

Fairbanks Native Association Highlights

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Street Outreach & Advocacy Program: Supporting the homeless youth



SOAP Director, Rebecca Buckles



SOAP Counselor, Kristen Sullivan & donors

Fairbanks Native Association Behavioral Health is pleased to have received funding this past September to continue the operations of the Street Outreach & Advocacy Program (S.O.A.P.).

The program located at 530 7th Avenue is now open and dedicated to reaching out to 10-21 year olds who are at high risk of becoming homeless, or who are currently homeless or have run away from home. Our goal is to protect youth from abuse, sexual exploitation, assault, and to help prevent involvement in criminal activity due to lack of money, support, and or resources. S.O.A.P. is here to support our youth to find a way off the streets by providing them with education, and counseling to protect them from harm. We offer transportation to resources, shelter, youth activities, connection to a choice of counseling education programs, peer support groups, resources to programs that provide shelter, counseling, community services, as well as working with the local school district and primarily our families.

For more
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S.O.A.P. at
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2018 Potlatch & Pageant

Save the Date

Saturday, March 17 at 5 pm, Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall

Join us at the 55th Annual FNA Potlatch & Pageant. Enjoy an evening of traditional native foods, native dancing, and our pageant as we crown a new Miss FNA, FNA Princess & FNA Baby.

If you're interested in competing in the pageant, please fill out our application that can be found online at www.fairbanksnative.org or pick up a copy at Administration at 605 Hughes Ave.



Poldine Carlo & Steve Ginnis



Poldine Carlo & Anna Frank

Poldine's 97th Birthday Celebration

Fairbanks Native Association's founding member and current board member, Poldine Carlo, turned 97 years old on December 5, 2017.

Denakkanaaga hosted a community birthday celebration for Poldine, their founding and current member as well, at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center on December 11th. Community leaders, friends and family spoke to her wisdom, kindness, generosity, and how much she is cherished.

On behalf of FNA and our Board of Directors, Steve Ginnis presented Poldine with a locally made quilt, a display of the northern lights, by Leda Cruger.

The rest of the afternoon was filled with cake, fiddle music, a performance by the FNA JOM Potlatch Dancers and Poldine's favorite song—Blueberry Hill by Fats Domino.

Youth and Young Adult Services

Youth and Young Adult Services is part of a community initiative consisting of multiple grants with FNA serving as the grantee partnering with Tanana Chiefs Conference. Its service area is the Fairbanks North Star Borough serving Alaska Natives and American Indians.

Programs include transitional services— supporting youth and young adults transitioning to adulthood, suicide prevention services— supporting youth and young adults at risk of suicide, family services— supports youth and young adults and their families to achieve family wellness, and outpatient treatment services— supports youth and young adults with substance abuse and/or mental health and substance abuse issues through outpatient treatment.

If you'd like to learn more about Youth and Young Adult Services, please call 907-456-6260.

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19th Annual JOM Alaska Native Youth Basketball Tournament



**Application Deadline:
February 16, 2018**

The FNA JOM program is hosting their 19th Annual Alaska Native Youth Basketball Tournament on March 12-14th, 2018 at Tanana Middle School.

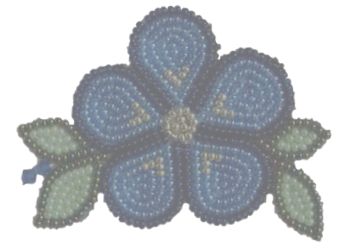
The basketball tournament began when former FNA Directors Linda Woods and Freda Williams saw a need for a youth activity during the busy spring season. With many annual conventions taking place and the youth on spring break, the idea for a basketball tournament took life and has grown into a beloved healthy activity that many look forward to.

The tournament takes place in Tanana Middle School's two gymnasiums over three days with three brackets: Elementary (3rd-5th), Middle School (6th-8th) and High School (9th-12th). Co-ed teams are chosen based on information given on the student application form.

If your student would like to participate in the tournament, it is open to students outside the Fairbanks North Star Borough. Students must be a Federally recognized tribal member, in grades 3-12 and have turned in a completed application to JOM. There are three ways to submit the application, email: nguthrie@fairbanksnative.org, fax: 907-456-4148, or bring to the JOM office at 605 Hughes Ave.

