CERTIFICATIONS

The State of Alaska will operate a program to provide Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) so that the children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives; to end dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage; to prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and establish annual numerical goals for preventing and reducing the incidence of these pregnancies; and encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

This program is known as ATAP or **Alaska Temporary Assistance Program**.

In administering and operating a program which provides Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with minor children under title IV-A of the Social Security Act, the Governor of Alaska, Governor Sean Parnell, hereby certifies:

- The Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance, is the agency responsible for administering the ATAP program in Alaska.

- Local governments and private sector organizations have been consulted regarding the plan and design of welfare services in Alaska so that services are provided in a manner appropriate to local populations; and these organizations have been provided a 45 day comment period. This period extended from November 1 to December 16 during which time comments on the plan and service design were accepted.

- Alaska will operate a Child Support Enforcement program under the state plan approved under part D.

- Alaska will operate a Foster Care and Adoption Assistance program in accordance with part E, and will take all necessary actions to ensure that children receiving assistance are eligible for medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act;

- Alaska will provide each member of an Indian Tribe who is domiciled in the state and is not eligible for assistance under a Tribal Family Assistance plan approved under Section 412, with equitable access to assistance under the state program funded under this part attributable to funds provided by the federal government.

- Alaska has established and enforces standards and procedures to ensure against program fraud and abuse, including standards and procedures concerning nepotism, conflicts of interest among individuals responsible for the

administration and supervision of the state program, kickbacks, and the use of political patronage.

- The state plan is available to the public.

- Alaska will screen for and identify individuals receiving assistance under this part with a history of domestic violence while maintaining the confidentiality of such individuals and refer such individuals to counseling and supportive services. Furthermore, the state will waive, pursuant to a determination of good cause, other program requirements such as time limits (for as long as necessary) for individuals receiving assistance, residency requirements, child support cooperation requirements, and family cap provisions, in cases where compliance with such requirements would make it more difficult for individuals receiving assistance under this part to escape domestic violence or unfairly penalize such individuals who are or have been victimized by such violence, or individuals who are at risk of further domestic violence.

CERTIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA:

Sean Parnell 12/23/10

Sean Parnell, Governor Date

FUNDING

Section 403(a)(1)(A) provides that each eligible state shall be entitled to receive for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2002, a grant in an amount equal to the state family assistance grant as defined in section 403(a)(1)(B).

I. Payments to Agency Administering the TANF Program

Payments for the TANF program will be made to the organization managing the AFDC/JOBS programs as of August 22, 1996. This organization is the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance.

II. State Payments for TANF Program

Section 405 requires that grants be paid to states in quarterly installments, based on state estimates. The state's estimate for each quarter of the fiscal year by percentage is:

1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
25%	25%	25%	25%

NEED STANDARD TABLES

The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) is operated by Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services with federal and state commingled TANF funds. There are, however, other services provided by segregated federal TANF funds to promote parental responsibility, work, reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies and encourage the formation of two-parent families. Eligibility for other programs is described within the chapter "Other TANF Services".

ATAP Income Eligibility Requirements

The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program financial eligibility requirements are referred to in Item 13 "Family Need" of the TANF plan. ATAP applicants must pass two income eligibility tests to participate in the program: (1) the 185% test and (2) the need standard test. To pass the 185% test, the applicant's gross income must meet or fall below the income amount identified in the 185% test. To pass the need standard test, the applicant's income must meet or fall below the amount identified in the need standard after work incentive deductions have been applied. Alaska uses four sets of standards to determine if a family is eligible to receive ATAP benefits based on the family unit composition. Standards are adjusted annually by a percentage increase equal to the cost of living percentage increase in SSI benefits for that year.

1. Standards used, as of January 2010, for ATAP family units consisting of one caretaker relative or two parents who are both able to perform gainful activity.

# of people in ATAP family unit			
One caretaker relative	Two-parent family	185% standard	Need standard
2	3	$2,406	$1,301
3	4	2,708	1,464
4	5	3,009	1,627
5	6	3,311	1,790
6	7	3,613	1,953
7	8	3,914	2,116
each additional child		301	163

2. Standards used, as of January 2010, when the ATAP family unit includes two parents and one parent is physically or mentally unable to perform gainful activity.

# of people in ATAP family unit	185% standard	Need standard
3	$2,708	$1,464
4	3,009	1,627
5	3,311	1,790
6	3,613	1,953
7	3,914	2,116
8	4,216	2,279
each additional child	$ 301	$ 163

3. Standards used, as of January 2010, when no caretaker relative is included in the ATAP family unit.

# of people in ATAP family unit	185% standard	Need standard
1	$1,322	$715
2	1,624	878
3	1,925	1,041
4	2,227	1,204
5	2,528	1,367
6	2,830	1,530
7	3,132	1,693
each additional child	$ 301	$ 163

4. Standard used, as of January 10 when the ATAP family unit consists of a pregnant woman who has no other children eligible to receive ATAP benefits is:

185 % standard	Need standard
$1,505	$ 814

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
Organization Chart

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William H. Hogan

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Ward B. Hurlburt, M.D.

