

**Regional Treatment Centers  
Joint Steering Committee Report**

*There are 11 Regional Youth Treatment Centers in the United States that serve Native American Youth with In-Patient Alcohol/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. They are: Chief Gall Youth Regional Treatment Center, Mobridge, SD; Desert Visions Wellness Center, Sacaton, AZ; GRAF-Healing Place FNA/TCC Adolescent Treatment Program, Fairbanks, Alaska; The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations, Spokane, Washington; New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center, San Fidel, NM; Raven's Way Treatment Center, Sitka, Alaska; Jack Brown Youth Regional Treatment Center, Tahlequah, OK; Hayool K'aal Hooghan Adolescent Treatment Center, Chinlee, AZ; Shiprock Adolescent Treatment Center, Shiprock, NM; Unity Healing Center, Cherokee, NC; and The Wemble House, Klamath Falls, Oregon. The following is a brief summary of each program.*

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**Chief Gall Youth Regional Treatment Center  
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Mobridge, SD 57601  
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**Services Provided:** Residential substance abuse with dual diagnosis treatment capability. This includes: individual, group and family counseling; substance abuse and dual diagnosis assessments, education and treatment; academic education (SD State Certified Alternative Education Program); "step" work and relapse prevention; experiential and adventure therapy experience; cultural activities and ceremonies; life skills development; leadership development; aftercare planning, and follow-up contacts.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** IHS owned and operated.

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 18

**Approximate Length of Stay:** 58 days

**Number of Staff:** 31 positions; 26 filled.

**Provider Credentials:**

- Clinical Director/Treatment Supervisor, Masters Degree in Social Work
- Licensed Social Worker is also a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor/Addiction Counselor.
- Mental Health Specialist, Masters Degree in Psychology and Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor.

- *Family Therapist, Ph. D.; Substance Abuse and Family Counseling.*
- *Substance Abuse Therapist, Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor.*
- *Social Science Technician, Certified Counselor Trainee.*
- *Social Science Technician, Licensed Social Worker (Baccalaureate).*
- *Education Specialist, Certified Master's Level Special Education K-12 teacher with a School Administrators Certificate.*
- *Clinical Nurse, RN.*
- *All Clinical Personnel are First Aid and CPR Certified.*
- *Six YRTC personnel are certified to supervise self-administration of prescribed medications.*

***Number of clients served from 10/1/97 to 9/30/03: 302***

***Tribes that received services:*** *Standing Rock, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Cheyenne River, Rosebud, Oglala, Three Affiliated Tribes, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, Crow Creek, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, and Sac & Fox of Iowa.*

***States that received services:*** *South Dakota, North Dakota and Nebraska.*

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***Desert Visions Youth Wellness Center  
P.O. Box 458  
Sacaton, AZ 85247  
Phone: 888-432-4096***

***Director: Richard L. Zephier, Ph.D.  
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***Services Provided:*** *Desert Visions Youth Wellness Center is a residential program for the treatment of substance abuse and dependence and its coexisting symptoms or dual diagnosis. D.V.Y.W.C. is a part of a continuum of care and a system of service provided to the physical, emotional, mental, psychological and spiritual health of our communities. We work closely with the Tribes, communities and Tribal health departments in providing preventative, promotional and aftercare services to the clients.*

*The facility is a 24 bed residential treatment center. Currently we operate single sex cycles. Since January of 2004, the program has been offered to both sexes. The program now operates on an open continuous enrollment basis, rather than on the three and a half month program we currently offered. The scope of services include: chemical dependency, dual diagnosis treatment, emotional behavior therapy, spiritual and traditional ceremonies, group psychological and individual counseling, 12 Step support programs, and physical education regime for addictions and other therapy.*

***Owns/Operates Facility:*** *IHS Owned/Operated*

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 24

**Approximate Length of Stay:** 90 days

**Number of Staff:** 44

**Provider Credentials:**

- Clinical Psychologist-Ph.D.
- Psychiatrist
- 1 MD
- 2 Licensed Social Workers
- Intake Coordinator
- Recreation Specialist
- Art Specialist-Licensed and Certified Teacher
- LADAC Substance Abuse Counselor

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 292

**Number of Tribes Served:** 47

**States that received services:** Arizona, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, California and Wyoming.

