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Dear Tribal Leader,

Summer is on the way, and young people will soon be out of school and seeking access to positive summer experiences and opportunities, including employment and summer learning. This year, HUD is excited to be partnering with the White House on the [2016 Summer Opportunity Project](#)—a call to action to expand summer learning, nutrition, and job opportunities across the country. Tribal communities are an important part of this effort, and our goal is to connect more than 100 native youth, ages 16–24, to summer employment and job-readiness opportunities by July 1, 2016!

HUD recognizes that your tribe may already be offering young people employment and job-readiness experiences this summer. Many tribes have developed internships, job shadowing days, or coordinated educational opportunities to expose young community members to positive role models and real work experiences.

HUD wants to remind you that federal resources are available to help young people in your communities.

- [Youth.gov](#), the leading federal resource for preventing youth substance abuse and suicide, and providing federal funding opportunities for youth.
- [Youth Connections](#), an online learning destination for staff and partners who serve youth.
- [YouthBuild](#), a shared electronic space where grantees can exchange ideas, read and comment on blogs, and much more!
- [YouthCareer Connect](#), a place where grantees can find valuable resources and share ideas and best practices.
- [Reaching Tribal Youth](#) through [summer meal programs](#) from the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service, bringing together Tribal Nations, stakeholders, and State agencies.

To highlight your efforts, I invite you to participate in the White House's *My First Job* social media campaign by sending [success stories](#) from youth in your community to Lisette.Flores@hud.gov, with the subject line: "My First Job: [Your Tribe's Name]". HUD looks forward to sharing your stories throughout the summer.

Thank you for all of your efforts.

With much appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lourdes".

Lourdes Castro Ramírez