

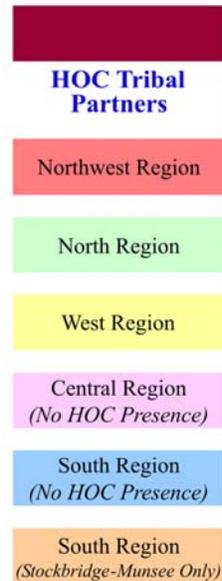
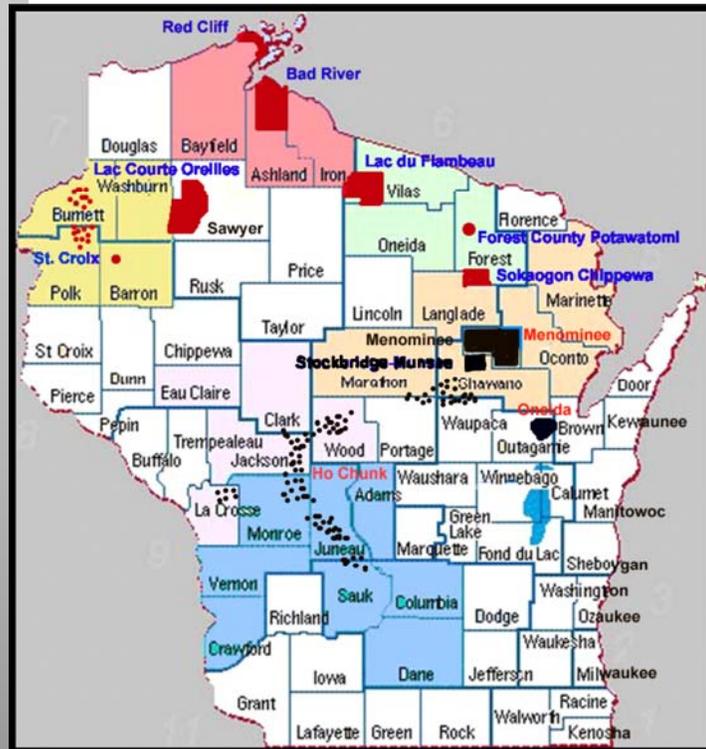


Honoring Our Children Project 2010



HONORING OUR CHILDREN PROJECT (HOC)

Service Area



Tribes Served

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*
- Forest County Potawatomi Tribe*
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*
- Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*
- Sokaogon Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*
- Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe*
- St. Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*

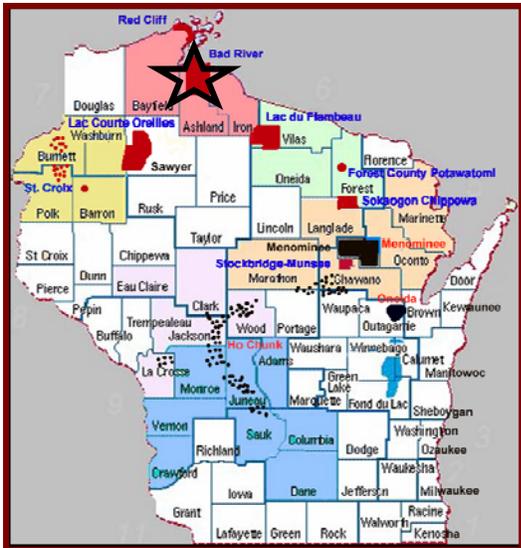


Central Staff
 (from left to right)
 Linda Ebbert, *Local Data Evaluator*
 Suzanne Burgess, *Administrative Assistant*
 Cindy Weborg, *Project Director*
 (Not Pictured: Laurie Teal, RN, *Nursing Coordinator*)

Honoring Our Children Project

Bad River

Mary Jo Wolf - *Outreach Worker*
Andrea Manzer - *MCH Nurse*
Linda Lemieux - *On-Site Coordinator*



Consortia Meeting Pictures



March 5, 2010

HOC helped me with alot of things like Diapers when Im really in need. Ive been in the program since I had my first daughter - second child, Jaelene who is now 3 since October. Karmen now 2 since February 2008. And Hazel 9 months who turns 1 in May. The program also helped me learn about different things. I have fun at the meetings. Also watching the movies about children and activities that they have us do. I really like the program Im very happy Im in it. Mary Jo Wolf is alot of help and fun to talk to. And the nurse Andi comes by to the house when I cant leave and for my children. I learned alot at meetings. Now my children washes their hands alot. Im happy my family and myself is learning and benefiting alot from this program.

