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ANCHORAGE SLI & UTDC

Thanks to the Administration of Native Americans (ANA), The Aleut Corporation (TAC), and many partners, APIA will be hosting a Summer Language Intensive (SLI) in Anchorage! Thank you to the funders for providing assistance to create more speakers of our beautiful Unangam tunuu!

The SLI will take place at APIA's Unangam Ulaa starting May 20th through August 5th. Evan Gardner and Susanna Ciotti, "Where Are Your Keys" consultants, will work with our language teams to wrap up the final year of the three-year ANA and TAC funded project. The Atka team, led by Crystal Dushkin and Sally Swetzof, will focus on the Niigugim tunuu (Atka dialect) Perfect Path curriculum. Eastern dialect lessons will be taught using the Qawalangim tunuu (Eastern dialect) Freeway Fluency curriculum developed by the St. Paul Island team that is led by Aquilina Lestenkof.

A limited number of internships are available for the 11-week program for serious, dedicated learners. Participants will learn WAYK methodologies, work with fluent speakers to "hunt" language, assist with development of new lessons, and practice teaching lessons.

For more information, please contact Darling Anderson, Cultural Heritage Coordinator at (907) 276-2700 or darlinga@apiai.org.

ANCHORAGE: UNANGAM TUNUU DOWNLOAD CAMP

During the beginning part of the Anchorage Summer Language Intensive, APIA will also be hosting a Unangam Tunuu Download Camp (UTDC) from May 27th to June 8th.

During the UTDC, participants will be given the opportunity to learn Unangam tunuu in the Eastern or Western dialect. Participants will learn beginning Unangam tunuu and "push lessons" (teach).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dimitri Philemonof, President/CEO

With the New Year, we have many exciting things happening throughout our departments. We are also keeping a watchful eye on the fiscal budget. Here are some of the highlights.

Head Start Unalaska Facility Update

We are working closely with the Qawalangin Tribe, IFHS, Ounalashka Corporation, and other stakeholders in Unalaska on the site selection of the new Unalaska Head Start Facility. A visit to Unalaska for further face-to-face discussion with the group for final site selection is scheduled for May 19 & 20. We expect to have construction complete by year end 2020. We have also been working closely with the landlords of the current Head Start site, John and Robert Moller. We very much appreciate the Mollers' support of Head Start these past many, many years, and appreciate their commitment to the program through the construction process of the new facility.

Atka Replacement Clinic

We continue to work with the City of Atka on the funding strategy of the new clinic in Atka. The total cost of the 3,850 sq. ft. new clinic is $2.7 Million. The Third Party Financial Feasibility Study required by the USDA is nearly finalized. With that study complete, we can now work to secure financing from USDA/Alaska Bond Bank. We expect to have the funding secure by May 1, 2018. The design should be completed by September 2018 and the bidding process done by November 2018. We plan to have the construction of the new Atka Clinic by September 2019. It is quite exciting to see this project coming to fruition.

Regional Economic Development Project

Our consultants, Nolan Klouda and Margo Fliss from the University's Department of Economic Development, have traveled to Sand Point and Akutan to meet with Tribes and communities. Sounds They did a planning session with Pauloff Harbor and made contact with the Unga and Qagan Tayagungin Tribes while they were in Sand Point. The trip to Akutan and Unalaska was scheduled for February 26-28. They have soft commitments from Unga and Qagan Tayagungin in Sand Point as well as Atka, St. George, Belkofski and Agdaagux Tribes. We are happy to hear that things are moving forward on this project, as the consultants work directly with Tribes.

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Restitution Trust

The Trustees met January 24 & 25. I let the Trustees know that we gladly offered to help the Trust during the transition of their Administrator, and were honored the Trust entered into an agreement with us as the Interim Administrator. With it being now a year for that transition, I thought it might be a good time to start the discussion about a long-term solution to the Administrator position. The Trustees decided to post an RFP to seek proposals from a contractor for these services. They would like us to continue as the Interim Administrator until they choose a new contracted Administrator, which we plan to be sometime this summer. We have posted the RFP and are awaiting proposals. The RFP is open from March 1 – 30.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Federal Budget Watch

There has been much concern over the FY 2019 President's Budget dated February 13, 2018. We are keeping in contact with our legal counsel and federal delegation on the progress in Congress. We plan to present written testimony sometime late March or April if the House holds hearings on the 2019 Budget.

