



# Ain Dah Yung Center 2022 Annual Report



# Mission Statement

Ain Dah Yung Center provides a healing place within the community for American Indian youth and families to thrive in safety and wholeness.

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.

The following values continue to guide our actions and decisions:

- 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 careful 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 their goals.



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# Letter from the Executive Director

Aaniin, Hello ADYC Community and Partners,

Summer greetings to each of you. As we look back at 2022, signs of optimism and hope of finally ending the pandemic and moving about safely and moving towards getting back on track and returning to work after COVID-19. Seeing light at the end of the tunnel from all that we have weathered, emerging strong and moving cautiously from web-based cultural and traditional activities, programming and team meetings to semi-hybrid in-person, masking, and distancing to keep each other and our relatives safe. While the previous year challenged us in ways we could never have imagined, we were able to experience our highly anticipated and well-attended Annual Cherish the Children Traditional Powwow outdoors at Harriet Island. And did that feel good for our spirits!

Though challenging times, we continued to provide unmatched services to our youth and families in the spirit of our mission. It was a time of growth in grounding and focus. Recognizing the unconditional, passionate support our team provided, leadership recognized the financial stresses during these hard times and the organizations responsibility to decrease the gaps and move forward pay equity study with the generous support of our foundation partners – we were able to provide our team members deserving increases at the start of the year that better aligned competitive wages. Focusing on the health and wellness of our team was a forward step and investing in a strong foundation and decreasing turnover and valuing our team.

Our commitment is to continue to identify and address service delivery gaps and meet the multifaceted needs of our children and families. As we move into 2023, it is important to reflect on our achievements, impact, and potential for growth. Identifying the potential for new and expanded program areas allow ADYC to provide a wide range of services and move closer to our vision of generations of healthy, strong American Indian children and families. As with all of our work, our efforts are based upon the needs of the community and we welcome community and other volunteer involvement, participation, and contribution.

I look forward to seeing what we accomplish in the coming year. Through partnership and collaboration, we work to expand our programming, partnerships, and capacity—this energy motivates strong Native communities. With that context in mind, I'm pleased to present our 2022 Community Report. This report features some of our most important highlights from the past year. Of course, the good work continues through the strength and vision of our team, our youth and families, community stakeholders, and that of our funding supports.

Miigwech, Pidamayaye, Pilamayaye, Pinigigi (thank you)  
Sheri Riemers | Executive Director  
White Earth Nation of Ojibwe



# Housing and Stabilization

## **Ain Dah Yung (Our Home) Emergency Shelter**

ADYC provides the only American Indian youth emergency shelter in the Twin Cities, and the only East Metro shelter open 24/7/365. Services for youth ages 5-17 include emergency and short-term shelter, crisis intervention, advocacy, referrals, health care, counseling, and case management. During the pandemic the number of youth served was impacted due to mandated reduced capacity, dropping the number served to 32 youth per year. Capacity has been fully restored to pre-pandemic numbers of 5 female and 5 male beds with the ability to transition spaces to accommodate gender non-conforming youth. ADY ensures that 100% of the youth in our care attend school and have academic support after school. Our goal is to ensure that children do not lose ground while they are with us and that they can keep as many routines as possible. A major priority is providing traditional teachings and exposure while youth seek safety at ADY shelter, such as powwows, beadwork projects, medicine gardening, smudging, monthly talking circles, and participating in Ninijanisag programming. [In 2022, we served a total of 32 youth at the Emergency Shelter.](#)

## **Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge**

A transitional living program for youth ages 16-21 for up to 24 months, emphasizing training, education, and employment goals while creating community and cultural connections. Youth Lodge staff work to create a supportive, healthy, and safe environment for the youth we serve. In 2022 100% of Youth Lodge residents developed an academic achievement plan, attended high school or GED classes, developed a self-sufficiency skills development plan, and, of those eligible, enrolled in mainstream benefits, including health coverage. [In 2022, we served 15 youth at the Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge.](#)

## **Street Outreach Program**

ADYC is a member of StreetWorks, a program of Lutheran Social Service, which is a collaborative serving youth experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness and exploitation. The goal of street outreach work is to reach out to homeless or highly mobile youth, cultivate a trusting relationship, inform them of available resources and places to go for help, and encourage youth to access these supports. Targeting American Indian youth, outreach workers develop relationships and provide basic need supplies such as health/personal care items and food while facilitating access to transportation, basic health care, and home placements. ADYC currently has 2 FTE Street Outreach Workers and has several other staff being trained in the outreach protocols through StreetWorks. [In 2022, the ADYC StreetWorks team had a total of 567 youth contacts. The collaborative as a whole had over 7,400 contacts in 2022.](#)

