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Dear WA Frontiers of Innovation *First 1,000 Days* prospective community partners:

The WA FOI Team Resource and Leadership Team were excited and humbled by the level of response to the opportunity for partnership around our *First 1,000 Days* community letter of inquiry process. As we knew from our Newborn Study Group work and agency partner voices, there is a tremendous amount of local work to build upon and support around the birth to three population across the many disciplines involved with this population.

We have had a chance to meet with all of you now either by phone or in person. Thank you for making your teams available for these discussions and for welcoming us into your community process. We had hoped to have some specific feedback to you by today that could be shared publicly but we are not there yet. As you know, having many partners at the table is complicated but rewarding. So, by delaying our announcement a month, we can accomplish the level of engagement needed to make this successful.

Please hold June 21, 2017, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for a statewide gathering of all our WA FOI site applicants on the capitol campus. **Dr. Jack Shonkoff the founder of the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University will be our keynote speaker** and we will also invite our state agency leadership to engage in a panel discussion around this work from each of their unique lenses.

Sincerely,

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