75th Year Battle of Attu Commemoration

I have asked Millie McKeown, our Cultural Heritage Director, to work with the 75th year Battle of Attu Commemoration planning group. APIA will be hosting a commemoration luncheon featuring the Attu descendants who traveled to the island of Attu last summer on the US Fish and Wildlife Service vessel Tiglax, along with expert weavers who have been making baskets with grass from Attu. This will be followed by a panel discussion with the children and grandchildren of Attu residents and American and Japanese veterans. This important three day event recognizes the tragic World War II experience of the residents of Attu, who were taken to Japan and held prisoner throughout the war. Almost half of them died and the survivors never returned to their village. It also acknowledges the sacrifices and suffering, and the heavy toll of casualties of both Americans and Japanese soldiers during the prolonged, gruesome battle in May 1943. The Planning Group has worked to raise funds from The Aleut Corporation, the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Community Development Association, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Restitution Trust and APIA to pay for 16 Attu descendants to travel to Anchorage, mainly from Atka and the Pacific Northwest.

Regional Broadband Feasibility Study

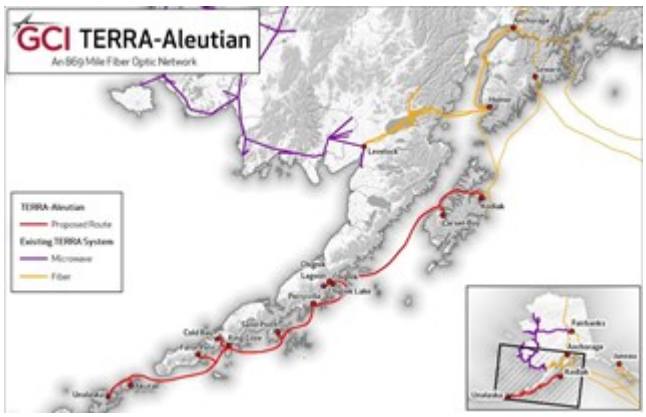
Doug Griffin from the South West Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC) shared the preliminary Aleutian Broadband Scoping Study with the A-Team on February 16th. The Meridian group conducted the study. The report is quite lengthy and technical. In 2015, Connect Alaska conducted a state-wide study on Alaska's connection. It's conclusion regarding the Aleutian chain and Pribilof Islands was that the region could be served by undersea fiber or next-generation satellite. Estimates for fiber to Unalaska covering 927 households and 73 businesses came in at $72.4 million. This estimate was developed by Scenarios Network for Alaska and Arctic Planning (SNAP) at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks. A fiber spur connection from Unalaska to St. George and St. Paul islands covering 162 households and 10 businesses was estimated at $31.4 million. The Aleutians are part of what is referred to as the Future Middle-Mile. In August of 2016, GCI began seafloor surveys in the study area from Levelock to Unalaska to determine the feasibility of building a subsea fiber. The proposed project included landing sites at Port Heiden, False Pass, Akutan and Unalaska, as well as undersea branching units for potential future fiber links. The project is currently estimated at around $40 million and would be completed in the third quarter of 2020, if approved. As part of its feasibility planning and business case, GCI has been seeking commitments from local businesses for services. GCI has stated that local support is key in a project like this, and support appears strong within local governments, communities and businesses at this stage in the project. The

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Continued from page 3 roughly $2 million undersea survey has been completed and the route has been identified. Permitting for the project is underway and landing station applications have been submitted. In addition to the new fiber network, the last-mile network in Unalaska would be upgraded and new fixed wireless networks would be added at Port Heiden, False Pass and Akutan. Once completed, GCI would offer business and consumer services in Unalaska that mirror western Alaska regional centers. In the smaller communities, it would offer services equivalent to its existing terrestrial village offerings.

TERRA-Aleutians, Conceptual Northern Fiber Route

While studying the proposed northern route from Levelock to Unalaska, GCI started investigating an alternate route to Unalaska that originates from Kodiak. This proposed route would connect Larsen Bay, Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Perryville, Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, False Pass, Akutan and Unalaska via a fiber festoon system on the south side of the Chain. This proposed path would connect more communities than the proposed northern route, and would connect to the GCI-owned Kodiak Kenai Fiber Link fiber network in Kodiak. TERRA Aleutian's Vice President and General Manager, Dan Boyette, stated, "As we continued looking into the best way to extend broadband to Unalaska, and in addition to the rest of the communities on the Alaska Peninsula and Eastern Aleutians, the southern route began to appear much more positive. Consequently, it is the route that we are primarily focused on at this point." Each A-Team entity has their respective IT staff reviewing the full study report and will consider how to propose moving forward. The report included recommendations for future steps and the next phase. We are considering scheduling a meeting with Doug after our thorough review. We will keep you posted of any developments.



