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**Open Letter From Betty Jo Krenz to Thomas Sullivan, ACF**

*(First: She quotes from the ACF Website:)*

Mission: To foster health and well-being by providing federal leadership, partnership and resources for the compassionate and effective delivery of human services

**Values**

- \* Dedication to promoting hope and opportunity for those in need of human services
  
- \* Excellence in our performance, exemplified by innovations and solutions that are anchored in available evidence, build knowledge and transcend boundaries
  
- \* Professionalism in the manner in which we provide services, the attitude we bring, the relationships we build, and our commitment to the mission of the Administration for Children and Families
  
- \* Integrity of the Administration for Children and Families as an organization, personified in ethical conduct by each of us
  
- \* Stewardship of the resources entrusted to us by the people of the United States and accountability for and transparency in our actions as public servants
  
- \* Respect for those we serve, with whom we work and with whom we partner

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*As a former tribal social service worker and whistleblower I have to wonder:*

*The children of Spirit Lake Nation are in a crisis. This has been going on for a long time. I have assisted in planning many funerals for children from this reservation who died at the hands of abusers or due to suicides because they lost hope that things would ever change or be better for them and their families.*

*When I made the decision to turn in the tribe, BIA and state of ND for there wrong doing in the child welfaresystem I had hope that the federal government or agency that could assist these kids was going to be the ACF. I had read the mission and truly believed it would be in their ballpark to fix this mess and make sure the*

*kids were treated with respect and dignity. Realizing they needed services that are granted to them as United States Citizens. The values of the ACF talk about promoting hope.. I see no hope here.*

*Please Thomas Sullivan can you or your supervisors direct me to the person or persons who can help a group of children who are in great need. I have asked the BIA, FBI, ACF and everyone else who would listen to please help these kids. Every morning I read the paper and expect to see an obituary for another young child that could have been saved if everyone would just do their jobs.*

*I have spent most of the last two and a half years of my life communicating with national news media outlets and I get comments from across the country asking how they can help and what can be done.*

*I am asking you guys that question. I am a simple farm wife with no office or staff. I field phone calls from people on reservations from across the country asking me to help bring their problems out into the open so the problem can be fixed. I don't know what more to do as the writing is on the wall..the problems exist. I am tired of people passing the buck.*

*Thank you*

*Betty Jo Krenz*