



FAIRBANKS ITINERANT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

Serving communities from Anaktuvuk Pass to Cantwell and from Kaltag to Eagle



Fairbanks Itinerant Public Health Nurses (PHN IIIs) and support staff provide high quality Public Health Nursing Services to 33 villages and communities, on and off the road system, over 133,000 square miles. Services are provided in clinics, homes, community meetings, tribal halls, schools, and even outdoors.

In FY 15, Fairbanks Itinerant Public Health Nurses provided:

- 2,663 individual visits
- 2,033 immunizations
- 2,082 visits to children, many of whom had no other access to care
- 27 visits related to sexually transmitted diseases
- Provided 916 individual screenings to address tuberculosis, and assisted exposed citizens in 3 infectious cases to prevent further spread.

Broad-based work:

- Participated in 46 community events to promote health and prevent disease
- Responded to 119 referrals from community providers
- We respond to daily requests for assistance from community agencies on infectious diseases, and access to health care questions.

We respond to community needs:

- Present health and prevention education through school and community events
- Support local health providers (health aides, behavioral health aides, and primary care) in ensuring access to health care and information
- Hold clinics in community settings to improve access to immunizations, including schools, tribal halls, and community centers

We work in partnership with the community to improve health for all.

Specific examples include:

- **Tobacco Prevention Coalition**
- **Headstart Health Advisory Committee**
- **Interior Public Health Partners**
- **Breastfeeding Coalition**
- **Local Emergency Planning Committees**
- **Nenana Wellness Coalition**
- **Alaska Health Fair, Inc**
- **Women, Infants, and Children**

AS A LEAD AGENCY IN RESPONDING TO OUTBREAKS, WE COORDINATE WITH PARTNERS IN DISPENSING UP TO 100,000 DOSES OF MEDICATION WITHIN 48 HOURS.

For more about public health nursing's return on investment, please visit our website: publichealthnursing.alaska.gov