Thank You

Johanna Buffalo Rufus



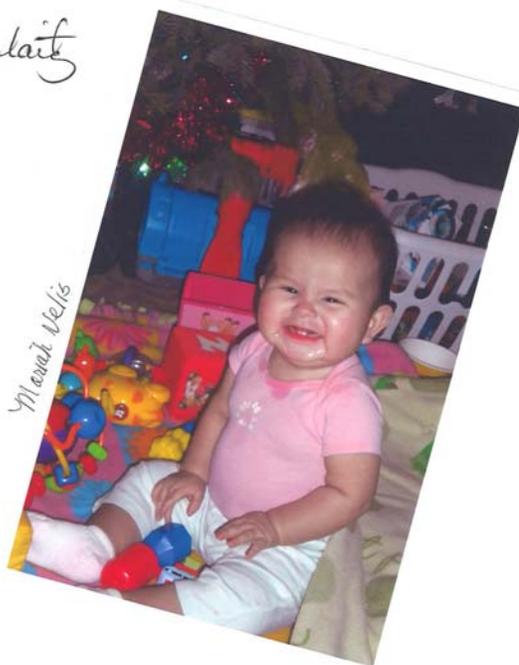
Hazel Rufus

I am writing a letter of support on behalf of the Bad River Honor Our Children project. I am a mother five wonderful children. Which I have 4 boys and a baby girl. I have been involved in this program for more than 10 years. This project is such a great program to our community. I have received great support as well as information from the staff for myself and family. The staff is very willing, and able to reach out to families in our community in a very professional and friendly way. I would like to thank the Honor Our Children for such kind heart they have given to me and my family. ☺

Sincerely

Mary Kaulaitis

- Mary Kaulaitis
- Nathan Tutor
- Garrett Nelis
- Tristan Nelis
- Wyatt Nelis
- Mariah Nelis



Mariah Nelis

March 2, 2010
To: Honor Our Children

I am very impressed with this program. I work in the same department and have been vey honored to collaborate with several events. Baby/Tot Olympics, Welcome Baby Ceremony and Healthy Relationships. Recently my daughter enrolled in the program. She is in residential school so I have participated as support grandmother. I receive the monthly calendar and am always impressed with the wonderful programming offered. Our community is very blessed with the dedicated staff. I personally have seen each of them reach out and go beyond the scope of their job description. This is a great program and highly appreciated. Thank-you for offering it to our community!

Respectfully,

Jill Hartley

Jill Hartley
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 Bad River Healthy Lifestyles
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Jill Hartley

The HOC Program has been really great for us to be involved in these past few years. There have been a lot of fun activities and educational workshops that we have been attended but our favorite ones would have to be the Baby Olympics, regalia making class, and the relationship class that we attended this past summer. We love how the program keeps you involved with its activities and of course the Nest Closet. Being in HOC has helped us create a lot of great memories throughout the past few years and we are truly thankful for all that you have done for us.

Thank you,
Sophie, Josh Sr., and Josh Jr.

**Sophie
at a
Consortia meeting**



March 8, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure and privileged to write this letter to support the Bad River Honoring Our Children Project located in Odanah, WI.

I would like to express the great impact this program has had on my family in the last four years that my family had been in this area.

I am a mother of five children ages 7,6,3,2, and 1. The last four years have been a very trying time on our family; we were located to this area after I was in a devastating vehicle accident with my third child. Shortly after my recovery the mother of our family who helped her son, my other half, care for our children when we needed her most, had passed from terminal cancer. My family was very much displaced and having a very hard time.

The Bad River Honoring our Children Project has made quite an impact on our family's road to being self sufficient with the support of our health needs of our family. Our health has always been an issue since our fist child was born pre-mature at 30 weeks, we then had our second child ten months later, our third was under weight and was involved in a motor vehicle accident, and our forth and fifth child were born 11 months apart and in homelessness. Very trying times for our family of seven. Without a home, vehicle and work, the health of our children had peaked well above what we could provide for our five children. This struggle had been very trying and honestly we felt hopeless.

The Honoring Our Children Project has given my family support to the highest capacities regarding the well being of our children and lively hood of our family. The activities and programs offered have definitely brought our family closer, aware and happy. The support that this program has given to my family has been above and beyond expectations and I truly am grateful of given the chance to participate. The program had made the many obstacles in our life dissolve. The staff at the Bad River Honoring our Children Project has always proved outstanding SUPPORT and DEDICATION to our family. I do look forward to every opportunity to spend with the Bad River Honoring Our Children Project and will continue to give my family support and participation!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

