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Proudly Serving the Community Since 1974

Changing the Myths





U.S. Policy and American Indians

- *"Kill the Indian and Save the Man"* – Gen. Richard Pratt
- Designed to exterminate Indian culture, languages, social ties, and connections to communities

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COME TO DENVER

THE CHANCE OF YOUR LIFETIME !

Good Jobs
Retail Trade
Manufacturing
Government—Federal, State, Local
Wholesale Trade
Construction of Buildings, Etc.



Happy Homes
Beautiful Houses
Many Churches
Exciting Community Life
Over Half of Homes Owned by Residents
Convenient Stores—Shopping Centers



Training
Vocational Training
Auto-Mech, Beauty Shop, Drafting,
Nursing, Office Work, Watchmaking
Adult Education
Evening High School, Arts and Crafts
Job Improvement, Home-making



Beautiful Colorado
Tallest State, 48 Mt. Peaks Over 14,000 Ft.
350 Days Sunshine, Mild Winters
Zoos, Museums, Mountain Parks, Drives
Picnic Areas, Lakes, Amusement Parks
Big Game Hunting, Trout Fishing, Camping

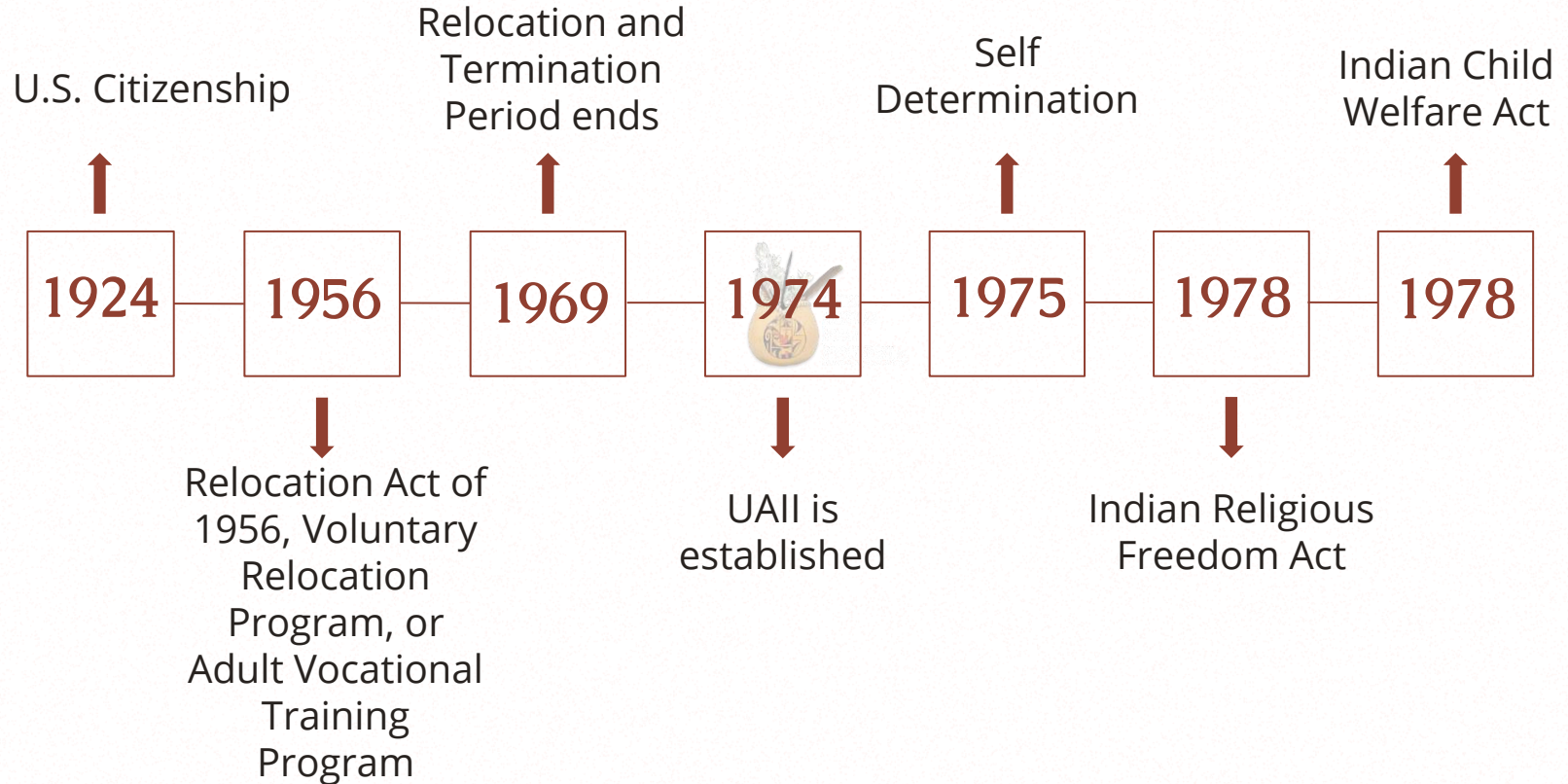


CHICAGOLAND INDIANS GET GOOD JOBS.



