



Ain Dah Yung Center • 2019 Year-end Highlights



A Year of Celebration and New Beginnings

Friends of ADYC - 2019 was definitely a year to celebrate! On November 20th, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung held its grand opening with over 250 guests including: Tribal partners, community members and elders, agency partners, elected officials, donors, social service partners, neighbors, volunteers, our incredible co-owner, Project for Pride in Living and our project team, First American Design Studio, DSGW Architects, Fox Advancement, and Loeffler Construction. On that date, the capital campaign goal of \$17.5 million was reached due to a very special closing gift by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community of \$500,000 which was in addition to their original gift of \$200,000 – a total investment of \$700,000. In January 2020, Mino Oski had all 42 units filled/applications approved, which was ahead of the projected lease-up schedule.

Additionally, in 2019 ADYC saw a 28% increase in individual donors over last year and 12 new foundation, corporate and grant partners provided support! We are so grateful for our friends who have walked this path every step of the way before and during our capital campaign journey, and are delighted to welcome so many new partners who stand with us as we realize a new reality for our youth moving out of homelessness and into brighter futures. Our partners are critical to our young peoples' success as they develop the life skills, education and a strengthened, positive sense of their Native identity, which is critical to their adulting and wellbeing as they achieve independence.

In 2020 we're launching our Minoosoon (Put in a Good Place - Ojibwe) Campaign to elevate programs and services that are taking place at Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung and our 24-hour emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. There are many ways to support this initiative through funding and partnerships in the following areas: entrepreneurial and career development, financial literacy, employment discovery and engagement, workforce and technology training and our housing stability initiatives.

We're also launching an ADYC Engagement Team to support this work. If you are interested in an ambassador/volunteer opportunity, please consider joining this new team of mission-critical partners by contacting Jake Hustedt, Ain Dah Yung Center's Development Director: Jake.Hustedt@adyc.org. Chi Miigwetch to all for being a part of creating new pathways of opportunity for our young people!!

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We would like to honor those that invest in our work and help complete our Circles of Support. We are deeply grateful to the foundations, government institutions, tribes, businesses and corporations that walk with us as we together create paths of safety and resiliency.

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• Child Safety and Permanency Division
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
• Alcohol and Drug Abuse – Behavioral Health Division
- American Indian Section
• Economic Assistance and Employment Supports Divisions
- Office of Economic Opportunity – Homeless Youth Act
- Office of Economic Opportunity – Safe Harbor Street Outreach Focus

Minnesota Department of Health Injury Violence Prevention
• Suicide Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
• Administration for Children and Families
• Division of Adolescent Development & Support
- Street Outreach Program
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
• Supportive Housing Project, Streetworks and Outreach

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

The other Circles of Support we cherish are those individuals that share in our vision to help ensure that children and their families are connected with their cultural traditions, have opportunities to build upon their strengths and lead their best lives. Below we honor these individuals within the following categories:

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AIN DAH YUNG CENTER PROGRAMS

The Ain Dah Yung Center continues to be a cornerstone for community healing. We are committed to ensuring that American Indian youth and families in the Twin Cities Area retain access to their Indigenous rights of community belonging and cultural identity.

Emergency Shelter provides culturally specific emergency shelter to American Indian youth who are homeless, runaway, in a family crisis, 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 2019, we served a total of 54 youth in Shelter.**

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, 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 2019, 94 youth regularly participated in leadership development and cultural education through the Ninjanisag program.**

Beverly A. Benjamin Youth Lodge is a culturally grounded transitional living program available to youth between the ages of 16-21 that have no parental substitute or foster home to which they can safely go. This intervention program emphasizes training, education and employment goals and is designed to develop a support system to meet holistic needs of body, mind, and spirit. 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 helps tap the inner strengths of youth to better educate 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 finally leave homelessness behind them. **In 2019, the Youth Lodge served 15 clients. Our average length of stay decreased to 109 Days. We attribute this directly to the transitioning and expansion within our own agency related to staffing.**

The Street Outreach Program provides street-based support to runaway or homeless youth unable or not wanting to enter a shelter. Case workers provide information on safe housing, basic needs resources and health related issues. They also provide health 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 2019, our street outreach workers contacted 1,333 homeless and runaway youth - 508 were American Indian identified.**

Oyate Nawajin (Stand with the People) Programs are designed to keep American Indian families together and strong by providing the knowledge, skills and resources they need to provide a safe, stable environment for their children. Programs and services include:

• **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 2019, the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 47 youth and their families.**

• **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 2019, preservation and reunification services were provided to 17 families with 60 children that were at risk of or involved with child protection, who received individualized, community-based support services. Of the 60 children served, 36 were experiencing out of home placement. Of the 36 children, 2 experienced reunification. Through family advocacy and safety planning with Child Protective Services 9 of the 60 children were prevented from entering an out of home placement.**

• **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 2019, 400 court hearings were monitored for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act. The total number of monitored cases includes monitoring in Anoka, Washington, Carver, Dakota, and Scott counties, which started for the first time in 2018. In addition, 24 families received legal representation and an additional 8 families received legal advice by our ICWA Attorney and partnership with the Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS).**

• **Nokomis Circle Liaison Program:** 2019 marked the third year of piloting our new 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. **In 2019, there were 28 ICWA Emergency Protective Care Hearings (EPCs), along with a 24% reduction in court and child protection involvement for families. The Nokomis Circle Liaison (NCL) attended 21 of the 28 (75%) of the ICWA EPCs and attended 3 Family Group Decision Making meetings. This year the average number of days for an out of home placement was 85 days, a decrease of 20% in days spent in out of home placement since the program began measuring in 2017.**