Each year to make the event a success we rely on our wonderful volunteers. FNA JOM is seeking coaches, assistant coaches, hall monitors, scorekeepers, timekeepers, cashiers and concessionaires. If you are interested, please contact Niki Guthrie at 452-1648 ext 6403.

Introducing the new Head Start Building



FNA Head Start 0-5 is excited to share that the purchase of what was once the Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health Center has been completed. We are near accomplishing phase one and two of a three phase renovations to accommodate beautiful classrooms, family rooms, staff breakrooms and offices for the program. We are grateful for this opportunity to gradually transition all of our classrooms into one building, making it easier for families with children in our various program options to drop off or pick up from one site. When complete we will have all of our FNA Head Start 0-5 staff in one building, making a great work environment and ending the need for staff to drive from building to building to support quality programming and maintain child to staff ratios.

We want to thank the FNA Board of Directors, Policy Council, parent committees, community partners and hard-working FNA staff across the programs for helping to make this happen. We will announce the move in date and open house dates when we have a concrete timeline.

Head Start

Children's Christmas Celebration

FNA held the 3rd annual Children's Christmas Celebration at the Pioneer Park Civic Center on Wednesday, December 13th. It's a free family event we hold for the Fairbanks community with many craft activities, music and a free book to take home.

This year, families enjoyed cookie decorating, many reindeer themed crafts, snowman soup, photo booth and fleece neck warmers. We also had special guests Santa, the Grinch, Iron Man, Leonardo from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and Snow White taking photos with children. A celebration of this magnitude isn't possible without the generosity of our local businesses, who donated and made this event a success.

Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and volunteered.



2018 Annual Membership Meeting



Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall—Friday, March 9th at 6 pm

Join us on Friday, March 9th for the 2018 Annual Membership meeting. Come down early and enjoy dinner at 5 pm. The meeting will begin promptly at 6 pm.

FNA's Annual Membership meeting is held to provide our membership with updates on our programs, services, and what Fairbanks Native Association is doing for and with the community. This meeting is also held to fill open member seats on our Board of Directors.



Are you interested in taking an active role in your community, have a passion for FNA's mission, willing to fulfill the time commitment, and are eligible to run?

Please download the 2018 board application from our website and return the completed form by 5pm on Monday, February 5th.

Note: following board election by-law changes, nominations are no longer accepted from the floor. E-mail completed board applications to info@fairbanksnative.org or drop them off to Administration at 605 Hughes Avenue.

Be sure to check your mailboxes in February for our special edition newsletter with board candidate information.

FNA Membership, Voting & Serving on the Board of Directors

How do I know if I am included in the FNA Membership?

How do I know if I can vote in the FNA Elections?

You are a part of the FNA Membership and can vote in the elections, if you are **ALL** of the following:

1. At least **1/4 Alaska Native** or **American Indian**
2. **Eighteen (18)** years of age or older
3. A **resident** of at least 30 days in the **Fairbanks** North Star Borough

Are you ready to take on a Leadership Role in your community?

1. Are you able to fulfill the time commitment to serve on the FNA Board of Directors?
2. Do you want to give back to our community and be a part of making a difference?

Fairbanks Native Association Board of Directors currently has Three (3) Seats available for Election

Board Member Duties:

- ◆ Serve a three (3) year term
- ◆ Attend board meetings every other month in the evening
- ◆ Attend an annual board retreat and strategic planning session
 - ◆ Serve on board committees
- ◆ Remain a resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough
- ◆ Attend other meetings and/or events on behalf of FNA

Elections will be held during the:

Annual Membership Meeting
March 9, 2018 starting at 6:00PM
Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall

To be eligible to run, you must be:

- 1/4 Alaska Native or American Indian
- Eighteen (18) years of age or older
- An established resident of at least 30 days in the Fairbanks North Star Borough
 - Not an employee of FNA
- Submit a paper application by February 5, 2018 by 5:00PM

Download a 2018 Board Member application from our website at www.fairbanksnative.org, under News & Events.

Attend the Annual Meeting prepared to tell a little about yourself and why you would like to be a board member.

