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Dear Ms. Geurink:

The Idaho MCH Oral Health Program is committed to convening an Idaho Head Start Oral Health Forum in November 2004. The forum will build on strategic planning begun at the January 2004 Region X forum and is essential for developing an Idaho plan.

To date, we have allocated \$4,999 in MCH funds to support the forum, as well as in-kind program resources and staff time. As a member of the core planning group, the MCH Oral Health Program is a co-partner with the Idaho Head Start Association and the State Head Start Collaboration Project in the effort to convene the Idaho forum. To date, we have helped conduct a pre-forum survey, conference calls and a planning meeting with Head Start and public health representatives from throughout the state. We also funded two of the 10-member Idaho delegation to the Region X forum.

We appreciate the funding that ASTDD is providing for Head Start oral health forums and hope that Idaho's grant application will receive your approval.

Sincerely,

Lisa Penny, RDH
Oral Health Program Manager