TERRA-Aleutians, Conceptual Southern Fiber Route

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VPSO PROGRAM

The Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) program began in the late 1970s as a means of providing rural Alaskan communities with needed public safety services at the local level. The program was created to reduce the loss of life due to fires, drowning, lost person, and the lack of immediate emergency medical assistance in rural communities.

Currently, APIA's VPSO Program has five of their six positions filled. In December, we welcomed Joseph Chitty for the community of Saint George. Joseph attended the 15-week Alaska Law Enforcement Training (ALET) Academy in Sitka that began on February 25th. He will also be attending a two-week Rural Fire Protection Specialist class and a one-week Emergency Trauma Technician training this year.

The APIA VPSO Program will be providing training in Anchorage later this spring for its officers and other law enforcement officers in the region. APIA is hoping to send officers from its VPSO program, as well as police departments in the region, to D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer training before the end of the summer.

Congratulations to Akutan VPSO, Monte Chitty, and False Pass VPSO, Christopher Stewart, on their promotions to Corporal. Way to go, gentlemen!

We would also like to thank VPSO Michael Lejarzar for his 10+ years of service to the community of Saint George. VPSO Lejarzar has not left the program, but transferred to the community of Nelson Lagoon. Good luck in your new duty station!

URBAN UNANGAX CULTURE CAMP 2018

Save the date!

JUNE 11—15, 2018

APIA's 11th Urban Unangax Culture Camp will be held June 11-15, 2018. Camp applications will be ready by April 1st. Please visit our website after April 1st or email culturecamp@apiai.org to request an application.

The camp closing ceremony &
Aleut Picnic will be held at the
Aleut Plaza
on
Saturday, June 16, 2018
12pm to 3pm

HEAD START UPDATE

Sadie Tungul hand painting a Head Start sign for the Health Fair in Unalaska

Aang, Aang from the Head Start Program! The 2017 -2018 staff credentialing continues to be an important part of our program. In addition to the benefits of having a qualified teacher in the classroom, it is a requirement of the Head Start Act. In January, Edith Marie Schliebe, Unalaska's Lead Teacher, completed her renewal of the Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate and is certified until 2021. Five other Head Start employees are pursuing their CDA:

Unalaska: Pilita Fernandez & Felicia Tungul
King Cove: Earlene Mack
St. Paul: Platonida Hapoff
Sand Point: Sheena Foster

In September, Head Start said goodbye to our Division Coordinator, Beverly "Bonnie" Mierzejek. Bonnie overlooked all of Head Start's content areas and assisted in putting together the application for the Duration Grant awarded for the Unalaska site. We would like to express our appreciation for her 11 years of hard work and dedication to the program! Thank you for your leadership, Bonnie!

As a part of the Duration Grant there has been a new position added to the Head Start team to be based here in the Anchorage office. Head Start is accepting applications for an Extended Services Coordinator. This position will work closely with the APIA Health Department and Head Start Education & Disabilities Coordinator to oversee transition, curriculum planning, and design and construction of the new facility to meet Head Start requirements.

To apply for this position, please visit our website: www.apiai.org, click on the "Jobs" tab and apply online today!

In October, we welcomed Loretta Caldwell as our new Head Start Family Services Coordinator. She has a strong background assisting families with eligibility, enrollment, and program specifications, and other services that fit their needs. We are thrilled to have Loretta join the APIA Head Start team! APIA is funded for 65 slots. We are currently under-enrolled with 47 slots filled. Issues affecting full enrollment and ability to predict numbers of age-eligible children include lack of transportation in two sites; qualified staff (bus driver certification); and mobility of families from home communities due to economic challenges. Recruitment efforts are ongoing as we continue to work with Office of Head Start Technical & Training Staff to address the under-enrollment issue.

Harriet Berikoff, APIA's Qawalangin Board Member, reads to Unalaska Head Start children

Head Start is at its best and is most effective when we are able to work closely with families through Parent Committee meetings and child-centered events. Partnerships with organizations in the commu-

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HEAD START UPDATE

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Pilita Fernandez, Bryant Fisher and Brenda Marquez at the Unalaska Health Fair

Head Start is always accepting applications for students once they turn three years old. Applications for enrollment at Head Start are accepted on a year-round basis. Paperwork should be submitted as soon as possible to increase the chance of acceptance. If you know of a child who is 3 to 5 years of age and may be eligible for Kindergarten, please call or stop by your local Head Start center and pick up an application for enrollment! Space is limited, so it's important that applications are turned in early.