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**GRAF-Healing Place FNA/TCC Adolescent Treatment Program**

**P.O. Box 80450**

**Fairbanks, Alaska 99709**

**Phone: 907-455-4725**

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**Director: Rita Ellington, Ph. D.**

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**Services Provided:** Residential substance abuse treatment includes: individual, group and family counseling; substance abuse and dual diagnosis assessment, education and treatment; academic education; “step” work and relapse prevention; adventure therapy experiences; cultural activities and ceremonies; life skills development; aftercare planning and follow-up contacts.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** The Department of Interior owns the land and leases it to Tanana Chiefs Conference, which holds responsibilities for the building, maintenance, etc. Fairbanks Native Association operates the Graf residential treatment program on a 638 contract with Tanana Chiefs Conference.

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 12

**Approximate Length of Stay:** 14 weeks

**Number of Staff:** 18 FT; 6 PT

**Provider Credentials:**

- Director-Psychologist, Ph.D.
- 4 Counselors (state certified level 1 & 2)
- Food Server Coordinator
- Intake Coordinator
- Resident Manager
- Cultural Coordinator
- Resident Aides (counselor technicians state certified)

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 177

**Number of Tribes Served:** 2 (Alaskan Indian & Eskimo)

**States that received services:** Alaska

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**The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations**  
5600 East 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Spokane, Washington 99212  
509-533-6910

**Director: Luella Heavy Runner, MSW**  
[louellah@healinglodge.org](mailto:louellah@healinglodge.org)

**Services Provided:** Core Alcohol and Substance Abuse services - One on One and Group sessions; Mental Health component - One to One counseling, as needed; Family Component – i.e. Education on how alcohol affects the family system; Medical Services (assessments, etc.); Education - Contracted through the School District #81, educational specialists provide testing, etc.; Cultural component- sweat lodges, emphasis on spiritual awareness, welcome and transition ceremonies, arts and crafts, and cultural activities (i.e. pow-wows); and guest speakers.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** Tribally owned/operated (638 contract)

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 26 (15 male/11 female)

**Approximate Length of Stay:** 60 to 90 days. (follow ASAM Criteria). Transition through 50 day mark; depends on patient.

**Number of Staff:** 70 (est.)

**Provider Credentials:**

- Director has a MSW, and is also a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor;
- 4 Counselors (Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors/2 with Masters Degrees/1 Associates Degree, and 1 with a Bachelor's Degree);
- Mental Health Counselor has a Master's Degree and a Mental Health License;
- Counselor/Chemical Dependency Professional.

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:**

**Number of Tribes Served:** Governed by the Seven Consortia Tribes, but also provide treatment to other Tribes.

**States that received services:** Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, and Montana.

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**Jack Brown Youth Regional Treatment Center**

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Tahlequah, OK 74465  
Phone: 918-458-0496**

**Director: Janet Smith, MS  
janet.smith@mail.ihs.gov**

**Services Provided:** Jack Brown is a residential treatment program which includes the following services: academic assessment/placement; aftercare planning/placement; art therapy; behavior modification; cultural education/sweatlodge; family therapy, group therapy; individual assessment, individual counseling; mental health counseling, outreach services; recreation and support groups.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** Tribally operated (Cherokee Nation). Operated under a Bi-Indian contract (not 638)

**Capacity (Number of Beds) 23**

**Approximate Length of Stay: 60 to 120 days**

**Number of Staff: 29**

**Provider Credentials:**

- Director-M.S., ATR
- Assistant Director-M.S., ICADC, CCS
- Behavioral Health Clinician-M.S., L.P.C.
- Art Therapist-M.S., ATR

- Nurse Clinician-RN
- Substance Abuse Counselor-B.S., ICADC
- Substance Abuse Counselor-B.A., B.S., CADC
- Substance Abuse Counselor-B.A., ICADC
- Total of 4 with a Master's Degree
- Total of 14 with a Bachelor's Degree
- 2 Substance Abuse Technicians that are Certified Child Care Workers

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 432

**Number of Tribes Served:** 71

**States that received services:** Arkansas, Arizona, California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington.

