

GLITC HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) is a consortium of twelve federally recognized Indian tribes in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. The organization was chartered as a non-profit, non-stock corporation under Wisconsin law, and is incorporated as a non-profit corporation. All of its board members are tribal members, who are current members of the community which GLITC serves. Founded in 1965, the purpose of GLITC was to provide a means by which member tribes could unite against the threat of termination. Today, the GLITC mission has evolved to support member tribes in expanding self-determination efforts by providing services and assistance. GLITC uses a broad range of knowledge and experience to advocate for the improvement and unity of tribal governments, communities and individuals. The first 41 years of GLITC's existence have demonstrated that there is strength in unity. Presenting a united face on issues of critical importance to all Indian communities has enabled Tribes to deal more effectively with state and local governments, academic institutions and other agencies.

GLITC member Tribes include: Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Tribe of Indian of Wisconsin, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Stockbridge-Munsee Community, (all located in Wisconsin), and Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (in Watersmeet, Michigan). Organizational goals and objectives are established by the unanimous approval of our Board of Directors, which is composed of the Tribal Chairperson or President (or his/her delegate) of each member tribe. Each board member speaks for the interests of his or her tribe. The member tribes

of GLITC represent six Indian Nations on twelve reservations, a combined American Indian population of 41,326 (US Census 2000), and a land base of about 1,000,000 acres spanning 45 counties.

The GLITC Board of Directors meets every other month on a rotating basis at one of the 12 tribal governments' headquarters in Wisconsin or Michigan. Our day-to-day business, including program and financial administration and service coordination, is conducted from our central office in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. The organizational structure of GLITC includes an Executive Director and Deputy Directors of Education and Human Services, Family Health Services, Finance, and Indian Health Service Programs and Health Career Education. Together with the GLITC staff, they manage over 60 programs and provide administration, accounting and financial assistance, clerical support, program support, and technical support. GLITC has a total of 85 employees, housed both at the central office and at tribal sites.