If you have any questions regarding Head Start, please stop by your local Head Start classroom or contact our Anchorage office at 907-276-2700 or toll-free at 1-800-478-2742.

NIIGUGIM TUNUU WEDNESDAYS

Join us for Niigugim Tunuu (Atka Dialect) every Wednesday from noon to 1pm at Unangam Ulaa (APIA's Anchorage office)!

Classes are taught by Sally Swetzof using the "Where Are Your Keys" method. Each week we build upon the language that was acquired the previous week.

We love to see new and returning faces! All are welcome - speakers and learners alike!

Keep up-to-date on our Unangam Tunuu projects by searching us on Facebook "Unangam Tanangin Unangam Tunuu".

Ethan Petticrew and Millie McKeown in language class

APIA's Language Projects are funded by:
The Aleut Corporation and
The Administration for Native Americans
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NEWS FROM THE ETR DIVISION

Greetings from Employment, Training and Related Services (ETR) Division!

We were both sad and proud as Amy Carlough, ETR Coordinator, took her next step in her professional career as she accepted a job with APIA's Health Department! Amy is now the Wellness Program Lead. Jacob Timmons, ETR Program Assistant II, is the interim ETR Coordinator. We are currently hiring for this position. Please visit our website at www.apiai.org to see all of our open positions, and apply online today!

We are excited to announce that Jaci Ree was hired as a new Case Worker. It is great to have two Case Workers, Freida McCord and Jaci Ree, in the Anchorage office to assist clients in their journey to a self-sufficient life.

We have continued to distribute Energy Assistance awards during this season, which started in November. From November through February, we helped offset the high cost of heating for 99 households in the region! On average, each household received around $1,100. Energy Assistance is available for tribal members living in the region. Visit our website, www.apiai.org, and look for Energy Assistance under the "Services" tab for more information or to apply.

Patricia Curtis, Sand Point ETR Case Worker, attended the Consortia of Administrators for Native American Rehabilitation (CANAR) Conference in December. This conference provided valuable training that Patricia was able to bring back, share and apply to our AANG Program. Through the AANG Program, we work closely with tribal members who have a physical or mental challenge that impacts their ability to get or keep a job. We provide many services and cater to them specifically to meet the client's individual needs. Attending events like the CANAR Conference is an important way in which we continue to advance staff's abilities to provide the highest quality programs.

Jacob and Patricia also attended the Health Fair in Unalaska on March 3rd. The event had excellent turn-out and was attended by many members of the community. ETR's table at the Fair was set up to show services available to Unalaska tribal members.

Patricia Curtis at the Unalaska Heath Fair

The deadline for the Spring semester Higher Education scholarships was December 15th. Five students applied for and were awarded scholarships for the Spring semester! These scholarships help students with $1,500 towards tuition in addition to a $750 living stipend. Students who are interested in a scholarship for the upcoming Fall semester need to submit an application by June 15th.

We continue to operate a number of employment, education and related services. Feel free to contact us or refer our Tribal members who are looking for employment, education pursuits, or need support on their self-sufficiency journey.

Contact Jacob Timmons directly (907)222-9713, JacobT@apiai.org, or fax (907)222-9711.

REGIONAL ENERGY UPDATES

Here are some renewable energy and energy conservation projects completed or being worked on the Aleut Region:

Unalaska: City council has approved funds for renewable energy. Mayor Kelty wanting a demonstration PV project, and a wind and hydro wind project. Doug Vaught has a contract for wind energy study. Fish plant interested in grid tie, so looking at hydro projects to meet demand.

St. Paul: TDX Power uses wind energy to electrify and heat POSS Camp. Attempt to store energy in flywheel didn't work. City grid tied in with wind energy project. Additional turbine will be installed, and wind to heat being investigated. Tribe having energy audits performed.

St. George: Power plant waste heat used to heat firetruck/VPSO building. Greenhouse operational wind turbine underperforming; need more robust turbines for the Region.

Sand Point: More integration of two wind turbines including wind to heat for public buildings. Heating pool will help better integrate the wind energy. Trident may connect to the grid offering grid stability and energy system backup. Vertical axis turbine not operational.

Nikolski: Wind turbine not operational, but inspected and is functional. Greenhouses operational. AHA and Tribe replaced most of the windows this summer. Each home fitted with new EPA-certified energy efficient woodstove. Drift wood cut, split, dried is free for all residents.

