TRIBAL HOME VISITING

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Grantee:	**Southcentral Foundation**
Program Title:	***Nutaqsiivik NFP Tribal Home Visiting Program***
Model Selected:	***Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)***
Program Period:	***Cohort 1 (September 30, 2010 to September 29, 2016)***

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Program Goals

The Nutaqsiivik Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Tribal Home Visiting Program provides home visiting services to American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) families residing in the Municipality of Anchorage and targeted communities in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. These services focus on: (1) improving pregnancy outcomes; (2) improving health outcomes for children; and (3) improving family wellness.

Community Context

State	Alaska
Rural or Urban Reservation or Non-Reservation	Urban and Rural/Non-Reservation
Description of Service Area	Southcentral Foundation's service area includes the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. This includes a subset of communities located on the road systems within a 60-minute drive of the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center.
Births Per Year	Approximately 1,600 births occur annually at Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC). Of these births, about 800 are to mothers living in the Anchorage/Matanuska-Susitna areas.
Children ages Birth to Five in Target Community	Southcentral Foundation reports that 5,061 children ages birth to 5 live in the target community.
Unique Characteristics of Target Community	Alaska Native people represent the largest racial minority group in the service area. Anchorage has the highest proportion of Alaska Native and American Indian people of any large city in the U.S. The population in the service area is comprised of members of approximately 520 federally recognized tribes. Individuals from all 229 federally recognized tribes in Alaska and approximately 290 federally recognized tribes from around the country are represented. Anchorage is home to 23,130 Alaska Native or American Indian people (roughly 1 in 13 residents). Infants and children are the fastest growing age group in Southcentral Foundation's service area.

Key Community Partners	• The CIRI Foundation • Cook Inlet Housing Authority • State of Alaska Office of Children's Services • Alaska Native Medical Center • State of Alaska MIECHV Program Team • Cook Inlet Tribal Council • Alaska Native Justice Center • Alaska Native Heritage Center • Cook Inlet Native Head Start • Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Primary Risk Factors in Target Community	Risk factors include: poverty; infant mortality; high and low birth weight rates; teen parenting and mothers with low educational attainment; a lack of prenatal care; maternal depression; prenatal substance use; disproportionate foster care/out of home placement and incarceration; high rates of child abuse, neglect, victimization, and child sexual abuse; and high incidence of domestic violence.

Program Delivery Context

Implementing Agency	Southcentral Foundation
Organization Type	Southcentral Foundation is the tribal non-profit health care organization of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. an Alaska Native regional corporation.
Target Population	The Nutaqsiivik NFP Tribal Home Visiting Programs serves low income, first-time Alaska Native or American Indian mothers or multiparous mothers experiencing high social risk factors who live in the defined service areas.
Target and Actual Numbers Served	Southcentral Foundation estimates that the Nutaqsiivik NFP Tribal Home Visiting Program will enroll 150 women for services with approximately 50% being first-time mothers annually. As of September 2015, 351 families have been enrolled in services since implementation of the NFP model.

Home Visiting Model Selected

Southcentral Foundation (SCF) is using the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) home visiting model.

Key Model Adaptations or Enhancements

The NFP facilitators and guidelines were adapted over the first three years of the grant to address the needs and concerns of Alaska Native and American Indian women in the targeted service area. Further adaptions and enhancements will address the needs of women who have a child, who are at high social or medical risk, and who receive health care services through the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center or the Benteh NuutahValley Native Primary Care Center.

Description of Early Childhood System

Alaska's Early Childhood Coordination Council (AECCC) was established in May 2011 to coordinate the state-wide early childhood system. The AECCC oversees the activities described in the State of Alaska's Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Plan, which was finalized in 2009.

Evaluation Approach

Evaluation Question

The overarching evaluation goal is to determine the overall impact of the adapted NFP program on improving maternal and child health outcomes among Alaska Native or American Indian families living in the targeted communities during pregnancy and the first two years of the child's life. Additionally, the research project seeks to evaluate the cultural relevance of an adapted NFP program and accompanying program materials for the families and communities receiving service with an emphasis on the delivery of adapted program materials for primiparous and multiparous families. The evaluation will utilize a 4-year mixed methods evaluation plan.

Specific Aim 1: Ascertain the range of opinions surrounding the acceptability, utility, and benefits of the adapted NFP program model to be (a) culturally relevant and meet the needs of Alaska Native and American Indian people and (b) extend the model to primiparous and multiparous Alaska Native and American Indian women and their families.

Specific Aim 2: Determine the impact of a modified NFP program on primiparous and multiparous Alaska Native and American Indian women and their families as compared to a historical comparison group of mothers (propensity-matched controls) who did not receive the modified NFP program.

Evaluation Design

The evaluation will use a mixed methods design. For qualitative data collection, SCF is conducting semi-structured individual interviews. Qualitative data will be analyzed using thematic analysis methods. For quantitative data, SCF is using a quasi-experimental intervention-control group study. This approach will use data gathered on NFP participants as well as historical controls. NFP participants will be matched on factors that predict key maternal and child health outcomes.

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