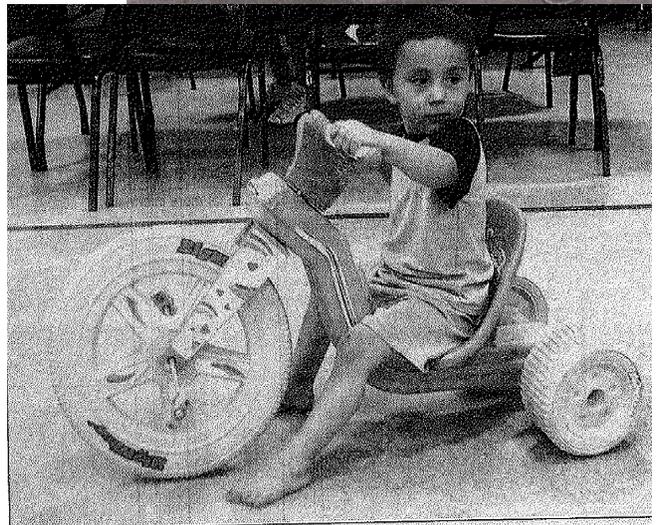
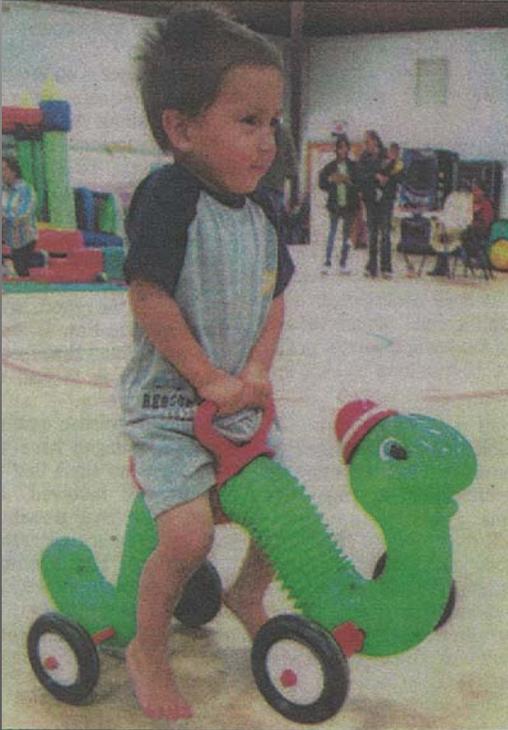
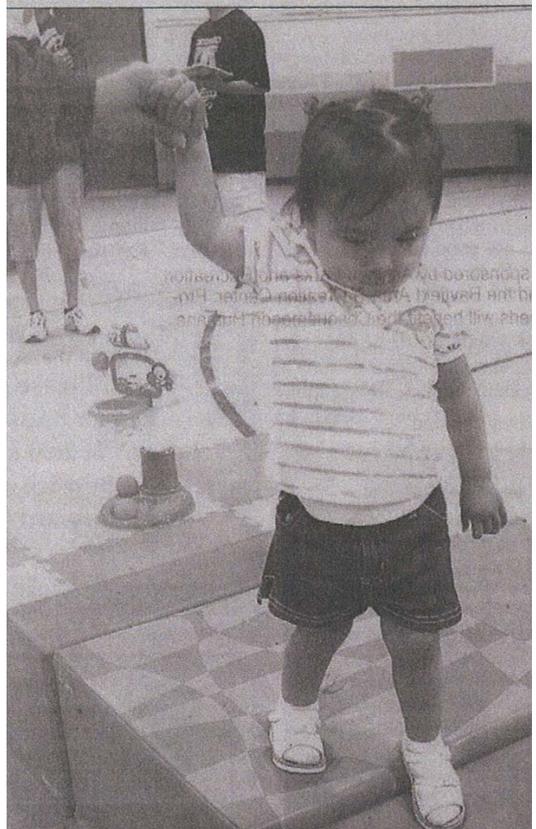

Robyn Garcia

77799 Firebreak Road
Saxon, WI 54559



**Robyn at a
Consortia
meeting**

Baby Olympics





Baby Bundle Making Class

Baby bundles are made out of heavy duty cardboard and lots of duct tape, then covered in decorative fabric. These are essentially used like a cradleboard would be used for baby. Middle School girls are making these for expectant Bad River moms.

