



YOUTH ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER ALASKA

**Our mission:** The Mission of the Youth Alliance for a Healthier Alaska is to advise the Adolescent Health Program and other health programs and to create interventions designed to improve the lives of adolescents in Alaska.

**Who we are:** We are a group of diverse, energetic teens ages 14-18 from across Alaska. We are interested in health and are enthusiastic about shaping how our state responds to youth issues that we all experience.

**2018-2019 Members:**

Moses, 18, Chefnak	Dina, 16, Anchorage	Karri, 18, Ketchikan
Mae, 17, Unalaska	Tabea, 17, Palmer	Vera, 17, Anchorage
Noon, 15, Anchorage	Evangeline, 19, Anchorage	Portia, 17, Juneau

**What we can do:** In the 2019 school year we have helped make decisions, provide insight, and give advice on a wide spectrum of adolescent health topics. We reviewed materials created for teens by various health programs and served on development committees before materials were designed or distributed. We also partnered with community organizations in the creation of community action plans to address youth related challenges that our home towns and villages want to address.

**Why listen to us?** Youth voice is critical to the success of any program or intervention targeting youth and we are trained to give professional and constructive advice.

**What we're doing:** We meet on the first Sunday of every month throughout the school year. We have served as a focus group for prevention campaigns addressing dating violence, teen drinking, suicide, and tobacco use.

**Contact us to participate in one of our monthly meetings and benefit from our expertise!**

**Get in touch with us:** Email or call Jennifer Baker, Adolescent Health Project Coordinator in the Department of Health and Social Services, Section of Women's Children's and Family Health: [jennifer.baker@alaska.gov](mailto:jennifer.baker@alaska.gov) OR (907) 269-4517. Until then, please visit our website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Pages/adolescent/yaha.aspx>.