	FBCI's focus is on improving human services for the country's neediest citizens and welcomes the participation of faith-based and community-based organizations as valued and essential partners.	Greg Morris, <i>Associate Director</i>	PH (202) 401-3055 FAX (202) 401-3462
Office of the Secretary/ Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs (OS/ASPA)	ASPA serves as the Secretary's principal counsel on public affairs matters, provides centralized leadership and guidance for public affairs activities within the Department, and administers the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.	<i>Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs</i>	PH (202) 205-1314 FAX (202) 690-5673
Office of the Secretary/ Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (OS/ASPR)	ASPHEP serves as the Secretary's principal advisor on matters related to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.	Dan Dodgen, <i>Human Services Policy Coordinator</i>	PH (202) 260-1949 FAX (202) 260-6056
Office of the Secretary/ Office of General Council (OS/OGC)	OGC provides quality representation and legal advice on a wide range of highly visible national issues.	Julia Pierce, <i>Attorney</i> Hilary Frierson, <i>Attorney</i>	PH (301) 443-0406 FAX (301) 480-2161 PH (301) 443-1137 FAX (301) 480-2161
Office of the Secretary/ Office of the Inspector General (OS/OIG)	OIG protect the integrity of HHS programs, as well as the health and welfare of the beneficiaries of those programs.	Melinda Golub, <i>Supervisory Auditor</i> Amitava (Jay) Mazumdar, <i>Senior Counsel</i>	PH (202) 205-9428 FAX (202) 205-9758 PH (202) 401-4049 FAX (202) 205-9758
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**Office for Civil Rights
(OS/OCR)**

that people have equal access to and opportunity to participate in and receive services in all HHS programs without facing unlawful discrimination.

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Children and Families
(ACF)**

ACF is responsible for federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

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**Agency for Healthcare
Research and Quality
(AHRQ)**

AHRQ's mission is to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.

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**Administration on Aging
(AoA)**

AoA is one of the nation's largest providers of home- and community-based care for older persons and their caregivers.

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**Agency for Toxic
Substances and Disease
(ATSDR)**

ATSDR mission is to serve the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and disease related to toxic substances.

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**Center for Disease
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CDC is recognized as the lead federal agency for protecting the health and safety of people - at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships.

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	CMS's mission is to assure health care security for beneficiaries.	Dorothy Dupree, Director, Tribal Affairs Priya Helweg, Policy Analyst	PH (410) 786-1942 FAX (410) 786-1424 PH (410) 786-6128 FAX (410) 786-1424
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)	HRSA's mission is to improve and expand access to quality health care for all.	Tanya Pagan-Raggio, Office of Minority Health	PH (301) 443-2964 FAX (301) 443-7853
Indian Health Service (IHS)	IHS's mission is to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.	Leo Nolan, Senior Policy Analyst Rae Jones, Associate Director for Direct Services	PH (301) 443-7261 FAX (301) 443-4794 PH (301) 443-1104 FAX (301) 443-4666
National Institutes of Health (NIH)	NIH is the steward of medical and behavioral research for the Nation.	John Ruffin, Associate Director for Research on Minority Health Lisa Evans, J.D., Senior Advisor for Policy, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities	PH (301) 402-1366 FAX (301) 402-7040 PH (301) 594-8748 FAX (301) 480-4049
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	SAMHSA is charged with improving the quality and availability of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitative services in order to reduce illness, death, disability, and cost to society resulting from substance abuse and mental illnesses.	Senior Advisor, Tribal Affairs	PH (240) 276-2204 FAX (240) 276-2240

Regional Representatives

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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Region 6: Dallas (Alternative)	Administration on Children and Families	Lisa Blackmon- Hansard, <i>Tribal Program Specialist</i>	PH (214) 767- 8129 FAX (214) 767- 8124

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