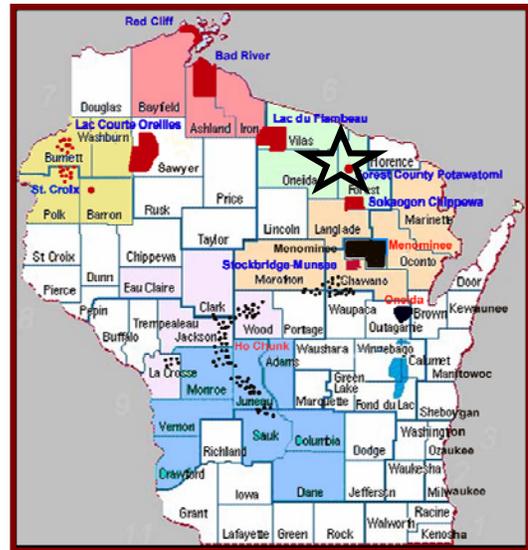




Honoring Our Children Project Forest County Potawatomi

Jodie Harris - MCH Nurse

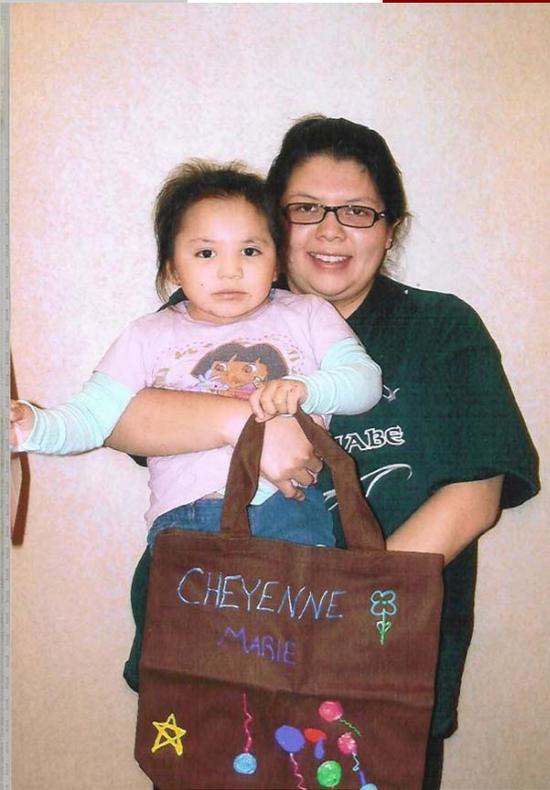
Missy Flanery - On-Site Coordinator



**Christina
Theilig-Johnson
an
HOC Mom**

The HOC program is an excellent program. It provides lots of useful information on the development of my child. From the infant check ups in the beginning of my son's life to the child development screenings are reassuring to parents. The variety of activities assist in bonding time with my child, networking with other moms and informative with the education. An added benefit is in earning points that we can use in "the store". Plus we get to take home the crafts we create together. I can not praise the HOC program enough. The program and the providers have seen a vital resource for my son and our family. Thank-You.

Respectfully,
Christina Theilig-Johnson
Ryan Johnson



**Consquela
Alloway
&
Daughter,
Cheyenne
Pamonicutt**

The HOC program has really been helpful over the past 6 years that I've been part of it. Not only have they helped out when I really needed it by making home visits when my twins were born, but by making sure their shots were up to date and giving advice about car seat safety. Also the ladies in the program are very helpful about giving information on SIDS, Infant nutrition, and lots of other info. Throughout the years I've been part of the Honoring our Children program I've gotten a lot of helpful information. I don't know what I would have done without this program. It has been a huge help. It has been a great privilege to have a program truly for the kids!

I like the events. Breakfasting support helped. I like the program and the office visits. Being a first time mom I didn't know about breakfasting and the support helped.

Marge Sengle

I really enjoy the HOC program. The events are very fun and they are enjoyable. The points we get for coming and doing things really are a helpful thing. I too had to call for the ladies to do home visits and they were very nice about doing that also. The kids really like these events they enjoy the ladies and the other children that come and play.

Kim

The meth/the program is a big part of our families lives. I now have 2 kids that are on the program and for both of their births the doctors were so very helpful. The questions I had about many different things, I felt I could go to them and ask any question and not feel dumb. The doctors are so friendly and knowledgeable.

The events that are held are interactive and also great ideas to take home. I love the educational pieces that are talked about because even if you know of a subject they talk about, it seems to be different and reminds about the situation of the use of drugs etc.

The incentive program that goes along with it is amazing. We do fun things & clean things and get rewarded with points to go shopping in the "mini wal-mart" aka the nest. We have to live at least 45 minutes one way to go shopping for papers & WIPs, so the ~~convenience~~ convenience of being able to go to the clinic at almost any given day is wonderful. If I can't make it to the clinic the girls will come over to my house. I love it, I absolutely love this program and love the ladies that work the program.

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Allaway

Forest County Potawatomi HOC/MCH program has done many wonderful things for family and the community. They have been a source of support to all, whether they've needed advice, information, or just someone to talk to.

Along with supporting families, they have provided a "nest" where you can earn points by attending events to buy things you may need for your family. The nest has been a good thing to go to when you're in a pinch.

