

# Special Education Service Agency (SESA)

SESA provides consultation and training to support the unique educational needs of individuals and the Alaskan communities that serve them.



## **Background**

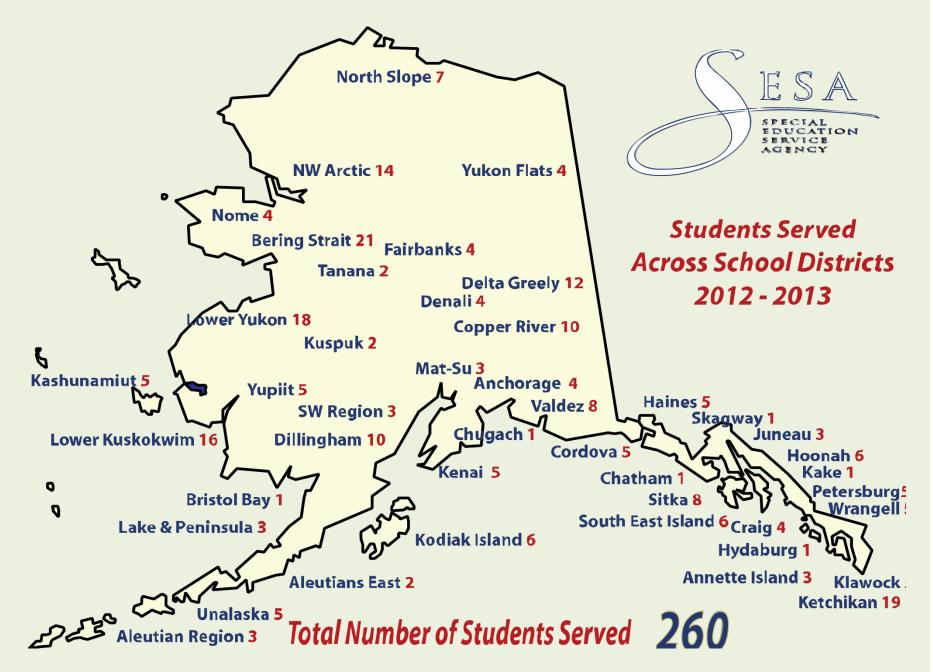
- Created in 1986; formed as a not-for-profit Corporation;
- Governed by the Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education;
- Receive Low Incidence Disabilities funding through DOEED based on prior years statewide total enrollment;
- Receives grant funding from State & Federal sources, (DHHS and DOEED);





## A.S. 14.30.630(b) (1) requires SESA to provide the following special education services:

- (A) Itinerant outreach services to students who are deaf, deaf-blind, mentally retarded, hearing impaired, blind and visually impaired, orthopedically disabled, health-impaired in other ways, and severely emotionally disturbed, and to students with multiple disabilities;
- (B) Special education instructional support and training of local school district special education personnel; and
- (C) Other services appropriate to special education needs.





## **SESA Services**

**On-site consultation – Observation/Modeling/Evidence Based Strategies** 

**In-service training (professional development)** 

**Alaska State Special Education Conference (ASSEC)** 

Specific courses designed and offered for university credit

**Alaska Deaf Education Advisory Board** 

**Governor's Council/Education/ Rural Education** 

**DEED - Specific Grants - AARC/BTKH/DSI** 

Other Non-profits – Stone Soup/Center for Human Development/ILP

**Distance Education** 

## **ESA** Special Education Service Agency



#### What is the Special Education Service Agency (SESA)?

SESA is an educational service agency comprised of a core low incidence disability service inclusive of a statewide lending library. Low incidence disabilities include autism, hearing impairment, vision impairment, emotional disabilities and multiple disabilities. In addition, SESA operates four grants:

- 1. Alaska Autism Resource Center (AARC)
- 2. Educational Transition Support Project (ETSP)
- 3. Alaska Deaf Blind Project (DSI)
- 4. Guiding and Investing in New Special Educators (GAINS)

#### SESA was created in 1986 by the Alaska State Legislature to provide the following special education services to Alaska's school districts:

- A. Itinerant outreach services to students who are autistic, deaf, deafblind, cognitively impaired, hearing impaired, blind and visually impaired, orthopedically disabled, health impaired in other ways, severely emotionally disturbed, and to students with multiple disabilities.
- B. Special education instructional support and training of local school district special education personnel; and
- C. Other services appropriate to special education needs.

