

## Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



## 2000–2005 Project Profile

### Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

The Fond du Lac Reservation is home to over 5,000 Tribal members. The reservation covers 100,000 acres and is located 20 miles west of Duluth, Minnesota in Cloquet, MN. The tribe operates two casinos and a community college as well as a tribally owned health clinic. Website: [www.fdlrez.com](http://www.fdlrez.com).

#### Injury Topics addressed by 2000-2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Alcohol-related Motor Vehicle Crash Safety  
Seatbelt Safety  
Child Occupant Passenger Safety  
Poison/Choking Prevention  
Bike Safety  
Traumatic Brain Injury Prevention  
Fire Safety

#### Injury Prevention Program Staff



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Tenure: 7/1/2004 - present

Training: IHS Levels I-II IP Courses, MN Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Practitioner, IHS Program Development Fellowship



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#### Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

Indian Health Service • Fond du Lac Tribal Police Department • City of Cloquet • MN Police Dept. • Ojibwe School • SADD • Fond du Lac Public Health Nursing • MN Emergency Medical Services for Children • Fond du Lac Head Start • US Fire Administration • MN Dept. of Public Safety

#### Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

##### Program Activities

- Completed a multi-jurisdictional study to assess motor vehicle crash sites/clusters.
- Initiated a Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter at Ojibwe School.

##### Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Obtained funding for child safety seats from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.
- Served as one of five national pilot-sites for the IHS Ride Safe child passenger safety program. Distributed 55+ child safety seats during three-year participation in Ride Safe.
- Collaborated with the Head Start's Sleep Safe Program to install 300+ smoke Alarms and increased the number of FDL Tribal member homes with at least one working smoke alarm from 85% to 100%.
- Received IHS 2005-2010 TIPCAP funding

##### Presentations Given to Promote AI/AN Injury Prevention.

- CDC National Injury Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Brain Injury in American Indian Communities Conference.

