



GRANDFACTS

OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE FACT SHEET FOR KINSHIP/GRANDFAMILIES

This fact sheet includes national, state, and Tribal data and information on Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) programs that can assist kinship/grandfamilies. GrandFacts fact sheets for each state and the District of Columbia are also available [online](#).

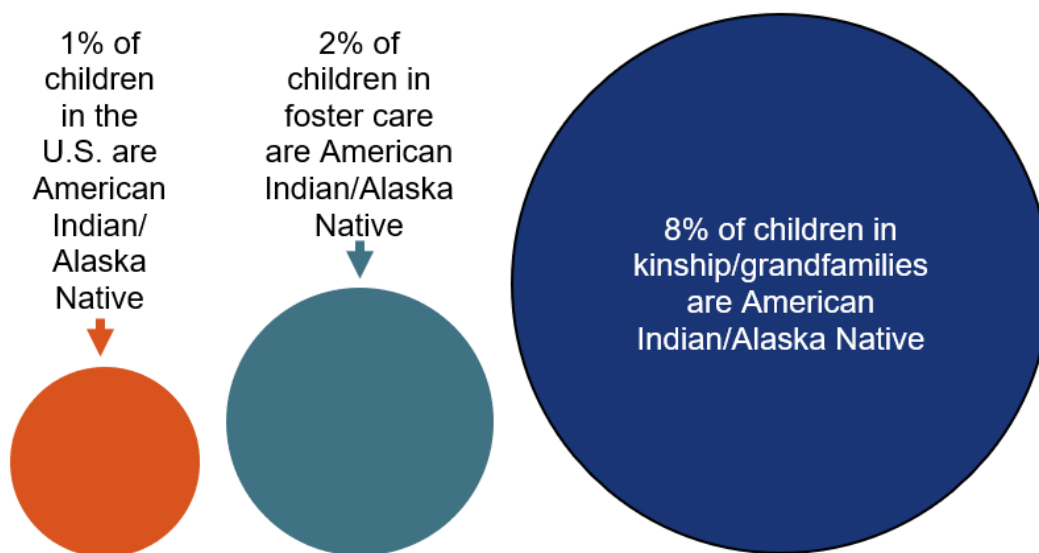
American Indian and Alaska Native Children Disproportionately Live in Grandfamilies

While the overrepresentation of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children in kinship/grandfamilies is likely a product of the centuries-long shameful treatment of Native communities by the United States and the many inequities they continue to face, it is also a reflection of cultural strengths and resilience.

As of November 2025, there are 111 cases in case management and 211 in investigation involving children and youth in OST custody and foster care, with additional youth in guardianship or placed for adoption. To better understand child welfare data in South Dakota involving OST children and youth, the data below outlines the prevalence of out-of-home placement and the value of this resource in supporting tiospaye (extended family).

- ▶ Native American children comprise nearly 75% of South Dakota's foster care population, with over 315 OST youth in state care.
- ▶ About 30% of OST children and youth in South Dakota custody are living with family or friends.
- ▶ Approximately 1,500 OST families are receiving services under the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

Kinship/Grandfamilies Data¹



Oglala Sioux Tribal Programs That May Help

The Oglala Sioux Tribe is located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (Pine Ridge) in southwestern South Dakota and northwestern Nebraska. Pine Ridge is among the largest of the Reservations in the United States, consisting of 3,500 square miles contained in three counties (Oglala Lakota, Bennett, and Jackson). Pine Ridge is comprised of nine districts and over 50 distinct communities and neighborhoods. OST is governed by a 21-member council. Two representatives serve the Eagle Nest, Pass Creek, LaCreek, Oglala, Wounded Knee, and Porcupine Districts, while three representatives serve Medicine Root, Pine Ridge Village, and Wakpamni Districts. Individuals of both American Indian and non-Indian ancestry reside within the Reservation's geographic boundaries.

OST offers its members a range of services on Pine Ridge, such as social services, housing, education, culture and recreation, health and wellness, veterans services, and other community supports. OST serves their children and families involved in state child welfare systems nationwide where ICWA applies. OST members are also served by

¹ The data presented in this graphic is from the [United States Census Bureau](#), the [Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center](#), and the [Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System \(AFCARS\)](#).

counties outside Pine Ridge and in state systems, including Rapid City, South Dakota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Minnesota, and Colorado.

The programs and services listed in this fact sheet are available to OST enrolled members and relative families that meet the eligibility criteria described in the entries for each program and service. Some resources are available to enrolled members of other Tribal Nations and community members, as noted in the service area and eligibility criteria listed along with each program and service. If you need more information about eligibility, how to apply, or how to access services, contact the program directly.

The OST Child and Family Code, Wakanyeja na Tiwahe ta Woope, includes the following definitions:

§402.1 Wotakuye: Lakota Kinship

(a) Background, Tiospaye, and Tiwahe

(1) The root of Lakota social structure is the tiospaye—extended family. Tiospaye are comprised of tiwahe, immediate families, as well as individuals adopted through formal ceremony. Equality is a prevailing principle of tiospaye life. Responsibilities are dispersed throughout the tiospaye and no one is above the laws. Social classes do not exist, and leaders maintain prominence only insofar as they carry out the wishes of the people. Historically, tiospaye were self-sufficient and life revolved around them. However, federal policies and initiatives that accompanied reservation life promoted the assimilation of the Lakota into mainstream Anglo-American culture and have led to a loss of some of the strengths of the tiospaye lifestyle.

(2) Among the strengths of traditional tiospaye life and the strong emphasis on kinship was children never really became orphans. Upon birth, they had many mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters. Thus, even though children might lose their natural parents, relatives stepped forward and assumed parental responsibilities. Furthermore, kinship customs minimized violence, conflicts, and disputes within the tiospaye. Few individuals would consider causing trouble among the people, knowing of the consequences they would face from disrespecting relatives.

§402.2 Lena Tuwepi he/hwo (Traditional Lakota Definitions)

(1) Oyate ("people"): The Lakota People

(2) Tiospaye ("extended family"): The root of the Lakota social structure; tiospaye are comprised of the immediate families of brothers and sisters, their descendants, and relatives adopted through formal ceremony.

(3) Tiwahe (“family”): A family unit resulting from a union or partnering (Hasanipi) of a man and a woman to raise children and to live according to the laws, ceremonies, and customs of the people.

(4) Wakanyeja (“child”): A sacred gift from Tunkasila, or Wakan Tanka—the Great Spirit conceived by the union of a man and a woman. Spirits conduct ceremonies in Nagiyata (the “spirit world”) to prepare for the child’s entry into Earth. Children are given a vision or role for their life on Earth. Children are pure and have special powers until around the age of puberty.

Other OST Definitions

Hunka Ceremony is a culturally based way to adopt others as members of your family. Hunka Ceremony is a way to make relatives. The Children’s Justice Center utilizes this ceremony for some kids in foster care, and it is the process available to kin caregivers. See a medicine man for more information.

Resources

The following pages present resources organized into seven primary service areas, each with subcategories that describe specific types of services. To begin, select the jurisdiction and subcategory that best matches the service you are seeking. While this list is comprehensive, it is not exhaustive. We hope that it will be a helpful starting place.

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Rapid City, South Dakota

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South Dakota

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Nebraska

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North Dakota

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Minnesota

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Colorado

- ▶ [Social and Support Services](#)
- ▶ [Legal](#)
- ▶ [Health and Wellness](#)

Resources on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Coming Soon: Through the [Tiwahe Initiative](#), OST is in the process of developing a Kinship Navigator Program to support relative/kinship families. More information is forthcoming about program offerings and implementation.

Social and Support Services

OST Child Protective Services (OST CPS) Division of Foster Care – Foster Care and Kinship Care Licensing

Website: https://www.facebook.com/people/OST-Child-Protection-Services-ICWA/61568231076980/?_rd=1

Phone: (605) 867-5752

Eligibility & Description: OST licenses, supports, and monitors foster care and kinship care homes. To become a foster parent, applicants must complete an application; undergo 30 hours of foster parent training; pass federal, state, and Tribal background checks; and pass a home study. Contact OST CPS to learn more about the specific licensing standards for becoming a foster or kinship caregiver.

Kinship Licensing: OST CPS has the authority to license foster homes located within the established OST service area. OST CPS may license individuals who are members of OST or are eligible for membership, individuals who are members of other federally recognized Tribes or are eligible for membership, and non-Indian kinship foster families within the

established OST service area for children who are under the jurisdiction of the Oglala Sioux Tribal Court. The definition of service area may also include “as within proximity,” which permits OST CPS to perform all licensing, placement, support, and monitoring responsibilities for the kinship foster home.

OST CPS / ICWA

Website: www.ostcps.org; https://www.facebook.com/people/OST-Child-Protection-Services-ICWA/61568231076980/?_rdr

Phone: OST CPS (605) 867-5752; reporting child abuse and neglect in South Dakota (877) 244-0864; [make an ICWA inquiry](#)

Eligibility & Description: OST CPS provides a range of child protection service programs, from intake to licensing Tribal foster care and kinship homes to adoption. OST CPS works with all children and families who reside on the Reservation when a call has been made to the CPS hotline. OST CPS provides family preservation services for families who are at risk and have an open case with CPS. Family preservation seeks to prevent child removal by developing in-home safety plans that support families. The ICWA program serves children who qualify for protections under ICWA residing outside of the Reservation.

