



The American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (AIHC) and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Office of Immunizations and Child Profile wish to congratulate the

Nisqually Tribal Medical Clinic on their highly successful Adolescent Immunization rate improvement project. Clinic staff, led by Dr. Alison Spencer and Cynthia Gallegos, RN, has been working on identifying methods to improve the immunization rates of Nisqually children from ages 11 through 18. Improvements were addressed through a Policy, Systems, and Environment change process approach. They have demonstrated significant improvements in immunizing adolescents in numerous areas.

This targeted work was made possible through a grant from the Office of Immunizations, administered and managed by the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State. The Nisqually Tribe was one of only two Tribes that received grant funding for an adolescent immunization project.

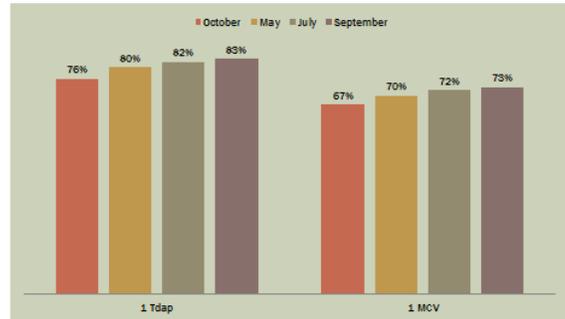
Childhood immunization rates have been identified as a target for needed improvement at the federal and state level, and have been and continue to be measured through the Indian Health Services quality improvement system (GPRA) that most of our Northwest Tribes, including the Nisqually Tribe utilize to track improvement.

Immunizations protect against many communicable diseases. They are one of our best lines of defense in disease prevention. When you get immunized, you are taking positive steps not only to protect yourself but also to protect your loved ones and the vulnerable infants, elders, and immune compromised members of your community from potentially life threatening but preventable illnesses.

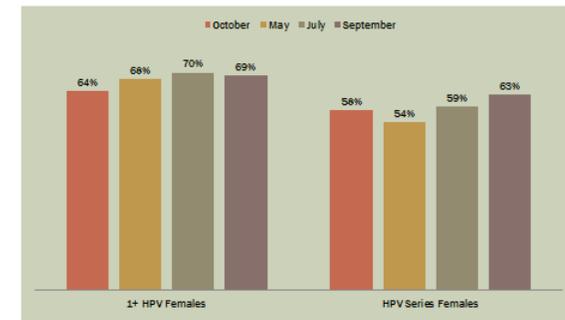
Congratulations to the Medical Clinic on a great job well done!

**Steve Kutz, Chair**  
American Indian Health Commission for Washington State

### 11 - 18 Year Olds Tdap & Meningococcal Vaccines



### 11 - 18 Year Olds HPV Vaccine - Females



### 11 - 18 Year Olds HPV Vaccine - Males

