

**ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM
DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM
November 2008 Monthly Report**

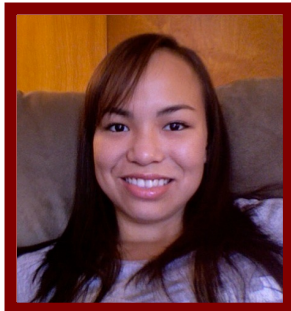
DENTEX Training Clinic- First Year Activities

The third class has been announced and we are able to share pictures of our incoming students. There are two Tribal organizations sponsoring students this year who haven't before, Fort Yukon and the Eastern Aleutian Tribes. The acceptance process and associated activities are moving forward so that come January 5, 2009 we will be ready to welcome the new class to Dentex.

Additionally the current class of six, from the second cohort have been busy with work on skill consolidation as they prepare for more patient care next year in Bethel. This class also had a course in Pharmacology taught by Louise Achey from the University of Washington. Most of the current practicing DHATs from around the state attended the pharmacology course for continuing education credits. All students are preparing for the ceremony in December where the 2nd year students graduate from the training program and the 1st year students receive their certificates from the University of Washington for completing the first year of training.



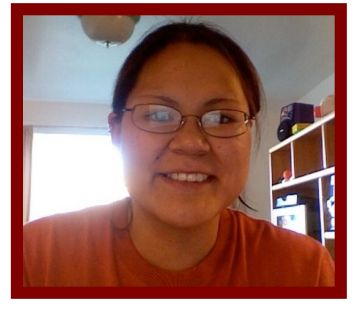
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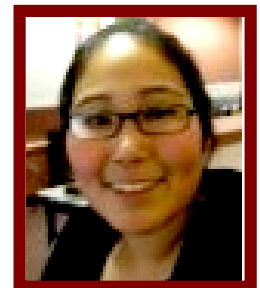
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Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic - Second Year Activities

Head Start activities were the Community Dental Health Project focus this month. The students went into the morning and afternoon Head Start classes and provided oral hygiene and diet education, dental screening exams, and Povidone-Iodine and Fluoride varnish applications to the children. A letter was completed for each child to inform their parents if additional dental treatment was needed. The letter notified the parents that they could call the clinic to schedule an appointment for the treatment. Several parents called to schedule their child an appointment and treatment was provided.



Dr. Tom Beckman, a pediatric dentist from Minnesota, instructed and supervised the students during the month of November. The students treated many children between the ages of 2 and 7, performing services ranging from multiple composites to multiple stainless steel crowns in the primary dentition.

Dr. Beckman had the students completing typodont clinical time trials in both the primary and permanent dentitions. This allowed the students to work on optimizing the quality and efficiency of the care they provide. Dr. Beckman reviewed and administered an oral exam to the students on basic clinical scenarios as the students are completing their coursework in preparation for graduation.

The students continue to work on their clinical PowerPoint presentations and written Community Dental Health Project reports. Both presentations will be given on December 11, 2008 in Anchorage.

The students ended the month with a week vacation for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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