



Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Center

2024 Annual Report

OUR HOME, OUR FUTURE

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Our Future,
Together

From our CEO

Boozhoo, Friends and Relatives,

2024 was a year of restoration and growth, a year where *Our Home* became the foundation for building *Our Future*. After years of pandemic-related limitations, AIn Dah Yung Center returned to full program capacity and expanded into new areas of care that will shape our impact for years to come.

This year, our work was defined by the initiatives that strengthened our continuum of care:

- **We restored full capacity at our Emergency Shelter and Youth Lodge**, ensuring American Indian youth once again had consistent, culturally grounded spaces of safety.
- **We expanded cultural healing practices across every program**, from talking circles and powwows to beadwork and medicine gardening, reaffirming that culture is the key to resilience.
- **We launched Integrated Care for High-Risk Pregnancies (ICHRP)**, a groundbreaking initiative supporting American Indian mothers with holistic prenatal and parenting care.
- **We deepened family advocacy through Oyate Nawajin**, where family advocates walked alongside parents and caregivers to preserve culture, strengthen bonds, and keep families together.
- **We invested in mental health and wellness**, ensuring young adults and children alike had access to culturally specific therapy and case management.

Behind every initiative are the youth and families who find strength, connection, and hope through ADYC. A young mother welcomed her child into the world surrounded not by fear, but by community care. A family involved with child protection found their way back to cultural pride and unity. A young adult, once homeless, stepped into permanent housing with confidence and a vision for their future.

These are the successes that shape our work.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building *Our Future*, a future where every American Indian youth and family thrives in safety, wholeness, and cultural pride.

With Gratitude, Miigwech, Pidamayaye, Pinigigi (thank you)



Sheri Riemers, CEO
White Earth Nation of Ojibwe

2024 Impact at a Glance



43 youth sheltered

Emergency Shelter

- Avg stay: 28 days | Avg age: 15



7 youth housed

Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge

- Avg stay: 24 months



45 youth lived at MOADY

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Range of stay: 24–60 months

Street Outreach

2,200
youth contacts made across
the Twin Cities

Survival supplies, transportation,
and safe connections delivered

Health & Wellness

24 children received mental
health care via Ramsey
County & ADYC case
managers

40 MOADY residents received
therapy services

Prevention & Leadership

52 youth participated in Ninijanisag
cultural education & leadership

11 youth engaged in the Wotakuye
Kinship Program with 3 program
graduates in 2024

60 youth supported through
Zhawenimaa Safe Harbor

Family Advocacy

181 hearings monitored under
ICWA compliance

20 families with **48** children
supported by **2** Family
Advocates



Who We Are: Our Home

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.

Our continuum of care is rooted in cultural identity and community connection. From emergency shelter to permanent housing, therapy to legal advocacy, ADYC creates space for American Indian youth and families to heal, belong, and thrive.

30% of adults experiencing homelessness in Minnesota are Native American, despite making up only 2% of the state's population.

This disparity highlights why Ain Dah Yung Center's culturally grounded programs are vital, ensuring our youth and families have a safe place to heal, grow, and belong.

(SOURCE: WILDER RESEARCH, MINNESOTA HOMELESS STUDY, 2023)

Programs & Services:

Housing & Stabilization



Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Emergency Shelter

The Emergency Shelter is the *only* American Indian youth shelter in the Twin Cities and the only East Metro shelter open 24/7/365 for youth ages 5–17. In 2024, we served **43 youth** with an average age of 15 and an average stay of 28 days. During their time at ADYC, 100% of youth stayed enrolled in school and received academic support. Beyond meeting basic needs, the shelter emphasizes cultural healing, youth participated in monthly talking circles, powwows, beadwork, smudging, and tending to our traditional medicine garden.

Beverly A. Benjamin Youth Lodge

This transitional living program provides housing and support for youth ages 16–21 for up to 24 months. In 2024, **7 youth** were supported with an average length of stay of 24 months. All residents developed academic and self-sufficiency plans and, when eligible, enrolled in mainstream benefits such as health coverage. The Youth Lodge is a bridge to adulthood that blends daily life skills, academic achievement, and cultural identity.

Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung (Good New Home) PSH

Opened in 2019, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung (MOADY) provides permanent supportive housing for American Indian young adults ages 18–24 who have experienced homelessness. MOADY includes 42 units of housing and offers comprehensive wraparound services, including case management, transition coaching, and workforce development. In 2024, **45 residents** were housed, with a range of stay between 24–60 months. **40 residents** also received direct mental health care. Staff walk alongside residents from application to economic stability, supporting successful transitions into traditional housing.