#### How to access SESA services

In order for SESA to consult with teams about specific students, a referral must be completed. The Referral Packet contains all the necessary forms to be filled out for SESA services to begin. Access a referral packet now!

#### Our Mission

SESA provides consultation and training to support the unique educational needs of individuals and the Alaskan communities that serve them.

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

Board of Directors Meeting: March 25, June 3 and June 4, 2013 Monday, March 25: Work Session 8:00 AM; Business Meeting 1:00 PM Monday, June 3: Work Session 8:00 AM Tuesday, June 4: Business Meeting 8:00 AM



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#### SESA Administration

#### Contact Webmaster

#### Referrals

Use the SESA Referral Packet to request SESA services. Access a referral packet now!

#### Resources

#### **SESA Newsletter Archives**

#### Useful Links

Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special

#### Alaska State Special Education Webpage

Alaska Office of Children Services

South East Regional Resource Center (SERRC)

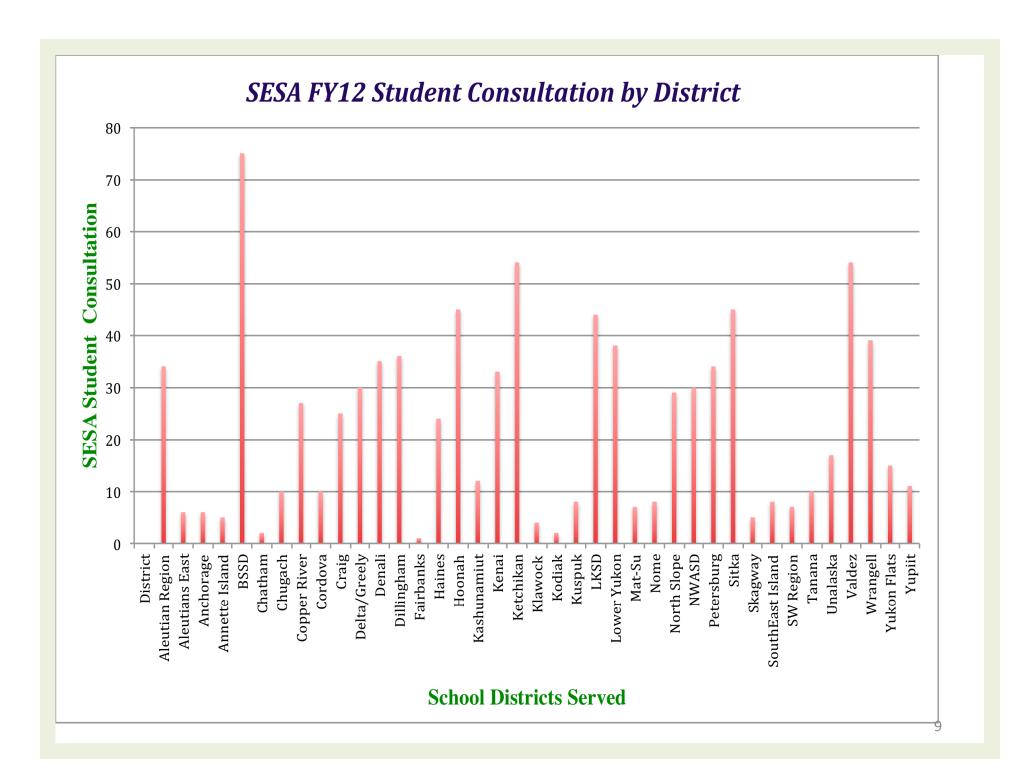
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## Impact on Students & Teachers

- 1. Reduced ability to promote evidenced based practices.
- 2. Fewer on-site visits to provide targeted interventions.
- 3. Shorter visits to maximize travel dollars to include more sites.
- 4. Less time for classroom observation and program enhancement.
- 5. Loss of guidance to new special education teachers and to classroom teachers encountering unique disabilities.
- 6. Loss of child specific educational intervention strategies modeled on-site to teachers.
- 7. Reduced ability to recruit quality specialists to Alaska.



## The Key to Success

for Alaskan Educators Serving Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities



## Thank You!