



TRIBAL BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN SERVICES LEADERSHIP

HUMAN SERVICES

Merida Kipp, Deputy Director of Human Services



Educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree, Master of Library and

Information Science, and a Master of Information Technology and Administrative management credentials. Ms. Kipp has been a dedicated staff member of the Yakama Nation since 2004 and most recently the Library Administrator.

The Human Services Deputy Director oversees twelve programs, which include HS Administration (JOM/Emergency Assistance) Youth Activities, AAoA, Nak Nu We Sha, Veteran's Affairs, Village of Hope, CCDF, Commodity Foods/LIHEAP, Vocational Rehabilitation, Higher Education/AVT, Tribal School, Head Start, and Library.

HUMAN SERVICES Highlights

Renovation and upgrades are being planned for the library, expansion of Village of Hope transitional housing, and the Vocational Rehabilitation program has resumed services. Plans are being made to build a childcare center and the Tribal School continues to plan for a new school. Head Start is doing outreach to increase enrollment.

AAoA and Golden Eagles Advisory Board are working to update the Area Plan to best serve the elder community. These are some highlights to summarize the Human Services programs. Each program carries out services daily with multiple community members being served.

New Tribal Council Chambers

The Meninock Chambers at the Yakama Agency has served as the seat of the Yakama Nation Tribal Government for more than 40 years, standing witness to generations of Yakama leadership on behalf of our Yakama Members, our culture, and our Treaty.

During the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Meninock Chambers did not afford sufficient space to keep the Yakama Nation's elected leaders and guests safe from possible COVID-19 infection risk, making it necessary to temporarily move the Yakama Nation's regular sessions to the event center and other conference space at the Yakama Legends Casino Hotel.

In accordance with TC Resolution T-112-21, it was decided during this time there was a need for an expanded Yakama Tribal Council Chambers to meet the public health emergency needs, and to better serve future generations of Yakama Leadership in conducting the Yakama Nation's day to day business. The new Tribal Council Chambers is set to open in May 2024 .



FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT

AUDIT UPDATES

Due to the schedule of the auditors, the FY2021 audit moved to a remote audit. FY2021 audit is at the sample stage with auditors. They are reviewing all requested transactions and working with Yakama Nation to clarify anything as needed. After this, YN and auditors can work toward completion. The FY2022 audit is scheduled to start once FY2021 audit is finalized.

Yakama Nation programs, central accounting, grants & contracts, and finance are ensuring work is completed. The FY2023 audit will follow and ensure Yakama Nation is up to date on audits.

FINANCIAL SYSTEM

While audits are a priority for the Finance Department enhanced training on the financial system is another goal. The Finance Department has been working on internal training documents to provide training on any updated processes, enhance consistency, and ensure new employees have appropriate guidance. The training will be provided by Finance Staff and documents will be available for all employees.

TRIBAL OPERATIONS SPOTLIGHT

RAP DISCONTINUED PAY CARD

KeyBank notified the YN that the prepaid card will be closing on July 26, 2024. KeyBank will continue to service existing prepaid card accounts either until no funds remain on the card or once they return remaining balances by check to cardholders.

Please contact the RAP office for more information at 509-865-5121 ext. 4419, 4420, 4421, 4424, or 4443.

MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS

Yakama Nation and Government Operations management is committed to transparency and upholding the integrity of internal controls and building a more cohesive environment.

Subsequently, management decisions are in accordance with Tribal Council approved policies, Tribal laws, and applicable federal/state regulations, and guidelines.

Administrative review processes are in place for the YN Tribal Governmental Structure to ensure such matters follow approved due processes, which relieves the burden from elected officials. Separation of duties and responsibilities are clearly defined to safeguard from political influence and/or favors. Elected officials remain impartial from tribal government management activities.

REQUESTS FOR NEW FUNDING SPOTLIGHT

FEMA

The Yakama Nation was provided information of funding available to Tribes under the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The types of opportunities include Preparedness, Hazard Mitigation, and Recovery. After the initial information was received the Yakama Nation completed and submitted two applications to FEMA.

2023 Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program with the proposal to improve the security of critical infrastructure and improve the resilience of the services the tribal government provides.

