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Dear Institute Graduate,

Over the last couple of years, the Institute has been in transition. As we evaluate our progress, our successes and opportunities for improvement, we are also looking for new ways to serve our current and former scholars. The number of scholars completing the Institute grows with each passing year. So far, 241 scholars have completed the Institute. It is our desire to maintain a relationship with Institute graduates that extends beyond the Achievement Ceremony. To do that, we are changing and expanding our alumni services and opportunities. Part of this change includes a change in the name given to scholars who have completed the Institute. Formerly referred to as “alumni,” we now refer to you as “fellows” of the Institute.

The term “fellows” was chosen because we wanted a term that identified and respected the long-term relationship between you and the Institute. Everyone who completes the nine-month Institute process is considered a fellow, and is entitled to all of the services that the Institute provides its graduates. One of those services is being invited to our Advanced Seminars, which many of you are familiar with. We will continue to offer these seminars at no cost to you or your organization, with areas of focus including specific evidence-based interventions, cross-cutting skills, and other topics that you suggest.

We foresee that the services we offer to you will quickly grow beyond the Advanced Seminars, however. Many fellows have indicated a desire to network with current scholars and with other fellows. Some have also expressed interest in providing mentoring experiences to current scholars. We are working on an electronic, web-based platform that will allow us to facilitate these services. We also would like to hear your ideas, what your or your organization’s needs are, and how we can play a part in meeting those needs.



We will soon make an announcement to notify you of our next Advanced Seminar opportunity. We hope to see you at one of these seminars in the near future. In the meantime, we ask that you visit our website, www.ihpl.org, and give us your most recent contact information under the "Contact Us" link. We look forward to our continuing partnership with you and your organization.

Best regards,



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