

## Missoula Indian Center

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Mission: Is to support and strengthen the culture of Urban Native Americans by promoting and fostering health, education and economic self-sufficiency. In doing this we enhance the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of Native Americans.

Missoula Indian Center provides an information and support system to the Native American community by networking with in-house programs and local health and human services to provide maximum services. Missoula Indian Center also helps bridge the gap between relocating from reservations to urban life by functioning as the primary communication center. Services are basically outreach and referral for now however, the Center is seeking Health Clinic status. Missoula Indian Center's primary sources of funds are received from The Department of the Interior under Indian Health Service to provide for the operation and the administration of a health care delivery program through outreach and referral services. Other limited funds are received from the county and state.

## **Current Programs:**

- Chemical Dependency Program- designed to provide services for individuals who have issues associated with chemical abuse or chemical dependency. The treatment philosophy is that Chemical Dependency is a disease that not only impacts individuals, but also, families and whole communities. This includes standard and intensive outpatient component; referrals out to inpatient treatment settings, co-occurring treatment, adolescent and family intervention programs; cultural prevention programs (i.e., White Bison Wellbriety Model); Chemical Dependency evaluations and assessments; information and referral services; and Minors in Possession (MIP) program. Plus, the Center has a 24-hour hotline for crises intervention.
  - o This program houses a Tobacco Use Prevention effort
  - O Under this program the Center operates an "Access to Recovery" (ATR) effort that assists the Chemical Dependency program in the overall care plan for individuals, and their families, who have substance abuse issues. This program operates under a voucher-base system which pays for services which are essential to recovery from substance abuse.
- **Health Program**-to provide for direct prevention/intervention, community education, health service referral, and AIDS program. Some of the programs under health include:
  - Screening
    – Assess client to determine need and third party eligibility (Medicaid, Medicare, Contract Care, Student Health Service, Private Insurance)
  - o Referrals—To health care or social service providers
  - o Referral to THHS Flathead Service Unit in St. Ignatius for: Dental, pharmacy, basic medical services.
  - Limited Financial Assistance
  - Cost Care /Community Medical Center
  - Target Pharmacy
  - Dental (emergency)
  - Partnership Health Center
  - Health Education
  - Free Over– the–Counter Medication
  - HIV Counseling & Testing
  - o Missoula City/County Health Dept. (immunizations)
  - Diabetes Program
  - Health Promotion Disease Prevention Program
  - Tobacco Use Prevention
  - o Breast & Cervical Health
  - Free Condoms

- Fitness
- o Community Education

Social Services Program: To provide for the social, cultural, educational aspect of the Missoula Indian Center.

- Mental Health Program (individual and family therapy)
- Senior services
- Patient Advocacy
- Medicaid/Medicare application assistance
- Case Management
- Resources and Referrals
- **Domestic Violence Services**
- Child wellness/child welfare
- Psychosocial screening
- **Supportive Services**

Missoula Indian Center, Inc., is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization The budget for the Missoula Indian Center is approximately 1.1 million dollars.

The Center employees approximately 20 individuals

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