Street Outreach

Our Street Outreach team is part of the StreetWorks Collaborative and Youth Services Network, connecting with youth experiencing homelessness throughout the Twin Cities. In 2024, outreach staff made over **2,200 contacts**, providing survival supplies, transportation, access to health care, and pathways to shelter and housing.

Programs & Services: Youth & Family Services



Ninjanisag (Our Children)

This prevention and leadership program engages American Indian youth ages 8–21 in cultural education, mentorship, and healthy living activities. In 2024, **52 youth** participated regularly in drumming and dancing, storytelling, language learning, retreats, and leadership development opportunities. Ninjanisag helps youth build cultural pride and resilience to navigate life's challenges.

Oyate Nawajin (Stand with the People)

Oyate Nawajin works with American Indian families who are at risk of or currently involved with child protection. The program provides culturally based case management, family and court advocacy, and opportunities for cultural preservation. In 2024, **20 families** with **48 children** were supported through family retreats, drum and dance, seasonal gatherings, and traditional healing practices. Families are empowered to strengthen bonds, preserve traditions, and remain connected to community.

Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy/Compliance (ICWLAC)

Our ICWLAC program ensures that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) are upheld. In 2024, staff monitored **181 court hearings**, working to protect the rights of American Indian families and prevent the separation of children from their culture and community.

Zhawenimaa (Safe Harbor)

Zhawenimaa, a Safe Harbor program, meaning “They Are Loved Unconditionally” in Ojibwe, provides trauma-informed, culturally specific services for youth experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation. In 2024, **60 American Indian youth** were served across our Emergency Shelter, Youth Lodge, MOADY, and Street Outreach programs. Staff offer safety planning, advocacy, and healing through Native traditions and teachings.

Wotakuye (Kinship Program)

Wotakuye, a Kinship Program, builds “circles of support” for youth through extended family, mentors, and trusted adults in the community. In 2024, **11 youth** were engaged, and **3 successfully graduated** the program. Wotakuye provides consistency and belonging for American Indian youth navigating instability, anchoring them in relationships that affirm their identity.

Integrated Care for High-Risk Pregnancies (ICHRP)

Launched in 2024, this new initiative brings together healthcare providers and cultural practitioners to support American Indian mothers through high-risk pregnancies. The program addresses not only medical needs but also cultural, emotional, and spiritual well-being, ensuring holistic care for mothers and their babies.

Programs & Services: Clinical Health & Wellness



Youth & Family Therapy

Licensed therapists provide individual, family, and group counseling services embedded in cultural frameworks. In 2024, **40 MOADY residents** and **24 children** received therapy services, helping youth process trauma, build coping skills, and strengthen family connections.

Suicide Prevention

ADYC delivers suicide prevention and postvention services rooted in Native traditions. Staff are trained in QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), and CALM (Counseling on Access to Lethal Means). These services help build protective factors within our community and ensure culturally appropriate support during crises.

Ramsey County Children's Mental Health

Through partnership with Ramsey County, ADYC provides case management to American Indian children with severe emotional and behavioral needs. In 2024, **24 children** received support, connecting families to resources while incorporating cultural care into treatment plans.

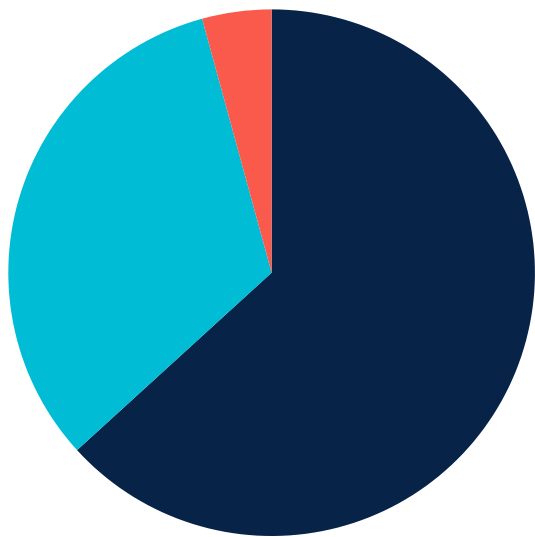
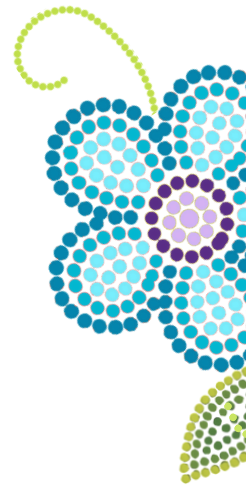
~50% of Native Americans experiencing homelessness endured four or more childhood traumas, such as family violence, addiction, or separation from parents.