Nelson Lagoon: Small wind turbine not operational. Active firewood collection used for home heating. Tidal energy at dock insufficient for power production.

King Cove: Second hydro project operational and system supplying 90% of electrical energy.

False Pass: Tidal energy feasibility study completed; best measured tidal energy resource in US. Expansion of fisheries operation will require additional energy production. City and APICDA on second year of studying traditional river hydro project. Greenhouse built. Kickstarter grant provided energy conservation recommendations.

Cold Bay: Investigating a hydro project with help from Alaska Energy Authority and APIA.

Atka: Hydro project producing nearly all electrical energy. Heat pump demonstration project being installed soon in city apartments. Wind study data indicated winds are turbulent at current met tower location.

Akutan: Small wind turbine not operational. Stream hydro project functioning very well and providing about 40% of community's electricity. Geothermal well drilled last summer may be good for district heating project.

Adak: City, Aleut Enterprises, TDX Power, APIA (Adak Power Team) planning major electrical upgrade replacing the power plant, using waste heat to heat school/public building, replacing entire grid, incorporating 1-2 hydro projects (high elevation lakes), and installing 3 large wind turbines. Financing being investigated by A-Team. Met-towers will be installed this summer, and power plant replacement and site relocation a top priority.

Questions can be directed to Bruce Wright, Senior Scientist at (907)222-4260 or email: BruceW@apiai.org.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Update on Community Health Services Staffing: Amy Carlough has joined the Health Department as the Wellness Lead. Amy was previously the Employment Training and Related Services Division Coordinator here at APIA. Amy hit the ground running, jumping right into planning the Unalaska Health Fair, monthly promotional health events, moving offices and more!

Jacqueline Williams Ph.D. has joined us in the Anchorage office for training before heading to Unalaska where she will complete her post-doc internship through the Oonalaska Wellness Center. Dr. Williams has previous experience as a nurse and is excited to have this opportunity in rural Alaska. Ask her about her travels and deep sea ocean swimming adventures! We are finalizing her paperwork with the licensing board to ensure a long career in Alaska.

Reign Galovin took on a new role as the Project Coordinator. She will oversee two awards focused on outreach and community engagement around healthy families. As usual, Reign took this new challenge in stride. She stepped into her new role with enthusiasm to support the region in this area, and she is doing a fantastic job.

New to APIA: Healthy Relationships Advocates: We now have on-staff Healthy Relationship Advocates! One and a half new positions are now held at APIA in direct response to community needs and desires. Healthy Relationship Advocates offer referral support, answer questions and provide targeted programming in the region.

Rosemarie Savage-Cook recently advanced to become a Behavioral Health Aide-I. She also added an additional title to her list of certifications that now includes Healthy Relationships Advocate! She will provide Behavioral Health Aide services to support healthy relationships. Seek her out today for experienced direction!

Jessie Kitamura has joined us as the new full-time Healthy Relationship Advocate. She is joining us from APIA's Department of Family & Community Development. Jessie will spend time crafting this position into exactly what is needed in the region, while adding her sparkle.

Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) Awakuxtxin Program: The Intensive Outpatient Program, Awakuxtxin, is a partnership between APIA and Eastern Aleutian Tribes (EAT). Individuals from the region will now be able to receive intensive alcohol and substance abuse treatment services, via tele-video or in person, while maintaining employment and living in the region. This is a win-win for employers and families! We are in the final recruitment stages of hiring an IOP Manager, and we hope to start providing services soon!

Upcoming Hires….Be on the Lookout: We are currently looking for experienced program support staff for the Community Health Services programs. We also have plans to hire a Behavioral Health Clinician later this year who will focus solely on children and youth. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply today! Visit us online at www.apiai.org, and click on the "Jobs" tab to see all of our open positions.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fun Recipe for Spring: Trying to use frozen berries or caribou from last fall? See the Salmonberry Cobbler recipe from the Plants/ Berries Unit or Caribou/Reindeer stew from the Caribou/Reindeer Unit featured in the "Qaqamiigux: Head Start Traditional Foods Preschool Curriculum." To find the recipes and full unit visit: https://www.apiai.org/services/education/head-start/qaqamiigux-head-start-traditional-foods-preschool-curriculum/

SAVE THE DATE:

Upcoming Health Fairs:
Saint George Island— May 2-6, 2018
Atka— to be determined
Nikolski— Fall 2018

Upcoming Health Observances:
March: Colon Cancer Awareness. *Wear blue on March 30th*
April: Alcohol Awareness. *Wear teal on April 27th*
May: Physical Fitness & National High Blood Pressure Education. *Wear yellow on May 25th*

Future Growth: APIA is looking for future growth in the area of traditional health practices. We would like to thank our tribal and community partners for their support.