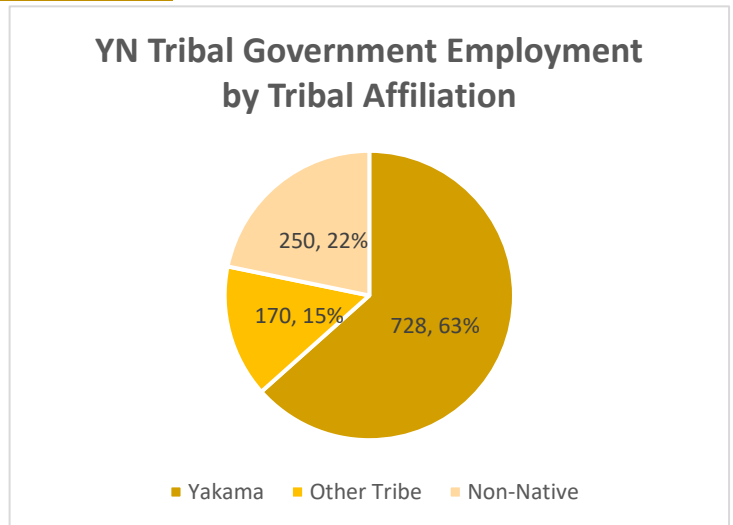
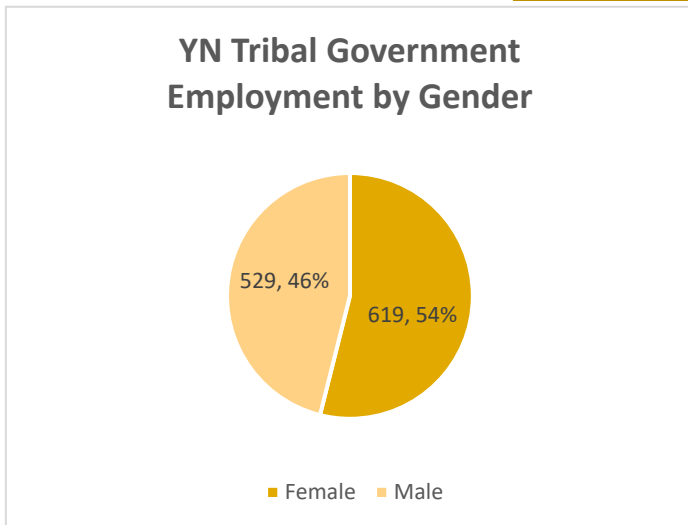
2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) with the proposal to request funding to complete the Yakama Nation's Hazard Mitigation Plan which will need community input. Completion of this plan will allow the Yakama Nation to seek other FEMA funding.

Human Services Emergency Assistance Data FY23

Service Type	Count
Western Union Transactions Sent	61
Emergency Assistance Applications Processed	413
Fire Assistance	9
Funeral/Medical Assistance Issued	51
Funeral Flight Assistance	3
Search and Rescue	1
Total Served	538
Total Amount (unaudited figure)	\$121,451.18

*Data provided by the Human Services Department

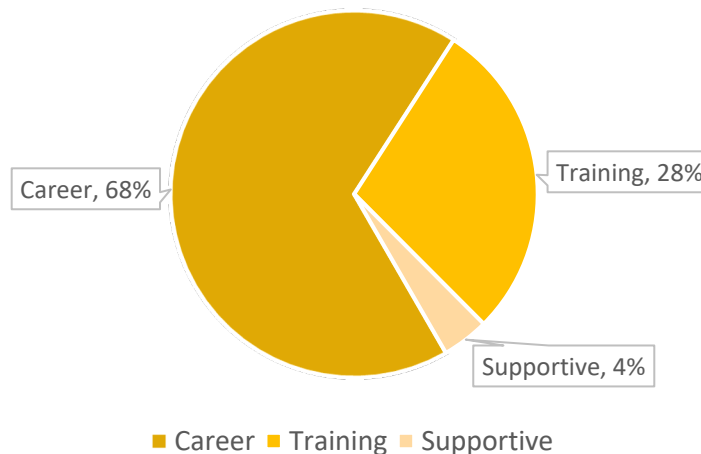
EMPLOYMENT DATA



*Data provided by the Human Resources office as of 3/19/2024

Native Workforce Development Program Participants (July 2023 through March 2024)

Total Services by Category Type



Totals:	Participants 169	Career Services 114	Training Services 48	Supportive Services 7
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