



# Ain Dah Yung Center

Mission: Meaning "Our Home" in Ojibwe, Ain Dah Yung Center provides a healing place within the community for American Indian youth and families to thrive in safety and wholeness.

Aaniin (Hello)

On behalf of our board, staff, participants, and community of the Ain Dah Yung Center (ADYC), it has been my humble privilege to lead this past year, side by side with a dedicated team that exemplifies genuine passion and dedication to our community, demonstrating resiliency in the face of adversity. Through a pandemic and social unjust we continued to strive and find new ways to ensure the needs of our youth and families were met in these unprecedented times.

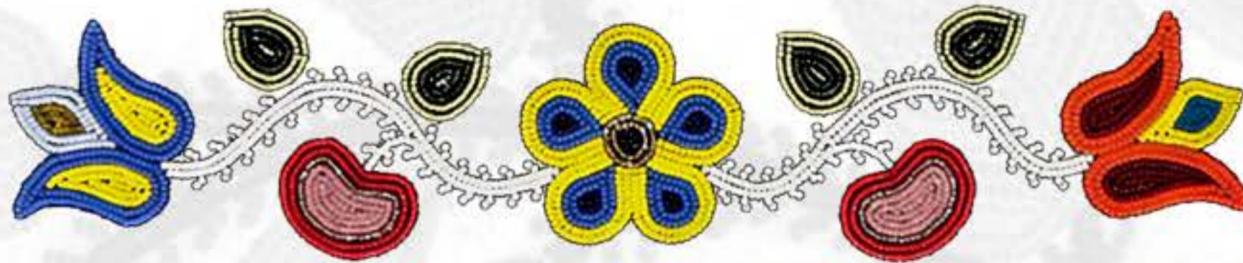
In 2021, ADYC continued to provide comprehensive wraparound supports, offering exceptional programming, providing a safe space for our youth, stabilizing families, preventing homelessness, building positive cultural identity, and promoting healthy lifestyles. We remain laser-focused on the urgent needs of our young people, addressing complex systemic inequities. This year has proven to be both a challenge and an opportunity for us to advance a collective quest to create futures of hope, opportunity, and cultural vibrancy for our youth and those generations yet to come.

As we continue to build upon the strengths of our accomplishments, our success is not possible without the dedication of our community and generous support from numerous partnerships and supporters. Over the decades, Ain Dah Yung has created a path of commitment and dedication that continues to guide us forward.

Miigwech, Pidadamayaye, Pilamayaye (thank you)

*Sheri Riemers*

Sheri Riemers | Interim Executive Director



## Guiding Principles

We are committed to ensuring that American Indian youth and families retain access to their indigenous rights of community belonging and cultural identity.

- Safety always comes first.
- We treat each other with love, kindness, respect, and dignity.
- Native language, traditions, spirituality, and storytelling are the keys to healing and thriving in our community.
- We act with integrity and accountability as stewards of community resources.
- Humor and humility help us weather many storms and keep perspective.
- We empower all to dream, set high standards, and achieve.



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**Emergency Shelter** provides culturally specific emergency shelter to American Indian youth who are homeless, runaway, in a family crisis, child protection or involved with juvenile corrections. Services include emergency and short-term shelter, crisis intervention, case and systems advocacy, information and referrals, access to medical/dental care, counseling, case management and community education. The Ain Dah Yung Center is the only 24-hour emergency shelter facility for any youth in Ramsey County and the East Metro and is the only American Indian youth emergency shelter available to American Indian youth in the Twin Cities metro area. While there are other youth serving shelters, we are unique in our ability to serve children as young as age five. This enables us to keep sibling groups together, of critical importance to our Native families and a benefit to all families in general. **In 2021, we served a total of 31 youth in Shelter.**



The **Street Outreach Program** provides street-based support to runaway or homeless youth. Outreach workers provide information on safe housing, basic needs resources and health related issues. They also provide harm reduction and personal care supplies, food, and access to transportation. Youth are provided with drop-in services where they can eat a hot meal, do laundry or shower. **In 2021, Our Street Outreach Program served 6,788 total homeless and runaway youth contacts. 596 were American Indian Identified.**



**Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge** is a culturally grounded transitional living program available to homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 16-21. Youth Lodge services emphasize the relationship between youth and positive role models (staff and elders) to teach new behaviors, learn appropriate ways to express feelings, and manage everyday living. Creating community and cultural connection for youth helps design a support system to meet holistic needs of body, mind, and spirit. Case Management and Life Skills groups assist youth in training, education, and employment goals to prepare them for independent or inter-dependent living - helping to break the cycle of homelessness. 90% of youth who come to the Youth Lodge finish high school, continue their education, become self-sufficient and transition into safe stable housing upon program exit. **In 2021, We provided transitional housing to 11 youth.**



**Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung Center (MOADY)** is a harm reduction and housing first permanent supportive housing (PSH) program dedicated to serving American Indian youth ages 18 -24 who are transitioning out of homelessness. MOADY's Property Management services are provided by Project for Pride and Living (PPL). ADYC offers a wide array of support services to our residents, case management, therapy, suicide prevention, cultural support, safe harbor case management and workforce/job readiness assistance. These services are voluntary and are offered on an individual/ group basis. **In 2021, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung Center housed 44 youth.**

## Clinical Health and Wellness Programs:

**Suicide Prevention:** Provides culturally responsive community-based suicide prevention programming and postvention support. This program works to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for the American Indian individuals at risk for suicide through cultural practices, addressing social determinants and providing accessibility to resources. Program staff are trained in Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR), Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), and Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM). **In 2021, Suicide Prevention Coordinator served 35 individual youth and held 33 groups which included a Story Telling Series, Beading groups, Ribbon Skirt/ Shirt making, Moccasin making, Concho belts and Harvesting of Traditional plant-based medicines.**

**Youth and Family Therapy:** Provides mental health services within an American Indian cultural context in both an individual and group format to assist youth with addressing historical trauma, behavioral management, healthy relations, and other personal development goals. **In 2021, Youth and Family Therapist served 23 individual youth and held 12 Art Therapy Groups, 8 Psychoeducation Groups, 2 Community groups and 1 Independent Life Skills Group.**

**Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Case Management:** Provides support, case management and assistance in coordinating resources for families with children who have mental health needs. **In 2021, the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 38 youth and their families.**

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## Youth and Family Services

**Ninjanisag (Our Children) Program** is a multifaceted program focusing heavily on engagement and prevention – working to ground youth in Native culture while designed to combat chemical and commercial tobacco abuse, suicide, teen dating violence, gang relations, sex trafficking and other self-compromising behaviors among at-risk youth between the ages of 8-17. Through opportunities for community involvement, leadership development, culturally specific health education, and cultural enrichment activities, Ninjanisag develops interpersonal competencies and strengthens the skills our young people need to become community leaders and mentors for other youth. **In 2021, 53 youth regularly participated in leadership development and cultural education through the Ninjanisag program.**

**Family Preservation and Reunification:** uses traditional American Indian teachings and an asset-based approach that builds on the strengths of families and was established in response to the disproportionate placement of American Indian children outside the home. We provide family preservation and reunification services that combines self-help, professional intervention, and cultural reinforcement in order to strengthen families experiencing a process of family reunification and/or stressful parenting situations. **In 2021, preservation and reunification services were provided to 20 families with 53 children that were at risk of or involved with child protection, who received individualized, community-based support services. Of the 53 children served, 7 were experiencing out of home placement. Of the 7 children, 1 experienced reunification.**

**Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy/ Compliance (ICWLAC) Project:** was created to enforce local compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). The Ain Dah Yung Center's ICWLAC Project provides court monitoring on cases involving American Indian children, legal representation to American Indian families (through a collaboration with Southern Minnesota Region Legal Services), and education/ outreach to identify systemic problems and strategize on solutions regarding ICWA compliance. **In 2021, over 400 court hearings were monitored for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act. The total number of monitored cases includes monitoring in Ramsey, Anoka, Washington, Carver, Dakota, and Scott counties. In addition, 15 families received legal representation and an additional 2 families received legal advice by our ICWA Attorney and partnership with the Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS).**

**Wotakuye (Kinship) Program:** The Wotakuye Program builds healthy and supportive networks of support for ADY young adults and their family and friends. We work to connect, reconnect, and find important people in their life who are able and willing to become part of their larger circle of support. Young adults and their connections and relations will have access to information about grief, loss, historical trauma, healthy boundaries, healthy expectations, and community support. Some of the program outcomes and goals: an increase in the number of supportive (non-worker) adults in network, an increase in sense of connectedness to community and culture, an increase of knowledge and skills to navigate the emotional and mental health challenges associated with the historical/generational trauma of family separation. **ADY started this program in the fall of 2021. It has been in the program design phase with the assistance of CASCW (Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare). It is now ready to accept referrals (18+ current ADY program participants).**

**Nokomis Circle Liaison Program:** Started in 2017 our Nokomis Circle Liaison Program is a collaborative initiative to strengthen the future success of American Indian children, youth and families designed to build a bridge between Ramsey County and American Indian Families involved with child protection. The purpose is to decrease the disparities seen among American Indian families that enter child protection by ensuring that their voices are heard, and cultural relevance is maintained throughout their case. Additionally, we're giving effort to the recruitment and sustainment of the foster home stock within the community to ensure Native families are available for placement options. **Since March of 2022, the Nokomis Circle Family Liaison (NCFL) has made ten referrals of American Indian families to the Oyate Nawajin Family Advocacy program; attended 4 mappings, 1 FGDM meeting, 4 EPC's, gone on several home/hospital visits and continues to observe ICWA Court once a week. With so many reports being screened in, investigated and then remaining in Family assessment, the NCFL works alongside in-take workers and case managers in providing American Indian families access to culturally relevant, community-based support services to prevent out-of-home-placement. Currently, with the implementation of the Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), the Nokomis Circle Liaison will continue to work alongside Ramsey County workers promoting the most appropriate options to divert American Indian families from entering into the child welfare system.**