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**Hayool K'aal Hooghan Adolescent Treatment Center**

**Also Known As**

**Chinlee Adolescent Treatment Center**

**P.O. Box 3525**

**Chinlee, Arizona 86503**

**Phone: 928-674-3735**

**Director: Carolyn Morris, Ph.D.**

**dr\_morris2000@yahoo.com**

**Services Provided:** The Hayool K'aal Hooghan Adolescent Treatment Center is a residential program which provides substance abuse and mental health services to youth. Services include: individual, group and family counseling, substance abuse and mental health assessments, psycho-educational groups, process groups, journaling, "step" and relapse prevention, wilderness expedition and adventure based therapy experiences, ropes course, cultural classes, and traditional ceremonies, life-skills development, family and traditional week, aftercare planning, and follow-up home visits. Currently the facility operates on single sex cycles for 90 days.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** Tribally owned/operated (638)

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 20

**Approximate Length of Stay:** 90 days

**Number of Staff:** 40

**Provider Credentials:**

- *Clinical Director-Psychologist, Ph.D.*
- *All Residential Personnel-First Aide and CPR certified.*
- *Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor*

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 150

**Number of Tribes Served:** 4

**States that received services:** *Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah & California*

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***Shiprock Adolescent Treatment Center***

***P.O. Box 3997***

***Shiprock, New Mexico***

***Phone: 505-368-1502***

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***Director: Christopher Morris, Ph.D.***

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**Services Provided:** *The Shiprock Adolescent Treatment Center is a residential program which provides substance abuse and mental health services to youth. Services include: individual, group and family counseling, substance abuse and mental health assessments, psycho-educational groups, process groups, journaling, "step" and relapse prevention, wilderness expedition and adventure based therapy experiences, ropes course, cultural classes, and traditional ceremonies, life-skills development, family and traditional week, aftercare planning, and follow-up home visits. Currently we operate single sex cycles for 90 days.*

**Owns/Operates Facility:** *Tribally owned/operated (IHS funded through 638 contract).*

**Capacity (Number of Beds)** 24; *Operating steadily at 60% capacity.*

**Number of Staff:** *35 FTEs; 30 are permanent Tribal employees, and 5 are temporary or contractors.*

**Provider Credentials:**

- *Clinical Director-Psychologist, Ph.D.*
- *All Residential Personnel-First Aide and CPR certified.*
- *Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor*

**Number of Clients Served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 150

**Number of Tribes Served:** 4

**States that Received Services:** Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah & California

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**New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center**

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**San Fidel, New Mexico 87049**

**Phone: 505-552-5500**

**Director: Anthony Yepa**

**AnthonyY@abq.ihs.gov**

**Services Provided:** *New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center is a residential program for the treatment of substance abuse and dependence and its coexisting symptoms. N.S.R.T.C. is a part of a continuum of care and a system of service providers within communities, tribes, IHS and the state. N.S.R.T.C. is committed to the physical, emotional/mental, and spiritual health of our communities and works in partnership with the community based/tribal agencies in promoting and advocating for the well-being of Native American adolescents. N.S.R.T.C. has a capacity of 8 female and 14 male residents. Approximate length of stay is 90 days. Scope of services includes: assessments, treatment planning and review, chemical dependency education and counseling, academic education, family education and therapy, psychological/psychiatric services, recreational therapy, cultural/traditional awareness, nursing/health services, social skills services, discharge planning, and 12 Step Support Groups.*

**Owns/Operates Facility:** *IHS owned and operated.*

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** *20 (7 female and 13 male).*

**Approximate Length of Stay:** *90 to 100 days*

**Number of Staff:** *50 (42 full time and 8 contractors)*

**Provider Credentials:**

- **Need Director's credentials**
- *Family Therapist/Program Coordinator, MSW, LISW*
- *Clinical Psychologist-Ph.D.*
- *Intake Coordinator-LADAC, CADAC, CCS*
- *Substance Abuse Counselor-LADAC*
- *Substance Abuse Counselor-CADAC*
- *Substance Abuse Counselor-CCs*
- *Recreation Specialist-NCTRC*
- *Licensed and Certified Teachers*
- *Clinical Nursing: Supervisory Psychiatric Nurse, RN, LPN*
- *Social Services Assistants: CPR Certified, First Aid Certified, & Crisis Intervention Certified.*

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 411

**Number of Tribes Served:** 26

**States that received services:** Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Utah

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**Raven's Way Treatment Center**  
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**Director: Anita Didrickson, Ph.D.**  
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**Services Provided:** Raven's Way is a residential substance abuse and dual diagnosis treatment facility, services include: individual, group and family counseling; substance abuse and dual diagnosis assessments, education and treatment; academic education (we are part of a certified school district); "step" work and relapse prevention; wilderness expedition and adventure therapy experiences, including low and high ropes course; cultural activities and ceremonies; home-like residential living; life skills development; leadership development; aftercare planning; and follow-up contacts.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** Intertribal Consortium

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 8 to 10

**Approximate Length of Stay:** 39-45 days

**Number of Staff:** 21 (approx.)

**Provider Credentials:**

- Director-Ph.D. Clinical Psychologist, Substance Abuse Administrator II.
- Treatment Supervisor and Adolescent Therapist have Master's degrees or higher in mental health and are Certified Substance Abuse Counselors.
- Nine Direct Care staff are certified as Substance Abuse Counselors or Counselor Technicians,
- Teacher is a certified high school teacher.
- Nine direct care staff are Wilderness First Responders.

