

Fairbanks Native Association News

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Steve Ginnis, FNA Executive Director, enjoys traditional foods with Aaron Schutt, Doyon CEO, during the AFN Welcome Potlatch

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FNA in Our Community!

The span of services and support provided by our community organization, Fairbanks Native Association, is far reaching with a majority of our programs serving all of the Fairbanks population. This past year FNA had the opportunity to coordinate or participate in many community activities including, but not limited to:

- * Rural Providers Conference
- * Day of Prayer
- * Resource Fair for Yukon Flood Victims
- * Denakkanaaga Conference in Ruby
- * Wellness Fair for Seniors
- * The ground breaking for the new youth homeless shelter
- * Fairbanks Four Rally

- * Fairbanks Vigil
- * The violence against women training
- * Plan the AFN potlatch
- * Create commercials on programs
- * Open a new EHS & HS location
- * Provide school supplies to the JOM eligible youth of Fairbanks
- * Coordinate the Annual Homeless Barbecue
- * And, we are proud to announce that we have passed the CARF review! The intensive national CARF review occurs every three years for our Behavioral Health programs and FNA remains accredited. *For more information on the CARF review please see page 2.*

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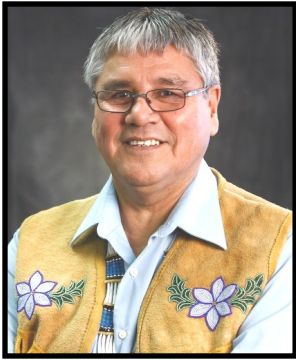
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AFN Potlatch Photo by Rachel Saylor, Tanana



Message from Executive Director, Steve Ginnis
We should all be proud of the successful 2013 AFN Convention in Fairbanks. As the holiday season approaches, let us remember to pray for good health and happiness.

CONGRATS POLDINE CARLO!



Chieftain Award
 FNA congratulates Poldine for receiving this year's Chieftain Award from the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce during the BP Golden Citizens Senior

Luncheon on Thursday, July 19, 2013 at Pioneer Park. Poldine is one of the founding members of FNA and still remains active on the board and provides valuable guidance to the staff and the board.



Happy Birthday Howard Luke!



FNA Behavioral Health Programs pass the CARF accreditation process

FNA goes through the intensive CARF evaluation every three years to remain accredited to ensure that FNA is providing the best service available to consumers and the community. CARF, founded in 1966, is short for Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. CARF is a nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. The CARF family of organizations currently accredits close to 50,000 programs and services at more than 22,000 locations. The CARF standards have been developed over 40 plus years by international teams of service providers, policy makers, payers, family members, and consumers.

The accreditation process begins with a thorough self-evaluation that applies CARF standards against FNA program practices then an on-site survey. The survey team is made up of industry peers who conduct the on-site survey. The survey consists of interviews of staff, consumers and their families, and the surveyors observe FNA's practices, review appropriate documentation, answer questions, and suggest ways to improve FNA's operations and service delivery.

Following completion of the survey, CARF makes an accreditation decision and delivers a report that identifies FNA's strengths and areas for improvement. FNA proudly remains accredited and has successfully passed the CARF accreditation review and on-site survey! Excellent job to the Behavioral Health Services Department and the CARF Team at FNA!



15th Annual FNA/JOM 2014 Alaska Native Youth Basketball Tournament
March 17-19, 2014
Tanana Middle School

Eligible Students:

- ◇ Grades 3-12th
- ◇ 3 Divisions: *Grades 3-6, 7-8, and 9-12*
- ◇ Eligible for JOM Services (*BIA/CIB card*)
 - ◇ Co-Ed Teams

Also Seeking Volunteers:

- Coaches (20-24 Positions)
- Score/Clock Keepers
- Security
- Concessionaires
- First Aid
- Set Up/Clean Up

Contact Niki Guthrie 452-1648, Ext 6403. Applications available on our website at: www.fairbanksnative.org and must be received by February 21, 2014



NEW Extended Day Early Head Start & Head Start Location!

The new Mckinley Site is located at the old Foodland Building!
526 Gaffney Road
907-451-0982

This new site is a combination of the three Extended Day satellite locations formerly located on Evergreen Street, Barnette Street, and Cushman Street. There are no changes to the Poldine Carlo Head Start, 320 2nd Avenue, and Early Head Start, 609 3rd Street, locations which remain active.



AFN Welcome Potlatch



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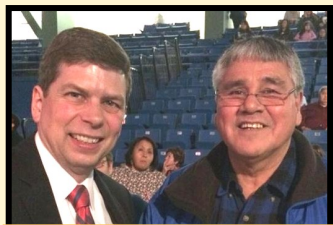
2013 Miss FNA Tessa Wallis at WEIO



Fairbanks Four Special Announcement



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Steve Ginnis with Senator Mark Begich



Rural Providers 2013 Fairbanks



Day of Prayer



Wellness Fair for Seniors



New Youth Homeless Shelter



JOM School Supply Giveaway

FNA Employee of the Month

June- Perry Ahsogeak, *BHS Director*

July- Sonya McLean, *Head Start Manager*

August- Angela Foster-Snow, *P&D Director*

September- Larose Luke, *RPC Residential Aide*

October- Sherine Titus, *HS Teacher Aide*

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FNA Website: www.fairbanksnative.org



**EMPLOYEE
OF THE
MONTH**

Would you like to recognize an FNA Employee?

Nominate them for Employee of the Month!

For more information, contact Terri Smoke at FNA 452-1648.

Join the FNA Team Today!

To download an application to apply for employment at FNA and to view job descriptions:

www.fairbanksnative.org/job_opportunities.html



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