Oglala Lakota Children’s Justice Center

Website: www.lakotajc.org/about-us

Phone: (605) 867-5643; Larry Swalley: (605) 407-3623

Eligibility & Description: The Oglala Lakota Children’s Justice Center offers comprehensive, culturally competent services for Lakota children on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation who have experienced trauma. The Center conducts forensic interviewing and assists families in understanding the judicial system and court procedures. Larry Swalley supports several culturally based healing practices at the center, including traditional ceremonies and other cultural events.

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

Website: www.pineridgereconciliationcenter.org

Phone: (605) 867-5262

Email: Contact Pastor Dan at Pineridge.center@gmail.com

Description: The Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center offers six main programs, including Kids Time, which provides a safe place for kids to play and build relationships on weekdays after school; hygiene items; cultural immersion groups to learn Lakota history and culture; a daytime homeless shelter that offers showers, laundry, food, fellowship, and other support; the Lutheran/Lakota Job Corp, which employs community members to run and assist the ministries of the Reconciliation Center as a way to earn a living and support their families; and an Emergency Assistance Matching Fund, which offers assistance to help people purchase propane or pay their electric bills during the harsh winters on Pine Ridge.

OST Victim Services

Website: www.facebook.com/OglalaSiouxTribeVictimServices

Phone: hotline: (605) 867-1508; director: (605) 407-1542

Eligibility & Description: OST Victim Services provides 24/7 crisis intervention, outreach advocacy, emergency fuel, food, clothing, transportation, assistance filing victim compensation applications, criminal justice advocacy (transportation to court, court support, assistance filing protection orders and restraining orders), support groups, community education, emergency shelter services, and case management for victims of domestic violence and their children. The program supports victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and elder abuse across the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Wild Horse Butte Community Development Corporation

Website: <https://www.whbcd.org/>

Phone: (605) 685-1168

Email: wildhorsebutte2021@gmail.com

Description: The Wild Horse Butte Community Development Corporation provides shelter and services to relatives who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. This includes referrals to services, transportation, help securing long-term shelter/housing, cultural and spiritual healing, talking

circles, a horse camp, a diaper program, a donation program, and an internship project.

Survivors of Sexual Assault Anonymous

Website: <https://www.survivorsofsexualassaultanonymous.com/>

Email: sasa12step@gmail.com

Eligibility & Description: Survivors of Sexual Assault Anonymous offers virtual support groups and talking circles for survivors/victims of sexual abuse and sexual assault throughout the United States. Support is free, confidential, and all ages 18+ and genders are welcome. To attend meetings, you can fill out a new member registration form online at <https://www.survivorsofsexualassaultanonymous.com/register>

OST Emergency Youth Shelter

Phone: (605) 867-2515

Eligibility & Description: OST Emergency Youth Shelter provides temporary shelter and services to meet the basic needs of youth on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation who have fallen into hard times and have nowhere else to go. Each resident is charged a foster care rate depending on the referring agency.

OST Food Distribution

Website: www.facebook.com/ostfoods

Phone: (605) 867-5511

Email: ostfoods@yahoo.com

Eligibility & Description: OST Food Distribution provides healthy food for low-income Native American families within the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Food distribution centers are in Pine Ridge and Wanblee.

OST Child Care and Development Program

Website: www.facebook.com/ostchildcare

Phone: (605) 867-5172

Eligibility & Description: The OST Child Care and Development Program operates one baby center for children ages 0-5 and five centers for children up to age 12.

Services are available to any child who is a member of a federally recognized Tribe and who resides on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation or lives with a caregiver who works on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. In addition, another program offered is a 12-week curriculum-based Fatherhood Program that meets every Thursday at Evergreen Community Building from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. and Manderson Cap Office from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. To apply, visit the main office in Pine Ridge or contact a child care center near you.

Pine Ridge Child Care Center: (605) 867-2507

Allen Child Care Center: (605) 455-2136

Kyle Child Care Center: (605) 455-2318

Manderson Child Care Center: (605) 867-6299

Porcupine Child Care Center: (605) 867-2524

Wanblee Child Care Center: (605) 462-6086

Housing

Oglala Lakota Housing Authority

Website: www.oslh.org

Phone: (605) 867-5161

Email: info@oslh.org

Eligibility & Description: The Oglala Lakota Housing Authority offers a variety of services to ensure safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for OST-enrolled members residing on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, including rental housing, homeownership, tenant services, maintenance, an elderly energy program, and more.

OST Home Improvement Program (HIP)

Phone: (605) 867-5787

Eligibility & Description: HIP strives to ensure all Native American families live in a suitable living environment by providing renovations and building new homes. HIP serves members of any federally recognized Tribe.

Winaphe Optipi (New Sunrise Shelter)

Phone: crisis line: (605) 867-1508; donations: (605) 441-9056

Description: Provides emergency shelter for women and children fleeing intimate partner violence. Donations like bedding, towels, kitchenware, toys, clothes, and hygiene products are welcomed.

Culture and Recreation

Lakota Language and Education Initiative

Website: <https://thundervalley.org/initiatives/lakota-language-education>

Phone: (605) 455-2700

Description: The Lakota Language and Education Initiative fosters a Lakota learning environment that develops strong leaders who are rooted in Lakota. Wicoh'an, are academically prepared, and have the tools to live a healthy and holistic life. The Initiative offers a range of language immersion programs, including the Wakinyan Opa Owayawa (Thunder Valley Montessori Lakota Immersion Program); Owayawa Bebola (1-3 Lakota Immersion Montessori rooted in Lakota language and lifeways); Owayawa Cik'ala (3-6 Lakota Immersion Montessori rooted in Lakota language and lifeways); Owayawa Tan'ka (Elementary Immersion Class that provides immersive learning for grades K-1 that reflects the beliefs of ancestors inside the Lakota ancestral language); Wayawa Tan'kon'kinyan (Lakota Reclamation Program to increase knowledge and confidence in the Lakota language for staff, families, and communities); Wowapi na Itowapiškánškan Kağapi (Curriculum Development that is designed by fluent speakers, educators, and the community to provide comprehensive and culturally-infused curriculum for children, families, and adults); and Wowaho'kun'kiye (Teachings of Our Elders preserves the history and knowledge of fluent speakers).

Oceti Wakan (Sacred Fireplace)

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/OcetiWakan9/>

Phone: (605) 867-6056

Email: ocetiwakan@gmail.com

Description: Located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Oceti Wakan is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Lakota culture and language, and the healing of its people.

MAŦPIYA LUTA HUKHUCIYELA OWAYAWA Red Cloud Elementary School - Lakota Language Immersion

Website: <https://schools.mahpiyaluta.org/schools/red-cloud-elementary-school>

Phone: (605) 867-5437

Description: Lakota Language Immersion is an opportunity for children and youth to explore academic content while learning Lakota language at the same time. The curriculum strives to meet the academic, spiritual, and language needs of all students.

Aktá Lakota (To Honor the People) Museum and Cultural Center

Website: <https://aktalakota.stjo.org>

Phone: 1(800) 798-3452

Email: aktalakota@stjo.org

Description: Explore the rich Lakota culture through exhibitions, curricula, and a video tour. Shop handcrafted items, attend events, and more.

Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation

Website: www.oglalasiouxparksandrec.net

Phone: (605) 455-2530

Oglala Re*Creation and Worship Center

Website: <https://oglalarwc.org>

Phone: (605) 867-2510

Email: orwc@gwtc.net

Description: A multi-purpose facility for after-school programs, youth nights, Bible studies, worship services, community events, and more.

Education and Career Development

Uncangleska Wounspe Okolakiciye – OST Tribal Education Agency (TEA)

Website: www.facebook.com/p/Oglala-Sioux-Tribal-Education-Agency

Phone: (605) 455-2666

Email: tea@oglala.org

Description: TEA's mission is to provide a sacred environment for students to achieve academic and cultural excellence. TEA provides positive reinforcement to support the self-image of students; enhances cultural heritage through integration of language and history; recognizes that education empowers the individual and benefits the entire community; makes high-quality, lifelong learning accessible to all; raises expectations and works together to gain mutual trust and respect; and puts the learner at the heart of the agency. TEA serves 21 schools that support over 6,000 students (see the schools listed below).

P.L. 100-297 Tribally Controlled Grant Schools:

Mila Hunska Tasunke Owayawa (PK-8)

Tasunke Witko Owayawa (PK-12)

Isna Wica Owayawa (K-8)

Taopi Ciklala Owayawa (PK-12)

Pahin Sinte Owayawa (K-8)

Chankpe Opi Owayawa (K-8)

Oglala Lakota County Public Schools:

Inyan Sala Owayawa (K-8)

Lakota Wowasi Waunspe Wankatuya (9-12)

Makho Sica Owayawa (PK-8)

Ogla Luta Owayawa (K-8)

Sungmanitu Thanka Wakpala (PK-8)

Wounspe Omnaye Oгна Wounspe (9-12)

Private Schools:

Anpo Wichipi Owayawa (7-12)

Lakota Waldorf Owayawa (K-8)

Oyate Academic (K-8)

Parochial Schools:

Winyan Wakhan Owayawa (K-8)

Mahpiya Luta Owayawa (PK-12)

Bureau-Operated School:

Wazi Ahanhan Owayawa (PK-12)

Off Reservation State Schools:

Pazola Owayawa (K-12)

Ohl'oka Owayawa (K-12)

Sungpha Waksa Owayawa (K-12)

Oglala Lakota College:

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OLC HeadStart and Early HeadStart

MAḤPÍYA LÚTA OWÁYAWA – Red Cloud Schools

Website: <https://schools.mahpiyaluta.org/>

Phone: mainline: (605) 867-5491; elementary: (605) 867-5437; middle school: (605) 867-5889; high school: (605) 867-1289

Eligibility & Description: Red Cloud Schools promotes a thriving community of learners grounded in Lakḥóta and Catholic beliefs, values, and practices that cultivate a capacity to love and serve in a diverse and rapidly changing world. Red Cloud Schools serve children and youth in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

For families interested in learning more about the Early Childhood Learning Center at Mahpiya Luta or inquiring about child care availability, visit <https://mahpiyaluta.org/the-early-childhood-learning-center-at-mahpiya-luta/>.

