



# Minneapolis American Indian Center grand re-opening



May 1, 2024 marked the kick off of American Indian Month. That same day, Office of Community Safety (OCS) staff had a table at the grand re-opening of the American Indian Center. Community members visited tables before attending the powwow that evening. 24 individuals stopped by the OCS table to learn about the community safety centers.

Participants voted on which social services should be in the community safety centers. These themes emerged as priorities:

- Affordable Housing
- Homeless Resources
  - Socks and shoes
- Mental Health
- Addiction services
- Mentoring
  - Life coaches and motivational speakers

Not everyone weighed in on other resources or building uses. Those who did emphasized these themes:

- Medical
- Community Meals
- Childcare for people using the center
- Space for supervised parental visits
- Resources
- Toy/tool library

Other topics of note:

- Should not duplicate services- there are harm reduction centers already in the community that people trust
- Need domestic violence and sexual abuse advocates in the centers
- Transportation can be challenging