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Juvenile Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)

In cooperation with other state or local agencies, a juvenile alcohol safety action program provides substance abuse screening, referral, and monitoring of persons under 18 years of age who have been referred to it by the court, Division of Juvenile Justice, and/or Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). The typical cases that are ordered to juvenile ASAP are minor consuming, minor in possessions and tobacco violations.

The benefits of screening, referral and monitoring include:

- Increased accountability of offenders;
- Reduced recidivism resulting from successful completion of required education or treatment;
- Significant reductions in the amount of resources spent by prosecutors, law enforcement officers, judges, attorneys and corrections officers enforcing court-ordered conditions; and
- Increased safety for victims and the larger community because offenders are more likely to be receiving treatment, making court appearances, and complying with other probation conditions.

On July 1, 2001, the juvenile ASAP program was formally established in 4 communities throughout the state: Fairbanks, Juneau, Kotzebue and Ketchikan through the passage of HB 179 - Underage Drinking and Drug Offenses. Since the passage of the legislation, the program has expanded into several other communities in the state - Anchorage, Kodiak, Kenai and Mat-Su.

A list of the current juvenile ASAP locations and FY '06 case totals for are below.

	Minor Consuming/ Minor in Possession	Tobacco Violations	Other	Total Cases
Anchorage	1223	0	0	1223
Fairbanks	243	0	0	243
Juneau	145	68	4	217
Kenai	5	2	12	19
Ketchikan	97	0	0	97
Kodiak	143	0	0	143
Kotzebue	48	0	0	48
Mat-Su	186	0	11	197
TOTAL				2187