**JOBS RECENTLY OBTAINED OFFER
OPPORTUNITY - SECURITY**

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Who Am I?





Our History

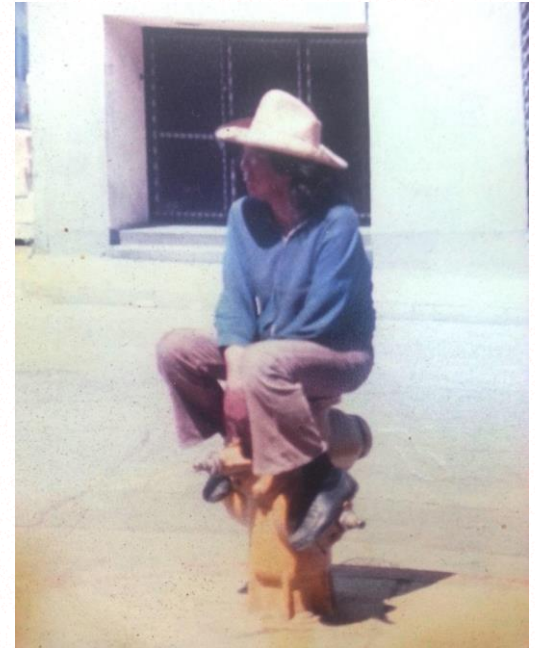
Established in 1974 on the streets of Skid Row, our organization has served the need of American Indian families and youth. This tri-level building promoted recovery, healing, housing, warm meals, and community activities.

History and Photos



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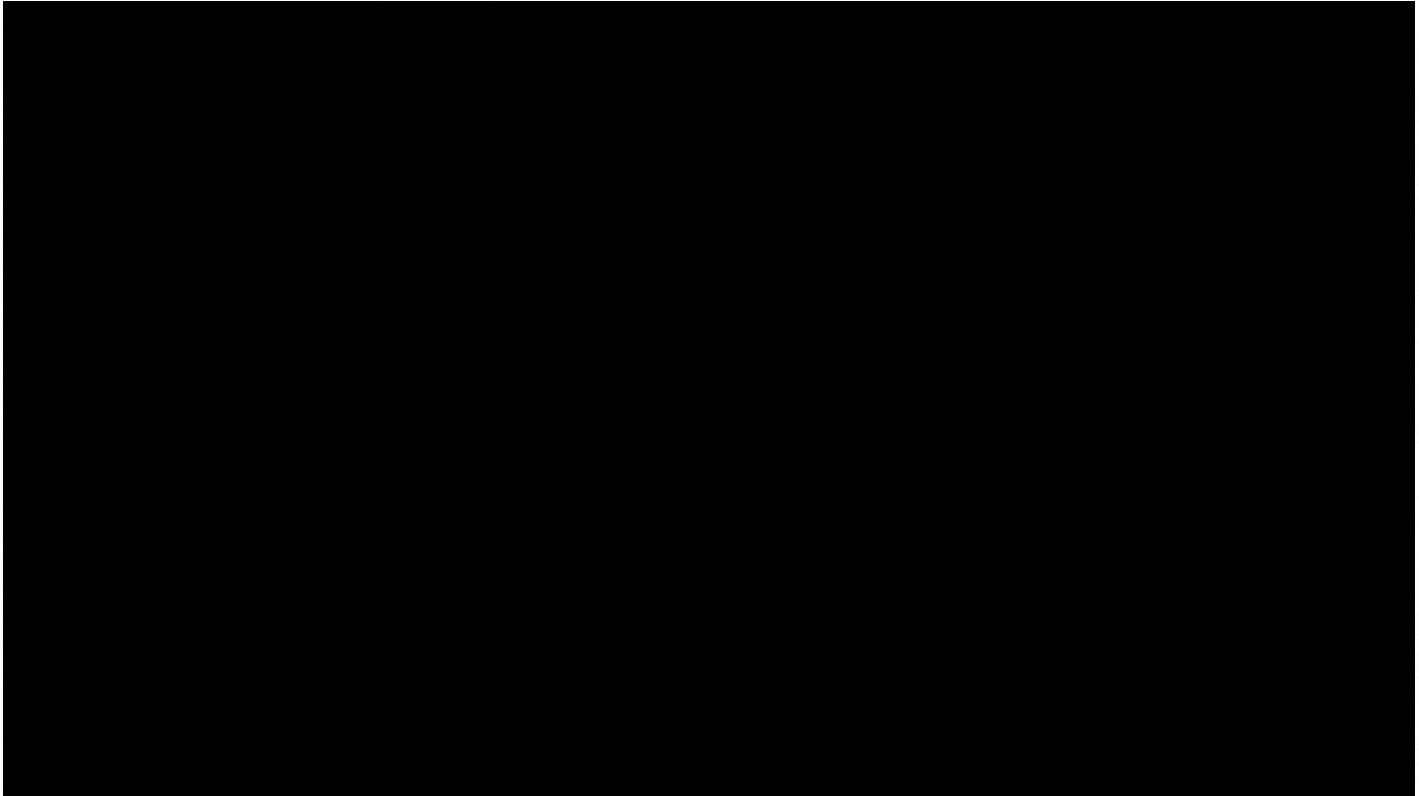
Robert Sundance



