

# **ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM**

## **December 2010 Monthly Report**

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Graduating class, 2010 left to right, front row: Corrina Cadzow, Fort Yukon (sponsored by Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments), Ferdella Sharp, Manakotak (sponsored by Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation), Phylcia Wilde, Mountain Village (sponsored by Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation). Back row: Chelsea Shoemaker, Sand Point (sponsored by Eastern Aleutian Tribes), Erik Linduska, King Cove (sponsored by Eastern Aleutian Tribes), Bonnie Johnson, Unalakleet (sponsored by YKHC) and Alison Kaganak, Scammon Bay (sponsored by YKHC).

### **Anchorage - ANTHC/ UW DENTEX Training Center**

Graduation took place Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at ANTHC with over 125 people attending. Families and friends of students, program partners such as the University of Washington MEDEX program, and Tribal Organizations who sponsor these students such as the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC), Fort Yukon (CATG), Bristol Bay Health Corporation (BBAHC), and Maniilaq Association, along with funders from Rasmuson Foundation and Bethel Community Services Foundation.

The fourth cohort of students completed their first year of training in Anchorage. In January, they moved to Bethel to begin their second year of training at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic, where they will start to work directly with patients in clinic and on village travel.

Students receive white coats at the end of their year in Anchorage to mark their transition into training as a clinical provider.



Transitioning class, pictured from left to right: Tony Stevens, Hydaburg (sponsored by YKHC), Jana Schuerch, Kiana (sponsored by Maniilaq Association), Elsie Patrick, Toksook Bay (sponsored by YKHC), Kate Kohl, Bethel (sponsored by YKHC), Trisha Patton, Napakiak (sponsored by YKHC) and Shannon Hardy, Fort Yukon (sponsored by Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments).

## **Bethel - Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic**

December's activities for second year students in Bethel included:

- Dr. Robert Allen provided clinical oversight for the students in December as they worked toward completing patient treatment.
- On Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Yuut Elitnaurviat sponsored an End-of-Year Breakfast Reception for the graduating DHAT students. Dr. Sarah Shoffstall traveled to Bethel for the celebration, and to assist the students in preparing for their case and community project presentations to faculty prior to graduation. All seven students flew into Anchorage on Wednesday morning, December 8<sup>th</sup> to participate in graduation activities

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 2011

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