- Public Health Nursing
- Epidemiology
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion
- Emergency Programs
- Women's, Children's & Family Health
- Bureau of Vital Stat.
- State Laboratory
- State Medical Examiner's Office
- Certification & Licensing

Boards, Commissions and Workgroups
- Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Service
- Regional Health Information Org.
- Electronic Health Record workgroups

Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid and Health Care Policy
William J. Streur

HEALTH CARE SERVICES
Director: Kimberli Poppe-Smart (temporarily reassigned as Acting Director, Senior & Disabilities Services)

- Medicaid Director
- Medicaid Policy & Planning
- Medicaid financing
- Medicaid reform
- Medicaid Management Information System
- Rate Review
- Tribal Health
- Health Facility Survey
- Health Planning & Systems Development

Boards & Commissions
- Medical Care Advisory Committee
- Pharmacy/Therapeutics Comm.

Public Information
Communications Manager
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Alaska Health Care Commission
Deborah Erickson, Exec. Dir.

Boards & Commissions
(Behavioral Health)
- Alaska Mental Health Board
- Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

(Senior & Disabilities Services)
- Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
- Alaska Commission on Aging

Deputy Commissioner for Family, Community & Integrated Services
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Director: David Cote
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- Alaska Pioneer Homes Advisory Board

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Director: Melissa Stone
Boards & Commissions
- Suicide Prevention Council

CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Acting Director: Christy Lawton
Boards & Commissions
- Alaska Children's Trust

JUVENILE JUSTICE
Director: Barbara Hanjum
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
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- Hearings & Appeals
- Facilities
- Administrative Services
- Budget
- Revenue
- Fiscal
- Grants & Contracts
- Information Technology
- Regulations
- Legal Services Coordination

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Other Alaska Pregnancy Prevention Efforts

The State of Alaska with the strong support of Governor Sean Parnell has made a commitment to support the training, education and awareness of domestic violence, crimes against women and teen pregnancy prevention. In most cases the training, events, awareness and education have had a specific component related to and aimed at men. This document is a brief overview of some of the efforts by agencies, both government and non-profit, which support the safety of families and educate men about their responsibilities and prevent teen pregnancy.

Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

Division of Public Health

Section of Women's, Children's, & Family Health

http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/wcfh/

Within the Adolescent Health Program http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/wcfh/adolescent/default.htm, there has been a focus throughout the state on Healthy Relationships education that encourages youth, both females and males, to use negotiation and refusal skills when it comes to sex, to avoid/reduce the risk of sexual coercion and teen and unplanned pregnancy.

The importance of including males in healthy relationship and pregnancy prevention education is very much on the State of Alaska's radar.

Health care providers in Alaska's Title X-funded service sites educate male clients of all ages about male responsibility in the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and sexually-transmitted infection, the importance and qualities of healthy relationships, and Alaska laws regarding Sexual Abuse of Minors.

As mandated reporters of Sexual Abuse of Minor violations, all health care providers in Alaska, and particularly family planning providers working in Title X-funded agencies, counsel and screen both male and female clients for unhealthy/illegal sexual relationships and report all occurrences in strict adherence to Alaska laws.

Strategies for healthy relationships has been started which includes education of young men. Examples include:

- Program in Bethel has teens using drama to address teen issues.
- WCFH has a teen advisory group that doing media work.
- A stand-up, speak up campaign that intended to address sexual and dating violence among youth by promoting respect and action.

Efforts include the Stand-up Speak-up campaign. http://www.standupspeakupalaska.org/ The Adolescent Health Program in partnership with the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA) and teens across Alaska, website and materials were designed by young people to inspire young people – to stand up for respect, to learn about healthy relationships, to reduce unplanned teen pregnancy and make choices that support their long-term life goals.

Section of Public Health Nursing
http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/nursing/

Training is done annually for Public Health Nurses on family/interpersonal violence which includes statutory rape and sexual child abuse as well as domestic violence. This information, as well as pregnancy prevention information is shared with male & female clients during STD client encounters, reproductive health client encounters, and in educational classes in middle and high schools when invited to do so by the local school district.