Our Future Location



Community, Culture, and Tradition





Our Community

90%
Clients
are Low -
Income



Our Community

22%
Housing
Unstable

Our Community

200
Different
Tribes



The People We Serve

- **188k** AI/AN living in City/County of L.A., Long Beach and Orange County
- **45%** of AI/AN Women Suicide Ideation by 25 years Old
- **80%** Achieve a High School Diploma, G.E.D., or Do Not Graduate
- **2%** Higher Rates of Unemployment/ All Racial Ethnic Groups
- AI/AN Women Earn **.50 Cents to Every \$1 (NHWM)** Earns

Housing Picture

56%

Rent Burdened

NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING IN LOS ANGELES PAYING MORE THAN 30% OF INCOME ON RENT

30%

Severely Rent Burdened

NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING IN LOS ANGELES PAYING MORE THAN 50% OF INCOME ON RENT

61%

Rent Expense

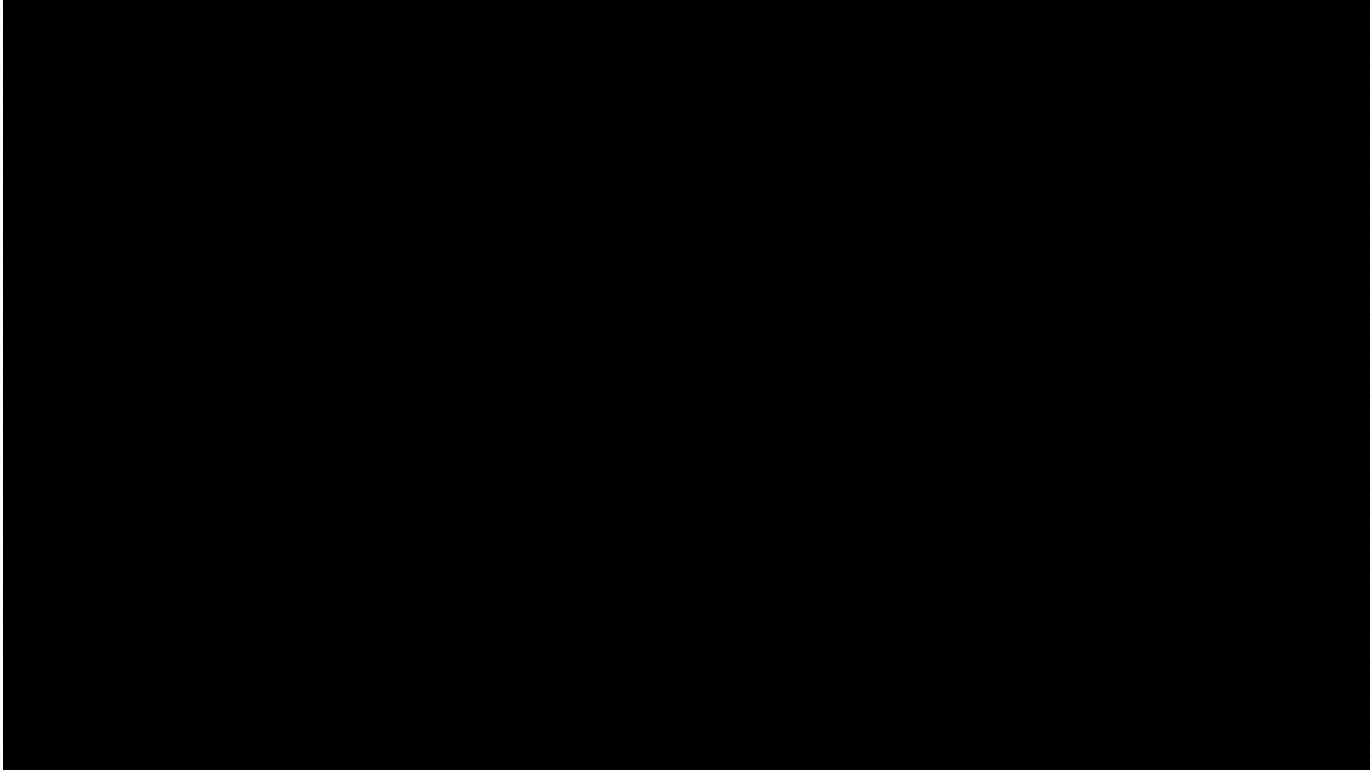
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Our Programs and Services



