



## Native American Youth and Family Center

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## NAYA Family Center Hosts the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair

*Housing Stability and Sustainability are Priorities for Portland's Native American Community*

**WHAT:** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 31st, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218

Portland OR, Saturday, July 31st, 2010—The Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair provides a wide range of housing and homeownership resources tailored to the Portland Metropolitan area's Native American community. **The Fair is an equal housing opportunity event with a culturally specific focus – and is free and open to everyone.** We welcome you to join us on Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at NAYA Family Center.

The Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair is a key part of NAYA Family Center's initiative to close the Native American homeownership gap. Although homeownership rates in Portland are over 65%, only 25% of American Indian and Alaska Native community members own their own home. **Since our inaugural Fair in 2006, our homeownership programming has resulted in over 70 new homeowners or refinances.**

The Fair offers information and resources available for renters, prospective home buyers, and home owners, with an expanded focus on sustainability in our homes and community.

### Highlights include:

- Drawings for **\$2,500 down payment assistance** grants and **\$400 rent or mortgage assistance** grants.
- Workshops on locating affordable rental housing, first time home buying, financial wellness, gardening and water conservation.
- **Foreclosure prevention counseling sessions** offered by Community Housing Resource Center.
- Opportunity to meet with home buying professionals, local non-profits, affordable housing providers, Tribal Housing Authorities, and the **HUD Section 184 Indian Home Loan program**.
- Free lunch prepared by **Nawitka Catering**, children's activities, a performance by the NAYA Family Center Dancers and a gift prize drawing.

A special thanks to our community partners, volunteers and event sponsors: Portland Housing Bureau, TriMet, Housing Authority of Portland, Sterling Savings Bank, Bank of America Home Loans, Guild Mortgage, NAYA Family Center Foster Care Program and Wells Fargo.

NAYA Family Center has provided services to Portland Metropolitan Area's self identified Native American community for over 34 years. Learn more at [www.nayapdx.org](http://www.nayapdx.org).

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