The events and activities HOC/MCH have put on ~~has~~ have gotten my family and I out of the house, which is socializing for us, when being a stay at home parent. Thanks!!

Leel Little

LETTERS FOR

The HOC Program has helped me in many ways and I enjoy the program. Being able to come to events and learn new things and stuff I should probably already know is really helpful. I like that I get points for attending events so that I can get things for my children that I need. I also like when I have a problem or can't leave my house I can call Missy or Jodi and they will make a house visit with no problem.

There are other reasons why I like the program but I can't list them all, just want to "say thanks" to everybody who helped out through this program

I like Home visits, office visits + Educational events. My children are 2yr old + 1yr old. I like the visit each month because they are hands on. When I was a first time mom I liked learning how to take care of my baby. I liked the infant massage class.

Melamin
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I benefit from the HOC program because I have three children under the age of 5 and it helps me learn new things that I may not have known otherwise in raising my children. It also helps me through earning points because in hard economic times such as these, being able to get a bag of diapers, warm outside garments, or any other necessities for my sons is very helpful. It's also nice for my children to be able to come and enjoy themselves with other children while we do fun activities together. Everything we make at HOC programs are useful things we can use in our everyday lives or things to look back at years from now. Some things such as scrapbooking are things I would probably never get around to doing without this program. With the everyday hustle and bustle it's nice for me to be able to sit down and do something relaxing and fun and share stories with other parents. Another big reason I benefit from this program is because the ladies who run this program are very helpful to me. If I have a question about anything or just need someone to talk to ~~me~~ they are always there.

Megan

I Like this Program I learn alot about different things on how to be a better ~~Parent~~ Parent. ~~It helps me~~

I Also like the fact that if I needed a ride to do something like shopping for WIC they would give me a ride that's nice. I love the hands on actives, my child are 2 and 8 months so its fun for them too. ~~And the~~ And the Nest that helps out alot too

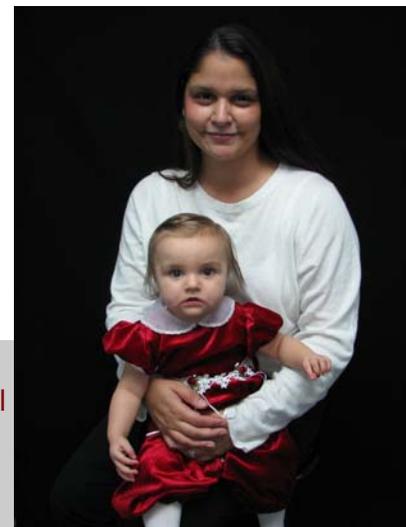
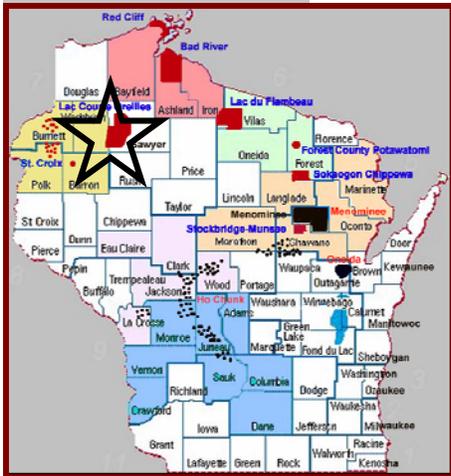
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Honoring Our Children Project

Lac Courte Oreilles

Amanda Schlafke, Outreach Worker
Tiffany Leach, Onsite Coordinator



My name is Angie Wolfe. I am a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe. I am 31 years old and have a beautiful little girl who will be turning one next month. She is my only child and without the help of HOC, I don't know how I would've gotten through this first year.

My life before becoming pregnant had been a struggle. For ten years I endured the pain and hardship of addiction. After completing treatment at five different facilities I finally found a way out. I actually became pregnant in my final stay at treatment and when I returned home I found that I was in need of much support as a new person in recovery and as a new mother.

I had numerous struggles throughout my pregnancy and complications during the delivery. After 48 hours of back labor I finally had a cesarean section. I was in a lot of pain for the following month and HOC made several visits to my home and helped educate me on how to breastfeed and calm my baby during this difficult time. They also provided me with my baby's first car seat and educated me and helped me install it properly in my car.

The staff supports me and makes me feel so comfortable. I attend regular meetings to keep me on track with my recovery and HOC rewards me of this by providing me points through their Nest program which allows me to purchase diapers with the points I earn. It's a great feeling to know that HOC is there to support me in my recovery because I can't be a good mother to my child if I don't take care of myself first.

