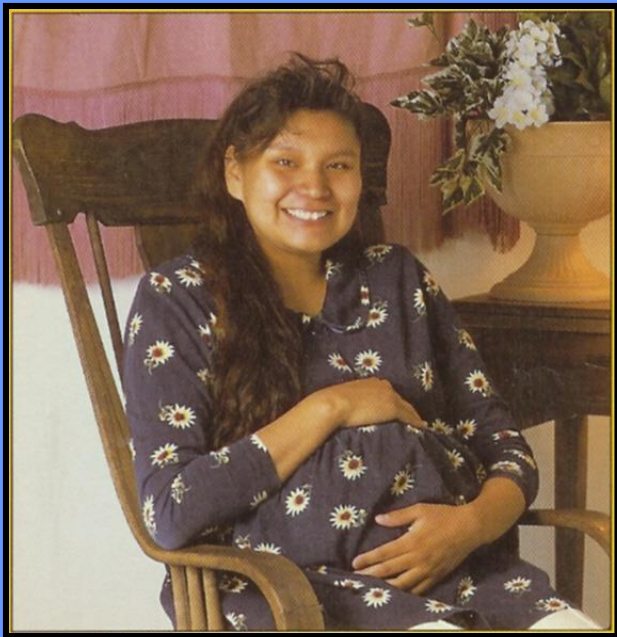
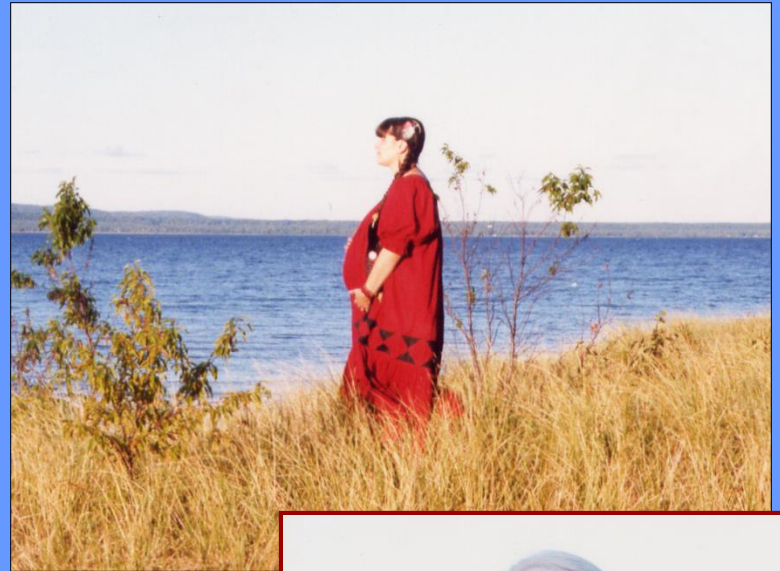
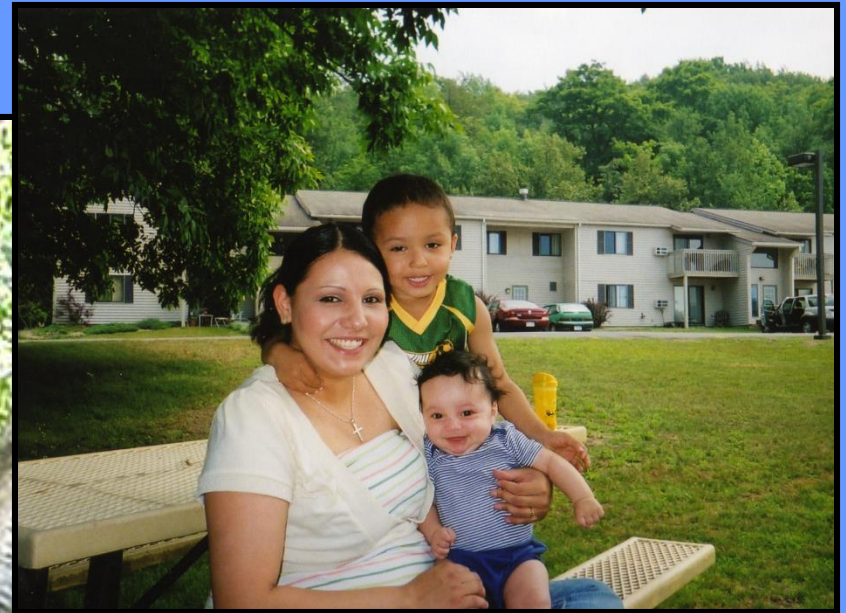


“All things are born of women.”

