



### Benefits/Goals

**VISION:** All Native Children Live Happy, Healthy Lives for Generations to Come.

**MISSION:** To promote the health and well-being of Native American families and children through culturally appropriate home visitation services.

- Identify the needs and capacity in Tribal and Urban Indian communities for home visiting and other critical early learning services to support healthy development of American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.
- Continue to work with Department of Early Learning to develop culturally appropriate Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting options for Tribal/Urban Indian Communities in the state system.
- Add to the national collective pool of home visiting knowledge regarding Tribal/Urban Home Visiting Practices.

### Accomplishments/Key Findings

- Convened 5<sup>th</sup> Annual MIEC Health and Home Visiting Summit, Seven Generations: Healthy Babies, Healthy Moms, Healthy Families focused on a Native Perspective on Historical and Intergenerational Trauma, NEAR and cultural resilience, 120 registered.
- Natural Helper Awardees: Eileen Penn, Quileute; Elaine McCloud, Chehalis; Pam Drake, Shoalwater Bay; and Suzanne Carson, Tulalip
- Presented to the Indian Policy Early Learning committee
- Met with Ross Hunter, Director of DEL, Staff and Tribal Liaison.
- Conducted Survey re: status of MIEC home visiting services with Approved by NWIC IRB.
- Convened Session: Healthy Seven Generations? Healthy Babies, Healthy Moms, Healthy Families. Dr. Ann Bullock, IHS, presented role of prenatal and early life risk factors. 104 Registered
- NEAR presented at Port Gamble S'Klallam & Kinship Care Training.
- Presented AIHC's Home Visiting work to Thrive by 5 Home Visiting Advisory Committee.

### Strategies/Activities

- Raise awareness and build capacity of culturally appropriate home visiting as an effective strategy to improve maternal, infant, child and family health.
- Provide training, sharing information and networking.
- Strengthen linkages between MIH, HV, WIC, and other programs through the Pulling Together for Wellness framework.
- Collaborate across agencies to support culturally appropriate home visiting and ensure culturally appropriate home visiting is incorporated in planning at state and regional level.
- Provide training opportunities to increase knowledge regarding resiliency to Historical and Intergeneration Trauma and strategies to address Adverse Childhood Experiences, including NEAR.
- Convene 1-day MIEC annual home visiting summit.
- Provide TA to Tribal Home Visiting Demonstration Projects.

### Next Steps

- Announce Tribal Home Visiting Grantees: Lummi and Suquamish
- Finalize 2017 Report on HV progress and status
- Report 2017 Survey Results
- Planning of future NEAR trainings as funding and schedule allows
- Negotiate contract for 2017-18