

## "WHAT DOES HIV/AIDS HAVE TO DO WITH MY CHILD?"



- From the beginning of the AIDS epidemic through 2005, 3,238 AI/ANs have been diagnosed with AIDS and 1,657 AI/ANs with AIDS have died.<sup>1</sup>
- At the end of 2005, 1,581 AI/AN adults and adolescents were living with AIDS.<sup>2</sup>
- AI/AN adults and adolescents currently have the 3rd highest rate of AIDS diagnoses, at 10.4 per 100,000, in relation to other ethnic groups; an increase from the rate of 9.5 in 2001.<sup>3</sup>

## "AND IT WON'T HAPPEN TO HER!"

- About 750,000 teen girls become pregnant every year.<sup>4</sup>
- First-time AI/AN mothers, on average, are YOUNGER than first-time African-American, Hispanic, or white mothers.<sup>5</sup>



### TEENS WHO BECOME PARENTS<sup>6</sup>:

1. ARE MORE LIKELY TO END UP POOR OR ON WELFARE.
2. HAVE FEWER JOB OPPORTUNITIES.
3. HAVE FEWER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.
4. ARE LESS LIKELY TO MARRY.

## "AREN'T SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES RARE?"



- In 2006, AI/ANs had the second highest rates of chlamydia infection and gonorrhea, and the third highest rate of syphilis in the U.S.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2006 American Indians were over five times more likely than whites to have chlamydia, over four times more likely to have gonorrhea, and almost twice as likely to have syphilis.<sup>8</sup>

## "THEY'RE TOO YOUNG TO HAVE SEX."

- About 19 million new STD infections occur each year, almost half of them among teens and young adults.<sup>9</sup>
- By 2006, 32 AI/AN children younger than 13 years of age had died of AIDS.<sup>10</sup>



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