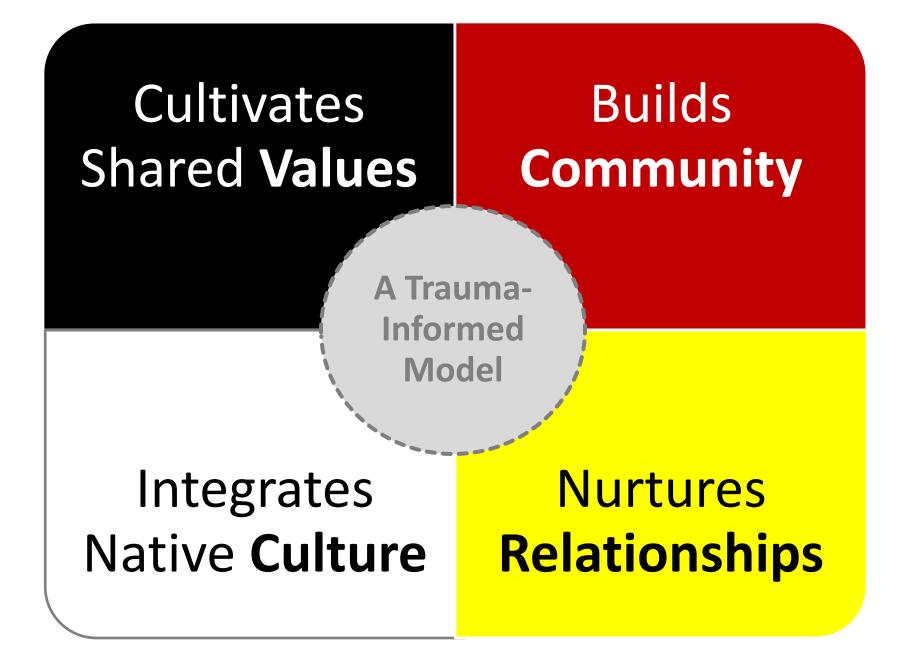
Reducing Substance Exposed Pregnancies to promote healthy communities and thriving future generations



## **Desired outcomes**

- Build sense of community and learn together
- Center our discussion in the historical and current realities of Native people
- Review the story of the Future Generations Collaborative
- Share knowledge of initial evaluation and learning about community partnerships
- Discuss how to apply learning to the Health Department and other stakeholder organizations
- Build robust, mutually-beneficial partnerships





# The "Shift"

### To address inequalities in:

- Government disinvestment into Native communities
- Native exclusion from government agencies
- Reliance on White-Western dominated processes

### **The Trauma-Informed Model:**

- Builds community capacity
- Prioritizes Native
  representation and equitable
  partnerships
- Relies on Native-driven
  processes and indigenous
  ways of knowing and doing



### **Bucket #1: Community-Based Participatory Planning**

More Native people are included in decisionmaking Native people have skills, abilities and knowledge to promote health Issues affecting Native people are prioritized and resourced

Facilitate community healing and promote good health for all Community develops ideas to improve health & puts those ideas into action

#### **Bucket #2: Change and Improve Organizations and Systems**

Organizations provide culturallyrelevant services that meet the needs of the people Trauma-Informed Approaches are used to improve relationships & partnerships

Native people and organizations have healthy, trusting relationships

Organizations commit to reducing substanceexposed pregnancies

Governments & systems take responsibility for helping to improve health

# Preventing the next 5000 high utilizers

#### Health Inequities in Native Community

- Highest birthrate
- High rate of teen
  pregnancies
- Substance use before, during and after pregnancy
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Social risk factors
- Lack of medical home

#### **Future Generations Collaborative**

#### Historical and inter-generational trauma

- Lack of trust in government/medicine
- Poor access to health services
- Lack of Native health services staff
- Lack of cultural safety in health settings
- Lack of culturally-relevant approaches

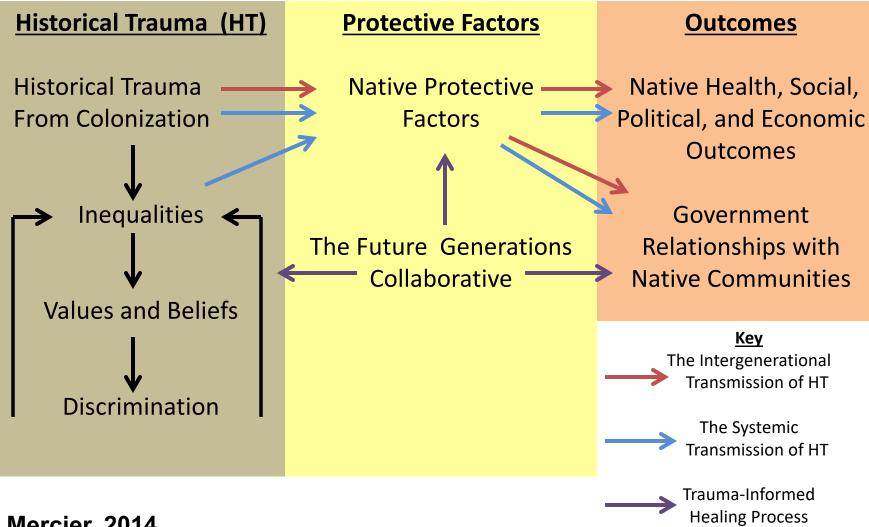
#### Health Share Metrics

- ✓ Prenatal care initiated in 1<sup>st</sup> trimester
- ✓ Reducing elective delivery before 39 weeks
- ✓ Developmental screening by 36 months
- Adolescent well care visits
- ✓ SBIRT
- ✓ Patient experience of care

## How is the Trauma-Informed Model working?



## The FGC's Trauma-Informed Process



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# Healing IS happening...



Mercier, 2014

- FGC members confirmed the process:
  - Is healing relationships and building trust
  - Serves to support Native protective factors and mitigate systemic & intergenerational traumas
  - Prioritizes and promotes Native voices, Native people and indigenous perspectives
  - Inspires community members take
    pride and ownership in the FGC
  - Helps to improve the health and wellness of Native community members

### • Trust

- Viscous cycle of intergenerational trauma happening now
- Intersection of indigenous perspectives & dominant culture
- Native community is diverse, traumas are profound

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# Where are we going?



## Discussion

- What did you think, feel, see or hear?
- How does this story relate to the stories you hear in your own work?
- In reflecting on your professional role, what opportunities do you have to acknowledge or address historical trauma?
- Are there additional opportunities for partnership or shared learning?
- What questions to do you have?