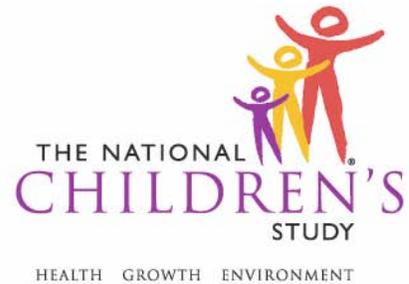


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Dear Colleagues:

First and foremost I would like to welcome the new NCSAC members. I am confident that this group will be extraordinarily helpful in advising Study planners as we move this effort forward. We are pleased to provide you with a series of documents relating to the May/June 2006 Meeting of the National Children's Study Advisory Committee (NCSAC). As you know, our meeting will be held May 31–June 1 at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center in North Bethesda, MD. Invited participants include members of the NCSAC, the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC), and the Program Office (PO).

The primary content of the May/June NCSAC meeting will include the following: updates on the protocol, progress, and implementation of the Study; highlight the science underlying the National Children's Study including school exposure assessment and its challenges; revisit the issue of revealing findings to participants; and discuss ongoing recruitment and retention activities.

We are very pleased with the activities planned for this meeting. Throughout this meeting, the NCSAC hopes to have your thoughtful input on important issues.

During the scheduled lunch break on May 31, there will be a closed administrative session regarding regulations pertaining to Special Government Employees (SGEs) for all new NCSAC members. Lunch will be available for purchase.

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 at the May/June NCSAC meeting.

Sincerely,

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