I have been drug free for two years now and am currently working within a program that helps Native Americans with disabilities, such as alcohol & drug dependence. None of this would have been possible without the support and guidance of HOC. Thank you HOC for your support and everything you do for me!

Carseat Safety



Before and After



Before



After



Before



After





Family Portraits

Honoring Our Children Project at LCO now has a digital camera and is able to provide innovative ways to increase involvement by families in our program. The month before Mother's Day and Christmas we take family portraits in our office at the clinic. We offer different backgrounds, different holiday props and seating choices. We can take pictures of the family together, then of each child separately, and so on. Our portraits often look better than department store portraits! We print 5 sheets of pictures per family, from 8 by 10 to wallet sizes. All is free to families, and well worth the minimal cost to get clients in to our office, make a personal connection with them and their kids, and get them to return to pick up the pictures. Families who attend for pictures are far more likely to:



- do paperwork and assessments when we ask
- refer other clients (friends and family as soon as they are pregnant)
- trust us to come back to the office for referrals, when they have questions or needs



This activity is a cost and time effective way to promote Honoring Our Children in the LCO Community, by offering an incentive that families really love. We will often go on home visits to their home and family and friends' homes to find our pictures





NEST incentives program for Native Families in Honoring Our Children Project

The Honoring Our Children Project of LCO is proud of our “NEST” incentives store for all of our families!!!

It is the HOC mission to promote strong and healthy Native American families in the community. One way we can do this is by offering rewards and incentives for participating in activities which are healthy for you, your family and your community. When you participate in these activities, you will receive points according to the kind of activity, then these points will be converted into dollars and you will be able to go shopping in our “NEST Store”. Our store is stocked full of items which families use everyday, plus many items that are just fun or nice to have.

Some examples of the items we have are:

- Diapers, wipes and breastfeeding supplies
- Seasonal items such as Winter hats, swimming safety items,
- Instant cameras, batteries, picture frames and photo albums
- Household supplies like paper towels, shampoos, laundry soap
- Lots of toys for kids of all ages
- Many safety items such as gates, outlet plugs, cribs, high chairs and car seats and much, much more....

We may also supply items which families suggest or would like to earn points to buy!

Families and expecting parents are given a copy of our point list which explains the activities which we reward points for, and also a point sign-up sheet. Parents are encouraged to keep this sheet with them always, like in a diaper bag, purse or in your car. When parents attend events which they can claim points for, they can bring their point sheet with and have it filled out and signed by the person supervising the group or appointment. When parents wish to trade in points, they can call us and schedule a time to meet, or stop by during office hours to shop!

Some of the activities which points are given for include: enrolling in our program, attending prenatal, post-partum and Well Child Doctor Visits, WIC certifications, breastfeeding, car seat assessments, attending community parents/family events, educational classes such as childbirth, budgeting, parenting and many more healthy activities.

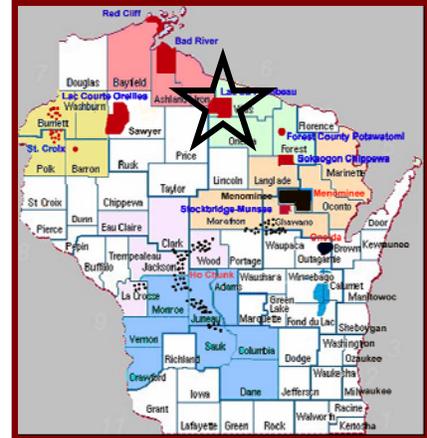
Our NEST incentives program has proven to be one of our biggest draws to our program, both in engaging and enrolling families but also in retaining families over time. It has also been an important part of engaging non-traditional caregivers like grandparents, single fathers and foster/adoptive parents! We also get lots of positive feedback from our families about how much our NEST helps them



Honoring Our Children Project

Lac du Flambeau

Cari Singer - *Onsite Coordinator*
 Jamie Armstrong - *Outreach Worker*
 Katie Citta - *MCH Nurse*



Our annual baby shower celebrates all the babies that were born the previous year. We had games, prizes, and a lunch catered in. We also had our usual health education topic, which was “Home Safety” for this particular event. Clients were given information, as well as some home safety cabinet locks, and outlet covers.





Scrap booking was held for 8 weeks in the summer, and the clients that participated were able to create at least 1-2 “Memory Books.” Our clients really enjoyed the scrap booking event because they could be creative, and we were able to spend some quality time with our clients, as well as share our motherhood experiences with each other. We will be holding another scrap booking event this summer since many of our clients have asked us to do it again.

