

# Who we are...

Racker Centers was founded in 1948 based on the value of diversity and appreciating the many things that all people have in common. Today, our diversity is evidenced by the plethora of services the agency offers for several thousand people, from newborns to seniors, under license by five state departments.



The fundamental purpose of human services is personal development; helping people to do the things necessary to live their lives to the fullest. It is the responsibility of all of us associated with Franziska Racker Centers to understand how the agency can be effective, and how the people we serve, their families, and our staff and volunteers can be successful.

Our Mission, Vision, and the Circle of Courage universally apply to all people.

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*Artwork by Lakota artist, George Blue Bird. For more information on the Circle of Courage visit [www.reclaiming.com](http://www.reclaiming.com).*



**GENEROSITY** is compassion, empathy, and altruism, the truest form of caring for others.

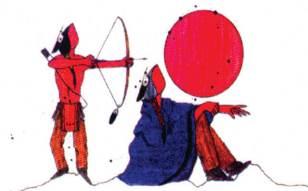


**BELONGING** encompasses our relationships and human interdependence.

**INDEPENDENCE** is the power to make decisions, to problem solve, to be responsible, and to grow.



**MASTERY** is success, achievement, and motivation.



## The Circle of Courage

The Circle of Courage is portrayed on a traditional Native American medicine wheel representing the wholeness of life. These core values, within the context of health and safety, represent basic human needs. They are the ingredients of a 'good life', a life filled with meaning, joy and hope.

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## ***Vision:***

We envision a world where all people know they belong.

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## ***3-5 Year Outcome***

Individuals and families that we support will know they belong to more communities of their choosing.

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## ***Mission:***

We support people with disabilities and their families to lead fulfilling lives by providing opportunities to learn and be connected with others.

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