Division of Behavioral Health
http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dbh/

With the support of the Governor the State awarded domestic violence prevention grants for rural Alaska:

- Grantees will serve the areas around Bethel, Dillingham, Kodiak and Sitka
- On January 28 the Department awarded four grants to build violence-free communities in rural areas. Successful applicants proposed new ideas, demonstrated community involvement and set measurable goals to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in their regions
- A grant of $372,642 in the first year and up to $1 million per year over the next three years, depending on future funding appropriations, was awarded to *Safe and Fear-Free Environment* in Dillingham; the grant will also serve Aleknagik.
- Three grants of $200,000 per year for this year and the next three years were awarded each to *Sitkans Against Family Violence*, which serves Sitka, Kake and Angoon;
- *Association of Village Council Presidents* to serve Bethel and surrounding villages; and *Kodiak Area Native Association* to serve Kodiak, Port Lions, Akhiok, Karluk, Old Harbor, Ouzinkie and Larsen Bay.

The grants are overseen by the Department of Health & Social Services' Division of Behavioral Health as part of Governor Sean Parnell's statewide initiative to end Alaska's epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault within a decade.

Alaska Department of Education

Support and promotion of the 4th R Curriculum (grade 7-9) is shared with educators, which focuses on "Healthy Relationships" which provides teacher training and materials for response to domestic violence and sexual assault prevention programming. This includes http://youthrelationships.org/, a web site which provides comprehensive and integrated approaches for helping schools and communities reduce violence and risk-taking among youth.

Office of the Governor

Choose Respect Campaign
http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/priorities/choose-respect.html
"Together, let's take back some ground for safer Alaska homes and stronger families."

In March 2010, Alaskans joined together to take action and end Alaska's epidemic of domestic violence and sexual assault. Eighteen communities joined together for "Choose Respect" rallies and marches with a message of hope and healing for the many who have suffered from crimes of domestic violence.

The work begun in 2010 has given more Alaskans the courage to speak and the strength to act. On March 31st, a "Choose Respect" event was launched statewide, with the Governor issuing a challenge for 40 communities to join the cause and stand together with us in 2011.
Governor Parnell is committed to reducing domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska

There was a "Choose Respect" day with events in communities across the state on March 31, 2011; Governor's webpage for more information

Alaska Department of Public Safety

Commissioner's Office
The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
http://www.dps.state.ak.us/cdvsa/

The Governor's Council is comprised of nine members: Commissioners or their designee of the Departments of Corrections, Law, Health and Social Service, Public Safety, Education and Early Development; and four public members appointed by the governor. The statutory purpose of the Council is to "provide for planning and coordination of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and to perpetrators of domestic violence and sexual assault and to provide for crisis intervention and prevention programs"

Alaska Non-Profit

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (ANDVSA)
http://www.andvsa.org/

A non-profit, membership corporation composed of 17 programs statewide that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, offender services, and adult crisis intervention services. An organization committed to eliminating violence against women. Made up of 17 programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, including emergency shelter, 24-hour crisis hotlines, food, clothing, transportation, legal assistance, counseling, community education and more to include men.

Programs include:

- Lead On! For Peace and Equality in Alaska
- Lead On! Is a committed group of youth and adults from across Alaska that is interested in positively impacting their communities. Lead On! youth and adults work on projects in their communities to promote non-violence and equality in communities
- Youth completed projects that promoted individual, community, or relationship wellness.
- Youth from across the state carried out mini-campaigns in their schools, raised funds, held awareness events, hosted poetry contests, or showed youth-created films or digital stories in their community
- *Mini-summit* - Lead On! Is a two and half day conference for youth leaders (age 13-18) and community partners across Alaska. Participants come together to develop leadership skills for promoting peace and equality that can be used in home communities
- Youth-led workshops, nationally recognized speakers, and major fun
- Use theatre, art, and media to improve their leadership skills
- Have fun with musicians, actors, activists, business leaders, and Alaska youth
- Develop ideas to promote peace and equality in your community
- Hiking, outdoor activities, networking, and much more

Alaska Child Care Resource and Referral

thread – connecting early care & education to Alaska
http://threadalaska.org/

thread is a statewide network of professionals who work individually with families and early educators to ensure that they are knowledgeable and supported in guiding children to lifelong success. thread is one of 47 Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Networks across the nation. The Alaska Child Care Resource and Referral Network was formally established in July 2008, and was

branded and named thread in August 2009. Thread has three regional hub locations in Fairbanks, serving Interior/Northern communities, Anchorage, serving South Central communities and Juneau, serving communities in Southeast Alaska.

Training includes, *Strategies to Establish Productive Relationships with Families - Establishing Positive and Productive Relationships with Families Involving Men In The Lives of Children.* Renowned speakers in their field covering topics such as boy friendly classrooms, strategies to get men involved in programs, infant-father attachment, developing program philosophies for male involvement and more. Other activities include are *Men Are Care-Givers Too where training emphasizes* the important roles of all those who care for children, including positive male role models. In Fairbanks a symposium was held, called "Involving Men in the Lives of Children."