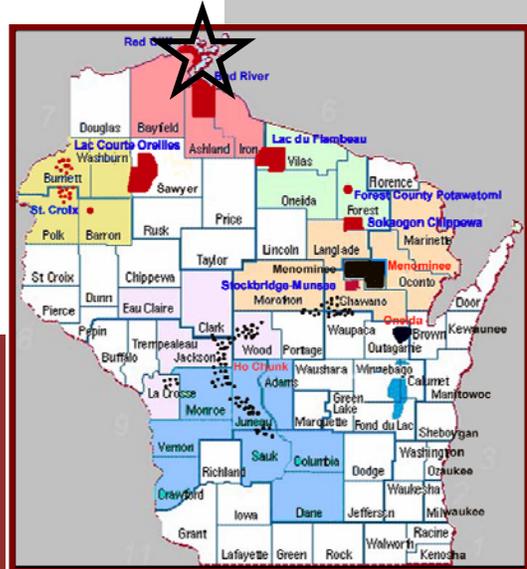




Honoring Our Children Project *Red Cliff*

Rose Gordon - *Outreach Worker*

Debra Elmore-Nesheim - *Onsite Coordinator/MCH Nurse*



We love our babies with all of our hearts & want to give them the very best starts!

We believe that breastfeeding makes a difference. It's been around as long as humanity. It's a natural, simple and loving activity that can have an impact on baby's, mother's and family's health.

Here in Red Cliff, we promote and support breastfeeding families. We do this by offering a biweekly breastfeeding support group for prenatal women and new moms. We can assist moms and babies when trials arise through experience and knowledge. We also work alongside our area Doulas to assist new families with breastfeeding support. We are educating our community on the benefits of breastfeeding and seeing a rising trend.

Past group education included breast pump use, videos on positioning and breastfeeding tips, and a film on long-term breastfeeding among Native American women. We even had a father-to-be show up at a meeting and we were blessed to educate him on the importance of dads in breastfeeding families!

We are excited to offer this support to our community families, alongside all the other great benefits of the HOC and MCH programs. With breastfeeding, healthy futures are within reach for babies, moms and families. And healthy families are what we're all about.

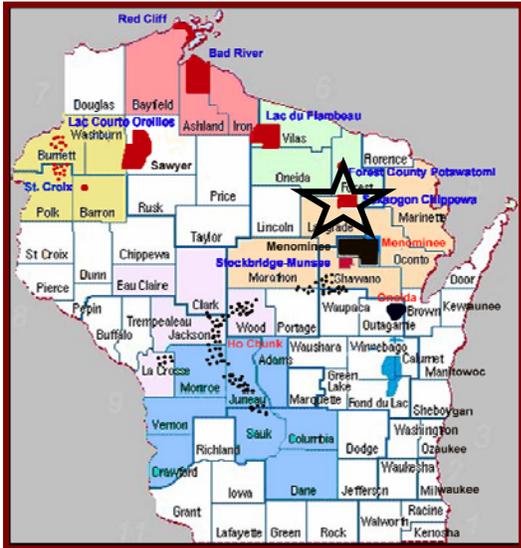
In March 2010, in Honor of our Children, we will be starting Fatherhood Circle. Men of all age groups are welcome to attend, as wisdom, experiences assist with questions and concerns of fathers and fathers-to-be

Red Cliff HOC Participants



Honoring Our Children Project Sokaogon

Cheryl Marvin, *Onsite Coordinator*
(Not Pictured: Linda Kortbein, MCH Nurse)



My name is Laura Antos and I am a participant on the Honoring Our Children Program through WISHS. I am a 35 yr single parent with 2 children; a 5 yr old girl and 1 yr old boy. I have been on the program a little over a year.

I am writing this to give thanks to Cheryl Marvin, the coordinator of the program. Cheryl and the program both have helped great deal. I have received laptop, wages, and transportation toward from mine or baby's Dr appointment. I was also able to receive other necessities like baby wash, lotion, diaper rash ointment, bottles, stroller. I am able to receive these things through a point system. I am required to attend monthly meetings to earn points. At these meetings we are given a health check and the children's mother, parenting classes are offered for free. I have now had the opportunity to attend the regional meetings in Oshkosh. I received a gift card for my attendance. I had the chance to share my ideas on different discussions at the meetings. I am looking forward to attending another meeting whenever I get the chance.

I just wanted to mention the personal help I have received from Cheryl, herself. She is a compassionate, big-hearted person. She has genuinely become one of my close friends. Throughout my busy schedule, she always finds time to ask how I'm doing. She has encouraged me to help things whenever I am feeling hopeless. She was a good friend through me.

We would just like to say that the HOE Events that Cheryl Marvin puts on have been really helpful for our family. We have learned many new ways to take care of our families needs and to keep our family safe.

Whenever we need help with anything Cheryl always is right there for us. Always.