Visioning Boards for Wellness As part of APIA's employee wellness program, Dr. Gabrielle Poon facilitated a "visioning board" session with several Anchorage staff on February 2nd. If you were unable to attend this great session, you might be asking, "What is a visioning board?" Good question! One definition is: "A motivational device. It's like a bulletin board with words and pictures on it that mean something positive to you. Your hopes, aspirations and dreams can be displayed for you to look at daily and remind you of what can be. Some people believe that visualizing what you want for yourself can help you make it happen." Dr. Poon asked us to think about what our goals were in the following areas: relationships, career and finances, home, travel, personal growth (including spirituality, social life, education) and health. All of these are components that could be part of a visioning board.

This was a fun opportunity to create a personalized vision board /action plan for 2018 that included making specific goals for the new year. Participants created their own vision boards using creative stickers, magazine clippings, paints and more. All participants left with a creative board of ideas, actions, and goals to kick off this year.

If you are interested in creating a vision board for yourself, there are lots of ideas online on how to create one. An interesting article to read online is entitled "The Reason Vision Boards Work and How to Make One" (https://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-rider/the-scientific-reason-why_b_6392274.html)

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

New Department of Family and Community Development Director: Paula Pinder

It is an honor to be given the opportunity to assist the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Region through APIA. My department houses the VPSO Program, ICWA Program, TCSP and the Tribal Self-Governance Program. I couldn't ask for a better team!

I have lived in Alaska since 1961, when my military dad was transferred to Ft. Richardson. In the 70's I spent my summers serving on a Tender in Bristol Bay, and my winters included working as an Assistant Bookkeeper for a small company in Anchorage. In 1977, I was in a motorcycle accident and my left arm is still paralyzed. It has been interesting learning how to do everything one-handed. I have been married 30 years, have four children and five grand children..

I graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work with a concentration in Child Welfare and Minority Services. I then began a long career developing and implementing various programs and services to meet the needs of children, families and communities. I assisted Alaska Native Tribes in setting precedence during child protective and other child welfare matters in several states, and I've advocated for Tribal Sovereignty on many levels.

I appreciate the opportunity APIA has provided me, and I look forward to working with you all! Please don't hesitate to call or drop by our Department any time. We are here for YOU!

Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWA):

ICWA has been busy working on the new Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact. We are gearing up to truly transform Child Welfare in the State of Alaska! This is a historic time for Tribes and Tribal entities. The entire country will be watching as we implement this compact.

We are now offering Parenting Classes using the Positive Indian Parenting Curriculum. For more information please contact Amanda McAdoo at (907) 276-2700.

The ICWA program would like to thank the APIA staff that joined us for another successful Christmas Wrapping party! APIA, with support from the Aleut Corporation, provides gifts to our children in care every Christmas! The gifts we provide mean so much to our children, and we truly couldn't accomplish such a feat without the support from all of you.

Gary Stein, HS Education & Disabilities Coordinator & Exenia Malagon, ICWA Program Assistant at our Christmas Wrapping event!

We would like to recognize Exenia Malagon, our ICWA Program Assistant. Exenia recently started the Rural Human Services (RHS) Program through the University of Alaska - Fairbanks. Exenia's strong work ethic and desire to learn and succeed shines through in everything she does. She is an asset to not only the ICWA team, but to all of APIA. Thank you, Exenia!

ST. PAUL ISLAND'S SLI & UTDC

St. Paul Island will be hosting their 4th Unangam Tunuu Summer Language Intensive (SLI)! A team of dedicated learners have been working very hard to become speakers of Unangam tunuu.

Unangam tunuu revitalization is made possible through a core group of local citizens employed by the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Tribal Government. The Tribal Government works in partnership with the Pribilof School District and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association to develop teachable Unangam tunuu lessons.

St. Paul Island's Unangam tunuu effort is fortunate to have additional financial support from the local Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association and the City of St. Paul as well as APIA.

The St. Paul Island SLI program will be eleven weeks long, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5PM. The goal is to advance Unangam tunuu fluency.

For inquiries, please email Aquilina Lestenkof at adlestenkof@aleut.com.

ST. PAUL ISLAND: UNANGAM TUNUU DOWNLOAD CAMP

Toward the end of the Summer Language Intensive at St. Paul Island, they will host an Unangam Tunuu Download Camp (UTDC) for advanced learners. Participants will focus on Unangam Tunuu Fluency Freeway lessons in milestones three and beyond!

