Fairbanks Itinerant Public Health Nurses (PHN III) 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

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