



Asabike Coalition

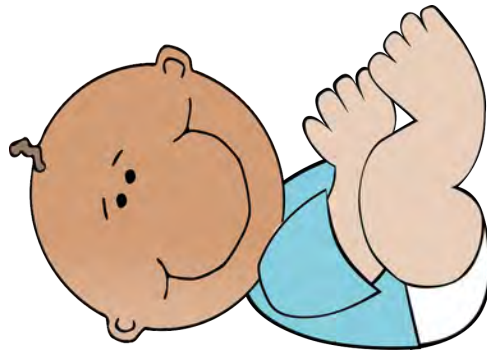
Healthy Start CAN Updates &
Strategic Directions

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WHAT IS ASABIKE?

In Anishinaabemowin, the traditional language of the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Bodewemi'k people of Michigan, "asabike" refers to the weaving practices related to fishing, basket making, and spider webs. Our work in maternal and child health is similar to these processes in that we use our passion, skills, and momentum to "weave the safety net" for American Indian women and children.



OUR PRIORITIES



**REDUCE INFANT
MORTALITY**

REDUCE INFANT MORBIDITY

IMPROVE WOMEN'S HEALTH

**Family is at the heart of Native
American cultures. There is no
work more important than
fatherhood and motherhood.**

ALBERT M. POOLEY - FOUNDER FATHERHOOD IS SACRED

Why?

OUR FAMILIES NEED HELP

- 15% infant mortality rate among AI/AN in Michigan
- Most infant deaths occur in post-neonatal period
- High rate of birth injuries and illnesses
- Disparities in smoking, alcohol use, cancer, diabetes, depression, inequitable health care



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The number of health care providers who provide prenatal/obstetric care in tribal communities.

Our approach

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

- i. create a common agenda for change
- ii. develop a shared measurement system
- iii. conduct mutually reinforcing activities
- iv. foster continuous communication between partners and stakeholders
- v. backbone agency coordinates, convenes, funds



COALITION STRATEGIES

CHANGE BEHAVIORS

- Promote infant safe sleep
- Promote breastfeeding
- Help people quit smoking
- Provide cribs & sleep sacks



IMPROVE SERVICES

- Coordinate & fund training
- Trauma informed care



IMPROVE COORDINATION

- TELI - child care, head start, home visiting
- **Between tribal & community agencies**
- **Increase access to labor, delivery, & postpartum support**







Let's make this work.

Today's session will focus on creating shared measurements for IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH.

MIIGWETCH IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME & IDEAS

