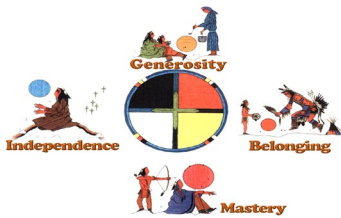


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• Circle of Courage Youth Program

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Hello and Welcome! In this welcome letter you will learn a bit more about our program. We feel it's important for you to have an idea of who will care for you and your loved one or client. Our team offers a variety of different interests, skills, talents, ethnicities, race, ages, and gender. We all share a common goal which is to offer you the very best care, support and to help guide and heal from difficult past and or current circumstances.

Once you arrive at our beautiful, nature-filled property, we understand that the intake may seem stressful, it may even make you anxious. We will explain the process, trying not to overload you too much and will be respectful of you and handle your belongings with care. We will ask a lot of questions so we can get to know you a bit and so you can help us create your immediate needs plan, please tell us if you need a break. You might meet a lot of strangers on your first day, just know we are here to help in any way, so when you are ready, let us know what you need from us.

Our program practices 4 core values that our entire agency shares in. These values come from our Circle of Courage way of healing with, Belonging, Mastery, Independence and Generosity. We will work together to find out what these values may mean to you and how they best fit you and your individual program. We also have house values to help better ensure the safety of ourselves and others. These values are Safety, Boundaries, Respect, Responsible and Belonging. These house values are listed on your daily reflection sheet. Daily reflections are logged twice a day by direct care staff. This documentation helps us better understand your strengths, things you may struggle with, areas where you may need more guidance, and how we can better assist in your care. We enjoy activities and community outings such as swimming, fishing, movies, bowling, museums, etc. as much as we are able. We hope you will enjoy these activities too.

We value our relationships both with you and your family, however we also understand that family may not be a part of your Circle of Courage program journey, so we will work closely with your county workers to ensure that your needs are met during your stay with us. We look forward to meeting you, please let us know if you have any questions before intake.