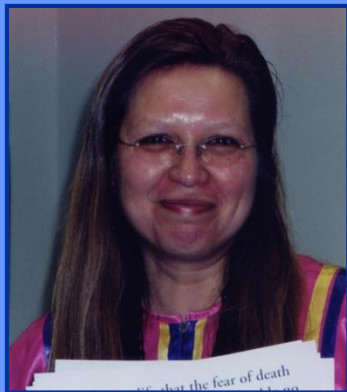
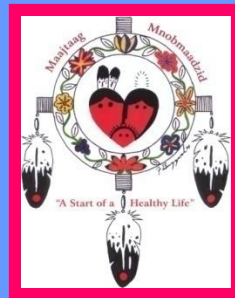








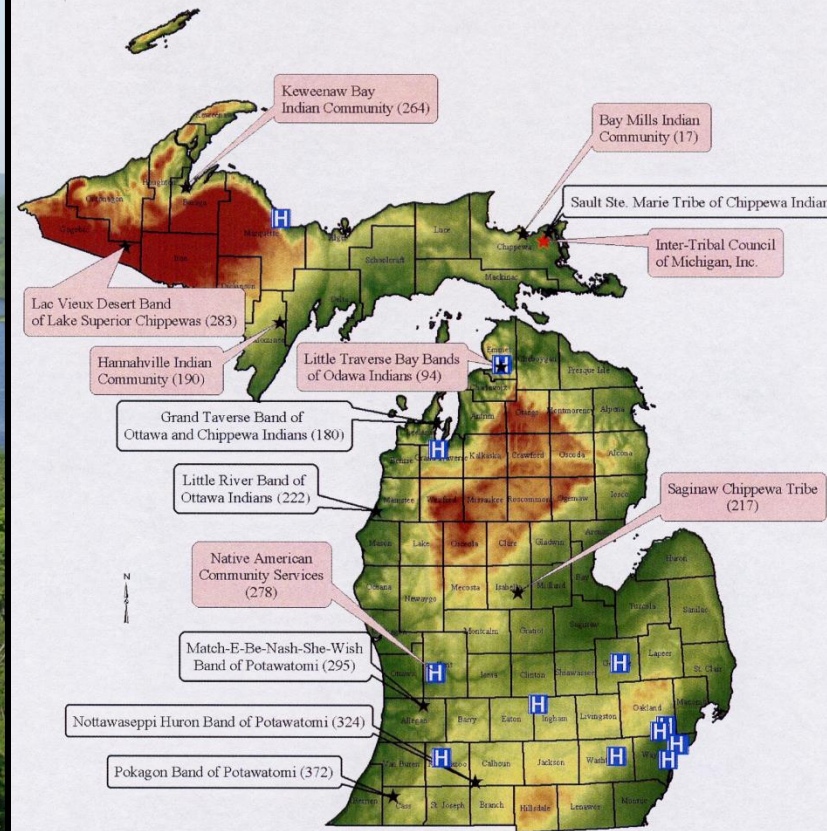






Michigan Inter-Tribal Council's Healthy Start Programs

(Distance from Sault Ste. Marie, MI)



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Healthy Start Program
Hospitals with Neonatal Intensive Care Units
Michigan Federally Recognized Tribes



Traditional Talking Circle

Client Characteristics (n=849 women)

Race

- 84% were American Indian/Alaskan Native
- 15% were White
- 1% Other

Age

- 8% were 14 -17
- 90% were 18 - 35
- 2% were 36 +
- Average age is 24



Client Characteristics (n=849 women)

