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The Honorable Donald C. Olson, Chair  
Senate Finance Subcommittee  
State Capitol, Room 508  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Olson:

In response to a question from Representative Meyer's Office on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, regarding Juvenile alcohol safety action programs, please see our response below:

- *I would like to know how much the Juvenile alcohol safety action program developed by DHSS under AS 47.37 costs and how active they are throughout the state. Just need a quick, one sentence answer.*

In FY09 the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) awarded a total of \$534,527 to 11 Juvenile alcohol safety action programs (JSAPs) in the following communities: Mat-Su, Homer, Kotzebue, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Kodiak, Ketchikan, Dillingham, Seward, and Anchorage. An additional \$200,000 was available in FY09 for programs to use to assist juveniles with service access. Total JSAP client new cases for FY09 were 1,917. During FY09 a total of 1,290 cases were completed and closed (this number includes cases that were opened in FY08 and closed in FY09).

In FY10, an additional \$87,607 was awarded to two new JSAPs; Bethel (\$46,000) and Nome (\$41,607), and an additional \$30,000 was available in juvenile treatment dollars. The JSAPs are very successful, with juveniles entering these programs completing their assigned service of alcohol and drug information school (using the Prime for Life Curriculum) or substance use treatment services in a timely manner, with few repeat clients.

If you have additional questions regarding this issue, please contact me at 465-1630.

Sincerely,

  
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Assistant Commissioner