Oglala Lakota County School District (OLCSD)

Website: <https://www.olcsd.com/>

Phone: (605) 502-0050; 1(877) 651-OLCSD

Description: OLCSD is a public school district headquartered in Batesland, South Dakota, serving schools in Oglala Lakota County: Batesland School, Red Shirt School, Rockyford School, Wolf Creek School, Lakota Tech High School, and OLCSD Virtual High School.

Anpo Wicahpi (Morning Star) – The Pine Ridge Girls' School

Website: <https://pineridgegirlsschool.org/>

Phone: (605) 455-1218

Email: For community relations and parent inquiries, contact anpowicahpi@pineridgegirlsschool.org

Description: The Pine Ridge Girls' School is the only school on any Reservation in America providing an academically rigorous, all-girls, college-prep education, immersed in Lakota culture, language, and values. The school's educational model seeks to empower and equip Lakota girls in grades 6-12 with the vital foundations they need to find their voices, thrive in competitive colleges, and become community and national leaders.

Oyate Hope Academy

Website: www.oyatehopeacademy.org

Phone: (605) 891-4576

Email: wendell@oyatehopeacademy.org

Eligibility & Description: Oyate Hope Academy provides a comprehensive education for children in grades K-8. Oyate Hope Academy serves children, families, and communities in and around Oglala, South Dakota, on the Pine Ridge

Indian Reservation. The Academy offers individualized education that helps students advance themselves intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

Pine Ridge School

Website: <https://pra.bie.edu/enroll/residential>

Phone: (605) 867-2674

Eligibility & Description: Pine Ridge School is located on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, providing accredited educational services to approximately 1,000 Oglala Lakota children and youth in grades K-12. Pine Ridge School serves Batesland, Porcupine, Manderson, Oglala, and Kyle. Pine Ridge School has a residential program, including dorms for boys and girls.

Family and Child Education (FACE) Program at Pine Ridge School: The FACE program provides skills development and education that show children how to be students. The program helps parents/guardians learn techniques, tools, and habits to prepare their children for school. FACE educational services integrate language and culture at home and in school settings. Parents/guardians of preschool and early elementary-aged students are encouraged to enroll. Contact (605) 867-5433 with questions about the program and application process.

Pahin Sinte Owayawa School

Website: <https://www.porcupineschool.org/>

Phone: (605) 867-5588

Description: Pahin Sinte Owayawa School provides a quality K-8 education to children of the Lakota Nation in Porcupine, South Dakota. The school teaches students knowledge, skills, and behaviors to become responsible citizens who can positively impact the economic and social conditions of the greater Lakota Nation.

Lakota Waldorf School (LWS)

Website: <https://lakotawaldorfschool.org/>

Phone: (605) 455-2487

Eligibility & Description: LWS is a tuition-free school that serves children in grades K-8 living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. LWS serves any child living in Oglala Lakota County or within a one-hour bus drive. In addition to the K-8 curriculum, LWS offers a Lakota language and culture program, a healthy meal program, and eco-friendly practices.

Taopi Cikala Owayawa (Little Wound School) – Project Aware

Website: <https://www.littlewound.us/projectaware.aspx>

Phone: 24/7 on call at (605) 441-4187; 1(833) 256-2002; [college centers directory](#)

Eligibility & Description: A comprehensive mental and behavioral health support program for students. Services are voluntary and offer support through cultural activities, counseling, and other targeted approaches. Project Aware supports student opportunities to participate in cultural ceremonies and activities on campus, to access expanded student support services, and to receive training about trauma and positive coping mechanisms.

Oglala Lakota College

Website: www.olc.edu/about-olc

Phone: (605) 455-6000; 1(833) 256-2002; [college centers directory](#)

Description: Oglala Lakota College seeks to rebuild the Lakota Nation through education. Oglala Lakota College graduates well-rounded students grounded in Wolakolkiclyapi, learning Lakota ways of life in the community by teaching Lakota culture and language as part of preparing students to participate in a multicultural world.

Oglala Lakota College – Wounspe Oaye Tokahe (Early Head Start / Head Start Program)

Website: www.olc.edu/head-start

Phone: (605) 455-6125

Email: lisliem@olc.edu

Service Area: Head Start operates 10 centers in Allen, Kyle, Manderson, Martin, Oglala, Porcupine, Pine Ridge, Wakpamni, Wanblee, and Wounded Knee.

Eligibility & Description: Wounspe Oaye Tokahe serves pregnant women and children ages birth to five who have a family income that meets federal income guidelines, as well as children with disabilities, children in foster care, and children whose families are homeless. Children of families exceeding income guidelines may be eligible based on specific needs.

Wounspe Oaye Tokahe (Woe oon' spay Oh ah' ye 'Toe kah' hay), which means First Level of Education, operates the Birth to Five Head Start Program on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Wounspe Oaye Tokahe provides a range of services to address the cognitive, emotional, physical, nutritional, mental health, language, and cultural development needs of Lakota children. The Oglala Lakota College strives to practice and teach the values of traditional Lakota culture: Ohitika (Bravery), Wacantognakapi (Generosity), Wowacintaka (Fortitude), Wokiksuye (Remembrance), Unsihanpi (Humility), Woyuonihan (Respect), Woonspe (Learning), Woslolye (Knowledge), Wookahnige (Understanding), and Woksape (Wisdom).

Oglala Lakota College – Higher Education Grants

Website: www.olc.edu/future-students/financial-aid/higher-education-grants

Phone: OST Higher Education Grant Program: 1(800) 832-3651 or (605) 867-5338

Eligibility & Description: Oglala Lakota College offers information about higher education grant programs available to Oglala Lakota College students. Students must complete a Higher Education Grant application with their Tribal education office. Students apply at the Tribe they are enrolled in if the program is available. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Pell Grant Application must be completed and on file before a needs analysis can be filled out by the financial aid office and submitted to the Higher Education office.

Special Education Services (Birth to Five)

Phone: (605) 867-5712

Email: connie.richard@ogllala.org

Eligibility & Description: The Special Education Services Department provides birth to five early intervention and special education services, including assessments and referrals to providers if necessary. All residents living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are eligible.

OST Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Phone: (605) 867-1841; (605) 867-1839

Email: osteap@gwtc.net

Eligibility & Description: EAP provides assessment and identification of needs, short-term confidential counseling, referral to other services, and follow-up to ensure needs are met. Other services offered include training on various topics, outpatient treatment, individual and group counseling, Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, aftercare, talking circles, peacekeeping and mediation, community involvement and engagement activities, Lakota language sessions, and massage therapy. Anyone employed by OST and their immediate family members can access EAP services. To access services, employees can self-refer or be referred to the program by a supervisor or manager of a Tribal program.

OST Job Placement and Training Program

Phone: (605) 867-1007

Eligibility & Description: The Job Placement and Training Program operates three job assistance programs, including an adult vocational training program for adult Native Americans between ages 18 and 35 who reside on or near the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, an opportunity to learn employable skills. The direct employment program provides financial assistance for residential lease deposits and first month's rent for enrolled members of any federally recognized Tribe who have secured permanent employment off the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and have been tentatively approved for a residential lease. There is also a short-term welfare reform training program for eligible adults who wish to receive training or certification (Commercial Driver's License, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, first aid, farrier, etc.).

OST Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Phone: (605) 867-2798

Eligibility & Description: Information for vocational rehabilitation is mostly given out at powwows and other community events. All residents living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation are eligible.

Legal and Court

OST Legal Department

Website: www.oglala.gov/oglala-sioux-tribe-legal-department

Phone: (605) 867-2138

Description: The OST Legal Department provides general will services to the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

OST Tribal Court

Website: www.facebook.com/p/Oglala-Sioux-Tribal-Court

Phone: (605) 867-5151

Health and Wellness

Oglala Lakota Division of Behavioral Health

Website: www.oglalahealth.org; www.facebook.com/p/Oglala-Lakota-Division-of-Behavioral-Health

Phone: (308) 862-4100

Description: The Oglala Lakota Division of Behavioral Health offers a range of services, including a walk-in behavioral health assessment clinic, outpatient treatment, parenting education, youth intervention, recovery support meetings for individuals at all stages of recovery, a support group for family members who are struggling with a relative who is experiencing addiction, a Lakota cultural-based recovery group, an equine wellness and recovery group, and a AccuDetox clinic. Contact the Green Tipi Gardens Recovery Ranch for more information about services and eligibility.

Wamakognake, LLC

Website: <https://wamakognake.com/>

Phone: (605) 340-1234

Email: wamakognake@gmail.com

Description: Wamakognake, LLC is a mental health counseling provider on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Services include individual counseling, telehealth counseling, and wellness presentations.

