

Native American Caregiver Support Program (NACSP)

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

THE ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN, located near the city of Green Bay, provides a variety of services to their elders. Through the Administration on Aging's Title VI program, congregate and home delivered meals are provided, as well as a variety of supportive services aimed at helping elders remain active in their communities. Their mission is to assist elders to maintain independent, healthy, productive and quality lives through love, caring and respect by the services available to them.

In addition to Title VI services, the Oneida Tribe manages the Anna John Nursing Home, Redstone Elder Complex and Elderly Housing. They also provide assistance with recreational activities, emergency aid, and other services.



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In 2001 the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin received a Native American Caregiver Support Program demonstration

grant to develop their "You're Not Alone" Caregiver Support Program. They envisioned a team approach for creating an alliance with all twelve Tribes in Wisconsin. This alliance would develop a better understanding of caregiver needs in order to work together to leverage additional funding at the Tribal, County, State and Federal levels to better serve American Indian caregivers throughout Wisconsin. The goals of "You're Not Alone" include:

- Creating a solid caregiver network of American Indian aging services professionals, organizations, and programs;
- Coordinating and creating an American Indian specific resource manual to include Tribal, non-Tribal, local, county, and state resources;
- Reducing barriers to caregivers by providing appropriate information on access to resources; and
- Advocating and leveraging funding for Tribal communities.

The Tribes participating in this project include:

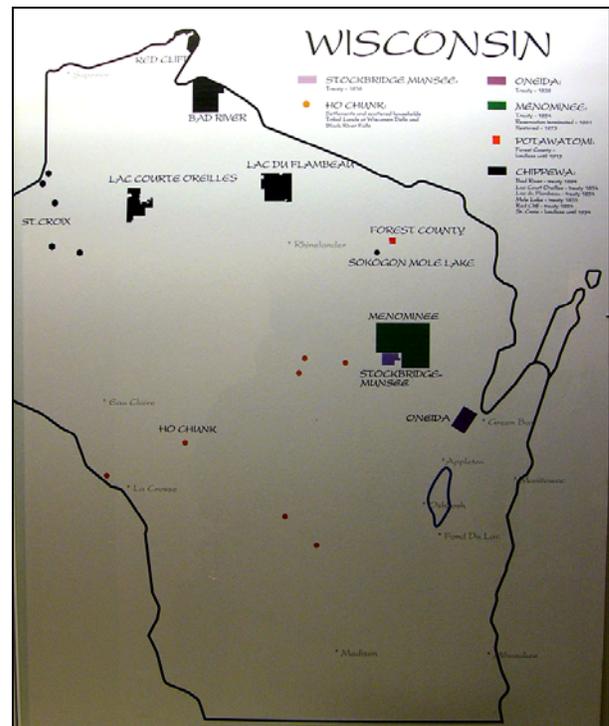
- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa
- Menominee Tribe
- Oneida Tribe
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- St. Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Sokaogon Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Stockbridge-Munsee Community of Mohican Indians

To achieve the goals, the “You’re Not Alone” Program will:

- Develop a resource manual and video target to the Tribal population;
- Develop a website and LISTSERV for caregivers to get information and access resources and services;
- Review and support a training curriculum on caregiving; and
- Determine future needs of family caregivers and ideas to help smaller Tribes meet the needs today and prepare for the future.

The team has been meeting and working together to achieve the mission of this project. As a result of this coordination a statewide Resource Manual will be available in November 2004 along with an information video for caregivers. There will also be a statewide website and LITSERV for all Native American caregivers to access regardless of Tribal affiliation.



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