

Project Title: Alaska Children's Services - Statewide Behavioral Health Distance Based Training and Delivery System

TPS Number: 60560

Priority: 1

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Grants to Named Recipient (AS 37.05.316)

Federal Tax ID: 92-0038588

Grant Recipient: Alaska Children's Services

FY2014 State Funding Request: \$8,540,000

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Facility and equipment to provide distance based behavioral health training and support to local service providers to reduce institutionalization of rural youth with behavioral problems and to recognize potentially violent people with mental health issues and how to intervene before violence occurs.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$8,790,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$250,000)
FY2014 State Funding Request:	(\$8,540,000)
Project Deficit:	\$0

Explanation of Other Funds:

Although this is a new project, Alaska Children's Services owns and will contribute the land for this project.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

For decades, Alaska Children's Services (ACS) has been Alaska's leading provider of services for disabled and behaviorally impaired children. This includes a range of services from community based up to full institutionalization in the most severe cases. These children come from all over the state and they have a range of conditions including genetic defects, FAS, suicide risks, substance abuse and various psychological disorders.

ACS now proposes to apply what they have learned about treatment and life management of these children in a distance based training and support system to local providers and parents. This program is intended to provide home based and local services to children in order to allow them to remain in their communities, stay with their families and reduce the need and cost on institutionalization. Most of these children qualify for medicaid. Institutional care costs the State of Alaska \$370.00 per day per child, approximately \$135,000 per year. If only 70 children could be supported locally without institutionalization, it would totally pay for the cost of the capital appropriation.

This system will provide a training center, distance based materials production facility and the necessary equipment to transmit these materials to local providers. The system will also include a 24/7 emergency support system utilizing existing ACS staff.

One of the training modules will be the recognition of potentially violent mentally ill people and training in intervention before violence occurs.

ACS will provide all maintenance and operational costs of the facility. ACS will also provide the land for the project.

Project Timeline:

Project will begin construction in 2013 following final engineering and design, the majority of the funding will be spent during the construction season of 2014

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Alaska Children's Services

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This project has not been through a public review process at the local level and it is not a community priority.