Anpetu Luta Otipi

Website: <https://anpetuluta.org>

Phone: (605) 455-2331

Description: Anpetu Luta Otipi maintains one administrative office in Kyle, South Dakota, and provides outpatient alcohol and substance abuse treatment and recovery support services at four centers across the Reservation. Outpatient treatment centers are in Kyle, Pine Ridge Village, Wanblee, and Martin. Anpetu Luta Otipi provides addiction recovery services to the Kiyuksa O'Tipi Reintegration Center, the sole juvenile detention center on Pine Ridge Reservation serving youth ages 12-17. Anpetu Luta Otipi also provides addiction recovery services to the Adult Offender Facility in Pine Ridge. For clients requiring more intensive inpatient treatment, Anpetu Luta Otipi maintains a seven-bed residential facility in Kyle. Anpetu Luta Otipi offers prevention and early intervention services, alcohol and drug evaluation, outpatient treatment, primary residential treatment, and recovery support.

Ateyapi (Fatherhood) Youth Mentoring Program

Website: <https://ruralamericainitiatives.org/ateyapi/>

Phone: (605) 341-3339

Description: Ateyapi Mentoring Program is led by Lakota-guided mentors who are drug- and alcohol-free and have knowledge of their culture. Mentors serve as paraprofessionals during the day at Rapid City's middle and high schools (grades 4-12) and teach after-school, curriculum-based Ateyapi programs, including Lakota language, YES (Youth Engagement in Sports), a health improvement program, Tokata Eyucgan Po (Thinking About the Future), and a teen pregnancy prevention program.

Red Horse Healing – Bridget Williams

Phone: (605) 441-2038

Description: Red Horse Healing offers equine-assisted mental health treatment, horse riding private sessions/lessons, a leadership program, and school programs.

Veterans Services

OST Homeless Veteran Shelter

Phone: (605) 867-2466

Eligibility & Description: OST Homeless Veteran Shelter provides long-term shelter for homeless veterans of the Pine Ridge area. Services include financial literacy classes, homeownership classes, employment search, resume development, and connections to support services.

Oglala Lakota County Veterans Service Officer

Website: <https://oglalalakota.sdcountries.org/veterans-service-officer>

Phone: (605) 867-2555

Eligibility & Description: Supports veterans with disability and pension claims, education benefits, home loans, burial benefits, general health care questions, veterans state bonus awards, and any other veteran-related questions.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Veterans Service Officer

Website: <https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/locatevso.aspx>

Phone: (605) 867-5577

Eligibility & Description: Provides information, assistance, counseling, and referrals on a wide range of subjects, benefits, and veteran programs serving veterans, widows of veterans, dependent children of veterans, and dependent parents who lost a child in military service.

Other Community Services and Programs

Sage to Saddle

Website: <https://www.sagetosaddle.com/>

Phone: (310) 266-3372

Email: natebressler1@gmail.com

Eligibility & Description: Sage to Saddle, with the support of the Pine Ridge community, hopes to provide an indoor horse-riding arena with an after-school program for kids 8-18 years old focused on equine relationships and the responsibilities horse care involves. Rotating through arena activities and the required time for completing homework in the attached classroom, students of the program will be given the opportunity to carry on a horse Nation's tradition with the very animal that made their survival possible. The arena will be open to all youth, with a shuttle service to and from camp on weekdays from late October through mid-April. With snacks provided and required homework time, youth will also be provided with the knowledge passed down through generations from paid staff and volunteers well-versed in the Lakota Language, traditions of their Nation, and animal husbandry. Ponies to 15-hand horses will fill the arena, with groups of young riders divided by level participating in all disciplines of horsemanship.

Kids Drumming, Singing Lakota Songs, and Horse Camps

Phone: (605) 209-5141

Allen Youth Center

Website: <https://www.allenyouthcenter.org/>

Phone: (605) 460-6567

Description: The Allen Youth Center offers programs for kids designed to teach them about their culture, help them develop skills for the future, and promote pride in who they are. Weekly activities include arts and crafts, sports, nature activities, movie nights, cultural sessions (sewing star quilts and ribbon skirts, building cradle boards, hand games, elk hunting, etc.), and Unci Maka (Mother Earth) programs.

Thunder Valley – Youth Leadership Development Initiative

Website: <https://thundervalley.org/initiatives/youth-leadership>

Phone: (605) 455-2700

Description: The Youth Leadership Development Initiative comprises of culturally rooted activities that tend to the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual well-being of youth and ensure access to a wide range of opportunities.

Programs include the Summer Youth Leadership Academy, a program for high school students to build upon their leadership and critical-thinking skills; the Summer Youth Internship Program, which gives youth access to valuable job skills in communications and marketing, food sovereignty, media and art, and traditional activities such as archery, plant harvesting, and beading; youth mentors, a program in which youth learn about traditional Lakota ways of being and visit the sacred sites; and Girl and Boy Societies, which are a place for youth to meet regularly to strengthen their identity through mentorship and empowerment that prepares young people for life challenges and traditional Lakota Coming of Age ceremonies.

Oyate Teca Project

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/@oyatetecaproject/>

Phone: (605) 408-5634

Description: Oyate Teca Project is a Native nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the well-being of children and families on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation through programs and activities, including youth recreation activities, the Blue Bird Café, and community events.

Iglutheca (“To Renew Yourself” or “To Make Yourself New”)

Website: www.iglutheca.org; <https://www.facebook.com/iglutheca>

Phone: (605) 679-7259

Email: admin@iglutheca.org

Eligibility & Description: Iglutheca seeks to provide a pathway out of addiction and poverty for Lakota people who are experiencing homelessness. Iglutheca primarily serves Lakota people but will serve anyone regardless of district membership, Tribal membership, race, religion, gender, sexual identity, or sexual orientation.

The Bear Project

Website: <https://bearproject.net>

Phone: (605) 454-0518

Eligibility & Description: The Bear Project serves Oglala Lakota youth and families of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and surrounding communities. Services include crisis management, including 24/7 suicide intervention and mental health crisis support; emergency assistance (food, clothing, firewood); youth services (wellness and mental health support, culture and performing arts, sports and exercise); and life skills (relationship and communication skills, job readiness, personal finances).

Emergency Numbers

OST Ambulance Service

Phone: (605) 867-5999; (605) 455-2601

OST Department of Public Safety

Website: www.facebook.com/OSTDPS

Phone: (605) 867-5141

Description: OST Department of Public Safety includes law enforcement and emergency dispatch services for OST.

Health Facilities

IHS Behavioral Health Clinic - Pine Ridge Hospital

Website: www.ihs.gov/greatplains/healthcarefacilities/pineridge;
www.facebook.com/PineRidgeIndianHealthService

Phone: (605) 867-5131

Description: The Pine Ridge Hospital serves the Lakota population, including medical, obstetric, pediatric, and surgical patients.

IHS Behavioral Health Clinic - Kyle Health Center

Website: www.ihs.gov/greatplains/healthcarefacilities/pineridge

Phone: (605) 455-2451

Description: Kyle Health Center is an ambulatory care center that provides outpatient services, including child and family care, dental care, mental health

care, an HIV clinic, and sexual assault nurse examiner services. It also has a fitness center.

IHS Behavioral Health Clinic - Wanblee Health Center

Website: www.ihs.gov/greatplains/healthcarefacilities/pineridge

Phone: (605) 462-6155

Description: Wanblee Health Center is an ambulatory outpatient health care facility that offers a range of services, including outpatient health services, pharmacy, dental, optometry, radiology, and behavioral health, as well as part-time podiatry, public health nursing, and women's health.

Pine Ridge Vision Center

Website: <https://visionsource-pineridge.com>

Phone: (605) 867-2772

Description: Pine Ridge Vision Center offers comprehensive eye care services and lenses/frames to Pine Ridge and surrounding communities.

Resources in Rapid City, South Dakota

Social and Support Services

OST ICWA Advocacy Office

Phone: (605) 407-8255

Eligibility & Description: OST recently opened an ICWA Advocacy Office in Rapid City. The Center provides support, guidance, and resources to families navigating difficult situations. The Center can offer clients and the Native community job and community resource listings; a community phone, fax machine, scanner, and copier; Wi-Fi; hygiene kits; and diapers, shoes, and clothes for clients or placements. You can also contact the Center if you are interested in donating to support children and families.

I. Am. Legacy (I. ndigenous A. merica's Legacy)

Website: <https://www.iamlegacyblackhills.org/>

Phone: (605) 791-5299

Eligibility & Description: I.Am.Legacy is a Native-led nonprofit organization based in Rapid City that provides healing for individuals who have experienced traumatic events, abuse, crisis, or hardship. I.Am.Legacy offers an array of support services and programs, including cultural/spiritual growth learning opportunities (mental health first aid and gang prevention outreach); facilitating healthy support systems modeled on the Lakota kinship system so that clients can learn from positive role models who have had similar life experiences; bridge-building for formerly incarcerated individuals; peer support groups for men, women, and youth; and cultural education, including Lakota art and women's and men's traditional sacred roles.

Youth & Family Services (YFS)

Website: www.youthandfamilyservices.org

Phone: (605) 342-4789

Email: mmurray@youthandfamilyservices.org

Eligibility & Description: Located in Rapid City, YFS serves children and families in every county in western South Dakota. YFS encompasses nine comprehensive programs that offer education, nutrition services, health advocacy and support, counseling services, fatherhood and parent enrichment education, and prevention programs.

