

## **Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program**

### **Overview**

The Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (Tribal MIECHV) is funded by a 3% set-aside from the larger Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV). Tribal MIECHV grants, to the greatest extent practicable, are to be consistent with the MIECHV grants to States, including conducting a needs assessment and establishing 3- and 5-year benchmarks for demonstrating results for participating families.

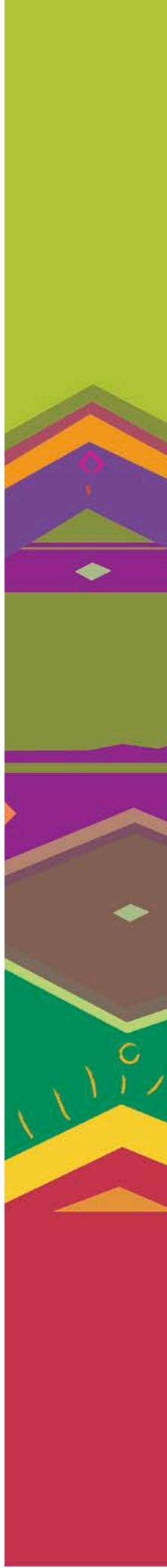
To date, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), in partnership with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has awarded 25 grants (cooperative agreements) totaling \$32.5 million to three “cohorts” of Tribes, consortia of Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Urban Indian Organizations. Grants for all three cohorts were awarded competitively for 5 years, contingent on availability of funds.

### **Tribal MIECHV Program Goals**

- Supporting the development of happy, healthy, and successful American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) children and families through a coordinated home visiting strategy that addresses critical maternal and child health, development, early learning, family support, and child abuse and neglect prevention needs
- Implementing high-quality, culturally-relevant, evidence-based home visiting programs in AIAN communities
- Expanding the evidence base around home visiting interventions with Native populations
- Supporting and strengthening cooperation and coordination and promoting linkages among various early childhood programs, resulting in coordinated, comprehensive early childhood systems

### **5-year Tribal MIECHV Grant Timeline**

- Year 1 (Phase 1):
  - Conduct a needs and readiness assessment of the tribal community
  - Develop a plan to address identified needs by implementing high-quality, culturally-relevant evidence-based home visiting programs
- Years 2-5 (Phase 2):
  - Provide high-quality, culturally-relevant, evidence-based home visiting services to pregnant women, expectant fathers, and parents and primary caregivers of young children birth to kindergarten entry
  - Establish, measure, and report on progress toward meeting legislatively mandated benchmarks for participating children and families
  - Conduct rigorous local program evaluation activities to build the evidence base around home visiting in AIAN communities



## **Tribal MIECHV Grantees and Selected Home Visiting Models**

ACF conducted a systematic review of home visiting models previously implemented in tribal communities ([http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/Tribal\\_Report\\_2012.pdf](http://homvee.acf.hhs.gov/Tribal_Report_2012.pdf)) and found that none met U.S. Department of Health and Human Services “evidence-based” criteria for use with AIAN populations. Home visiting models selected by Tribal MIECHV grantees are considered “promising approaches” and must be rigorously evaluated.

<b>Cohort 1 Grantee (First awarded in FY 2010)</b>	<b>Primary Model</b>
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (OK)	Parents as Teachers
Fairbanks Native Association, Inc (AK)	Parents as Teachers
Kodiak Area Native Association (AK)	Parents as Teachers
Lake County Tribal Health Consortium (CA)	Parent Child Assistance Program
Native American Community Health Center, Inc (AZ)	Parents as Teachers
Native American Professional Parent Resources (NM)	Parents as Teachers
Northern Arapaho Tribe (WY)	Parents as Teachers
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (WA)	Nurse Family Partnership
Pueblo of San Felipe (NM)	Family Spirit
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (WA)	Parents as Teachers
Southcentral Foundation (AK)	Nurse Family Partnership
White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians (MN)	Nurse Family Partnership
Yerington Paiute Tribe (NV)	Parents as Teachers

<b>Cohort 2 Grantee (First awarded in FY 2011)</b>	<b>Primary Model</b>
Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes of Montana (MT)	Parents as Teachers
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (NC)	Nurse Family Partnership
Native American Health Center, Inc. (CA)	Family Spirit
Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (CA)	Parents as Teachers
Taos Pueblo (NM)	Family Spirit
United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (WA)	Parents as Teachers

<b>Cohort 3 Grantee (First awarded in FY 2012)</b>	<b>Primary Model</b>
Cherokee Nation (OK)	SafeCare Augmented
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (OK)	Parents as Teachers
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (OR)	Healthy Families America
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (MI)	Family Spirit
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (WI)	Healthy Steps
Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center (OR)	Family Spirit

## **Tribal MIECHV Technical Assistance Providers**

- The **Tribal Home Visiting Technical Assistance Center (Tribal Home VisTA)** provides programmatic technical assistance to Tribal MIECHV grantees.
- The **Tribal Home Visiting Evaluation Institute (TEI)** provides technical assistance to Tribal MIECHV grantees on benchmarks, data systems, evaluation, and continuous quality improvement.
- The **Tribal Early Childhood Research Center (TRC)** provides leadership and support to promote excellence in community-based participatory research and evaluation of MIECHV, Head Start/Early Head Start, and Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) initiatives that serve AIAN children and families.

For more information, see <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ecd/programs/home-visiting> or contact [moushumi.beltangady@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:moushumi.beltangady@acf.hhs.gov). Updated 12/2013.