FNA Bylaws

- **ARTICLE IV, Section 2:**

- ◇ The number of directors shall be nine (9), and one of the nine (9) shall be an Elder.
- ◇ Terms of the Board of Directors members shall be three (3) years.
- ◇ At each Annual Meeting, directors shall be elected to succeed those directors whose terms have expired.
- ◇ All directors shall hold office until their successors have been elected and deemed qualified.
- ◇ All of the Board of Directors members must be at least one-quarter (1/4) Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, Native of Alaska or American Indian and be a resident of the Fairbanks North Star Borough for at least 30 days.

- **Article IV, Section 2.2**

- ◇ No employee of FNA can be a member of the Board of Directors.

The FNA Bylaws can be found on our website at: <http://www.fairbanksnative.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/FNAbylaws.pdf>

Rules of the Election

- **3.0 VOTING RIGHTS** Only those Members as defined by the FNA Bylaws who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years on or before the Annual Meeting may vote at the Annual Election

- **5.4 STANDARDS OF PASSAGE**

- ◇ **5.4.1 QUORUM.** At least twenty-five (25) FNA Members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum.
- ◇ **5.4.2 DIRECTORS.** The nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the vacant positions.

- **6.0 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

- **6.1 NUMBER AND TERM OF DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED.** The Board of Directors presently consists of nine (9) Directors, three (3) of whom are elected each year.

- **6.2 QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS**

- ◇ **6.2.1** A Director must meet the qualifications of Article IV, Section 2 of the Bylaws.
- ◇ **6.2.2** Directors may not have a conflict of interest in serving FNA. Candidates for the Board of Directors should not be self-serving, nor should membership be a means of promoting oneself.

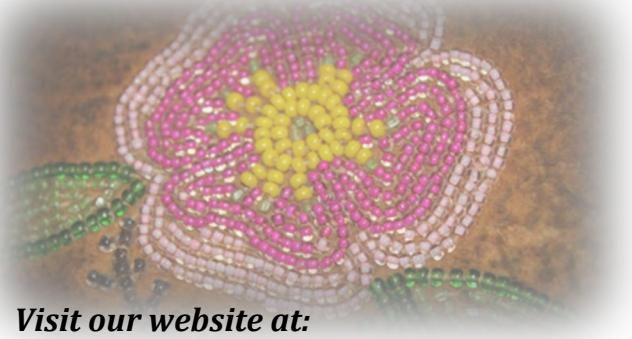
The Rules of Elections can be found on our website at: <http://www.fairbanksnative.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Rules-of-Elections.pdf>

FNA Board Committee Roles & Responsibilities

- ◇ **Finance Committee:** Reviews and recommends to the full Board of Directors approval of the annual audit. Meets to review, modify and present all significant financial goals and proposals to the full Board of Directors for ratified approval.
- ◇ **Planning & Development Committee:** The purpose of the planning and development committee is to review and approve any new and amended changes to the FNA bylaws, Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual and the FNA Code of Business Conduct and Corporate Compliance Plan. Approve any organizational changes/restructures within the organization.
- ◇ **Education Committee:** Consist of board representatives assigned to the EKCS board and Head Start 0-5 Policy Council. Members report back to the full board on educational progress and updates.
- ◇ **Gaming Committee:** As active Board members of Chena Bingo, the Gaming Committee reports back to the FNA Board all business developments. Quarterly and annual financial reports by Chena Bingo are shared with the FNA assigned staff for accounting and processing.
- ◇ **TCC Yukon Tanana Sub Regional Board:** Serve as a representative on this board at meetings.
- ◇ **TCC Health Board:** Serve as a representative on this board at meetings.



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Upcoming

- 2/19 FNA Closed, Presidents' Day
- 3/9 Annual Membership meeting
- 3/12-14 JOM Alaska Native Youth Basketball Tournament
- 3/12-15 TCC Annual Convention
- 3/14 Denakkanaaga Annual Fundraiser

FNA Employee of the Month

June 2017	July 2017	August 2017
Karen Blackburn Behavioral Health Services	Cynthia Eppes Head Start 0-5	Marie McCarty Administration
September 2017	October 2017	November 2017
Lily Luke Behavioral Health Services	Jocelyn Stone Head Start 0-5	Amber Taylor Administration

Round of Applause

FNA would like to recognize Nicole Guy on her promotion to Counselor in our Opioid Use Disorder program. Congratulations, Nicole!

