



## Maternal & Early Childhood Services

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### Tribal Home Visiting (TMIECHV)

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TRIBAL  
HOME  
VISITING

**Partnering Sites: (8)** American Indian Health and Family Services - Detroit, Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

- Non-Competing Continuation application was completed in April. This included a request for one-time supplemental funds to support nutrition and healthy lifestyle efforts. In Yr4, each tribal partner will receive an added \$11,358 to support supplement activities.
- THV Q2 Quarterly Report was submitted in April:
  - Newly Enrolled Households: 33
  - Continuing Households: 270
  - Households that Completed Program: 2
  - Households that Stopped Services: 19
  - Inactive Households: 24 (enrolled but no visit during the quarter)
  - Maximum Capacity: 360 households (capacity percentage 84%)
- Quality Assurance Site Visits with home visiting teams are underway. As a requirement of Family Spirit, Home Visitors with less than 5 years' experience need to complete (2) QA visits annually. HV with more than 5 years' experience complete (1) QA a year.
- Reminder Fiscal Year end is Sept 29, 2026. Please review budgets and prepare spend out plans.
- Required Continuous Quality Improvement Collaborative (CQIC) starting in June. Tribal Home Visitors were invited to attend planning meetings.
- Next In-Person Meeting during the Michigan Home Visiting Conference August 12th-14th in Traverse City.
- Upcoming Grantee meeting taking place at the Native Communities Home Visiting Meeting (Sept 2026). THV partners welcome to attend!



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## CIRCLE-HV (All HV Tribal Partners)

- 2021-2023: MPHI and ITCM, in collaboration with the HV Network, developed a caregiver resilience and stress measure called Journey with Mino Bimaadziwin as part of an evaluation requirement with the TMIECHV project
- 2024-2027: We will be building on this study through a Research Practice Partnership grant from CIRCLE-HV (Center for Indigenous Research Collaborations and Learning from Home Visiting). Study will seek to refine and validate the resilience measure using Indigenous research methodology.
- The project wrapped up data collection efforts in January, which included 11 cognitive interviews with home visiting clients, 3 key informant interviews, 6 focus groups with home visitors, and 5 knowledge holder interviews.
- During our March in-person meeting, the CIRCLE-HV team held a facilitated discussion session where participants from the interviews/focus groups and the research team co-developed a scoring and administration protocol.
- Up next the CIRCLE-HV team will train home visitors on administration of the refined measure and hope to administer to 50 home visiting clients to test for reliability.

## State Home Visiting Expansion

*\*Madison Thompson, Program Manager*

**Partnering Sites: (3)** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

- State Home Visiting serves clients prenatal through kindergarten entry.
  - Year to Date program numbers broken down by client type:
    - Prenatal: 4
    - Postpartum: 39
    - Father/ Male Caregiver: 9
    - Other Female Caregiver: 2
- A reminder for program staff to please schedule a Quality Assurance Site visit if needed.



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## SOR 4 - Tribal Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Initiative (NAS)

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**Partnering Sites: (8)** Direct care coordination services are supported in six tribal communities: Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi and Pokagon Band of Potawatomi are in the process of implementing in-home counseling services for clients.

- Alicia Gervais has joined the Maternal Early Childhood Dept as a coordinator, for the NAS program. Her contact is [alicia@itcmi.org](mailto:alicia@itcmi.org).
- Breastfeeding: First Traditional Food Training Series
  - ITCMI NAS has partnered with Raeanne Madison of Postpartum Healing Lodge to create a webinar series focused on educating providers about the stigma and approach to breastfeeding in recovery.
  - The series will emphasize cultural teachings and evidence-based practices to support optimal infant care and feeding, including normal physiology and development.
  - Four prerecorded webinars will be released in the beginning of July 2026, with a live case study discussion being held online with Raeanne on August 5th
  - Five webinars
    - 1. How Milk Is Made
    - 2. The Golden Hour After Birth
    - 3. SUD/ODU Recovery Needs & Supports
    - 4. Supporting Family Sleep Health
    - 5. Case Studies & Discussion
- Please reach out to Jessica if you would like a virtual or in-person training on how to administer Naloxone or if you would like a Naloxone Overdose Prevention Kit.
  - Contents of kit: Naloxone, a CPR face mask, a pill storage container, medication disposal pouch, resources on how to administer and obtain Naloxone, & the NAS program brochure