The very first UTDC was piloted and created at St. Paul Island during their Summer Language Intensive in 2016. The second UTDC was held during the summer of 2017.

To learn more about St. Paul Island's Unangam tunuu efforts, please visit their website: www.tanamawaa.com.

TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

Tribal Child Support Program (TCSP):

We'd like to announce that Malinda Beiler is the new TCSP Coordinator! Malinda brings with her four years of TCSP experience as a case worker and is also a long-term (18 year!) employee with APIA. Her vision for TCSP includes expansion of offices within the region as well as implementation of direct deposit child support payments. This would replace paper checks and add another level of convenience to those receiving child support payments. Look for this on the horizon!

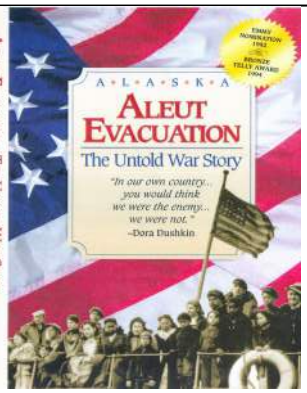
The Tribal Child Support Program serves members of the 13 Aleutian Pribilof Islands region federally recognized tribes, **any** resident within the 10 communities of the Aleutian Pribilof Islands, and APIA employees.

Why Tribal Child Support?

- No application fees & no genetic testing fees;
- Quick, easy access to TCSP services;
- No interest charges on past due payments;
- Hands-on assistance through the child support process and maintenance;
- Culturally sensitive, friendly Tribal services provided by TCSP caseworkers;
- Option of non-cash support (subsistence contributions).

Contact us today if you have any questions or would like to apply!

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE



Aleut Evacuation
The Untold War Story -
DVD, full screen format, 59 min.
$19.95

A Sure Foundation
Aleut Churches in WWII
By Barbara Sweetland Smith
with
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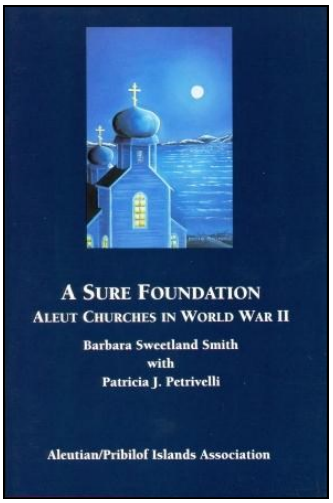

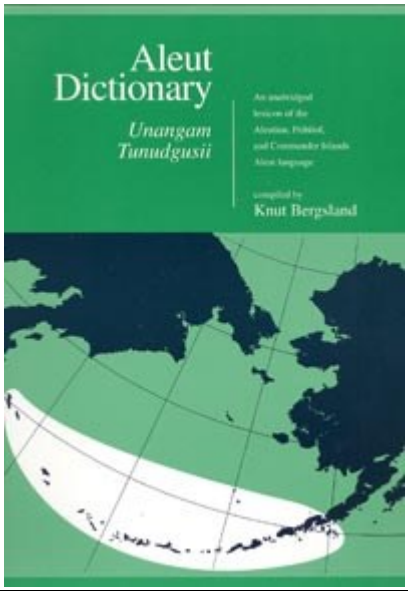

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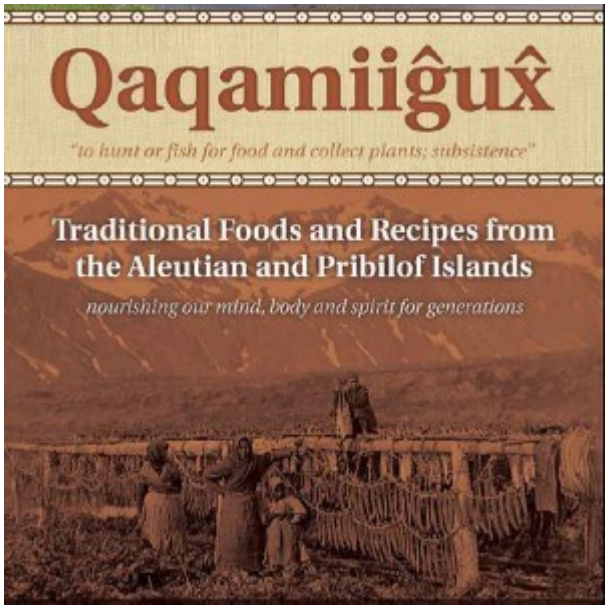

