

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM

July 2010 Monthly Report



Photo above shows it is not “all work and no play” as birthdays are celebrated and staff member Rachel Schierholt along with students Jana Schuerch and Trisha Patton enjoy the celebration.

Anchorage - ANTHC/ UW DENTEX Training Center

Students returned from summer break to the Anchorage Training Center to get working on:

- Skills consolidation with Dr. Shoffstall and Dr. Williard. Students reviewed radiology, motivational interviewing, local anesthetic and basic restorative skills.
- Cariology and Atraumatic Restorative Technique (ART) were taught by Dr. Bolin. These were exciting courses for the students since they were able learn more about the caries process and visually see how caries spreads on extracted teeth.

Bethel - Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic



The students returned to classes at the Yuut Elitnaurviat Dental Training Clinic (YEDTC) on July 12, 2010 after leaving for Summer Break on June 4, 2010.

- Senator Lisa Murkowski made a surprise visit to the Yuut Elitnaurviat campus and to the YEDTC on the

students first day back to class.

- The YEDTC recently received new portable dental equipment for use by the DHAT students while on village travel. This dental equipment was purchased with a gift from the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation. As pictured above Dr. Anthony Brusca provided classroom instruction on the proper set-up and maintenance of the gear.
- Fredella Sharp and Alison Kaganak went to the village of Tuntutuliak to provide dental care with Dr. Sarah Shoffstall July 26 to 30th. Community members made positive comments about having the DHAT students speak to them and answer questions in the Yupik language.

Instead of featuring a special person this month we wanted to celebrate the Dental Clinic opening in Yakutat. Sheena Nelson a DHAT training graduate and member of our first class of students returned to her home to set up practice in this beautiful new clinic. Dr. Williard DENTEX Director and Dr. Tom Bornstein SEARHC Dental Director both attended. Below left to right is: Dr. Williard, Sheena Nelson, and Dr. Bornstein in front of one of the new dental operatories.



Sheena Nelson DHAT wrote:

“I am working with a great dental team here in Yakutat, we all do our part in keeping this clinic functioning and looking beautiful. I hope that more rural communities may be as fortunate in the future. Whenever the traveling dentist and assistant come to town they are always saying how nice it is to be able to just come here and just work because I worked up all of his patients already (exams and x-rays).”

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