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## Fact Sheet

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### **Fact Sheet: Rural Community Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Pilot Project grantee list**

This list provides an overview of the four successful applicants for the Division of Behavioral Health's Rural Community Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Pilot Project. Rural is defined as anywhere in Alaska outside of the Municipality of Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna, Kenai Peninsula, and the Fairbanks North Star and Juneau Boroughs.

The main "implementation grant" awarded is designed to fully fund the grantee's proposed prevention plan. The three "capacity-building" grants are designed to substantially but not entirely fund the grantees' proposed prevention plans, allowing for a building of strategies and services over time. All four grants are designed to be pilot projects that may be replicated by other regions in the future. Funding is for one year, with up to three additional years of funding depending on legislative increments in future budgets.

#### **Implementation grant; award amount: \$372,642 in Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11)**

The Dillingham CANDU (Community Action Network Directing Upstream) Partnership Project is a comprehensive prevention and early intervention initiative focused on identifying, strengthening and sustaining the positive protective factors in individuals and in the villages of the Bristol Bay region that promote healthy, culturally empowered communities of people who treat each other with kindness and respect in order to reduce, prevent and eliminate the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information, contact Ginger Baim, executive director of Safe & Fear-Free Environment, 907-842-2320.

#### **Building capacity/infrastructure grant; award amount: \$200,000 in FY11**

The Sitka *Pathways to a Safer Sitka* project is working to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault by focusing on raising knowledge, refocusing attitudes and behaviors, and building skill sets around risk and protective factors inherent in domestic violence and sexual assault. By focusing on strengthening these protective factors and decreasing the risk factors, they will create a strong, vibrant community with no place for domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information, contact Chris Bauman, executive director, or Julia Smith, prevention coordinator, Sitkans Against Family Violence, 907-747-3370.

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### **Building capacity/infrastructure grant; award amount: \$200,000 in FY11**

The goal of the Association of Village Council Presidents pilot project *Building Awareness—A Healing & Wellness Plan* is to tackle the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault in the Bethel region by addressing and increasing awareness of the root causes of domestic violence, sexual assault and related issues such as substance abuse and suicide. The project will focus on men and boys, regaining culture and traditional roles in the Yup'ik way of life, and for tribal leadership to engage in building capacity for culturally appropriate responses to address and end domestic violence and sexual assault.

For more information, contact Cheryl Offt, Association of Village Council Presidents' Indian Child Welfare Department director, 907-543-7461.

### **Building capacity/infrastructure grant; award amount: \$200,000 in FY11**

The *Kodiak-Turning the Tide* project is a regional collaborative effort to address serious child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence and substance abuse. The project will capitalize on a multidisciplinary approach to victim services to develop a creative new paradigm to address these critical issues of interpersonal violence. The project will increase infrastructure and capacity to intervene earlier, and prevent incidence of serious child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault, promoting a community free of interpersonal violence of all kinds.

For more information, contact Margene Andrus, Kodiak Area Native Association director of Behavioral Health Services, 907-486-9872.

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