



Investing In Future Generations

With more tribes earning gaming revenue, tribal members are finding themselves over the poverty line and ineligible for certain social programs, like Head Start. Yet the need for comprehensive preschool programming remains unaddressed for many such families, to include addressing their children's health and developmental needs as well as the family services that Head Start can provide.

Native Start is a tribally-funded program. A tribe can elect to fund a Head Start-model program and *invest in their tribal community*. Using non-Head Start dollars means that CRIHB can serve all of the tribe's families without being concerned with income-eligibility restrictions. The Head Start model has enjoyed over four decades of success nationally, serving communities, families, and children. CRIHB has benefited from nineteenth years of experience administering the Tribal Head Start program. For the last six years, CRIHB has administered the Lytton First Steps program, the highly successful Native Start program (tribally-funded early childhood program). **With a holistic approach toward early education, children and families leave our program better prepared for the future – in school and later life.**

How will the **community** benefit?

- Preschool Services to Tribal Members and Larger Community
- Employment and Training Opportunities
- Take Advantage of Selected CRIHB Programs and Services
- New Local Partnership Opportunities
- Community Needs Assessment and Resource Development
- Improved Services

How will the **families** benefit?

- Employment and Training Opportunities
- Access to Resources
- Family Development Opportunities
- Parenting Education
- Advocacy Training
- Leadership Opportunities
- Community Involvement and Volunteerism
- Crisis Intervention

How will the **children** benefit?

- Stimulating Setting in State-of-the-Art Preschool
- Social Emotional Competence, including Resiliency
- Enriched Cultural Program, including Native Language Curriculum
- Health and Developmental Screenings and Interventions
- Inclusion
- Nutrition Program with Two Healthy Meals Per Day
- School Readiness
- Transition Services
- Excited About Learning!