



# Health and Wellness Considerations for Home Visiting Programs and Tribal Communities January 19, 2011

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# Background

- **Legislative Authority:** Section 2951 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 (P.L. 111-148)
- \$1.5 billion over 5 years with \$100 m FY 2010

# Home Visiting Programs and Tribal Communities

- Collaboration is Key
- Home visiting: part of an early childhood system

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- Tribal Communities in collaboration with State Home Visiting Programs

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- Unprecedented opportunity for Federal, State, and local collaboration to effect changes to improve health and well-being of vulnerable populations
- Addressing child development within life course and socio-ecological frameworks

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The Life Course Framework

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- Health in the earliest years helps children thrive and grow up to be healthy adults.
- A child's health starts with the mother's help during, and even before, pregnancy

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- Home Visiting Program Outcomes:
  1. Maternal Health
  2. Child Health and development
  3. School readiness - cognitive, language, and social-emotional development

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4. Prevention of child injuries and maltreatment
5. Parenting skills
6. Reductions in crime or domestic violence

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7. Improvements in family economic self-sufficiency
8. Improvements in the coordination and referrals for other community resources and supports

# Home Visiting Programs and Tribal Communities

- Support the development of community and statewide early childhood systems for effective home visiting programs
- Establish home visiting as a key early childhood strategy within a high quality, comprehensive early childhood system at the community and state level

# Next Steps

- Prepare for the Needs Assessment
- Secure TA resources tailored to your Tribal concerns across all federal agency programs
- Exchange best practice information with state home visiting programs

**Questions?**



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