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 269

**Names of Tribes Served:** Tlingit, Haida, Athabascan, Inuit, Inupiat, Aleut, Tsimpsian, and Yupik.

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**Unity Healing Center**  
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**Cherokee, NC 28719**  
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**Director: James “Butch” E. Sanders, MSW**  
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**Services Provided:** Unity Healing Center is a 16 bed co-ed facility with a capacity to serve 8 males and 8 females. It is our goal to provide a home-like environment, a place of healing where the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of each client receives equal attention. Unity provides a long-term intensive residential treatment program. The length of stay is dependent upon each client and their needs. Unity has developed a treatment program that incorporates the 12-Step program of recovery, the cultural uniqueness of Indian youth and Adventure Based Counseling. Unity Healing Center’s Mission statement is “Unity is dedicated to breaking the cycle of addiction and restoring hope and wellness to Native American Youth”.

Unity provides the following services: Individual Counseling, Group Counseling, Chemical Dependency Education, Adventure Outings, Ropes Course, Academic Education, Culture/Spiritual program, Family Counseling, Medical, and Continuing Care.

**Owns/Operates Facility:** IHS owned and operated.

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 16 bed coed facility, with a capacity to serve 8 male and 8 females.

**Approximate Length of Stay:** The average length of stay is 75 days. The length of stay is dependent upon each client and their needs.

**Number of Staff:** 23 permanent, and 3 temporary.

**Provider Credentials:**

- Director-MSW
- Nursing Supervisor-BSW, Certified CPR Instructor
- Treatment Supervisor-BS Psych., CADAC, CCS
- Clinical Supervisor-AAS, CADAC, CCS
- Nurse-BSW, Certified CPR Instructor
- Night Shift Nurse-LPN
- SA Counselor-MA Psychology, CADAC, LPA
- SA Counselor-MSW, CADAC
- SA Counselor-CADAC
- SA Counselor-BS Psychology, CADAC
- Adventure Therapist-Masters Psychology

- *Counselor Aide-Certified Fitness Instructor*
- *Counselor Aide-CNA*
- *Teacher-MS Education, Secondary Education*
- *All Counselor Aides are CPR Certified*

**Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03:** 272

**Names of Tribes Served:** *Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Catawba Indian Nation of South Carolina, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, Aroostook Band of Micmac Indians, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Oneida Indian Nation of New York, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Pleasant Point, Penobscot Indian Nation, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Seneca Nation of Indians, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, Tunica Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, Pima-Maricopa Tribe of Arizona, Paiute Tribe, Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, Ute Tribe, Shoshone Tribe, Western Band of Cherokee Indians, White Mountain Apache Tribe, Onodaga Tribe of New York, Shoshone-Paiute Tribe of Arizona, Hopi Tribe of Arizona, Navajo Tribe, Cheyenne Nation, Yavapai-Apache Tribe, Karuk Nation, Winnebago Tribe, Northern Arapaho, and Pyramid Lake Paiute.*

**States that received services:** *Arizona, Colorado, Maine, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Nebraska, Utah, Washington, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Maine, South Dakota, Utah, South Carolina, Georgia, California, Alabama, Nevada, Texas, and Montana.*

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**Wemle Naalam T’at’sksni (Heal Our Children; in the Klamath language) House**  
**Also Known As**  
**Wemle House**  
**121 Iowa St.**  
**Klamath Falls, OR 97601**  
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**Services Provided:** *Wemle House is a dual diagnosis enhance treatment facility with alcohol and chemical dependency as a primary and mental health as a secondary diagnosis. Our youth receive services for both conditions at the same time. We provide a host of services that are tailored to meet the client where they are.*

**Owns/Operates Facility:** *Tribally owned/operated (638).*

**Capacity (Number of Beds):** 16

*Approximate Length of Stay: 90 to 120 days.*

*Number of Staff: 20 full time staff and 4 on-call treatment staff.*

***Provider Credentials:***

- *All counselors are credentialed through the state or the Northwest Indian certification board.*

*Number of clients served from 10/1/98 to 9/30/03: Need*

*Number of Tribes Served: Need*