



**SEATTLE
URBAN NATIVE**
NONPROFITS

NATIVE UNITY

**Collective power through dialog,
education, action, and advocacy.**

Seattle Urban Native Nonprofits

Seattle Urban Native Nonprofits represents a new era of collective advocacy on behalf of urban Natives. Since 2017, the SUNN Collaborative has convened 13 urban Native organizations that serve and engage the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) population in Seattle-King County through culturally attuned services and programs. Meeting regularly, leaders from these organizations gather for dialog and advocacy, and to advance the priorities of the urban Native community.

The SUNN member organizations represent civic engagement, health and social services, arts and culture, economic development, and education. SUNN creates a space for smaller organizations to join with larger organizations, amplifying their role in decision-making and their ability to advocate on behalf of the communities they work with. Together, these member organizations reach more than 22,000 individuals annually with programming and services.

A Unified Strategy

As the first-ever organization of its kind in King County, the SUNN Collaborative seeks to build a healthier and more sustainable urban Native community by focusing on:

Leadership Development and Training

To advocate for the urban Native community in the public and philanthropic spheres through leadership development, training, and cooperative strategic planning

Education and Advocacy

To work with policy decision makers on community priority issues through policy analysis and monitoring, grassroots mobilization, and collective advocacy campaigns.

OUR WORK

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Build Collective Advocacy and Visibility

With a focus on community driven solutions, a Native-led policy agenda and platform, and the strengthening of Native voices and leadership, we will unite to advocate and raise awareness for the urban Native community in the public sphere.

Nurture Community Engagement and Empowerment

Our community's cohesion is one of its greatest strengths. We will develop and nurture Indigenous leaders to serve in leadership capacities on boards, commissions, and advisory committees. We will harness existing organizational bases to develop a dedicated and empowered foundation of community advocates who can work effectively together for widespread systems change.

Invest in Youth and Young Leaders

We will encourage and equip youth to take an active role in the community and to become advocates for issues that directly impact them. We will create opportunities for strengthening cultural identity and pride.

Invest in Health and Holistic Well-being

To counteract the racial inequities that persist in healthcare and result in disproportionately poor health outcomes, we will reclaim and integrate Indigenous lifeways and traditions and develop a holistic culture of wellness in the Native community.

Address Housing Affordability and Access

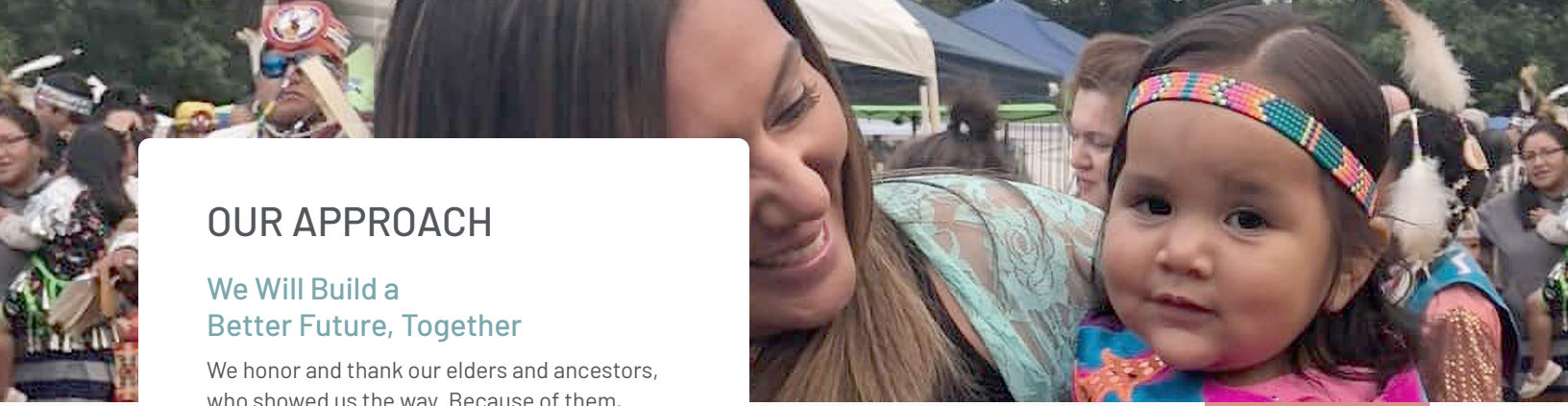
As the Seattle-King County area grows increasingly gentrified and unaffordable, we will support individuals and organizations working to decrease homelessness, make housing more financially attainable, and advance housing equity.

Increase Economic Opportunity

By creating more opportunities for Native small businesses, creating community capital through financial wellness classes, and developing more chances for youth to have paid internships, we will build a more secure and sustainable economic future for the Native community.

Enhance Partnerships with Funders

We will work to decolonize philanthropy's history, power dynamics, processes, and structures, while at the same time creating collaborative funding opportunities that strengthen all organizations involved.



OUR APPROACH

We Will Build a Better Future, Together

We honor and thank our elders and ancestors, who showed us the way. Because of them, we have access to the cultural wisdom and expertise needed to galvanize resilient, community centered approaches to address challenges and build collective power.

We undertake this work while acknowledging the historical and intergenerational trauma in our organizations and communities.

Our approach is resilient and strengths based, recognizing that culture and tradition are the practice-based evidence models that will heal the impacts of historical trauma in Native communities.

SEVEN GENERATIONS

We approach this important work with a deep understanding of our interdependence and responsibility to seven generations: the three that preceded us, our own, and the three that will follow us. For their benefit and well-being, we will join hands to address the complex, entrenched, and painful injustices caused by institutional and structural racism.

SHARED VALUES

Leadership: Rooted in love, compassion, courage, accountability and humility.

Reciprocity: Acknowledging that we are all connected and dedicated to the well-being of our community, and that we cannot achieve the balance, dignity, and respect for our community without one another.

Responsibility: To care, share power, and support our relationships as a collective in service to the Native community.

Unity: in trust, respective traditions, collective power, and a community culture grounded in inclusion, inter-tribal history, and inter-generational perspectives.

OUR WORK

COMMITTEES

Policy Committee

Creates and oversees public policy, advocacy campaigns, and systems changes that advance the collective advocacy priorities of the SUNN Collaborative.

Leadership Committee

Prioritizes the leadership development of people across the urban Native community to ensure that generational leadership is rooted in Indigenous knowledge and community values.

Sustainability Committee

Fosters long-term sustainability, empowering the SUNN Collaborative to engage in advocacy efforts to improve the health and well-being of the urban Native community in Seattle-King County.

Communication Committee

Enhances and expands SUNN's communication and outreach in the Native community by developing a central clearinghouse of information to inform, engage, educate and advocate within the Native community as well as to external audiences.






OUR MEMBERS

Chief Seattle Club
Duwamish Tribal Services
Indigenous Showcase
Na'ah Illahee Fund
National Urban Indian Family Coalition
Native American Women's Dialog On Infant Mortality
Native Action Network
Northwest Justice Project
Potlatch Fund
Red Eagle Soaring
United Indians Of All Tribes Foundation
Urban Native Education Alliance



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Seattle Urban Native Nonprofits (SUNN) collaborative convenes and strengthens Native-led organizations throughout King County to build collective power through dialog, education, action, and advocacy. To increase the well-being of our urban Native family, we call upon Indigenous strength, resilience, and wisdom to address systemic inequities and galvanize community-centered solutions.

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