Our Work During COVID



Our Programs and Services

- **Health Services** - operates the only American Indian clinic in Los Angeles with a care provider and predominantly American Indian staff who are culturally responsive to the community needs.
- **Behavioral/ Mental Health Services** - composed of licensed and certified psychologists, therapists, and counselors
- **Substance Abuse Counseling and Treatment** - visits by licensed substance abuse counselors and therapists.

Our Programs and Services

- **Workforce Development and Training** - entrance in the job market by increasing their education, skills, and work experience necessary to enter high demand job fields
- **Youth Services** - enhance the growth and well-being of American Indian youth

Robert Sundance Summer Camp



UAI Receives \$2.5 Million Bezos Day 1 Families Fund Grant to End Homelessness

On Wednesday, December 9th we were happy to announce that United American Indian Involvement (UAI), which for 46 years has provided human and health services for American Indian families in the Los Angeles metro area, today announced that it has been selected to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the Day 1 Families Fund. Launched in 2018 by Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos, the Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to provide shelter and hunger support to address the immediate needs of young families.

"With this grant, UAI will continue to serve as a beacon of hope for American Indians in L.A., while providing critical services, such as housing, to families who are most in need," said Luis Cervantes, CEO of UAI.

This one-time grant, awarded to organizations doing meaningful work to connect families with shelter and support, will allow UAI to create a housing program focused on lowering barriers to housing, and expand its current services while making them easily accessible. With families upended by the COVID-19 pandemic, these funds will also help UAI combat the economic and housing crisis for the American Indian community.



The Day 1 Families Fund

Pat Lopez with two young dancers

UAI is one of 42 nonprofits across the U.S. to receive the third annual Day 1 Families Fund grants, as part of a continuing commitment by the Day 1 Families Fund to help end homelessness for families. The Day 1 Families Fund issued a total of \$105.9 million in grants this year. To select these organizations, the fund worked with an advisory board of homelessness advocates and leaders whose expertise spans housing justice, racial equity,

direct services, homelessness policy, equity for Native American communities, and anti-poverty work. The Bezos Day One Fund was launched in 2018 with a commitment of \$2 billion and a focus on two areas: funding existing nonprofits that help homeless families, and creating a network of new, nonprofit tier-one preschools in low-income communities.

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Strong Community

- Entering new forms of communication
- Increase visibility and awareness
- Promote positive stories
- Network and share in advocacy
- Remain transparent

Letter from CEO



Dear UAI Family,
On behalf of everyone at UAI, we hope you and your loved ones are safe. So many things seem to be swirling around us but our agency has been steadfast. Our motivation and focus have been on our community. Our team has continued providing services and adjusting to accommodate your needs as we enter the Fall/Winter of 2020. We have tirelessly been applying for new grants and building strong partnerships that will help

us to increase our services and look forward to a brighter future starting with 2021.

Thank you to everyone who took part in making this an amazing event. Halloween Drive-Thru utilizing the alley between our current building and parking lot for families to display their best costumes. This will likely be the last event we have at our current facility.

Maintaining social distancing of course! We value community and will work in a creative and safe manner to continue our service. UAI on the Move! Our new building on Temple Street is coming along. There have been numerous hurdles during the pandemic, but the UAI team along with our partners at the LA City, our Contractors, and Building Owner have worked together to resolve them. We are looking to continue at our current building, and over the next month phase in our departments into the new building soon. We anticipate still providing service at 1125 W 6th Street until further notice so please monitor our website for updates. We are looking forward to our grand opening and sharing it with everyone virtually. Stay connected to the UAI community by visiting our website and social media for updates and an exciting virtual celebration of our new building!
Happy Holidays and Stay Safe as we enter 2021!
Sincerely,
Luis Cervantes, CEO, United American Indian Involvement



Indigenous Peoples Day



Strong Community Partnerships





Getting Involved





UAI in 2022

- We are working to expand our services to include increased healthcare access, housing, and a dental program in the upcoming year.

Our Resiliency



Getting Involved

Read:

- Vine Deloria
- N. Scott Momaday – House Made of Dawn
- Leslie Marmon Silko – Ceremony
- Louise Erdrich
- James Welch

Watch:

- Rumble
- Reservation Dogs
- Smoke Signals





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