



**Program Performance – Demonstrating Value**

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Alaska’s SHARP Program addresses the worsening shortage of health professionals in Alaska by improving the availability and distribution of direct patient care providers in the areas of greatest need. It does this by providing loan repayment and direct incentives to healthcare practitioners through a unique collaboration of state, federal, and employer partners. SHARP works to improve access to healthcare especially for those Alaskans who face substantial barriers such as living in a remote location, being uninsured or who have safety-net insurance coverage (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare, or tribal health benefits). SHARP is working, and we are making progress.

<b>Progress to Date</b>	
<p><b>SHARP – One Program, Two Components</b> 196 = Clinicians overall (as of 3/20/15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33 = Oral Healthcare (17%)</li> <li>• 55 = Behavioral Health (28%)</li> <li>• 108 = Medical Care (55%)</li> </ul> <p><b>SHARP-I:</b> federal partnership component First clinician contracts started in 2010 3<sup>rd</sup> competitive grant to-date; sunsets in 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 113 = Clinicians to-date (58%)</li> </ul> <p><b>SHARP-II:</b> non-federal component First clinician contracts started in 2013 Established by AS 18.29; sunsets end of 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 83 = Clinicians to-date (42%)</li> </ul> <p><b>Clinician Retention:</b> SHARP-I as of 3/20/15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 98% = Contract completions (73 of 74)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Public-Private Funding Partnership</b></p> <p>US Health Resources &amp; Services Administration Alaska Dept of Health &amp; Social Services Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Alaska Statute AS 18.29 Partial Employer Match (collection rate: 100%)</p> <p><b>Interagency Leadership – SHARP Council</b></p> <p>15 voting member organizations: ABHA, ACPE, ADS, AK DOLWFD, AMHTA, ANTHC, ANA, AkPharm, APCA, ASHNHA, NASW, ANA, AAPA, AK FMRP, NASW-AK, UA- Health and the United Way</p> <p>2 more agencies ex-officio: ANHB, &amp; AK DPH</p>
<b>Sites &amp; Locations</b>	
<p>Broad range of practice settings, such as community health centers, community behavioral health centers, tribal health facilities, critical access hospitals, and Alaska Psychiatric Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rurality: 71% Rural (F+R), [Frontier 103; Rural 36; Suburban 8; Urban 45; Statewide 4]</li> <li>• Tribal: 57% Tribal healthcare positions, [Tribal 111; Non-tribal 85]</li> </ul>	
<b>The Road Ahead</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutionalizing SHARP within Alaska’s system-of-care</li> <li>• Partnering with other system initiatives, such as the primary care medical home, behavioral health – primary care integration, and, oral health workforce innovations</li> </ul>	
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