Lutheran Social Services (LSS)

Website: www.lsssd.org

Phone: (605) 444-7500; 1(800) 568-2401

Email: info@lsssd.org

Description: LSS offers a myriad of services that can support kinship and grandfamilies in the Rapid City area, including kinship-specific services, wraparound early intervention services for families, after-school and summer childcare, behavioral health services, financial counseling and education, and foster parent training and assessment services.

Catholic Social Services (CSS)

Website: www.cssrapidcity.com/what-we-offer

Phone: (605) 348-6086

Description: CSS offers social services throughout Rapid City, the Black Hills, and Western South Dakota, as well as telehealth services throughout the state of South Dakota. Services include counseling, parent training, suicide prevention, and other educational opportunities.

Working Against Violence, Inc. (WAVI)

Website: www.wavi.org; www.facebook.com/workingagainstviolence

Phone: office (605) 341-3292; 24/7 crisis hotline (605) 341-4808

Eligibility & Description: WAVI assists women and children in crisis situations by providing temporary emergency shelter, a 24/7 crisis phone line, access to community resources, food, transportation, and comprehensive case management. WAVI is in Rapid City and serves the Black Hills area.

Friends of the Children–He Sapa (Friends)

Website: <https://friendshesapa.org/about>

Phone: (605) 791-0781

Eligibility & Description: Friends–He Sapa is an independent nonprofit and the first Indigenous-led, culturally specific location of the national Friends of the Children Network. The program builds relationships with children and families facing obstacles to belonging and well-being, using a long-term mentorship model with the cultural grounding of the Lakota culture to help children and families build a path to long-term stability and community. Friends–He Sapa enrolls children ages 4-6 and commits them through high school graduation. Mentors spend 3-4 hours per week with each child, including 2 hours in school. Mentors engage with children in all facets of their life (school, home, and community) and care is grounded in Lakota culture to provide holistic, wraparound services, including engaging with relatives and elders to promote the child's learning and development. Friends–He Sapa has locations on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and in Rapid City.

Feeding South Dakota

Website: www.feedingsouthdakota.org

Phone: (605) 348-2689

Description: Feeding South Dakota seeks to eliminate hunger in South Dakota by providing wellness pantries, senior boxes, mobile food distribution, and school programs to address childhood hunger. Find food near you at <https://www.feedingsouthdakota.org/mobile>.

Education and Career Development

Rural America Initiatives (RAI)

Website: <https://ruralamericainitiatives.org>

Phone: (605) 341-3339

Email: RuralAm.info@gmail.com

Eligibility & Description: RAI is a nonprofit social services agency serving low-income Native American families in Rapid City. RAI serves families through Head Start and Early Head Start programs for children from prenatal to age 5 and offers mentoring programs in Rapid City's elementary, middle, and high schools.

Career Learning Center of the Black Hills

Website: <https://clcbh.org/>

Phone: (605) 394-5120

Description: The Career Learning Center of the Black Hills provides support for communities in the Black Hills, including classes, job training, adult education, career counseling, and more.

Health and Wellness

Oaye Luta Okolakiciye

Website: <https://www.oayeluta.org/about-us>;
<https://www.facebook.com/OayeLutaOkolakiciye/>

Phone: (605) 716-0310

Description: Oaye Luta Okolakiciye is a Lakota-based nonprofit organization that promotes healing through a continuum of substance abuse prevention, intervention, and recovery education that reconnects inherent cultural potential while instilling hope, promoting wellness, and revitalizing

cultural identity development in youth, adults, and families. Opportunities include mentorship, Inipi (purification ceremony), Wopansi (spiritual assessment), Woapiye (healing ceremony), Wopankinte (spirit purification from trauma, grief, and loss), Lakota/spiritual name, rite of passage/coming of age ceremony, traditional medicines, cultural identity development, and wraparound services.

Oyate Kin Chante Wastepi

Email: oyatekinchantewastepi@gmail.com

Description: Oyate Kin Chante Wastepi is a grassroots organization that provides holistic Lakota healing, advocacy, and resources, including community meals, mentorship, and aid and healing with Indigenous culture, thought, and philosophy.

Native Healing Program

Website: www.nativehealingprogram.com

Phone: (605) 342-8925; (605) 721-4108

Eligibility & Description: The Native Healing Program provides drug and alcohol assessments, intensive outpatient treatment services, aftercare, Inipi ceremony (sweat), DUI classes, support groups, and Inipi and drug and alcohol counseling designed to reduce drug and alcohol dependencies among Native Americans in Rapid City and surrounding communities.

Addiction Recovery Centers of the Black Hills (ARCBH)

Website: www.arcbh.org/services/

Phone: Rapid City (605) 716-7841; Hot Springs (605) 745-6300

Eligibility & Description: ARCBH provides Intensive Outpatient Treatment services for individuals who are struggling with problems associated with substance use and abuse, gambling addictions, and co-occurring disorders associated with substance use. Services include alcohol and drug assessments, gambling assessments, mental health counseling, DUI classes, and various therapeutic programs. Two groups are held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Rapid City office, and a telehealth group is held at the Hot Springs office on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. ARCBH

serves communities of Oglala Lakota, Shannon, Fall River, Custer, and Pennington Counties.

Project Recovery

Website: <https://project-recovery.org>

Phone: (605) 340-1234

Eligibility & Description: Project Recovery offers services to residents in Rapid City and Sioux Falls, including Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder and peer support. Counseling services are also available at the Rapid City location.

Lifeways

Website: <https://www.lifeways.us/>

Phone: (605) 716-6555

Email: office@lifeways.us

Eligibility & Description: Lifeways provides adolescent substance use prevention, intervention, and outpatient treatment. Prevention programming is implemented in Rapid City area schools. Early intervention programming, outpatient treatment, individual counseling, and recovery groups for adolescents and their parents are available after school at the Lifeways main office. Lifeways also offers brief screenings and alcohol and drug assessments.

Wambli Ska Community Development Okolakiciye

Website: www.wambliska.org

Phone: (602) 205-5195

Email: hello@wambliskasociety.org

Eligibility & Description: Wambli Ska Community Development Okolakiciye is a Native-led organization that offers services and programs to the urban Native American community in Rapid City. Services and programs include a teen center, diversion through the Oyate Court, Awányan̄ka Wakanjeja (Safe Passage Initiative), workforce development, cultural outreach, street outreach, violence prevention, and Wambli Ska Ranch initiative

(which blends Indigenous cultural revitalization with practical workforce development).

Teca Kici Okijupi (Connecting with Our Youth)

Phone: (605) 721-1922; (605) 858-3804

Eligibility & Description: Located in the Oyate Health Center, Teca Kici Okijupi is a Lakota-guided suicide prevention program to reduce the rate of suicide for Indigenous youth through evidence-based intervention strategies designed to increase social connectedness.

Safe Harbor

Website: <https://safeharborsd.org/>

Phone: 24-hour helpline (605) 226-1212 or (888) 290-2935

Email: safeharbor@safeharborsd.org

Service Area: Safe Harbor serves seven counties in Northeastern South Dakota: Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Marshall, McPherson and Potter.

Description: Safe Harbor provides free services and resources to families in crisis, protects victims and their children while they are looking for a new safe place to live, and supports the safe facilitation of child visitation and exchanges.

Black Hills Center for Equality

Website: www.bhcfef.org

Phone: (605) 716-2402

Email: blackhillscenterforequalitysd@gmail.com

Description: Black Hills Center for Equality provides advocacy services to equitably serve and advocate for the LGBTQ+2S community and their families through support, outreach, and connection to inclusive community resources.

Community Health Representative (CHR)

Website: <https://www.ihs.gov/chr/chrareaconsultants/>

Phone: Great Plains Area: (605) 216-9509

Service Area: The Great Plains region CHR serves AI/AN communities in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa.

Eligibility & Description: The Community Health Representatives Program is an Indian Health Service-funded, Tribally contracted/granted and directed program of well-trained, community-based healthcare providers, who provide health promotion, disease prevention, and health education services in their communities. CHRs also help connect community members with resources and healthcare services.

Veterans Services

Rapid City Vet Center

Website: www.va.gov/rapid-city-vet-center

Phone: (605) 348-0077

Eligibility & Description: Offers veterans, service members, and their families a range of services, such as talk therapy, recreational activities, and counseling for depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and psychological effects of military sexual trauma.

Health Facilities

Oyate Health Center

Website: www.oyatehealth.com

Phone: Non-emergency only (605) 355-2500; behavioral health (605) 718-5095

Eligibility & Description: Oyate Health Center is a walk-in clinic that provides community-driven healthcare for Great Plains Tribal members. The clinic offers medical services, including audiology, behavioral health, dental, laboratory services, optometry, pharmacy, primary care, radiology, rehabilitative services, and urgent care.

Care Campus – Addiction Treatment Services

Website: <https://www.pennco.org/ccadp/>

Phone: (605) 394-6128

Eligibility & Description: Addiction Treatment Services at the Care Campus offers a full continuum of services to adults ages 18 and over and families affected by substance use disorders and mental health conditions in Pennington County, including residential and outpatient services, safe solutions, and detox services. Care Campus strives to assist individuals and families in improving their quality of life through individualized and client/family-driven treatment planning based on identified strengths, challenges, and needs.

Resources in South Dakota

Social and Support Services

South Dakota Child Protection Services

Website: <https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/icwa/>;
<https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/default.aspx>

Phone: Reporting child abuse or neglect in South Dakota: 1(877) 244-0864; local [Child Protection Services offices](#) in South Dakota

Description: The Division of Child Protection Services provides services to support children and families in South Dakota, including child abuse and neglect prevention, investigations, foster care, adoption, and family support.