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## SOR 4 - Tribal Perinatal Opioid Use Disorder Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Initiative (NAS) Continued

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- There is a new video on ITCMI's website and YouTube highlighting the NAS program.
  - Anishinaabe experts gathered to discuss resilience in recovery and highlighted the success of the NAS program at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island, Michigan.
  - The message/call to action is to support families affected by substance use by encouraging them to seek help through resources and care coordination.
  - <https://youtu.be/8o1FZu5x5xo>
- The Plan of Self-Care for Native American Women in Recovery workbook will be updated on the website in the coming weeks.
  - Additional info will be added to the workbook on doula care, concerns related to MAT, pain management, affirmations, & resources.
  - Hard copies will be available soon

## Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

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**Partnering Sites: (6)** Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagkon Band of Potawatomi, and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

- The federal government approved our request to change the eligibility requirements for enrolling families. Once the policy has been officially changed, families eligible for our regular Family Spirit program will be eligible for our FFPSA Family Spirit program. CPS will not be a requirement for the extra help our families needs, shifting our program to truly preventative.
- Please reach out to Shentele if your site is interested in receiving Mandated Reporter Training.



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## Infant Safe Sleep (All HV Tribal Partners)

*\*Shentele Apps, Program Manager*

- T-shirts and totes promoting safe sleep and the cradle board have been made and are currently in the process of being delivered or shipped to each tribal site.
- We are developing a cradleboard video which will highlight safe sleep, how to use the cradleboard, taking care of the cradleboard and other factors surrounding safe sleep. An NHBP elder and member will be assisting in this video and Raeanne Madison will be providing the teaching. This will be accomplished by the last two weeks of September.
- An infographic is also being developed with MPH. This will provide a timeline from pregnancy through the first year of baby's life. It's meant to help facilitate safe sleep conversations with our families and provide the education for them to make the best choices for their family and specific situation.

## Expanding Access to Rapid Syphilis Testing Through Family Spirit Home Visits: A Pilot Study with Johns Hopkins in Tribal Communities

*\*Sandy Thompson, Program Contact*

**Participating sites: (4)** American Indian Health and Family Services - Detroit, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

- This project is for integration of rapid-syphilis self-testing into home visiting. It is an FDA approved test, much like a COVID test, but it is self-administered. The project hopes to gain understanding about how home visiting might be a successful strategy to increase awareness, testing, and early treatment.
- We will be holding a training in Mt. Pleasant, June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for orientation. The sites will receive training materials, site preparations, and final launch logistics.



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## Healthy Start

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- ITCM is preparing FY25 Program Performance Report Due to HRSA on June 30th.
- Tribal Subcontracts for FY26 (April 1st 2026 - March 31st 2027) were sent out at a reduced amount as we wait to receive full funding for FY26 from HRSA. An amendment to increase funding will be sent as soon as ITCM receives additional funding.
- ITCM is expecting an upcoming site visit with our HS Federal Project Officer during FY26.
- Healthy Start Annual Grantee Meeting, Sept 14th-16th (ITCM attending)
- Year to Date Program Numbers:
  - Pregnant: 72
  - Postpartum: 145
  - Infants (0-11 mos): 109
  - Child (12-18 mos): 65
  - Males: 41
  - Total Participants 432



# Maternal and Early Childhood Services Staff Contact Information

## MIECS Upcoming Events

- HS-FS Monthly Network Meetings (1st Wed 10:00-11:30am)
  - Monthly MCAC Meetings (6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/16)
  - MI Home Visiting Conference (8/12-8/14) (ITCM hosting Model Day on 8/12)
  - HS-FS Network Quarterly In-Person (10/20-10/22)
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