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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to provide you with a series of documents relating to the November 2008 Meeting of the National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee (NCSAC). As you know, our meeting will be held November 5–6, 2008 at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center in Gaithersburg, MD. There will be a separate meeting of the newly awarded Study Centers taking place at the hotel on these dates as well. The new Study Centers will join us the afternoon of November 5 for an update from the National Children's Study Director and NICHD Director as well as a presentation regarding Vanguard Center activities.

The NCSAC will meet on November 5 from 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. and November 6 from 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. There will be a closed recognition ceremony immediately following the discussion on November 5 to honor the 9 Committee Members completing their terms and recognizing the 12 new Study Center awards. Invited participants include members of the NCSAC, the new Study Centers, the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC), and the Program Office (PO). We hope you are able to attend.

The November NCSAC meeting will include discussions on informed consent, data access, the structure and organization for ongoing scientific development, autism as a critical outcome in the National Children's Study, and adverse outcomes in pregnancy. The National Children's Study Director, NICHD Director, and Vanguard Centers will provide us an update on current activities. Lastly, there will be a presentation on the International Childhood Cancer Cohort Consortium (I4C).

If you have any questions about the upcoming meeting or the information included in this letter, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Jessica Sapienza, Executive Secretary of the NCSAC, at 301.451.2135. We look forward to seeing you at the November NCSAC meeting.

Sincerely,

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