South Dakota Department of Health – Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Website: www.sd.gov/wic

Phone: Central Office: (605) 773-3361; Pine Ridge: (605) 867-5911; Rapid City: (605) 394-2516; or find a [WIC local agency](#) near you

Eligibility & Description: WIC helps families access healthy foods, nutritional support, breastfeeding support, and connection to other community resources. WIC is available to South Dakota residents who are pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum, or infants and children under the age of 5 who need help with their health or nutrition.

South Dakota Department of Social Services – Energy and Weatherization Assistance

Website: https://dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/energy_weatherization_assistance.aspx

Phone: (605) 867-5169

Description: Energy Assistance helps low-income South Dakotans pay for their home heating costs. The Weatherization Assistance Program aids low-income South Dakota households in overcoming high energy costs by making their homes more energy efficient. Contact DSS or visit their website for more information about eligibility and how to apply for assistance.

South Dakota Disability Determination Services

Website: www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/procontacts.htm

Phone: (605) 367-5499; 1(800) 658-2272

Eligibility & Description: Each state has a professional relations officer who can assist you with Social Security disability programs. The South Dakota DDS office is in Sioux Falls. Learn more about the Disability Determination Process at www.ssa.gov/disability/determination.htm.

South Dakota Community Assistance Program (CAP)

Website: <https://dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/communityassistance.aspx>

Phone: Rapid City: (605) 348-1460; Sisseton: (605) 698-7654; Madison: (605) 256-6518; Wagner: (605) 384-3883

Service Area: Four Community Action Programs are located throughout South Dakota, in Lake Andes, Madison, Rapid City, and Sisseton.

Eligibility & Description: CAP consists of Community Action Programs that provide services to low-income South Dakotans. Services vary by agency and may include weatherization, community transportation, food pantries, and emergency services.

Education

TREC Badlands Head Start: Prenatal to Five

Website: <https://badlandshs.org/>

Phone: (605) 723-8837; 1(800) 598-5859

Service Area: TREC (Technology for the Rural Enhancement of Communities) Badlands Head Start serves families in Butte, Harding, Perkins, and

western Corson counties. TREC Badlands Head Start has facilities in Lemmon, Newell, and two locations in Blee Fourche.

Eligibility & Description: TREC is a nonprofit organization that funds the Badlands Head Start and Early Head Start Programs – responding to the evolving needs of rural communities with Head Start prenatal to 5 services, early childhood education, health and wellness programming, parent education, and other needed community programs. Badlands Head Start serves families in Butte, Harding, Perkins, and Western Corson Counties. Learn more about how to enroll at <https://badlandshs.org/enroll>.

St. Joseph's Indian School

Website: <https://www.stjo.org/programs/>

Phone: 1(800) 341-2235

Description: Located in Chamberlain, South Dakota, St. Joseph's provides educational programming for elementary and high school students, residential living, Lakota language integration, engagement in cultural activities, religious education, physical and mental health services, and other outreach and support programs.

Legal

Dakota Plains Legal Services (DPLS)

Website: www.dpls.org

Phone: (605) 856-4444

Service Area: DPLS has eight offices in Mission, Pine Ridge, Rapid City, Fort Thompson, Fort Yates, Eagle Butte, Sisseton, and Sioux Falls. Contact your local DPLS office via <https://www.dpls.org/contact-us>.

Eligibility & Description: DPLS offers free legal assistance to low-income individuals, older Americans, and veterans. DPLS serves communities across South Dakota and North Dakota, including nine Tribal Nations. Services include assistance with civil legal issues related to housing, family law, employment, wills and estates, public benefits, and other legal areas. For further assistance, check out these [legal resources](#) in South Dakota.

Health and Wellness

South Dakota Urban Indian Health (SDUIH)

Website: <https://sduih.org/>

Phone: Sioux Falls Clinic: (605) 339-0420; Pierre Clinic: (605) 224-8841; Urban Indian Connections: (712) 212-2590; Rosecrance Jackson Center: 1(800) 472-0918; Action Taxi: (712) 252-4777

Eligibility & Description: SDUIH promotes equitable care of the mind, body, and spirit for all relatives through collective healing and holistic wellness, grounded in Indigenous values. SDUIH provides a variety of health care services in the Sioux Falls and Pierre areas, such as primary care, behavioral health, and cultural health. SDUIH offers services to everyone, accepts most insurance, and offers a sliding scale fee for uninsured or under-insured relatives.

West River Mental Health

Website: www.wrmentalhealth.org

Phone: (605) 343-7262; 1(866) 825-1465

Email: information@wrmentalhealth.org

Service Area: Bennett, Butte, Custer, Fall River, Harding, Jackson, Lawrence, Meade, Oglala Lakota, and Pennington counties

Eligibility & Description: West River Mental Health provides mental health and substance use services to people throughout western South Dakota. Services include counseling, psychiatric medication management, case management, support for children and families, emergency services, and inpatient addiction services.

Children's Therapy Services

Website: www.childrenstherapyservicesd.com

Phone: (605) 716-2634

Email: info@ctssd.org

Eligibility & Description A pediatric therapy center that provides occupational, speech, and physical therapies, and special education services in the clinic, to local school systems, and birth to three programs in western South Dakota.

WellFully – Premier Adolescent Care Center

Website: www.wellfullypacc.org

Phone: (605) 718-4870

Email: info@wellfully.org

Eligibility & Description: WellFully serves youth ages 9-18 who have significant mental health, substance abuse, and behavioral health challenges. WellFully has an adolescent crisis care center; an addiction recovery unit; a psychiatric residential treatment facility; and other counseling, medical, and educational services. WellFully helps youth develop effective coping skills and learn to make better life choices and provides ongoing support to help them build a successful future. The program helps youth safely function in their homes, schools, and the community.

South Dakota Department of Social Services – Medical Assistance

Website: https://dss.sd.gov/economicassistance/medical_eligibility.aspx

Phone: Apply for Medicaid by calling (855) 632-7633; Lincoln: (402) 473-7000; Omaha: (402) 595-1178; or visit a local DHHS office

Description: South Dakota Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program provide coverage to help pay for necessary medical expenses such as hospital stays, doctor visits, prescriptions, and other healthcare needs. South Dakota Medicaid also provides coverage to help pay for the costs of long-term care for seniors and individuals with disabilities, whether in their homes, communities, and/or medical facilities. Explore coverage options, eligibility, and guidance on how to apply by calling or visiting the website identified above.

Project Aware at Little Wound School

Website: <https://www.littlewound.us/projectaware.aspx>

Phone: (605) 441-4187

Eligibility & Description: Little Wound School is implementing a comprehensive mental and behavioral health support system to prevent substance use, misuse, and abuse. Services offered are based on a concept called the trauma-informed schools' model, which understands that students may experience trauma (both historical and contemporary) in their lives and can be supported with cultural activities, counseling, and other targeted approaches. A student's participation in this project is voluntary and will open the door to other opportunities, including participation in cultural ceremonies and activities on campus, access to expanded student support services, and training about trauma and positive coping mechanisms.

988 Lifeline

Website: <https://988lifeline.org>

Phone: (605) 867-5141

Description: Whether you are facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, contact the 988 Suicide & Crisis Line for support. For immediate help from a caring, skilled counselor, call or text 988 or [chat online](#).

Veterans Services

South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Website: <https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/>

Phone: Contact your County Veterans Service Officer – see the directory at <https://vetaffairs.sd.gov/veteransserviceofficers/locatevso.aspx>

Eligibility & Description: The county or Tribal service officer provides information, assistance, counseling, and referrals on a wide range of subjects, benefits, and veteran programs serving veterans, widows of veterans, dependent children of veterans, and dependent parents who lost a child in military service.

Fall River Veterans Service Officer

Website: <https://fallriver.sdcountries.org/veterans-services/>

Phone: (605) 745-5146

Email: veterans@frcounty.org

Eligibility & Description: Supports veterans with disability and pension claims, education benefits, home loans, burial benefits, general healthcare questions, veterans state bonus awards, as well as any other veteran-related questions.

Hot Springs VA Medical Center

Website: www.va.gov/black-hills-health-care/locations/hot-springs-va-medical-center

Phone: Mainline: (605) 745-2000; VA health connect: 1(833) 983-0492; mental health: (605) 347-2511

Description: Provides primary care and specialty health services, including mental health care, nutrition support, addiction and substance abuse treatment, kidney dialysis, traumatic brain injury (TBI) treatment, and more.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Find Substance Use Disorder treatment locations near you at www.va.gov/directory/guide/SUD.asp.

Health Facilities

Bennett County Hospital and Rural Health Clinic

Website: <https://bennettcountyhospital.com/>

Phone: (605) 685-6622

Email: Info@bennettcountyhospital.com

Description: Offers comprehensive healthcare services, including medical services, home health, therapy services, and senior life services in Martin, South Dakota.

Horizon Health

Website: Services: <https://www.horizonhealthcare.org/services/>; locations: <https://www.horizonhealthcare.org/locations/>

Phone: (605) 772-4525

Description: Horizon Health provides dental, medical, and behavioral health services

at 29 medical and dental clinics in 20 rural South Dakota communities.

To explore other resources in South Dakota, view the South Dakota GrandFacts state fact sheet at <https://www.gksnetwork.org/grandfacts-fact-sheets/>.

