

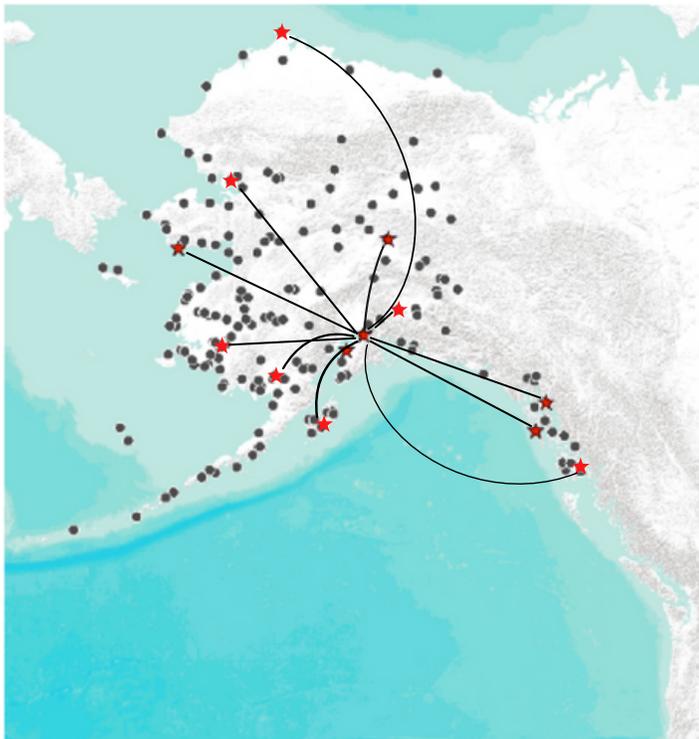


Alaska Legal Services Corporation Community Justice Worker Resource Center

About the Program

The **Community Justice Worker (CJW) Program** helps bridge the justice gap in rural Alaska by training and supervising qualified non-lawyer mid-level legal practitioners to serve Alaskans who can't afford or otherwise access civil legal help.

To date, over 100 community justice workers from 40 different Alaska communities have completed some level of training and are ready to assist clients. In 2023, the CJW Program enters its next phase, establishing a Resource Center and preparing to expand regionally.



Need:

Many Alaska communities are "legal deserts" with limited or no access to legal help.

Solution:

- Recruit a culturally-appropriate, community-based non-attorney legal workforce in rural areas
- Equip this new workforce with skills to address life-altering unmet civil legal needs
- Supervise & support community justice workforce to ensure quality
- Expand local employment opportunities
- Evaluate progress by collecting and analyzing data to maximize program effectiveness



Scaling & Replicability:

2023: Resource Center will be based in Anchorage, with initial pilot sites in Bethel and Kodiak with regional partners.

Future: Expand to all communities where ALSC has a local office and where there is an Alaska Superior Court.



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The Alaska Supreme Court recently passed Alaska Bar Rule 43.5 which allows non-lawyers who are properly trained and supervised by ALSC to provide limited scope civil legal assistance to those who don't have access to attorneys.

With permission from the Alaska Supreme Court in place, ALSC can develop the standards, training and curricula necessary to upskill workers and scale this project to meet needs statewide. Doing so will require a centralized training hub with regionally located learning and apprenticeship centers.

Training will be provided at the local level and be a mix of distance, online learning, and local hands-on experiential learning, including local apprenticeships.