

HB

125

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
 Title: PFD Contributions to Children's Trust BRU: Revenue Operations
 Component: Permanent Fund Dividend
 Sponsor: Rep. Hudson
 Requestor: (H) HES COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 981

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES	8.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	13.7	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	22.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 QF						
1001 CBFF						
1048 University of AK receipts						
Other - 1098 Childrens Trust Earnings	22.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
TOTAL	22.2	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0

Estimate of any current year cost \$ 0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME					
PART-TIME					
TEMPORARY					

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The initial set up costs are reflected in Personal Services for computer programming, contractual services for forme design plus publishing costs for inclusion in the PFD booklet. Each year thereafter, the cost of programming is decreased and contractual services consists of the booklet publishing costs only.

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Date Referred to Committee: February 12, 1997

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 2/5/98

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HB 125

HOUSE BILL NO. 125

PFD CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHILDREN'S TRUST

"An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the Alaska children's trust; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute

CS HB 125 (HES) the same title
 a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee

attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: House HESS Committee Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Days)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Days/Date)

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Letter of Intent

HB 125

The House HESS Committee, recognizing the difficulty in providing the considerable benefit of a permanent fund dividend check off to only one recipient, asks that this bill and its single proposed recipient be considered on its own merits and that other possible recipients be considered in separate legislation.

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Representative Con Bunde
Chairman

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 125(HES)**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA****TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION****BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE****Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES HUDSON, Dyson, Davies, Green, Brice****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the Alaska
2 children's trust; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * Section 1. AS 43.23 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 43.23.017. Contributions from dividends. Notwithstanding
6 AS 43.23.069, the Department of Revenue shall prepare the permanent fund dividend
7 application to allow an applicant to elect to have \$25 subtracted from the applicant's
8 dividend for contribution to the Alaska children's trust (AS 37.14.200) and to be used
9 by the Department of Revenue for administrative costs incurred by the department in
10 implementing this section. Contributions shall be deposited in an Alaska children's
11 trust contribution account. In accordance with an appropriation for the purpose, the
12 department shall use money in the account to pay for the administrative costs incurred
13 by the department in implementing this section. The balance in the account shall be
14 deposited by the department in the Alaska children's trust at least every six months.

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* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1999.

Alaska State Legislature

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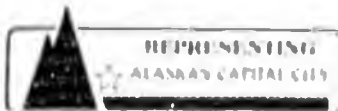
SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 125, "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the Alaska children's trust; and providing for an effective date"

Alaska has the unfortunate distinction of leading the nation in the per capita rate of child abuse and neglect. Many of the difficult social problems we face as a state including delinquency, alcoholism, drug abuse, over-crowded prisons and domestic violence, are a direct result of child abuse and neglect. In 1988, The Alaska Children's Trust was formed to help to provide a funding mechanism for community based child abuse and neglect prevention projects. The trust remained virtually unfunded until two years ago when the legislature made a one-time appropriation of \$6 million to establish the corpus of the fund. The fund is managed by the Dept. of Revenue. After the fund is inflation proofed, the interest is distributed to individual community groups for innovative projects that will aid in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

HB 125 was introduced to help create a steady flow of funding for the Children's Trust Fund. HB 125, if enacted, will provide an optional check off in the amount of \$25 on the Permanent Fund Dividend Application. If an applicant exercises this option, their donation would be taken out of their dividend and deposited into the corpus of the Children's Trust Fund.

Alaskans are a generous people. I believe that many PFD recipients would welcome the opportunity to share a small portion of their PFD to help reduce the untold human suffering those results from of the alarmingly high rate of child abuse and neglect in Alaska.



