

# What Can We Do? Self-Governance Options at the Tribal Level



# The Basics

- ▣ Fundamental Premise of Tribal Self-Governance
- ▣ Failed United States Indian Policy of Paternalism
- ▣ We know our communities and how best to serve them
- ▣ We are the keepers of our culture, our families and our future
- ▣ We are accountable to all our relations: past and present

# The Innovations

- ▣ We are:
  - holistic
  - able to leverage scarce resources and make them meaningful
  - creative
- ▣ Tribes insist on a government to government relationship as equals and expect consultation on all policies that affect them
- ▣ Role of consultation is to partner with federal agencies to shape effective policy.

# The Successes

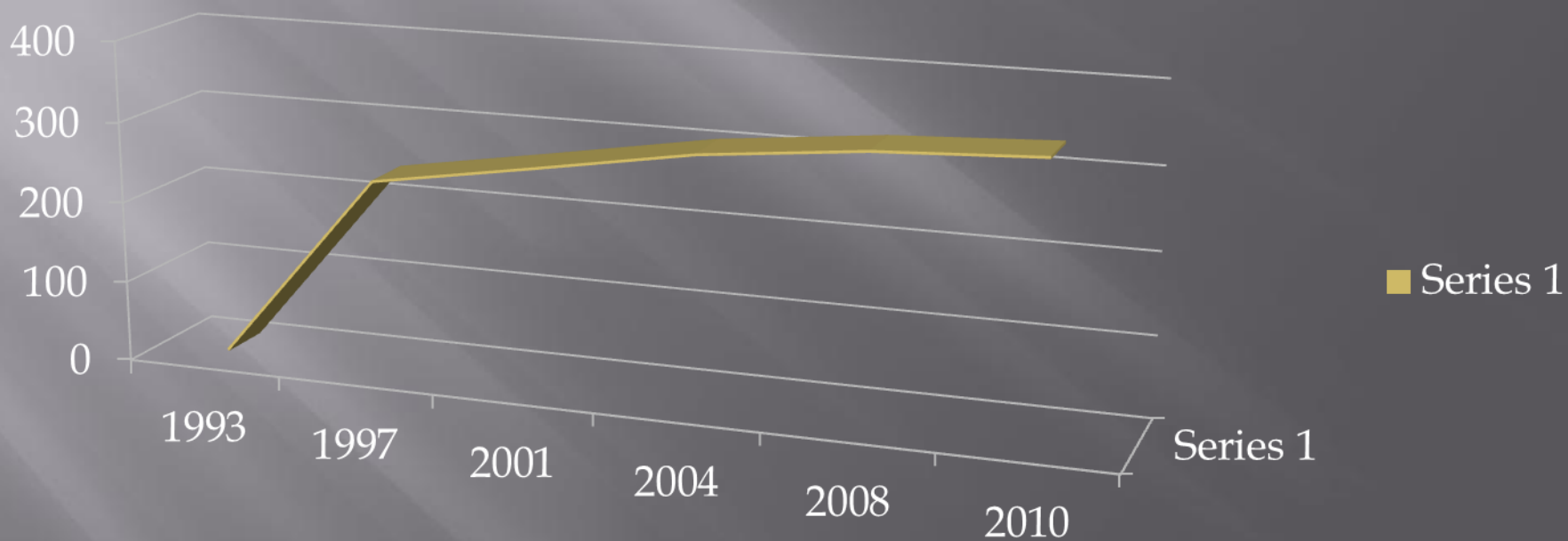
- ▣ Family Wellness Warriors Initiative to combat domestic violence
- ▣ SALT (Survivors of Abuse Leadership Training)
- ▣ Traditional Medicine alongside Modern Medicine
- ▣ 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing/collaboration
- ▣ Provision of services to Non-Indians/ Alaska Natives to increase reimbursement opportunities
- ▣ Mohegan Elder Services
- ▣ Special Diabetes Program Initiatives

# The Successes

- ▣ Assumption of control of the Northwest Indian Treatment Center
- ▣ Leveraging funds to build clinics
- ▣ Using savings from year to year to provide meaningful services
- ▣ Prevention, prevention, prevention
- ▣ Stable funding base rather than annual grants
- ▣ Working across departmental lines (ie. Child protection, alcohol and substance abuse treatment)

# Statistics

## Growth of Tribal Self Governance 1993-2010



# The Future

- ▣ Expansion Growth of Tribal Self-Governance
- ▣ Title VI
- ▣ Collaboration at the Federal level across agencies to meaningfully provide funding that will make a difference

*QUESTIONS?*