Ain Dah Yung Center helps break these cycles by providing safety, cultural connection, and healing for our youth and families.

(SOURCE: WILDER RESEARCH, MINNESOTA HOMELESS STUDY, 2023)



Financials: Investing in Our Future

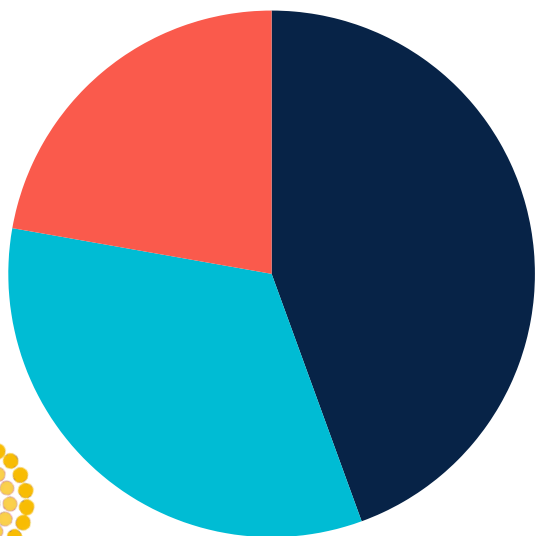


Revenue: \$4,063,863

● **Foundation and Contributions: \$1,281,049**

● **Government Grants: \$2,483,584**

● **Program Service Revenue: \$168,137**



Expenses: \$4,201,996

● **Salaries & Benefits: \$2,652,510**

● **Professional Services: \$232,988**

● **Program Expenses: \$916,706**

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Saint Paul Public Schools
Saint Paul Public Schools - Project REACH
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Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
The House Of Hope Presbyterian Church
Tickets For Kids
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GOVERNMENT FUNDING

COUNTY GRANTS

Brown County
Hennepin Children & Family Services Dept
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:StreetWorks FHPAP
Rice County
Stevens County
Ramsey County (RC)
Ramsey County (RHEA)
Ramsey County (RC):Children's Mental Health
Ramsey County (RC):RC Nokomis Circle
Ramsey County (RC):RC Shelter
RC Tran Sys Together SJ-TST00030
SPRCPH Title V MCH Block PH001333
Washington County

UNITED STATES FEDERAL GRANTS

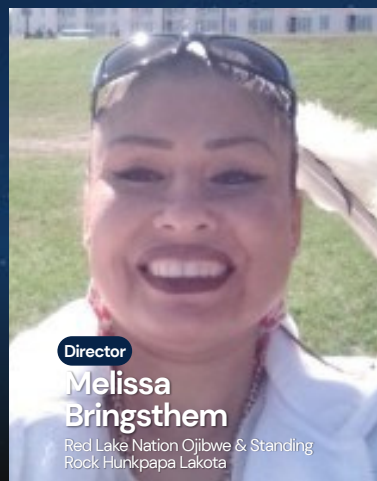
Arizona State University ASU:ASU Parenting in Two Worlds
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency:
FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency:FEMA EFSP Phase 41
Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:StreetWorks FYSB
National Resource Center on Domestic Violence NRC DV
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):U.S. DHHS BCP
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS):U.S. DHHS SAMHSA

STATE OF MINNESOTA GRANTS

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota:StreetWorks Homeless Youth Act
OEO HYA
MN DEED Construction Grant 4AINDAHYC9800
MN MDH Improving Outcomes 225098
MN Department of Health (MDH):MN MDH Safe Harbor
MN Department of Health (MDH):MN MDH Suicide Prevention
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MN DHS Child Safety 244338
MN DHS HHSSA HYA 233101
MN Department of Human Services (DHS):MN DHS Housing Support Supplemental Services
MN DHS ICHRP Perinatal 255687
MN Department of Human Services (DHS):MN DHS ICWA Early Intervention
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MN Department of Human Services (DHS):MN DHS OEO HYA
MN Department of Human Services (DHS):MN DHS Safe Harbor Shelter/Housing
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Our Future, Together

Every American Indian youth who finds shelter, every family who reconnects, and every child whose culture is honored — this is the impact your support makes possible.

Together, we are restoring tradition, building resilience, and shaping futures.

Our Home is strong, and with you, *Our Future* is bright.

Miigwech — thank you.



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