SPONSOR STATEMENT

ALASKA CHILDREN'S TRUST
Summary of FY 1998 Grant Awards

Organization: Alatna Tribal Council
Project Name: Male Guidance Project of Alatna
Community: Alatna
Region: Northern
Grant Award: \$6,572

The project encompasses eleven activities normally accomplished by male members of the Athabascan and Inupiaq society that are centered around the yearly subsistence cycle. These activities will demonstrate a productive male's role as it occurs in the family and community, the relationship between the seasons, the need for preparedness from one season to the other, and how the activities and actions during some seasons affect one's success throughout the year. All of the activities will take place in and around the villages of Alatna and Allakaket, and will utilize the male population of Alatna, including the Chief and Second Chief, as the activity instructors.

Organization: Covenant House Alaska
Project Name: Passage House, Project Nurture
Community: Anchorage
Region: Anchorage
Grant Award: \$28,000

Passage House is a residential facility for single pregnant and parenting mothers, age 16 to 20. Since 1993, its 31 graduates have consistently demonstrated the long term benefits of this environment, which at one time nurtured and structured their lives for up to 18 months. In comparison to teenage mothers fending for themselves, Passage House graduates demonstrate decreased rates of second pregnancy, domestic violence and child abuse, and increased rates of employment and independence from public assistance. Passage House seeks to extend its services by adding an aftercare component, Project Nurture, that will maintain contact with graduates at 1-month, 3-month, 6-month, and 12-month intervals following discharge and as needed. Staff will make home visits to graduates, and the graduates will themselves become mentors for current residents. Goals for improvement include: a/ 100 percent employment with at least 50 percent employed at the vocational level one year after discharge; b/ 0 percent unplanned second pregnancies; and c/ 0 percent child abuse and neglect as documented through DFYS.

Organization: Bethel Community Services, Children's Mental Health Department
Project Name: Call-In Show
Community: Bethel
Region: Southwest
Grant Award: \$22,311

The Bethel Community Services Children's Mental Health Department proposes to do a weekly morning informational call-in show on parenting issues and weekly evening call-in show for children and young adults. The shows will be broadcast through KYUK-AM radio which serves Bethel and 52 villages in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta. The morning call in show will feature agencies and individuals in the region that work with families, parents and children. The show will address parenting issues and provide general information about children in Alaska. The evening call in show will be for younger listeners and will address adolescent issues. Community Services and KYUK will provide some of the expenses.

Organization: Kodiak Area Native Association
Project Name: Taking Action: A Village Response
Community: Kodiak, Ouzinkie, Larsen Bay, Akhiok
Region: South-central
Grant Award: \$11,598

The villages of Larsen Bay, Ouzinkie, and Akhiok will receive intensive outreach, educational and informational programs as well as participate in developing a localized media campaign using culturally relevant materials and local residents as presenters. The services will be provided by the Kodiak Area Native Association's Social Services Department in conjunction with *Project: Making Medicine*, an Indian Service Training program for the treatment of child physical and sexual abuse. Community teams will be created in each of the villages. Teams will focus on promoting cultural traditions and healing practices.

Organization: Muldoon Community Development Corporation
Project Name: Muldoon Community Works
Community: Anchorage
Region: Anchorage (Muldoon)
Grant Award: \$30,000

Muldoon Community Development Corporation is establishing a community center that will help decrease the incidence of child abuse by: 1/ training and employing welfare recipients who are eligible for welfare-to-work programs; 2/ creating a safe, supportive social environment for families with children; and 3/ bringing related services vital to these families' well-being directly to the community center. The center is located in the Muldoon Mall and includes a Laundromat, computer learning center with tutors and Internet access for children and adults, crafts, reading, homework center, office and meeting space. The MCDC is also working with other programs to locate at the community center.

Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Anchorage, Inc.
Project Name: Positive Futures: A Neighborhood Mentoring Program
Community: Anchorage (Mountain View)
Region: Anchorage
Grant Award: \$35,382

The purpose of this program is to prevent child abuse and neglect by empowering the at-risk youth of this target community with education, relationship skills, improved self-image and a stronger sense of social belonging. The Positive Futures program will mobilize and engage adult volunteers to serve as mentors to at-risk children of similar ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and preferably from the same neighborhood. Recruitment will focus particularly on the need for African American adult male volunteer role models. A professional caseworker will work full time to assess, screen, match, and support all volunteers and the children with whom they are matched. There are currently 48 children from the Mountain View neighborhood waiting and hoping to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister. This grant award will double the number of volunteers in the program.

