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Boys & Girls Club of the Yakama Nation and OIC of Washington Announce Grand Opening of Boys & Girls Club of the Yakama Nation's New OIC Branch

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The Boys & Girls Club of the Yakama Nation (BGCYN) and OIC of Washington are proud to announce the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new BGCYN – OIC Branch, a collaborative youth center designed to expand access to safe, enriching, and opportunity-driven programming for youth and families in the Yakima community.

The celebration will take place on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 3:00 PM at the Excel Youth Center, located at 1009 N. 9th Avenue in Yakima. Community members, partners, and families are invited to attend and help mark this significant milestone.

This new site represents the culmination of more than a decade of vision, partnership, and community investment. Through a shared commitment to youth development, education, and long-term opportunity, BGCYN and OIC have worked alongside local partners to bring this project to life.

The BGCYN - OIC Branch will serve as a safe and welcoming space where youth can access:

- Academic support and enrichment activities
- Career exploration and workforce readiness opportunities
- Cultural, recreational, and leadership programming
- Mentorship and positive youth development experiences

For the Boys & Girls Club of the Yakama Nation, the new Yakima branch expands its reach beyond the reservation, strengthening its ability to serve Native and non-Native youth alike while continuing to center culture, community, and belonging.

“This moment reflects years of collaboration and belief in what’s possible when organizations come together for our youth,” said leadership from both organizations. “We are proud to open doors to a space where young people can learn, grow, and see a future full of opportunity.”

The grand opening event will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, food, games, and family-friendly activities, offering attendees a chance to tour the space, enroll in BGCYN programming, and connect with program staff and partners.

This partnership highlights a shared vision that every young person in Yakima has access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to succeed.

Event Details

What: Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting - BGCYN - OIC Branch

When: May 14, 2026 | 3:00 PM

Where: Excel Youth Center - 1009 N. 9th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902

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About Boys & Girls Club of the Yakama Nation

The Boys & Girls Club of the Yakama Nation provides safe, supportive environments where youth can build confidence, develop skills, and reach their full potential through culturally grounded and community-driven programming. Learn more at <https://www.bgcyn.com/>.

About OIC of Washington

OIC of Washington is a community-based economic development and career training organization headquartered in Yakima County, serving 14 rural counties across Central Washington. Through its Education and Career Services and Supportive Services divisions, OIC partners with community members, employers, and public agencies to expand access to education, career pathways, and essential resources. Learn more at <https://oicofwa.org/>.