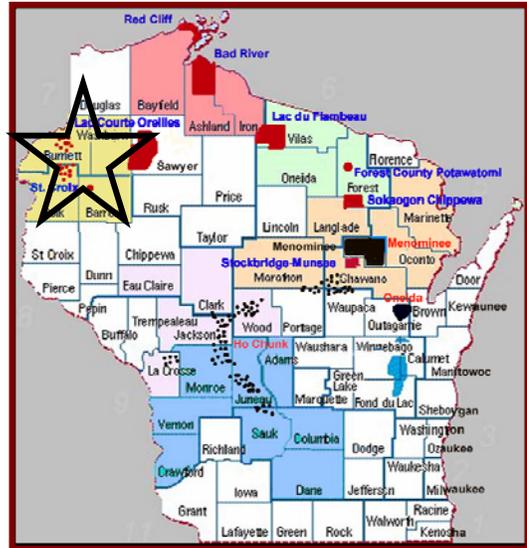
She's such a caring person and the prizes for attending the events are so cool!

Kari Frisque
and
Ted Lewis



Honoring Our Children Project *St. Croix*

Velma Broome– *Outreach Worker*
Kathy Dittmar - *On-Site Coordinator*
Linda Benton - *MCH Nurse*



Tristen Oustigoff and I, Marisa Churchill, are proud parents of a beautiful nine

**Marisa Churchill
Tristen Oustigoff
&
Baby Kierse**

month old daughter, Kierse Raelene. We are extremely grateful to the Honoring Our Children [HOC] Program provided by the St. Croix Tribe of Chippewa Indians. We have benefited from this Program in so many ways from prenatal care to child proofing our home. We love HOC because there many learning opportunities that we can share with our daughter. As first time parents, it's nice to know we have that extra added support! A huge thank you to the Honoring Our Children Program, to their wonderful staff: Kathy, Velma and Linda, and for being there with us every step of the way!

Letters of Support

Date: October 14, 2009

To: Honoring Our Children

From: Teana Merrill

I am typing this letter to express the way this program has helped me. I believe that this program is one of the most useful programs I have come across with helping with the kids and their parents. The activities that they have held for the communities were great. It gave me time to spend with my children and my spouse which I barley ever get to do. We have really got to know our kids through the help of this program not to mention each other.

The H.O.C. workers are just the greatest in being able to talk to and listening. I have had a few heart to hearts with them. They and this program have helped me tremendously. I Can't really express fully how much this program and the people from H.O.C. have helped. I just know that I don't know what I would have done without the program and its help.

Thank you,



I just want to state that I have been working with Kathy Ditar and the HOC Program for at least 6 years maybe even longer. My son is 6 years old now and was diagnosed with Autism about 3 years ago.

One of the nurses actually helped me with getting in contact with the school system when my son was 2 years old and his development stages were not with the other children. Through the years Kathy has provided me with information for Autism and training information for my whole family to attend. Although I have not been able to attend the trainings, Kathy has kept my family and I well informed. I am a service provider with the tribe and still work with Kathy on a daily basis as the program has provided us with a lot of important information. I want other families to be able to use the HOC services that are provided as they are very resourceful.

Crystal Peterson

St. Croix HOC Participants



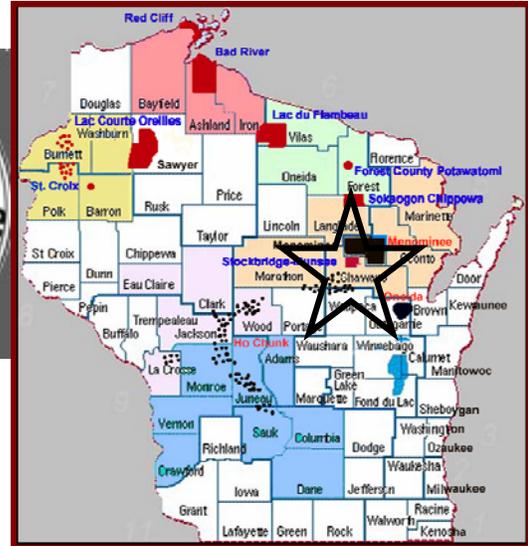


Family Portraits



Honoring Our Children Project *Stockbridge-Munsee*

Lynne Miller– *Outreach Worker*
Amanda Murray - *MCH Nurse*



“...the H.O.C. program gave me a better understanding of my kids needs and possible solutions to parenting issues. The classes were in an inviting atmosphere, the staff was always nice and helpful and it was comforting to know there were other parents who had the same questions or concerns. It also gave me time away from the demands of work and home and I didn't have too cook!”

.....HOC Mom



Stockbridge-Munsee

HOC Babies



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