Organization: Alaska Public Radio Network
Project Name: Parenting Awareness Radio Messages
Community: Statewide
Region: Statewide
Grant Award: \$49,065

APRN proposes to produce and distribute a 12 month series of daily messages to parents, children, and extended family on the importance of meeting children's basic developmental needs. APRN's daily series, called *Parenting Awareness*, will reach 80,000 listeners in 330 communities statewide. The series will provide parenting tips and childhood development information based on source materials and guidance from the University of Alaska's child development experts. The messages will be voiced by Alaska's Native celebrity, Heartbeat Alaska's Jeanie Greene.

Organization: Boys and Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula
Project Name: Violence Prevention
Community: Central Kenai Peninsula area
Region: South central
Grant Award: \$22,500

The Boys and Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula in conjunction with community professionals will provide violence prevention programming for youth, coaches, and parents who belong to the club. They expect to directly serve 120 youth and their parents. By training volunteer coaches in implementing the project, they will indirectly serve 1,480 youth in the Central Peninsula area who participate in their athletic leagues.

Organization: Resource Center for Parents and Children
Project Name: Parent Outreach Project
Community: Fairbanks
Region: Northern
Grant Award: \$25,071

The Parent Outreach Project is designed to positively influence families, raise community awareness, and change attitudes about child abuse and neglect. The project will create grass root community parenting information and support groups in several neighborhoods and villages in the Northern Region. The groups will be facilitated by a Parent Outreach Specialist who live in the area and who has been trained by RCPC to provide parenting education, information, and support to parents in their area. The project will also distribute information and materials about parenting and prevention received by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse.

Organization: Literacy Council of Alaska
Project Name: Family Literacy Goes to Work
Community: Fairbanks
Region: Northern
Grant Award: \$17,727

The Family Literacy Goes to Work project aims to prevent child abuse and neglect by meeting the educational and parenting needs of families who are financially disadvantaged. Services provided include parenting instruction, job readiness and shadowing for adults, child care and learning activities for children, and fun activities for families. Two separate four week intensive sessions will occur Monday through Thursday for three hours. Ten to twelve parents and their children will be enrolled in each session.

Organization: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Juneau, Inc.
Project Name: Mentoring Program
Community: Juneau
Region: Southeast
Grant Award: \$15,736

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Juneau will enhance its preventive and support service in Juneau to youth from single-parent families and from families that have experienced substantial upheaval due to divorce, death, mental illness, and other reasons. The project will maintain "50 matches" between at-risk youth and Big Brother or Big Sister volunteers.

Organization: Fairbanks Resource Agency
Project Name: Supported Parenting Project
Community: Fairbanks and North Pole
Region: Northern
Grant Award: \$20,304

The Supported Parenting Project will help families (including foster, adoptive and extended families) with parent who experience developmental disabilities, learning disabilities, and/or who are in the midst of family crisis develop healthy parenting skills and prevent child abuse or neglect. Educational sessions will occur on a regular basis from September 1997 to June 1998, and will be supervised by two trained facilitators. These sessions will provide skills training in a hands-on environment with modeling, activities, discussion, brainstorming, role playing, and parent-child activities. In addition, there will be individualized home-based support from a trained family support specialist who will provide in-home training, clarification, follow-up, and support to ensure that newly acquired parenting skills will be successfully incorporated into the family's daily life.

February 27, 1997

Representative Bill Hudson, Co-Chair Resources
Room 108
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Hudson

The intent of this letter is to express my support for House Bill 125, "An Act relating to contributions from permanent fund dividends to the Alaska children's trust, and providing for an effective date." This bill will make it possible for the citizens of Alaska to contribute to strengthening communities, supporting families and preventing child abuse through the Alaska Children's Trust. A minimal donation by PFD recipients will result in a significant contribution for the Alaska Children's Trust to work towards their goals.

