**MISSION OF WIC**
Assuring healthy pregnancies, birth outcomes, growth and development for mothers, babies, and young children to age 5 who are at nutritional risk. Providing nutritious supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, education on healthy eating, and referrals to healthcare and critical social services.

**COVID-19 Response**
Osage Nation WIC received at least 6 waivers, including physical presence and extended certification periods for children.

**WHO PARTICIPATES IN WIC?**
- **45%** of infants born in the United States participated in WIC in 2017
- **51%** of eligible individuals in the United States participated in WIC in 2017

**BREASTFEEDING IN WIC**
Osage Nation WIC breastfeeding initiation rates increased by **23 percentage points** between 1998 and 2018.

**Osage Nation WIC participation in 2018**
- Pregnant women: 185
- Breastfeeding women: 167
- Postpartum women: 289
- Infants: 901
- Children: 1,665

Among WIC infants who initiated breastfeeding in Osage Nation in 2018, **17 percent** continued breastfeeding at 6 months.

**HOW WIC SUPPORTED THE OSAGE NATION ECONOMY IN FY 2019**
- **$30,507** average family income in 2018
- **87%** received Medicaid in 2018
- **$28.83** average monthly food cost in FY 2019
- **$1.1M** to spend at food retailers
- **$786,125** formula rebates received
- **$1.5M** nutrition, breastfeeding services & admin