



Denver Indian Family Resource Center

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Family Resource Center Association



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Vision

Generations of healthy and strong American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.

Mission

To strengthen vulnerable American Indian/Alaska Native children and families through collaborative and culturally responsive services..

2000

Established

Serving

Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, Jefferson

\$751,595

2019 Budget

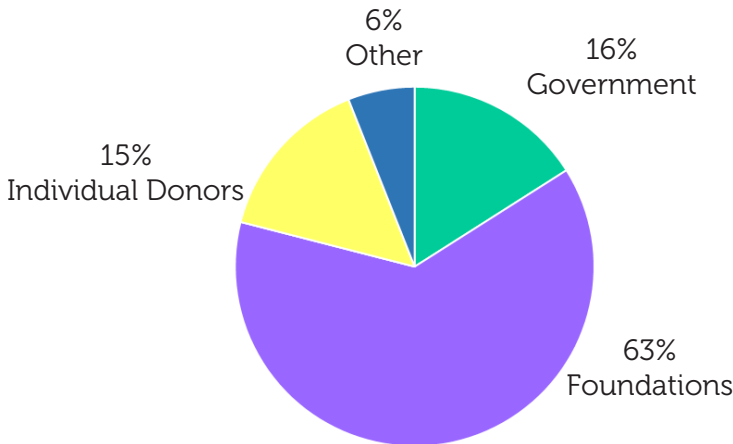
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families served annually

501(c)(3)

Org Structure

Types of Funding



Key Programs

- Indian Child Welfare Advocacy
- Family Preservation and Reunification
- Nurturing Parenting Program
- Resource and Referral Services
- Native American Housing Circle

Serving Our Community

Denver Indian Family Resource Center (DIFRC) was founded in collaboration with metro Denver Native community non-profit organizations and Casey Family Programs to address the overrepresentation of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) families in the child welfare system, a historic and ongoing challenge in AI/AN communities across our nation. Culturally responsive services and advocacy were identified as critical steps to address the situation. DIFRC was created to offer services based in the spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). We strive to keep children safely with their families as we weave cultural strengths and traditions that promote family resiliency into our practice of collaborative support.

It is estimated that currently Colorado is home to more than 126,000 AI/AN people, with approximately 62,000 or 50% living in the Denver-Metro area. DIFRC serves as a single point of entry for comprehensive, intensive, and collaborative family-based services in the metro Denver community. We work to provide reunification and preservation services for families involved the child welfare system or at risk of becoming involved. We also offer resource and referral services for families in need.



Highlights

In 2019, 152 families engaged with DIFRC by participating in one of our Family Development Programs or by accessing Resource and Referral services. 91% of these families self-identified as AI/AN, and most families resided in the Denver-Metro Area, with 86 families served in Denver County, 32 in Jefferson County, 15 in Adams County, 15 in Arapahoe County, 2 in Broomfield County, and 1 in Boulder County.

Our 2 Family Engagement Specialists collaborated with County Workers to provide culturally responsive support for 31 AI/AN families as they navigated child welfare proceedings in 2019. Family development support was provided in the form of 1096 home visits, 116 supervised visits, 75 Nurturing Parenting Program education services, and ongoing ICWA court advocacy.

DIFRC works to strengthen connections throughout the AI/AN community by engaging in resource navigation with families. DIFRC provided 749 direct basic needs services in 2019 including transportation, utility, and food assistance, baby supplies, school supplies, and children's coats. DIFRC connected families to additional resources by initiating 367 formal referrals to 95 other local agencies in 2019.



Family Success Story

"Denver Indian Family Resource Center has played an important role in mine and my children's lives. When we had open cases with the Department of Human Services they were there to support us through the difficult process of getting out of a domestic violence situation and beginning the journey of healing. They have stood by my family every step of the way, whether it was through encouragement, planting seeds of self-belief, or listening to the hardships we have faced and helping me to work through those issues. Denver Indian Family Resource Center will always be in my family's lives because of the amazing help and knowledge they have given us. Thank you Denver Indian Family Resource Center!"

- Community Member



How You Can Help

- Donate
- Volunteer
- Board Membership

