

## **Maternal and Child Healthcare Services - MACHs Action Research**

**Project involvement:** Ashley Struthers (Study Coordinator)

**GOAL:** The purpose of the action research study is to gain an understanding of the strengths, resources and needs of women from rural/remote communities who temporarily relocate to Winnipeg for childbirth in order to design an effective and culturally safe range of prenatal services and supports to meet these needs.

**OUTPUT:** Report to WRHA MACHS Steering Committee to guide the development of public health services for women who travel to Winnipeg from rural and remote communities for birth. Findings may also be published or presented.

**METHODS:** Methods will include interviews and focus groups with women and families who have travelled to Winnipeg for birth and interviews and consultations with key stakeholders in Winnipeg and in referral communities including health care providers and boarding home managers.

**ESTIMATED END DATE:** August 2011