

# Grants help with raising children



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Hello, I would like to inform the membership we received a grant through Intrer-Tribal

Council to establish a Healthy Start and a Family Spirit Program.

These grants will provide for home visits to tribal families to assist in developing parenting skills through education training.

It will target pregnant and postpartum women, fathers and other caregivers and children newborn to two years of age. All women of childbearing age are an additional focus of community education and program-sponsored events.

The overall goal is to enhance maternal and infant care support and education to decrease infant morbidity. The grant will last for five years.

To see if you qualify, please call the Sault Tribe Health

Center at 632-5200 and ask for Debbie Sirk or Pamela Smith.

A lot of my time is spent on the phone talking with members from all over the United States. Most of the concerns are the negative messages that are being put out on social media. I try to help them decide what is truth and what is rumor.

In order for us to grow as a successful tribe we need to work together and not pull each other down.

I also want to take the time to thank all the team members for the hard work they do every day for our tribe. It is appreciated.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at (906) 203-6083 or at [KKGravelle@saulttribe.net](mailto:KKGravelle@saulttribe.net).