

**Publications
available on
our website or
by contacting
the Task Force
Coordinator:**

- **Report Child Abuse
in Alaska**, an interactive training for mandated reporters and the general public, visit:
[www.ReportChildAbuse.
Alaska.gov](http://www.ReportChildAbuse.Alaska.gov)
- **Guidelines for the
Multidisciplinary
Response to Child
Abuse in Alaska**,

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Alaska Children's
Justice Act Task Force

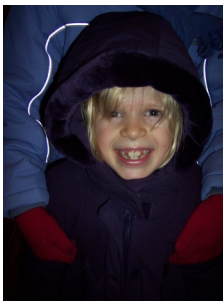
*Improving the
system response
for Alaskan
children*

*[http://hss.state.ak.us/ocs/
ChildrensJustice/](http://hss.state.ak.us/ocs/ChildrensJustice/)*

The Alaska Children's Justice Act Task Force

Mission

Identify areas where improvement is needed in the statewide response to child maltreatment, make recommendations and take actions to improve the system.



Vision

The Alaska Children's Justice Act Task Force will work to improve safety and healing for Alaskan children by evaluating and promoting:

- Early and effective interventions for abused children and their families;
- The integration of agencies and systems involved to reduce the risk of further trauma to children;
- The continuum of services that abused children may need to become strong, productive and stable adults.

History of the Task Force

Founded in 1999, the Alaska CJATF is a statewide multidisciplinary group that is federally mandated and funded. Section 107(d) of Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act requires the State Task Force to undertake a comprehensive review and evaluation of law, policy and the investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect and to make training and policy recommendations. Responsibilities include:

- The investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect in a way that minimizes further trauma;
- experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques;
- reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures;
- While ensuring fairness to all affected.

Membership

The Task Force is comprised of representatives from law enforcement, medicine, child protection, law (both prosecution and defense), child advocacy centers, judiciary, mental health, court-appointed special advocates/guardians ad litem, schools, tribal organizations and parents.

Funding



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Our limited annual federal funding (approximately \$85,000) pays for our part-time coordinator, our quarterly meetings, and our projects. We are very careful stewards of these funds.

Projects Have Included:

- Needs assessment of professionals in the field
- Collaboration with Alaska MCH Epidemiology to disseminate data on child abuse
- Development of standardized child abuse medical exam forms
- Development of training and guidance for the public and mandatory reporters regarding child abuse reporting in Alaska
- Development and dissemination of multidisciplinary guidelines
- Scholarships and sponsorships of related training for professionals involved in child abuse evaluations
- Annual presentation to legislature

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