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## Tribal and Community Support

### \$100,000+

Greater Twin Cities United Way  
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

### \$50,000 - \$99,000

ConnectedMN Indigenous-Led Solutions

### \$25,000 - \$49,999

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church

### \$10,000 - \$24,999

Comcast Innovation Fund  
University of Minnesota/Center for Urban and Regional Affairs

### \$0 - \$9,999

American Legion Post 491  
American National Bank  
Andersen Corporate Foundation (Employee Match)  
Best Buy Foundation (Employee Match)  
BlueSnap [Apple Pay] (Employee Match)  
Community United Methodist Church  
Dignity Twin Cities  
DSGW Architects  
Eureka Compass Vegan Foods  
Friends Of The Britt Public Library  
Friends Of The Maynard Public Library  
Grand Casino Mille Lacs  
McMaster-Carr Supply Company (Employee Match)  
Minnesota Association Of Professional Employees  
MN Coalition For The Homeless  
MOAC Mall Holding LLC  
Network For Good (donations from FaceBook)  
Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (Employee Match)  
State Of Minnesota (Employee Match)  
Wayne Presbyterian Church

## Foundations

### \$100,000+

Otto Bremer Trust  
Pohlad Family Foundation  
Sauer Family Foundation

### \$50,000 - \$99,000

James M Stanton Foundation  
Patrick and Aimee Butler Family Foundation

### \$25,000 - \$49,999

Emma B. Howe Memorial Foundation  
F.R. Bigelow Foundation  
Hugh J. Andersen Foundation  
Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation  
Target Foundation

### \$10,000 - \$24,999

3M Foundation  
Ameriprise Financial Foundation  
Andersen Corporate Foundation  
Hardenbergh Foundation  
Mardag Foundation  
Medtronic Foundation  
Sheltering Arms Foundation  
Trillium Family Foundation  
Xcel Energy Foundation

### \$0 - \$9,999

H.B. Fuller Company Foundation  
Foundation for Development of People  
HRK Foundation  
United Health Foundation  
Wilderness River Foundation

## Government Funding

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency  
Hennepin Children & Family Services Dept  
MN Department of Health (MDH)  
• MN MDH Safe Harbor  
• MN MDH Suicide Prevention  
• MN MDH Tobacco  
MN Department of Human Services (DHS)  
• MN DHS Chemical Dependency (State CD)  
• MN DHS Housing Support Supplemental Services  
• MN DHS Indian Children Welfare Act Early Intervention  
• MN DHS Indian Children Welfare Act Special Focus  
• MN DHS Indian Children Welfare Act Urban Primary  
• MN DHS OEO COVID CRF-ESP  
• MN DHS OEO COVID ESP-CV  
• MN DHS OEO HYA  
MN DHS Safe Harbor Shelter/Housing  
MN Dept of Education  
• MN CACFP Shelter Food (CLICS)

Ramsey County, MN  
• Ramsey County (Shelter)  
• Ramsey County ESG Emergency Solutions  
• Ramsey County Resiliency Fund  
• Ramsey Nokomis Circle Disparity  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
• U.S. DHHS BCP  
• U.S. DHHS SAMHSA  
• U.S. DHHS TLP/FYSB  
U.S. Dept of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)  
• COC - SNAP eLOCCS  
Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul  
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota  
• StreetWorks FHPAP  
• StreetWorks FYSB  
• StreetWorks Homeless Youth Act OEO HYA



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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,097,679	\$ 1,041,958
Accounts Receivable	335,340	431,893
Investments	-	26,752
Contributions Receivable - Current	599,350	351,850
Prepaid Expenses	14,140	20,596
Total Current Assets	<u>3,046,509</u>	<u>1,873,049</u>
Contributions Receivable	-	20,000
Partnership Investment	140,000	140,000
Property and Equipment - Net	500,977	560,523
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,687,486</u>	<u>\$ 2,593,572</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 105,794	\$ 108,517
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	164,113	183,762
Accrued Expenses	17,250	15,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>287,157</u>	<u>307,279</u>
Note Payable	47,500	47,500
Total Liabilities	<u>334,657</u>	<u>354,779</u>
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Board Designated	125,000	125,000
Undesignated	1,885,536	1,398,185
Total Without Donor Restrictions	<u>2,010,536</u>	<u>1,523,185</u>
With Donor Restrictions	1,342,293	715,608
Total Net Assets	<u>3,352,829</u>	<u>2,238,793</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 3,687,486</u>	<u>\$ 2,593,572</u>



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