Resources in Nebraska

Social and Support Services

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Children and Family Services

Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Children-and-Family-Services.aspx>;
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Indian-Child-Welfare-Resources.aspx>

Phone: Reporting child abuse or neglect in Nebraska: 1(800) 652-1999

Eligibility & Description: The Division of Children and Family Services provides family preservation services, child welfare prevention services, child welfare protective services, adult protective services, and youth rehabilitation and treatment centers.

Nebraska Disability Determination Services (NDDS)

Website: <https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/procontacts.htm>

Phone: (402) 471-2961; 1(800) 331-5616

Eligibility & Description: Each state has a professional relations officer who can assist you with Social Security disability programs. The NDDS office is in Lincoln, Nebraska. Learn more about the Disability Determination Process at www.ssa.gov/disability/determination.htm.

Education

Native Indigenous Centered Education (NICE) at Omaha Public Schools

Website: <https://www.ops.org/departments/curriculum-and-instruction-support/native-indigenous-centered-education>

Eligibility & Description: The NICE program strives to educate and empower Indigenous students, families, and communities to seek and achieve holistic wellness through advocacy, cultural strengths, and academic excellence. NICE is a Title VI federally funded program to support the

efforts of local education agencies, Indian Tribes and organizations, and other agencies. If you would like your child to be involved in the NICE program, fill out the 506 form and return it to the NICE program or the school your child attends.

Indian Education Programs at Lincoln Public Schools

Website: <https://home.lps.org/federal/indian-education/>

Eligibility & Description: Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) has a Native Education Team, funded by a federal grant, that offers Native students and their families a network of support to help improve the number of Native high school graduates. The Team works with students in grades K-12, advocating on their behalf; providing tutoring, mentoring, counseling services; and creating opportunities for students to shadow professionals in the workplace. In addition, the Team organizes cultural enrichment activities and offers opportunities for students to visit college campuses. Regularly organized cultural events bring together the LPS Native community, and the Team's ongoing advocacy encourages Native students to engage in civic as well as extracurricular school activities.

Health and Wellness

Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte Center

Website: <https://picottecenter.org/>

Email: info@picottecenter.org

Description: The Picotte Center opened its doors in June 2025 to bring new life to Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte's historic 1913 hospital, honoring her legacy by creating a space where healing, learning, and community come together. Located in Walthill, Nebraska, the Picotte Center offers a medical clinic, social services and counseling, youth and educational programs, a reading room, a memorial museum, an art and artifact exhibit, a Native American cultural space, community gardens, and an entrepreneurial and technology center.

Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition (NUIHC)

Website: <https://www.nuihc.org/>

Phone: Sioux Falls Clinic: (605) 339-0420; Pierre Clinic: (605) 224-8841

Eligibility & Description: NUIHC provides community health care and services for the urban AI/AN population in the greater Omaha metropolitan area, Lincoln-Lancaster metropolitan area, and Sioux City, Iowa. Services include substance use and mental health treatment and services, primary care, community outreach (legal/job help, referrals, marketplace insurance, housing assistance), transportation, and a community gathering center. While some services and programs are offered to eligible Native patients only, most primary care services are available to anyone in the service area. NUIHC accepts most insurance, including Medicaid, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance Program, and private insurance, and offers discounted fees to those who qualify.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Medicaid Eligibility

Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Eligibility.aspx>

Phone: Apply for Medicaid by calling (855) 632-7633; Lincoln: (402) 473-7000; Omaha: (402) 595-1178; or visit a local DHHS office

Description: Learn more about Medicaid state plan coverage and the Children's Health Insurance Program over the phone, online, or in person. Explore coverage options, eligibility, and guidance on how to apply.

Veterans Services

Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs

Website: <https://veterans.nebraska.gov>

Phone: Contact your County Veterans Service Officer – see the directory at <https://veterans.nebraska.gov/cvso>

Eligibility & Description: The county or Tribal service officer provides information, assistance, counseling, and referrals on a wide range of subjects, benefits, and veteran programs serving veterans, widows of veterans, dependent children of veterans, and dependent parents who lost a child in military service.

Health Facilities

Nebraska Urban Indian Medical Center

Website: <https://www.nuihc.org/nuimc>

Phone: (402) 434-7177

Eligibility & Description: Provides primary care services to all Native Americans, under-served, and local community members in the Lincoln area. Services include primary care, behavioral health and therapy, diabetic education, legal aid consultation, marketplace insurance assistance, annual school physicals, immunizations, dental referrals, transportation, and more.

Nebraska Urban Indian Health and Wellness Clinic

Website: <https://www.nuihc.org/nuihwclinic>

Phone: (402) 939-6966

Eligibility & Description: Offers primary care services to all Native Americans, under-served, and local community members in the Omaha area. Services include primary care, women's health, chronic care, prescriptions, sexually transmitted infection and sexually transmitted disease testing, annual school physicals, immunizations, glasses prescription, referrals, and more.

To explore other resources in Nebraska, view the Nebraska GrandFacts state fact sheet at <https://www.gksnetwork.org/grandfacts-fact-sheets/>.

Resources in North Dakota

Social and Support Services

North Dakota Health and Human Services – Child and Family Services

Website: www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs

Phone: (701) 328-2316; Reporting child abuse or neglect in North Dakota: 1(800) 958-3500

Eligibility & Description: North Dakota Child and Family Services provides a range of services and support for children and families, including child protection services, help with childcare, early childhood services, foster care and kinship care services, and more.

Native Inc.

Website: <https://www.ndnadc.org/programs>

Phone: Bismark: (701) 595-5181; Fargo: (701) 412-2735

Email: Bismark: info@ndnadc.org; Fargo: FargoEvents@ndnadc.org

Eligibility & Description: Native Inc. strives to create inclusive communities and quality of life for Native Americans in urban areas across North Dakota. Native Inc. is a hub of resources and offers various programs, including housing assistance, transportation services, family programs, behavioral health programs, a juvenile delinquency prevention program, youth suicide prevention services, services for elders, career development, community events, and more. Offices are in Bismarck and Fargo, North Dakota.

Native American Development Center

Phone: Lending services: (701) 595-5181, dial 12; financial services: (701) 595-5181, dial 18

Eligibility & Description: The Native American Development Center provides affordable lending services and financial education to Native Americans throughout North Dakota, on or off Tribal lands. Services include housing counseling, financial coaching, building financial skills for Native families, budgeting and emergency savings, and various trainings and workshops.

North Dakota Community Action Agencies (CAAs)

Website: <https://www.commerce.nd.gov/community-services/low-income-programs/community-services-block-grant-csbq/community-action>

Eligibility & Description: North Dakota's seven CAAs provide various services, including emergency assistance, money management and housing counseling, self-sufficiency services, case management and outreach, and referral services to low-income households and persons.

North Dakota Disability Determination Services

Website: www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/procontacts.htm

Phone: (701) 328-8700; 1(800) 543-2048

Eligibility & Description: Each state has a professional relations officer who can assist you with Social Security disability programs. The North Dakota DDS office is in Bismarck. Learn more about the Disability Determination Process at www.ssa.gov/disability/determination.htm.

Education

North Dakota Tribal College System (NDTCS)

Website: <https://ndtcs.org/about/>

Phone: (701) 989-1716

Description: NDTCS advocates for and advances culturally focused post-secondary opportunities to empower Indigenous students to facilitate change for Tribal Nations and communities. NDTCS acts collectively to align, develop, and design strategies and advocate for projects that meet the goals of students and communities. NDTCS includes Cankdeska Cikana Community College, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College, Sitting Bull College, Turtle Mountain College, and United Tribes Technical College.

Here is a [list](#) of Tribal schools and Tribal colleges and universities in North Dakota.

Health and Wellness

North Dakota Health & Human Services – Healthcare Coverage

Website: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare>

Phone: Medical Services Division: (701) 328-7068, 1(800) 755-2604

Email: dhsmed@nd.gov

Description: Learn more about Medicaid state plan coverage, Medicaid Expansion, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program by visiting the website or calling the numbers identified above. Explore coverage options, eligibility, and guidance on how to apply, and find Medicaid providers.

Veterans Services

North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

Website: www.veterans.nd.gov

Phone: Contact your County Veteran Service Officer – see the directory at www.veterans.nd.gov/about/find-a-service-officer

Eligibility & Description: The county or Tribal service officer provides information, assistance, counseling, and referrals on a wide range of subjects, benefits, and veteran programs serving veterans, widows of veterans, dependent children of veterans, and dependent parents who lost a child in military service.

To explore other resources in North Dakota, view the North Dakota GrandFacts state fact sheet at <https://www.gksnetwork.org/grandfacts-fact-sheets/>.

Resources in Minnesota

Social and Support Services

Families Rising

Website: <https://wearefamiliesrising.org/families-rising-mn/>

Phone: Melissa Greene, Program Manager (651) 703-4709; Mary Lyons, Indigenous Parent Support Specialist (612) 807-2416

Email: melissagreene@wearefamiliesrisingmn.org;
marylyons@wearefamiliesrising.org

Description: Families Rising Minnesota offers free, culturally grounded permanency support for adoptive, foster, and kinship caregivers who live in Minnesota or are raising children placed from Minnesota. The Indigenous Parent Support Specialist provides in-person meetings, virtual gatherings, and one on one support via Zoom or phone, designed to uplift Indigenous caregivers, honor culture and identity, and navigate caregiving systems with strength and connection. This work is funded by the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Minneapolis American Indian Center

Website: <https://www.maicnet.org>

Phone: (612) 879-1700

Description: The Minneapolis American Indian Center provides education, health, employment, and social services to the Twin Cities urban Native community. The community hub celebrates and uplifts Native culture and is open to all. Services include family services, Boys & Girls Club, Culture Language Arts Network, Workforce Innovation Opportunities Act

program, Native Fitness and Nutrition, Gatherings Café, Woodland Indian Craft Shop, and Two Rivers Gallery.