I believe that it is important to recognize the work that the Alaska Children's Trust does and to support it fully. Given the opportunity I believe many Alaskans would choose to donate a portion of their dividend to help future generations

Sincerely,


Bridget Crawford

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days when girls are corrupted by
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the trade-offs we've made. Girls

Ellen Goodman is a colum-
nist for the Boston Globe.

**Serious about
subsistence**

It is imperative that we get serious about the subsistence issue. It is tearing our residents apart. For a successful future we need to be friends and base our relationships on fairness and respect.

A rural versus urban civil war is brewing in Alaska. The subsistence dilemma is just one of the issues. Although we have been told that 50 percent of the subsistence users authorized under ANILCA are non-Native, this is a Native versus non-Native issue. This causes a serious fracture of Alaskan's peace.

For more than a year I have been visiting with individuals all over the state, urging a peace agreement between the warring factions. I believe the first few minutes might be quite dramatic, but I am convinced that both sides of this issue in a mediated conference could reach a negotiated solution. We all subsist one way or another; it is a matter of survival. Almost everyone agrees subsistence is a basic human right.

Settlement of disputes can be by submission, compromise or negotiation. Submission is forceful and usually harbors growing dissension from those most affected. Compromise means that both sides give up something. With negotiations it is possible for both sides to get more. On the subsistence issue, only negotiations will work. Alaskan's future depends on us all be-

ing friends.)
This war will continue to get worse unless something is done to improve relations between the most interested and distressed factions. Hate statements and threats are now flowing from both sides. Sticks and stones are next. I fear someone is going to get hurt!

Alaska is a very diverse state but there is strength in diversity. Let's pull together.

Call me if you have ideas, at 907-488-9093. Call 488-1546 to leave messages.

Joannette James

**The safety
of adjustments**

I read with interest and concern your recent article on Heidi Freeman who apparently suffered a cerebral vascular accident sometime after an adjustment was performed by a fellow student at Life Chiropractic College. Also you mention in the article that in the chart notes it stated in red letters that the type of cervical adjustment attempted was contra-indicated in her case and therefore not to be performed. This make it very unfortunate for all concerned. Our hearts go out to Heidi and her family and we're wishing her a speedy recovery.

Actually, spinal adjustments (AKA spinal manipulations) are extremely safe. The patients' risk

of a cerebral vascular accident occurring from cervical manipulative therapy has been estimated at one in three million, and most of those recover. This is very safe when compared to over-the-counter, non-steroidal, anti-inflammatories (such as Motrin) which can cause gastro-intestinal problems. The risk of death from these is also remote but hundreds of times more likely than a stroke from spinal manipulative therapy.

Doctors of Chiropractic are highly trained to deliver spinal adjustments. At my college, the Palmer College of Chiropractic, which I attended in Davenport, Iowa, the total class hours were approximately 4,485, of which 400 hours are devoted to spinal adjustments. It is also interesting to note that in this country 94% of spinal manipulative therapy is performed by Doctors of Chiropractic (DC's). The other 6% is mainly done by MD's and Osteopaths. However, 5% of the strokes occurring with cervical manipulative therapy are caused by the 6% of the non DC's.

Gordon L. Shepro, D.C

**Continue support
for Children's Trust**

Thanks to the efforts of Governor Knowles and the Legislature, the board of the Alaska Children's Trust this summer awarded its first-ever grants. Fifty-six organizations from across the state ap-

plied for monies from the Trust. This response sent a clear message to our board that communities throughout Alaska are ready and committed to improving the lives of children and families. Unfortunately, with only \$285,000 available this year, we were limited to funding twelve of these proposals.

The Alaska Children's Trust Board is committed to seeing that the trust account continues to grow. Preventing child abuse and neglect requires the efforts of all of us - the state, businesses, communities and individual Alaskans. We will continue to explore new ways to raise more money for the Trust.

