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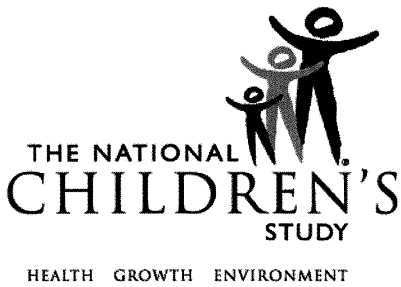

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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to provide you with a series of documents relating to the September 2005 Meeting of the National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee (NCSAC). As you know, our meeting will be held September 20-21 at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center in Gaithersburg, MD. Invited participants include members of the NCSAC, the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC), and the Program Office (PO).

The goals of this meeting are to: update members on the progress of the National Children's Study, provide an opportunity for the Advisory Committee to make recommendations about critical ethical issues and genetic considerations; discuss the role of behavioral and psychosocial factors in the National Children's Study; consider potential mechanisms for peer review of the Study protocol, and to address some of the clinical, economic, and regulatory implications of the National Children's Study.

We are very pleased with the activities planned for this meeting. By the end of this two-day meeting, the NCSAC hopes to have your thoughtful input on important issues.

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, Committee Liaison Officer, at 301.451.2135 or via e-mail at sapienzj@mail.nih.gov. Dr. Marion Balsam, Executive Secretary of the NCSAC, can be contacted at 301.435.7679. We look forward to seeing you September 20-21 in Gaithersburg, MD.

Sincerely,

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