



Cheyenne River  
Sioux Tribe

Crow Creek  
Sioux Tribe

Flandreau Santee  
Sioux Tribe

Lower Brule  
Sioux Tribe

Mandan, Hidatsa  
& Arikara Nation  
(Three Affiliated  
Tribes)

Oglala Sioux Tribe

Omaha Tribe  
of Nebraska

Ponca Tribe  
of Nebraska

Rosebud Sioux Tribe

Sac & Fox Tribe of the  
Mississippi Indians in  
Iowa/Meskwaki  
Nation

Santee Sioux Tribe  
of Nebraska

Sisseton-Wahpeton  
Oyate of the Lake  
Traverse Reservation

Spirit Lake Tribe

Standing Rock  
Sioux Tribe

Trenton Indian  
Service Area

Turtle Mountain  
Band of Chippewa  
Indians

Winnebago Tribe  
of Nebraska

Yankton Sioux Tribe

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## Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board Funded for Tribal Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

*5-year project to be undertaken in partnership with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation*

(Rapid City, SD – 10/01/2018) Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB) is pleased to announce the funding of its Maternal & Child Health Department – in partnership with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation – to conduct a Tribal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program on the Lake Traverse Reservation, located in northeastern South Dakota.

GPTCHB is one of only four tribal organizations funded by the Administration for Children and Families under Implementation and Expansion Grants Cohort 2 of the prestigious MIECHV program. The project holds the promise of promoting healthy development, family support, and early childhood learning among Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate women and children.

During Year 1 of the five-year project, the partners will assess community needs and ensure the integration of programming with those currently available, while developing community capacity and enhancing systems of care for Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate children and families.

Christy Hacker, the Director of GPTCHB's Maternal & Child Health Department, said about the funded project, "The Maternal & Child Health Department is very excited for this collaboration with Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate to expand home visiting services to children and their families on the Lake Traverse Reservation."

Sara DeCoteau, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Health Coordinator, noted the Tribal Council took upstream action when passing Resolution No. SWO-18-052, pledging to partner with GPTCHB for this project. "Accordingly, Tribal Health is committed to a collaborative approach with GPTCHB and other partners through Tribal-MIECHV. We value this project as a method to mobilize additional resources that will help attain Tribal Action Plan Priority 4: First 1,000 Days Initiative."

GPTCHB is funded at just over \$364,000 for Year 1, which began on September 30, 2018.

Founded in 1986, GPTCHB – a 501(c)3 tribal non-profit organization governed by the Chairpersons and Presidents of its 18 member tribes/Service Areas – conducts health promotion, disease prevention, community outreach, recovery support, and technical assistance in the Great Plains region of Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. GPTCHB also serves as an advocate to federal agencies, state and local partners, and academic institutions on behalf of its member tribal communities.

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