We, therefore, support two pieces of legislation aimed at growing the Trust principal. House Bill 125, sponsored by Representative Hudson, would allow individuals to contribute \$25 to the Alaska Children's trust by checking a box on their Permanent Fund Dividend application. Senate Bill 157, by Senator Donley, would allow individuals to buy special license plates representing the Alaska Children's Trust.

If legislation such as these bills pass - and if Alaskans are committed to contributing on behalf of children - we will be on our way to funding more innovative community programs that help kids and families.

Carol Brice, Chair
Alaska Children's Trust
Fairbanks

Letters

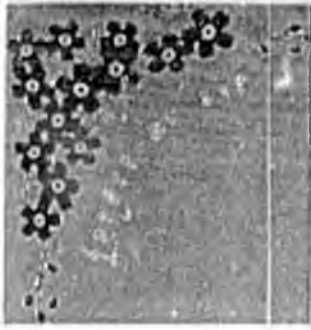
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Thank you very much for your sponsorship of House Bill 125, relating to the PFD Check-off for the Alaska Children's Trust. As you know, our children are our most precious resource and investment for the future. I appreciate your advocacy on behalf of Alaska's most vulnerable, including children and the elderly. I have been telling folks that you are a faithful advocate and I will continue to do so. Please let me know if I can assist you or your efforts in any way. My email address is: mmills@ptialaska.net. Thanks again!



ALASKA CHILDREN'S TRUST

August 6, 1997

The Honorable Bill Hudson
Alaska State Representative
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hudson:

On behalf of the members of the Alaska Children's Trust, I would like to thank you for introducing House Bill 125 (HB 125), "PFD Contributions to the Alaska Children's Trust." This legislation is an excellent way to add income to the Children's Trust account. The members of the Alaska Children's Trust Board would like to assist you in ensuring the passage of HB 125 during the upcoming legislation session.

As the new Chair of the Alaska Children's Trust, I have made the commitment to see the Trust continue to grow and build our resources. Preventing child abuse and neglect requires the efforts of both state and community partners to accomplish this goal.

As you may already know, we recently awarded the first earnings from the Trust. Fifty-six organizations from across the state devoted time and effort in preparing proposals. This response sent a clear message to our board that communities throughout Alaska are ready and committed to taking action within their community to achieve better results for children and families. Unfortunately with \$285,000, we were only able to fund 12 of these proposals. I have included an attachment which summarizes the 12 projects receiving grant funds.

The passage of HB 125 would be an added boost providing much needed funds to the Trust account. Please let us know how we can best assist you in your efforts towards passage of this legislation.

Thank you so much for your hard work on behalf of Alaska's children.

Sincerely,

Carol Brice
Chair

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND DIVISION
SUMMARY OF CHECK OFFS ON PFD APPLICATIONS

As of January 29, 1998

<i><u>PFD Year</u></i>	1986	1987	1988	1989
<i><u>Number of Applications Received</u></i>	543,629	553,152	537,209	526,238
<i><u>Olympic Donor Checked</u></i>	148,856	147,850	91,060	66,896
<i><u>Amount of Donation</u></i>	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
<i><u>Total</u></i>	\$ 744,280	\$ 739,250	\$ 910,600	\$ 668,960

The Olympic Donor check off was on the 1986 through 1989 applications.

ALASKA WOMEN'S LOBBY

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POSITION STATEMENT

HB 125 - PFD Contributions to the Children's Trust

The Alaska Women's Lobby is comprised of citizen activists who, in 1982, formed a lobbying association dedicated to equality. We work on issues affecting women and children primarily on the state level. Our members consider themselves to be politically progressive and believe in improving the quality of life for all people. The Lobby is governed by a steering committee which includes members from the state's three largest communities.