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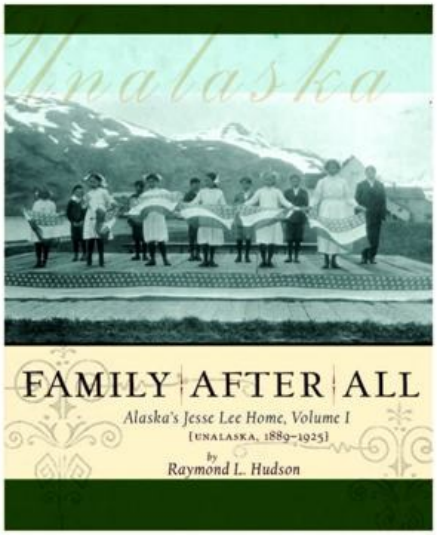

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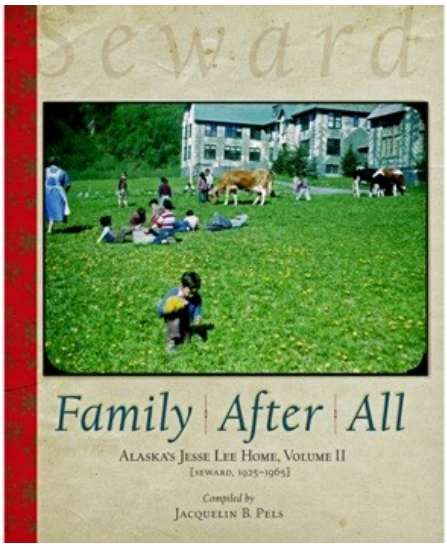

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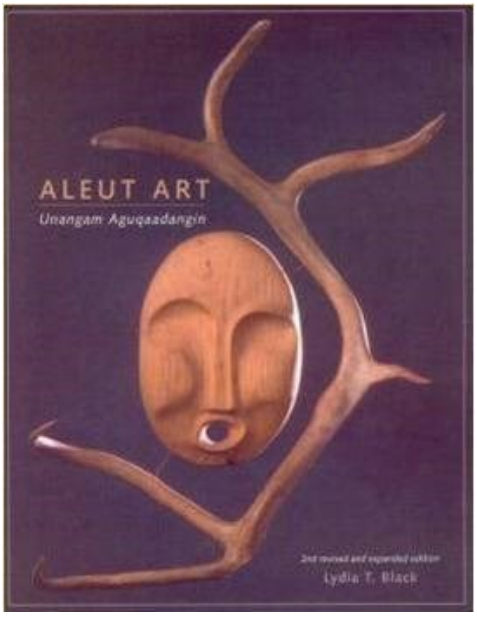

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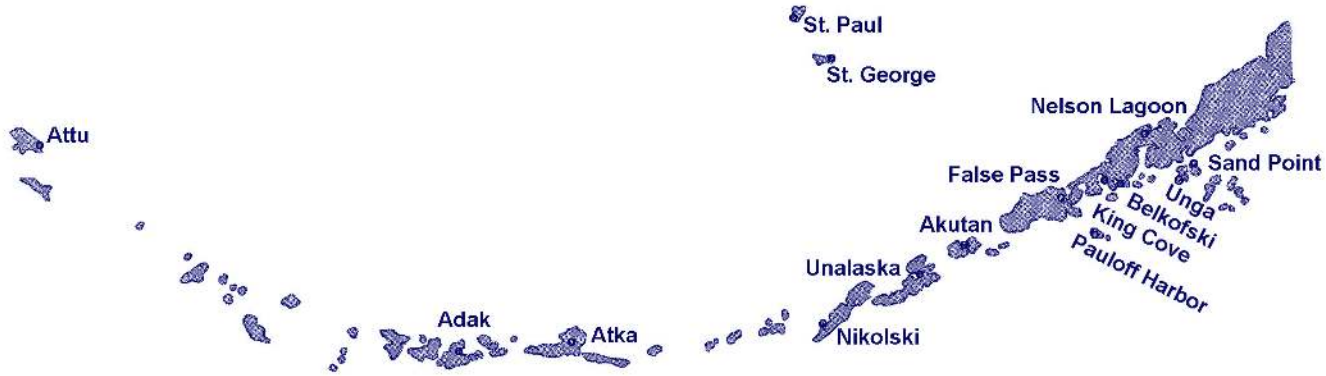

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