42% of the women were smokers at intake

82% of the households have one or more smokers

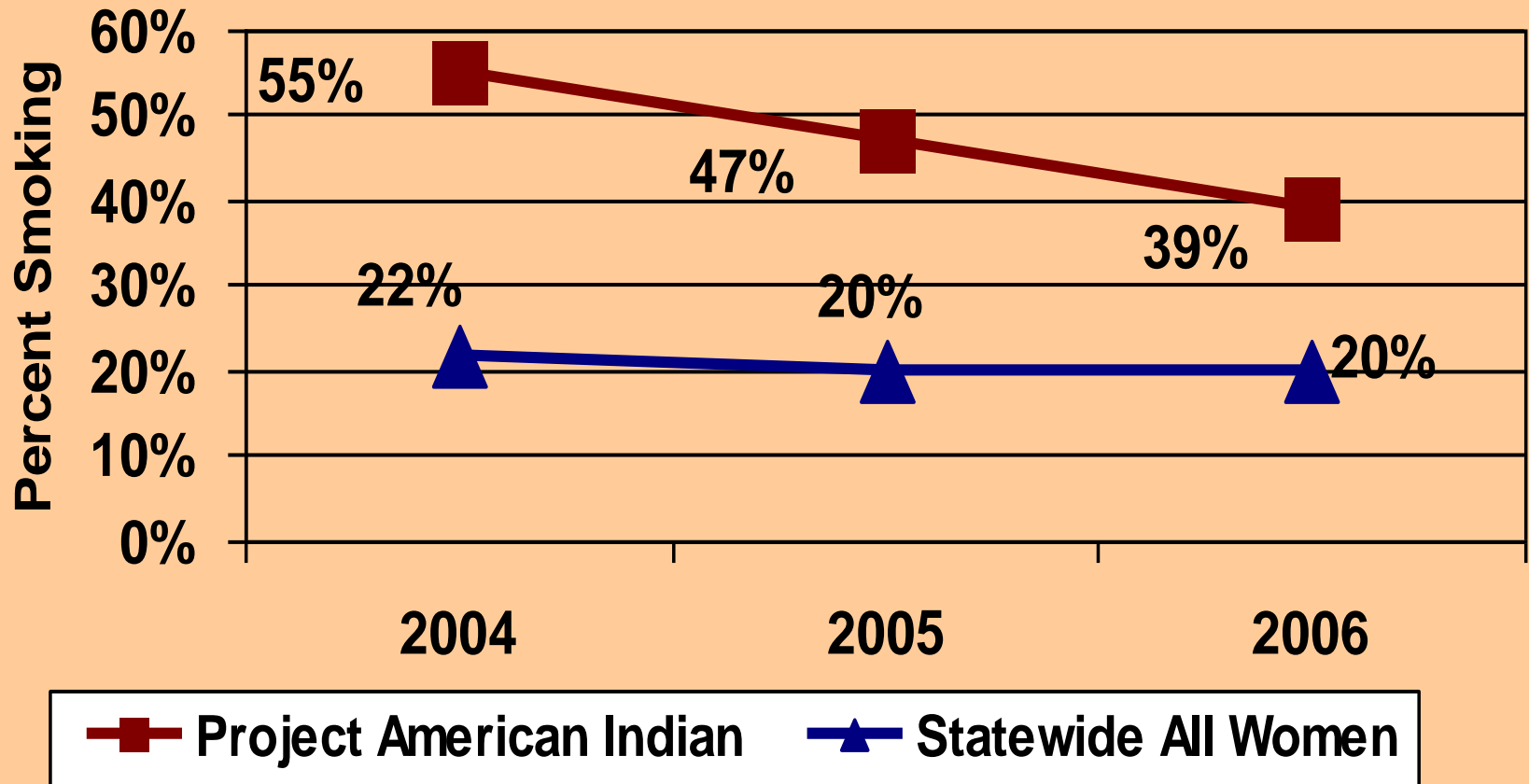
32% of the women report using alcohol during their pregnancy

26% have a past domestic violence issue

39% are Medicaid eligible



Smoking Rates for Pregnant Women Enrolled in the ITC Healthy Start Program Compared to Statewide Rates





“What do I like about Healthy Start? First, the educational materials. Secondly, a nurse is just a phone call away.”



**“To build violence-free communities
for children of the future”**



“I was in a big dark deep hole with nothing around that I could relate to emotionally”



**“We have to build on the strengths
tribal people already have”**





Community events as educational opportunities





“She helped us raise our two beautiful daughters...”



Staff bring not only professional skills, but a fiercely loving and loyal dedication to the women and families they serve



We have asked ourselves the key questions:

“What determines health? What contributes to disparities?”

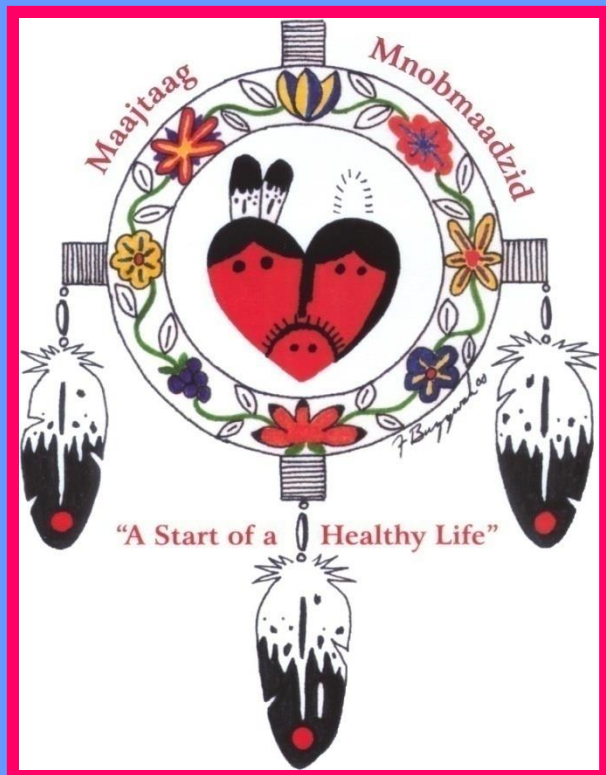


Healthy Mother = Healthy Baby

“...So that the generations may continue”

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