The Alaska Women's Lobby strongly supports HB 125. We believe that prevention is one of the keys to improving the lives of and opportunities for our children. One of the primary jobs of the Children's Trust is to develop and foster prevention strategies. This bill will allow Alaskans to voluntarily contribute to these important efforts and help support our families by simply giving back some of our Permanent Fund windfall.

It is a great idea and our members will be among the first to check the box. We encourage you to help Bill Hudson see this bill through.

ALASKA CHILDREN'S TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT — 1996

Strengthening communities — supporting families — preventing child abuse

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History

The Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) was created by the legislature in 1988 (AS 37.14.200 - 37.14.270) to address rising rates of child neglect, abuse, community violence, and juvenile crime. The trust is designed to promote and financially support community-based initiatives to strengthen families and children. Until this year, the trust remained idle with no funds.

Purpose

The primary purpose of the Alaska Children's Trust is to work in partnership with communities, private business, and government to reduce and prevent child abuse, neglect, and family violence.

Mission Statement

Alaska's children require and deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment. The mission of the Alaska Children's Trust is to improve the status of children in Alaska by generating funds and committing resources to promote healthy families and to assist in developing healthy communities.

Alaska Children's Trust (ACT) Board of Trustees

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Alaska Children's Trust Goals

To accomplish the trust's mission, the board of trustees has established four goals:

- Change the climate of tolerance for child abuse and neglect by promoting an awareness of the current plight of many of our children;
- Support the development of safe and nurturing community environments;
- Promote responsible parenting and care giving;
- Ensure children are eager and ready to learn.

The goals are to be achieved through:

- Funding community-based child abuse prevention programs;
- Educating the public, initiating media campaigns and providing information;
- Coordinating resources and sharing information;
- Encouraging collaboration and developing partnerships with public and private organizations.

Why Alaska Needs the Trust – The State of Alaska's Children

Although many Alaskan children grow up in loving homes with parents and other family who tend to their needs, there are many who do not.

Economic hardship, rapid social and cultural change, and many other stresses result in increasing cases of child neglect and abuse, community violence, and juvenile crime.

The statistics support an unsettling conclusion that children in our state are in trouble.*

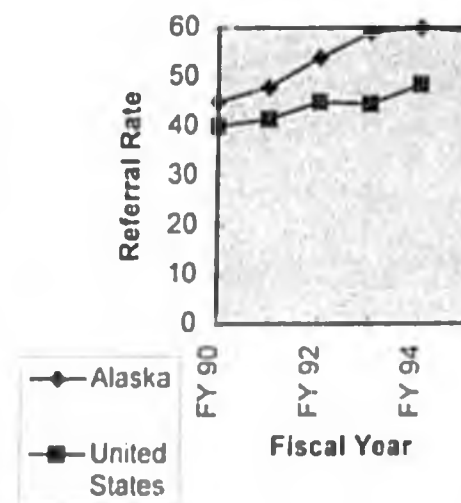
- Alaska leads the nation in per capita cases of child sexual abuse and neglect.
- Each year 125 babies die before their first birthday. Another 160 are born with alcohol-related disabilities.
- More than 10,000 Alaska preschoolers live below the poverty line.
- The suicide rate for Alaska teens is four times the national average.
- Every year 1,450 children are arrested for offenses including assault, rape, robbery, and drug sales.
- Every year 2,200 children drop out of school.
- Each year 3,500 children are reported as runaways.

The goal of the trust is: to give all Alaskan children the opportunity to grow up in a safe and healthy setting so they become responsible and productive adults. The Alaska Children's Trust can support initiatives that directly and creatively address the problems of our youth; it can make a difference.

* From Invest in Our Children: An Investment in Our Future, an interim report from the child health planning work group to the governor and the people of Alaska (October, 1994).

