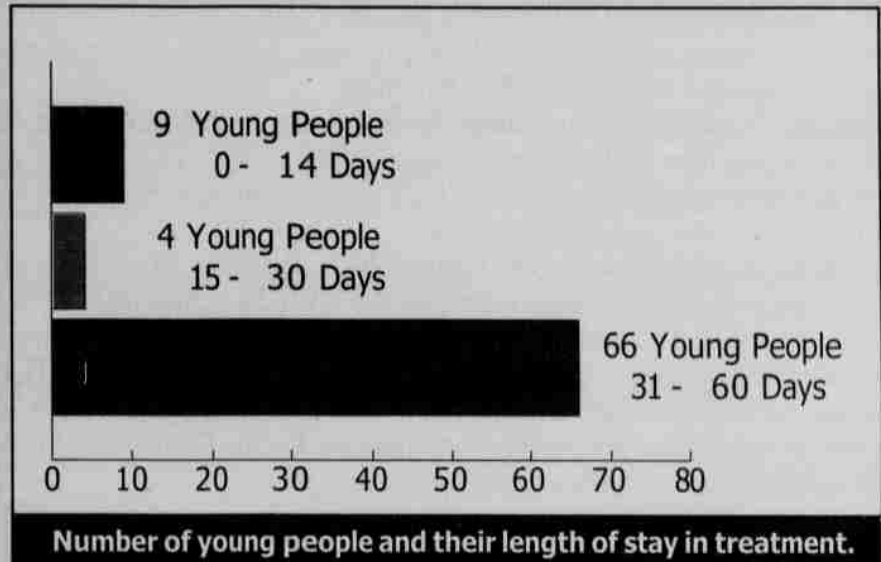


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what our task is," said Henry. "It is a difficult one because it's hard to imagine that if you've never experienced it before. We double our efforts in the seventh week to be available so we can support families and kids."

They teach families separately about communicating with their child and what they have gone through.

The night before graduation they have a karaoke party.

"It gives us a chance to play and celebrate," said Henry.

The day of graduation there is drumming and celebrating of the successes.

The kids receive academic credits for all the activities they have done. Henry is certified through the State of Oregon and is registered with the Alternative Schools Program. This year, there were 32 young people back in high school after the seven-week program.

"They finally feel like they can be successful again," said Henry. "I so often hear the kids say the last time they felt they were successful was back in the fourth grade. That is really scary to me."

They lose a lot of kids between ninth and twelfth grades.

"High school is not an inviting place for many of our kids," said Henry. "They experience discrimination, a lack of support and social connection."

This year there were a total of 81 enrolled kids — 43 males and 38 fe-

males. The majority of the kids last year were from a rural environment — like reservations.

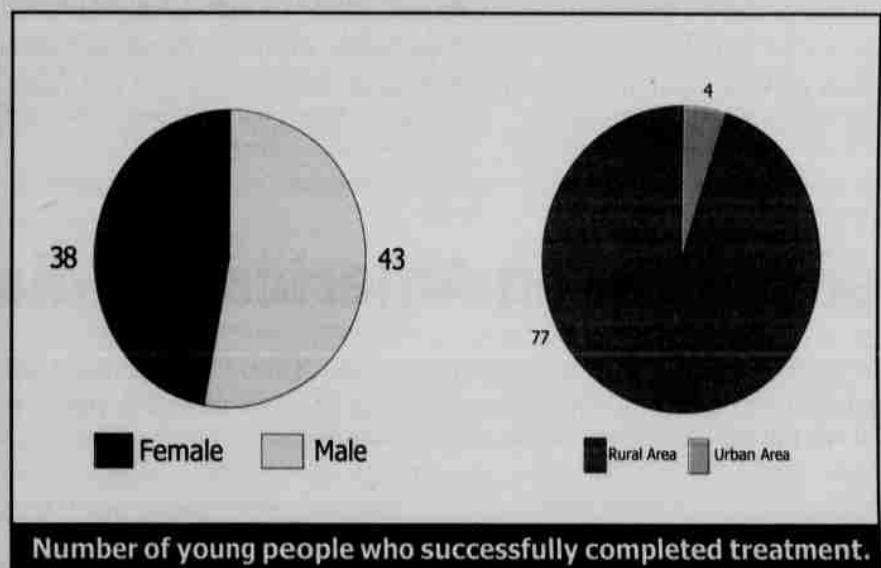
There were 16 young people with dual diagnosis. That means that they have not only a chemical dependency problem, but also a mental health disorder. Those might range from depression, attention deficit disorder or post traumatic stress disorder. This usually means that they were on some type of medication. Before the kids can go on medication, the staff at Nanitch has conferences with parents. The young people are supervised and mentored very closely during their stay at Nanitch.

There were a total of 66 young people out of the 81 that were involved with alcohol. About 50 were involved primarily with drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, methamphetamines and heroin.

"Amazingly inhalants are what we call the 'gateway' drug," said Henry. "We have kids that have had a significant amount of brain damage done by inhalant use. Inhalants are legal."

Out of the 81 enrolled, 54 of them were nicotine users.

There were 61 who completed treatment and finished a minimum of 70 percent of their treatment goals. Only four did not finish a minimum of 70 percent of the objectives. Many young people complete the treatment program with an increased awareness of cultural and traditional ways associated with their heritage.



In 2000, the young people came from **26** different Tribes.

Clients/patients who completed treatment and finished a minimum of 70% of their treatment objectives **61**

Clients/patients who completed treatment and did not finish a minimum of 70% of their treatment objectives **4**

Clients/patients who have an increased awareness of cultural/traditional ways at discharge **62**

Clients/patients who have not increased awareness of cultural/traditional ways at discharge **6**
(pre and post tests to establish baseline and results)

Candi Henry said she is thankful for the support the young people receive from the Tribe...

"I would like everybody to know how deeply grateful the families, the kids and our staff are for the support for the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde," said Henry. "The commitment that the Tribe has made, not only at the Tribal Council level, but at the individual level on the behalf of the greater Indian community is touching. It's something that I cannot even put into words I feel so grateful. Thank you to the Elders that come in and help with the kids. The kids are willing to learn from them and that connection is so incredibly powerful. The kids love it and need that connection."



Candi Henry
Nanitch Sahallie Division Manager

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the gift of recovery and the ones who have the capacity to break the cycle of addiction and demonstrate pride in being Native Americans.

"I think that when we see the quality of the facilities that we are given, the people are just filled with so much gratitude. I have had parents come in the front door and say they have heard it was an Indian program and thought it would be in a basement of some dark, dirty building," said Henry. "This (building) tells them that we care enough about their kids to have them in a clean place to stay."

"I would like to let everyone out there know that they are always welcome here at Nanitch Sahallie," said Henry. "We would love to have people come to meals, crafts, sweats and ceremonies. We love to have people involved in teaching our children the language and prayers in all of our languages at Nanitch. I'm personally very grateful in their outreach, care and love that they give our kids."

"Every one of the kids that came in this session had less than two changes of clothes, so the \$2,000 a year that the Tribal Council gives us helps us buy clothes for them," said Henry. "The way those dollars are spent are on behalf of our young people who are our future, they are the ones that are going to carry