



**AMERICAN
INDIAN**
COMMUNITY CENTER

The Mission of the American Indian Community Center

The American Indian Community Center's mission is to provide comprehensive social and economic development services for all racial groups in our community, encouraging individual and family self-sufficiency, and protecting and preserving the cultures and traditions of Indian people.

Background

- The American Indian Community Center was founded in 1967 as a social gathering place for Indian and Native American people who lived in the Spokane area.
- Since 1967 AICC has become a comprehensive social service agency serving American Indian/Alaskan Natives and all other racial groups by providing Employment and Training Services, which attempts to match programs and resources for the individual client's needs.
- We also offer Indian Child Welfare services or families who are in danger of losing their children to Child Protective Services.

Forever Home

- After more than 55 years and nearly a dozen moves, a community center focused on serving the region's Indigenous people may have found its permanent home near the ancestral fishing grounds of the Spokane Tribe of Indians.
- “There’s ample area for us to do things that need outdoor spaces, to do sweats, and to have a mini powwow ground,” said Linda Lauch, executive director of the American Indian Community Center and a descendant of the Spokane Tribe. “Within our walls, we’ll have a gymnasium that can be used as a multipurpose area, to have funerals and have large meetings.”
- Earlier this year, the Spokane Park Board signaled their early support to permit the American Indian Community Center to build a new facility in High Bridge Park, near the confluence of the Latah Creek and Spokane River. The nonprofit is seeking public and private donations to make the construction a reality within the next few years, after decades of offering job training, housing assistance and mental health services in leased properties.

Forever Home Vision



- A gathering place for community meetings, community indoor and outdoor activities, traditional tribal ceremonies, tribal funerals, and special events.
- Expanded behavioral health offering include primary care for individuals experiencing SA disorders.
- Food bank
- On-going service delivery

Workforce Investment Opportunities Act

WIOA

- Provides employment training services, job referrals, career counseling, outreach, education assistance, development of resumes, work experience placement, support services and on-going case management to American Indian clients.
- College and financial aid direction for referrals and counseling, to training and pre-employment opportunities.

GoodHeart Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- Goodheart Behavioral Health provides Adult Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient substance use disorder treatment.
- Substance use assessments (18 years and older), can enroll into Outpatient Treatment (OP).
- ASAM Criteria Level 1 (Outpatient), sessions two hours per week and (IOP) ASAM Criteria Level 2.1 (Intensive Outpatient) with sessions six hours per week.
- Referral assistance with admission to other facilities for Inpatient Treatment, work with court-ordered and deferred prosecutions.
- An aftercare/Relapse Prevention Program is available for adults who have completed Inpatient, Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient programs and need continued care and support.



GoodHeart Behavioral Health Mental Health

- Outpatient services will use a person-centered, holistic model of care to assist individuals 18 and older who are experiencing mental health issues.
- Assessment of individual Mental, Emotional, Physical and Social needs and treatment planning in individual or group therapy session.
- Psychiatric medication management pending program approval. All GoodHeart Behavioral Health/Mental Health services and treatment levels utilize culturally appropriate assessments, group and individual therapy sessions, and Native focused psycho education classes.
- Most insurances are accepted or sliding fee scale of payment.

Indian Child Welfare ICW

- Provide advocacy and support for Native American families and children at risk of/or involved with the Washington State Division of Children, Youth and Families and local Tribal Child Protective Services.
- We will refer clients to obtain legal assistance through the Northwest Justice Project.
- Educate families on DCYF and Tribal ICW policies. Collaborating with DCFY /Tribal ICW to assist families with compliance with court orders
- Offer parenting workshops, including Positive Indian Parenting, an evidence-based parent-directed curriculum that uses an Indian Cultural lens.
- Indian Child Welfare Care Coordinators are here to listen and will work with clients to assess and address the family's needs through an extensive network of community partners.



Foodbank

- Serving all of Spokane County.
- The AICC food bank is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00am to 4:30pm.
- Every Monday 2nd Harvest delivers food to the center.
- On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, Grocery Rescue provides additional food including fresh produce, pastries, fruit, dairy, breads etc. Products vary each week.



Central Intake



- We offer crisis intervention and case management for individuals and families.
- We utilize an extensive network of local resources for referrals to assist clients with comprehensive services and basic needs. These services are supported solely by community donations.
- We also manage rental assistance grants by completing an intake, gathering documents, and sending them to management for approval.
- Through the Zumiez Foundation, we are able to provide winter clothing, including coats, hoodies, hats, gloves, socks, and blankets.
- We also receive a donation of socks from Bombas for children and adults.

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Siksiksimasiituk, Anepetu Was'te, Pidamaya
“Thank You!”

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