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Rate of Reported Child Maltreatment, Alaska and the United States



From: Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 Annual Report, State of Alaska
Department of Health and Social Services

How the Trust Works

- The Children's Trust is a savings account for children. The principal of the trust is maintained -- only the interest income can be spent.
- The trust relies on gifts, bequests, and contributions of cash or other assets from individuals, corporate entities, legislative appropriations, and federal funds.
- The income from the trust is distributed to community organizations through a grant application and review process.
- The treasurer of the trust is the Commissioner of Revenue. The Commissioner is the official custodian of the cash and investments.
- The trust is administered by a seven-member board of trustees; the trustees are appointed by the Governor. The board of trustees include the Commissioner of Health and Social Services, the Commissioner of Education, the Governor or designee, and four public members.
- The trust board is established in the Office of the Governor
- The trustees set priorities, award and monitor community grants, and assist in raising funds.

"The Alaska Children's Trust was founded on the notion that every Alaskan child ought to get the help they need along the road to adulthood. . . help a kid and you've changed a life. Nobody said it was going to be easy, just worth it. Alaska Children's Trust -- everybody deserves to be a kid once."

- Tom Bodett,
Alaskan Author

Highlights and Accomplishments

- The Alaska Children's Trust board of trustees was appointed in April 1996.
- A strategic plan is established which includes a mission, goals, and action steps to begin moving forward the trust's purpose of preventing child abuse and neglect.
- The current trust balance includes \$6 million from a 1996 legislative appropriation and approximately \$11,000 from individual contributions – a good beginning.
- The Alaska Children's Trust has received letters and resolutions of support from over 100 communities, local governments, organizations, and individuals.
- The trustees have established a core group of volunteers – Friends of the Alaska Children's Trust, a non-profit corporation, to raise money on behalf of the Alaska Children's Trust.
- The Alaska Children's Trust is working in collaboration with state agencies to maximize resources and avoid duplication.
- The Alaska Children's Trust board has initiated a statewide media campaign featuring well-known writer Tom Bodett. The promotional radio spots will be broadcast across Alaska during 1997. Bodett donated money, his time, and his talent to produce the radio spots.

"It's not just another source of funding for traditional programs—we intend to be at the cutting edge of preventing child trauma."

—Mark Williams, ACT Chairman

How the Trust Will Benefit Alaskans

In the summer of 1997 the Alaska Children's Trust board will launch the trust's first direct activities to begin fulfilling its purpose, by making grants to community-based child abuse and neglect prevention projects.

Applications for the Alaska Children's Trust child abuse and neglect prevention funds will be funded on a competitive basis. The annual funding level for the Alaska Children's Trust is based upon annual income earnings from the trust. The amount of funds available for community projects in FY'98 is projected at \$250,000.

The Alaska Children's Trust board of trustees will set priorities and award projects that the board determines will aid in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Some examples of potential child abuse and neglect prevention projects are listed below:

- Parent support and education projects for at-risk parents through in-home instruction and weekly and monthly classes and seminars;
- Projects to help new fathers with parenting skills;
- Home visits to parents with new-born children to help them connect with parenting resources and to capitalize on the interest of new families in learning how to nurture and protect their children.
- Violence-prevention and conflict-resolution training for school-aged children to teach peaceful alternatives to conflict;
- Mom-to-mom mentoring projects;
- Workshops to help teachers learn how to detect, report, and support abused and neglected children;
- Child development classes in schools.

Information about the application process can be obtained by writing to the Alaska Children's Trust, Office of the Governor, P. O. Box 110001, Juneau, AK 99811-0001, or by calling 1-800-643-KIDS (5437).

How You Can Help

All citizens of Alaska can help prevent child abuse and support families. Here are a few things you can do to help:

- Volunteer your time at a community-based child abuse prevention program.
- Offer to care for the children of a parent under stress.
- Talk to leaders in your community about public policies that support families and children.
- Take a parent education class or join a parent support group.
- Donate to the Alaska Children's Trust on behalf of your own children – your contribution will help for generations.
- Call the Alaska's Children's Trust hot line. Call toll free: 1-800-643-KIDS (5437) for information about the Alaska Children's Trust and Children's Cabinet initiatives.

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