## **Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung (Good New Home)**

Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung is a 42-unit Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program for American Indian young adults ages 18-24, providing culturally responsive housing, case management, education, mental health support, and workforce development. Each PSH resident is paired with a transition coach who follows residents through every step of the housing process—from initial application, to move-in, to finding economic stability, and eventually transitioning to traditional housing. [The PSH has remained full to capacity with many going into their third year of residency. In 2022, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung housed 43 young adults.](#)



# Youth and Family Services

## **Ninijanisag (Our Children)**

A multifaceted program working with youth ages 8-21 that grounds youth in American Indian culture while encouraging healthy lifestyles, including deterring chemical and commercial tobacco abuse. Youth regularly participate in cultural education and leadership development. All youth participants are reached through a combination of weekly groups, afterschool programming, and collaboration with various educational institutions and programs such as the Emergency Shelter, Youth Lodge, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung, American Indian Magnet School, Harding Senior High School, and community referrals. In 2022, 46 youth regularly participated in cultural education and leadership development through the Ninijanisag program.

## **Oyate Nawajin (Stand with the People)**

Supports families through group learning, increasing positive social networks, connection to cultural teachings, case management, referrals, resource acquisition, and general support. Families participate in bi-weekly Drum & Dance, an annual Prevention and Culture weekend retreat, holiday gatherings, and community events, including ADYC's Cherish the Children Powwow. In 2022 our 2 Family Advocates served 46 families with a total of 100 children. Of the 100 children that were served, 15 experienced out-of-home placement and 2 of these children were reunified. All families received individualized and community-based support services from our Family Advocates and many of the families received direct client financial assistance. These services were all provided in union with the mission of the Ain Dah Yung Center: providing a healing place within the community for American Indian youth and families to thrive in safety and wholeness.

## **Zhawenimaa (They Are Loved Unconditionally) Safe Harbor**

Launched in 2020, ADYC's Zhawenimaa Safe Harbor program in 2022 had 2 FTE, including a case manager and a mobile case manager that both provide Safe Harbor services to victim-survivors of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Zhawenimaa provides culturally specific, trauma informed care for American Indian youth before, during, and after periods of exploitation. Zhawenimaa provides acutely needed services to youth across ADYC programs, including youth in Emergency Shelter, the Beverley A. Benjamin Youth Lodge, Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung, and self-identified sexually exploited Street Outreach youth. In 2022, 80 youth were provided services.



# Youth and Family Services

## Indian Child Welfare Legal Advocacy/Compliance (ICWLAC) Project

In 2022, the Indian Child Welfare Compliance Monitor monitored 329 hearings for compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA). The total number of monitored hearings included cases in Ramsey, Anoka, Washington, Carver, Dakota, and Scott Counties. This project also supports an ICWA parent attorney through our partnership with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS). This attorney provided legal representation to 16 parents and an additional 2 families received legal advice.

## Nokomis Circle Project

Creates a bridge between Child Protection and the needs of our American Indian Families. The Nokomis Circle Family Liaison (NCFL) position is a unique project in partnership with Ramsey County Child Protection that ensures families have a voice in the Child Protection System. The NCFL works alongside intake workers and case managers to provide American Indian families access to culturally-relevant, community-based support services to prevent out-of-home placement and ensure the protections of ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) and MIFPA (Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act) are understood. In 2022, the Nokomis Circle Family Liaison referred 13 American Indian families to the Oyate Nawajin Family Advocacy Program. Since April of 2022, the NCFL has attended over 20 home, hospital, and school visits as well as 3 Family Group Decision-Making Meetings, 8 Emergency Protective Care Hearings, and 125 ICWA court hearings. With the implementation of Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) the Nokomis Circle Family Liaison will continue to provide the efforts necessary to ensure positive outcomes for families involved with the child welfare system.

## Wotakuye (Kinship) Program

The Wotakuye Program builds healthy and supportive networks for ADYC young adults and their families and friends. We work to connect, reconnect, and find important people in their lives 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. After the first year of working with researchers and building the program our Kinship Coordinator is working with youth to build relationships and working to connect them to the community. ADYC started this program in fall of 2021 and has been in the program design phase with the assistance of Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare (CASCW) for most of 2022. One youth was enrolled in Wotakuye in 2022.