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC)

Website: <https://www.miwrc.org/whoweare>

Phone: (612) 728-2000

Description: MIWRC is a nonprofit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of Native women and their families. Located in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, MIWRC offers support groups, advocacy services for individuals dealing with sexual violence, domestic abuse, and trafficking, family services, housing programs and resources, community engagement, and more.

Women of Nations

Website: <https://women-of-nations.org/>

Phone: Crisis hotline: (615) 251-1609; Business office: (651) 251-1605

Description: Located in St. Paul, Minnesota, Women of Nations provides culturally specific emergency services and support to all who have experienced trauma from domestic violence and sexual assault.

Ain Dah Yung Center

Website: <https://adycenter.org/>; <https://www.1800runaway.org/>

Phone: Ain Dah Yung Center (651) 227-4184; National Runaway Safeline: call 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929) or text 66008

Description: Provides a healing place within the community for American Indian youth and families to thrive in safety and wholeness. Programs include emergency shelter for Indigenous youth in crisis and in need of housing; a residential transitional living program for youth ages 16-21; permanent supportive housing for young adults ages 18-24; culturally responsive afterschool prevention programming for children and teens; support services for Indigenous families with the goal of keeping families together; in-person direct services to unhoused youth, including housing assessments and case management; and culturally responsive safe harbor service for survivors of exploitation and trafficking.

American Indian Community Development Corporation

Website: <https://www.aicdc-mn.org/>

Phone: (612) 879-1700

Description: Provides culturally unique initiatives, housing, and entrepreneurial programs that strengthen American Indian communities. Programs include withdrawal management/detox services, harm reduction housing, sober oriented housing, family housing, homeless services, and more.

First Nations Kitchen

Website: <https://www.firstnationskitchen.org/>

Description: First Nations Kitchen is community-building, justice-focused, Gospel-based ministry that provides food to Indigenous people, and to others, who would not otherwise have access to high-quality, fresh, organic food in an environment of radical hospitality and cultural empowerment. Hot meals and produce are available every Sunday from 4-5 pm.

Dream of Wild Health

Website: <https://dreamofwildhealth.org/>

Email: info@dreamofwildhealth.org

Description: Dream of Wild Health is one of the only Native American-led farms in the Twin Cities area – supporting land stewardship, seed stewardship, and youth programs. The farm provides a safe and creative learning environment where youth can learn about regenerative organic gardening, healthy foods preparation and nutrition, and Native cultural traditions while gaining employment and leadership skills. [Indigenous Food Share](#) serves Native families within the greater Twin Cities metro.

Minnesota Office of the Ombudsperson for American Indian Families

Website: <https://mn.gov/oaif/>

Phone: (651) 643-2523

Email: intake.oaif@state.mn.us

Description: The Ombudsperson for American Indian Families investigates complaints of non-compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, the Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act as it pertains to Native children, Tribal State Agreement, Minnesota Statutes, Court Rules, and Department of Human Services Policies that involve child protection cases, including placement, public education, and housing issues related to child protection that impact American Indian children and families.

Legal

ICWA Law Center

Website: <https://www.icwlc.org/>

Phone: (612) 879-9165

Description: Located in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the ICWA Law Center provides legal services and advocacy to Indian families impacted by the child protection system.

Health and Wellness

Mino Bimaadiziwin Wellness Clinic Pediatric Mental Health Program

Website: <https://www.rlpmh.org/>

Phone: (612) 767-5855

Description: Red Lake Nation's Pediatric Mental Health Program (PMHP) is located at the Mino Bimaadiziwin Wellness Clinic in Minneapolis. PMHP provides culturally informed mental health services to children 0 to 21 years of age. Services include individual therapy, family therapy, care coordination, and other services that approach healing through a holistic and cultural lens.

Native American Community Clinic (NACC)

Website: <https://nacc-healthcare.org/services-1>

Phone: (612) 872-8086

Description: NACC addresses health disparities within the urban Native American community of the Twin Cities. NACC offers healthcare services, including medical, behavioral health, dental, and substance abuse programs.

To explore other resources in Minnesota, view the Minnesota GrandFacts state fact sheet at <https://www.gksnetwork.org/grandfacts-fact-sheets/>.

Resources in Colorado

Social and Support Services

Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC)

Website: <https://difrc.org/>

Phone: (720) 500-1020

Email: info@difrc.org

Description: DIFRC's mission is to strengthen vulnerable AI/AN children and families through collaborative and culturally responsive services. DIFRC provides [services and community programs](#) to families who self-identify as AI/AN in the Denver area.

Denver Indian Center

Website: <https://denverindiancenter.org/>

Phone: (303) 936-2688

Description: The Denver Indian Center is an urban cultural gathering center for the AI/AN community of the Denver Metro area. Programs include the Native Workforce Program; the Honoring Fatherhood Program that supports generations of Native men making a difference and building future generations of fathers; Denver Indian Center Elders Program; Native Community Peer Outreach; Community Services that offers a safe space for the Denver community; and the Energy Outreach program that provides energy assistance.

Western Slope Native American Resource Center (WSNARC)

Website: <https://www.wsnarc.org/>

Phone: (970) 773-4765

Email: referrals@wsnarc.org

Description: WSNARC was founded to empower Native Americans/Alaskan Natives to exercise their cultural values with integrity, in partnership with the communities we live in, through cultural identity, while advocating for racial justice and health equity. WSNARC has advocates available who can help Natives access housing, food, medical care, clothes, jobs, and training. WSNARC also offers a Wellbriety curriculum for adults (21+) and youth (13-21), application assistance for Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and support for people with disabilities through the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition.

Legal

American Indian Law Clinic at Colorado Law

Website: <https://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/clinics/american-indian-law-clinic>

Description: The American Indian Law Clinic is dedicated to advocating for Indigenous individuals, Native Nations, and Tribal entities. The American Indian Law Clinic specializes in federal Indian law, Tribal law, and international engagements, including collaborations on global Indigenous rights initiatives brought before the United Nations.

Health and Wellness

Denver Indian Health and Family Services (DIHFS)

Website: <https://www.dihfs.org/>

Phone: (303) 953-6600

Description: DIHFS is Denver's only Urban Indian Health Program providing culturally appropriate care for AI/AN adults, children, and families – serving primarily the Denver Metro area, including Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson, and Weld Counties. DIHFS provides a variety of services, including primary care, dental care, behavioral health services, diabetes management/disease prevention, enrollment in health insurance, and connection to community partners and resources.

Native American Counseling & Healing Collective (NACAHC)

Website: <https://www.nacahc.org/>

Phone: (720) 336-1142 and (720) 868-9336

Email: counseling@nacahc.org

Description: NACAHC provides holistic healing through individual, family, and group counseling services for children and adults. NACAHC can support you in your healing process while maintaining your cultural values. NACAHC serves individuals who are going through changes in their personal journey and want professional help with anxiety, depression, trauma responses, stress, grief, shame, guilt, lack of motivation, and support with difficult decisions.

Spirit of the Sun

Website: <https://www.spiritofthesun.org/programs>

Email: Subscribe to the Spirit of the Sun newsletter [here](#).

Description: An Indigenous women-led nonprofit working to empower Native communities through farming, education, and repatriation. Programs include a food share every Friday and Sunday afternoon, community workshops, and various programs supporting youth mentorship and leadership in the space of Indigenous science and foodways.

Colorado Native Outreach Project

Website: <https://www.coloradonativeoutreachproject.net/>

Phone: (720) 629-1646

Email: support@coloradonativeoutreachproject.net

Description: The Colorado Native Outreach Project supports local unhoused populations with warm meals as well as hygiene supplies. The program also aids Indigenous communities in neighboring states by bringing food, water, personal protective equipment, hygiene products, and other items.

Sweetgrass Advocacy

Website: <https://www.sweetgrassadvocacy.org/>

Email: haseya.advocate@red-wind.net

Description: Sweetgrass Advocacy (formerly Haseya Advocate Program) is a Native women-led and operated organization that serves Indigenous survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the Colorado Springs region. Sweetgrass Advocacy knows and recognizes the power Native peoples hold and seeks to ensure their safety by providing services, resources, and personalized support.

Native American Housing Circle (NAHC)

Website: <https://www.nativeamericanhousingcircle.org/>

Phone: (303) 656-5482

Email: info@nativeamericanhousingcircle.org

Description: NAHC was formed in 2019 as a community response to the overrepresentation of Native Americans experiencing homelessness and housing instability in the Denver Metro area. NAHC is also working as a community coalition of Native-led and Native-serving community organizations, community members, and allies who advocate and create affordable housing opportunities and direct services for Native American people experiencing homelessness and housing instability in the Denver Metro area.

Four Winds American Indian Council

Website: <https://www.fwaic.org/>

Phone: (303) 893-6890

Email: info@fwaic.org

Description: Four Winds is a source of community for Denver Native Americans, providing resources to meet cultural and physical needs while activating community members to fight for political change. Programs include Survival Program that provides direct support with a variety of services, Spirit Fund for those who have recently lost a loved one, Cultural Connections for reconnecting community members to cultural practices, and Community Defense self-defense classes.

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