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### **Rural substance abuse prevention grant amount revised to \$10.7 million**

*Five-year grant will build regional teams around the state*

(Anchorage, AK) — The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) clarified that the five-year grant it awarded to Alaska's Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Health and Social Services would be for \$10.67 million instead of the \$11.5 million originally announced. The grant targets rural Alaska's ability to promote communities' behavioral health – a term that includes both mental health and substance abuse prevention.

The Behavioral Health Division and its partners will develop more than a dozen regional training and support teams to serve the 200-plus villages and communities in remote Alaska.

The grant is through SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant program.

For the original press release, see <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dbh/>.

For details on SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant program, see: <http://prevention.samhsa.gov/grants/sig.aspx>

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