# Youth and Family Services

## 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 relationships, and other personal development goals. Additional services included 6 psychoeducation groups for 25 residents, equine therapy for 41 participants from all ADYC programs, 8 art therapy sessions (in conjunction with an art therapy intern from Adler) serving 48 youth, and Clean living Space Initiative for 8 residents. Monthly community meals were held to increase engagement and reduce isolation. In 2022 the Youth and Family Therapist at Mino Oski Ain Dah Yung provided individual therapy to 21 residents, couples therapy to 3 couples, mediation to 10 different pairs of residents/couples, and 24 walk-in days for therapy or crisis intervention.

## Ramsey County Children's Mental Health

Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Case Managers provide case management and support from a cultural framework specific to American Indian youth and families. Case management services are designed to serve families with children who have severe emotional and behavioral disturbances. In a culturally sensitive manner, case managers help families develop treatment and crisis plans, make referrals to community resources, create a supportive team of family, professionals, and community members, assist parents in advocating for their child's mental health needs, and access respite care and other supports. In 2022 the Children's Mental Health Case Managers provided case management to 28 families and children ages 5-17.

## 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 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]. ADYC has implemented required training for all staff in QPR in an ongoing effort to prevent suicide.

In 2022, the Suicide Prevention Coordinator provided QPR training for 17 ADYC staff members. Suicide Prevention served 131 youth and held 68 groups which included a storytelling series, beading groups, harvesting of traditional plant-based medicines, and making ribbon skirt/shirts, moccasins, jingle dresses, and concho belts.





# Individual Donors

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## **In-Kind Donations**

3M Foundation  
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# Tribal and Community Support

## \$100,000+

Greater Twin Cities United Way

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

Native Voices Rising

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

Comcast Innovation Fund

Mississippi Market

MN Coalition For The Homeless

National Urban Indian Family Coalition

The House Of Hope Presbyterian Church

Youthprise

## \$0 - \$9,999

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Ramsey County Sheriff's Office

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Second Harvest Heartland

Star House

The House Of Hope Presbyterian Church

TSE, Inc.

# Government Funding

## Ramsey County

- Children's Mental Health
- RC Nokomis Circle
- RC Shelter

## MN Department of Health

- Safe Harbor
- Suicide Prevention
- Tobacco

## MN Department of Human Services

- Chemical Dependency (State CD)
- Housing Support Supplemental Services
- ICWA Early Intervention
- ICWA Special Focus
- ICWA Urban Primary
- OEO HYA
- Safe Harbor Shelter/Housing

MN Dept of Education:MN CACFP Shelter Food (CLICS)

Hennepin Children & Family Services Dept

## Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota

- StreetWorks FHPAP
- StreetWorks Homeless Youth Act OEO HYA
- Streetworks FYSB

## Federal Emergency Management Agency

- EFSP ARPA-R
- EFSP Phase 39

National Indigenous Women's Resource Center NIWRC

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence NRCDV

Arizona State University ASU:ASU Parenting in Two Worlds

## U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DDHS)

- SAMHSA
- TLP/FYSB
- BCP

# Financial Report

	2022	2021
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,747,590	\$ 2,097,679
Investments	26,023	-
Accounts Receivable	245,760	335,340
Contributions Receivable - Current	99,309	599,350
Prepaid Expenses	13,453	14,140
Total Current Assets	<u>3,132,135</u>	<u>3,046,509</u>
Partnership Investment	140,000	140,000
Property and Equipment - Net	<u>458,955</u>	<u>500,977</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,731,090</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,687,486</u></u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 37,796	\$ 105,794
Accrued Payroll Liabilities	192,273	164,113
Accrued Expenses	19,335	17,250
Total Current Liabilities	<u>249,404</u>	<u>287,157</u>
Note Payable	<u>47,500</u>	<u>47,500</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>296,904</u>	<u>334,657</u>
Net Assets:		
Without Donor Restrictions:		
Board Designated	125,000	125,000
Undesignated	2,101,638	1,885,536
Total Without Donor Restrictions	<u>2,226,638</u>	<u>2,010,536</u>
With Donor Restrictions	<u>1,207,548</u>	<u>1,342,293</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>3,434,186</u>	<u>3,352,829</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$ 3,731,090</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,687,486</u></u>



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# Miigwech Pilamayaye



# Pidamayaye Thank You

