

RURAL YOUTH SERVICES

2014 Report

Submitted by: Eric Watson, Youth Services Manager

2014 Eric Watson, Youth Services Manager, facilitated:
RURAL YOUTH SERVICES – RYS
 Communities and Representative; includes some confirmed representative for 2015.

CHICKALOON TRADITIONAL COUNCIL		Lisa Wade, Representative 745-0793
Youth hired:	0	
Supervisor hired:	0	
Plan submitted:	0	
Report and photos submitted:	NA – DID NOT PARTICIPATE; HOWEVER CONFIRMED	
Representative for 2015		
NATIVE VILLAGE OF EKLUTNA		Marlene Johnson, Representative 688-6020
Youth hired:	3	
Supervisor hired:	0	
Plan submitted:	Yes	
Report and photos submitted:	Yes	
KNIK TRIBAL COUNCIL		Kevin Toothaker, Representative 841-6754
Youth hired:	5	
Supervisor hired:	1	
Plan submitted:	Yes	
Report and photos submitted:	Yes	
NINILCHIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL		Shirley Chuhily, Representative 567-3313
Youth hired:	3	
Supervisor hired:	0	
Plan submitted:	Yes	
Report and photos submitted:	Yes	
SALAMATOF NATIVE ASSOCIATION (opted Out RYS Program)		CITC 477 - Representative
Youth hired:	0	
Supervisor hired:	0	
Plan submitted:	0	
Report and photos submitted:	NA – contact is Eric Watson Rural Services Manager	
SELDOVIA VILLAGE TRIBE		Trinket Gallien, Representative 234-7898
Youth hired:	0	
Supervisor hired:	0	
Plan submitted:	0	
Report and photos submitted:	NA – No youth; however did confirm Representative for 2015	
NATIVE VILLAGE OF TYONEK		Tina Constantine, 583-2201
Youth hired:	2	
Supervisor hired:	0	
Plan submitted:	0	
Report and photos submitted:	Yes; A new Representative will be appointed for 2015	

Youth total hours 150 Supervisor total hours 240
 ISY \$10.00 * OSY \$10.00

Community Representatives:

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What Do Youth Need to Apply?

The youth will need: Pre Application:

__**Family Income:** Pay stubs for parent/s employment for past six months. Use income page as guide.

__**Certificate Degree of Indian Blood or Other Tribal Document**

__**Proof of Age with a *picture* ID:**

- State of Alaska ID or
- Driver's License

__**Completed AKCIS** www.AKCIS.org

User name aesanch

Password akcis02

__**Male 18-25 proof of Selective Service Registration**

__**Out of School Youth:** TABE Locator Assessment NA if youth obtained their GED or diploma.

__**Meet one or more of the Eligible requirements listed under C next panel.**

__Youth 14-17 = work permit.

__*Over income = criteria met.

- Youth and Rep will complete **Objective Assessment, and**
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- Youth and Rep will complete **Individual Service Strategy** set and obtain at least one goal

Eligibility Criteria

Alaska Native, Indian, or Native Hawaiian are individuals who are:

Members of the above-named groups, and able to provide proof of ancestry. Acceptable documents include: a *Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood* issued from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tribally-generated certificates and I.D. cards, proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe, or other Native American tribal documents.

Eligible Youth means an individual who—

- A) is not less than age 14 and not more than age 21
- B) Is a low-income individual; and
- C) Is an individual who is one or more of the following:
 - (i) Deficient in basic literacy skills;
 - (ii) A school dropout;
 - (iii) Homeless, a runaway, or a foster child;
 - (iv) Pregnant, or a parent.;
 - (v) An offender;
 - (vi) An individual (including a youth with a disability) who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure employment.

*Over income youth must be one or more of the following: 1. School dropout; 2. Basic skills deficient; 3. have educational attainment that is one or more grade levels below the grade level appropriate to their age group; 4. Pregnant or parenting; 5. Have disabilities, including learning disabilities; 6. Homeless or runaway; 7 offenders or 8. Other eligible youth who face serious barriers to employment as identified by the grantee in it's Plan.

Services available for youth:

1. Tutoring, study skills training, and instruction leading to completion of secondary school, including dropout prevention strategies;
2. Alternative secondary school services; as appropriate;
3. Summer employment opportunities directly that are linked to academic and occupational learning;
4. Paid and unpaid work experiences, including internships and job shadowing;
5. Occupational Skill training, as appropriate;
6. Leadership development opportunities, which may include community service and peer-centered activities encouraging responsibility and other positive social behaviors;
7. Supportive services;
8. Adult mentoring for the period of participation and subsequent period, for a total of not less than twelve (12) months;
9. Follow-up services for not less than 12 months after the completion of participation, as appropriate, and
10. Comprehensive guidance and counseling, which may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling, which may include drug and alcohol abuse counseling and referral, as appropriate.

Local programs have the discretion to determine what specific program services will be provided to a youth participant, based on each participant's objective assessment and individual service strategy.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.

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Youth Services Manager

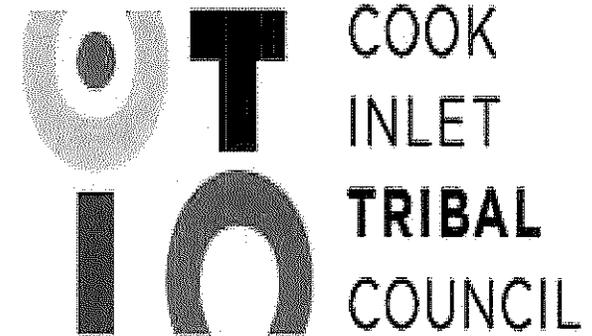
CITC Switchboard 793-3600

Effective September 2014

YO is now part of CITC's Employment and Training Services Department

CITC's Mission Statement:
To work in partnership with
Our People to develop opportunities that fulfill Our
endless potential.

**Rural Youth Services
Representative
quick guide**



People. Partnership. Potential.

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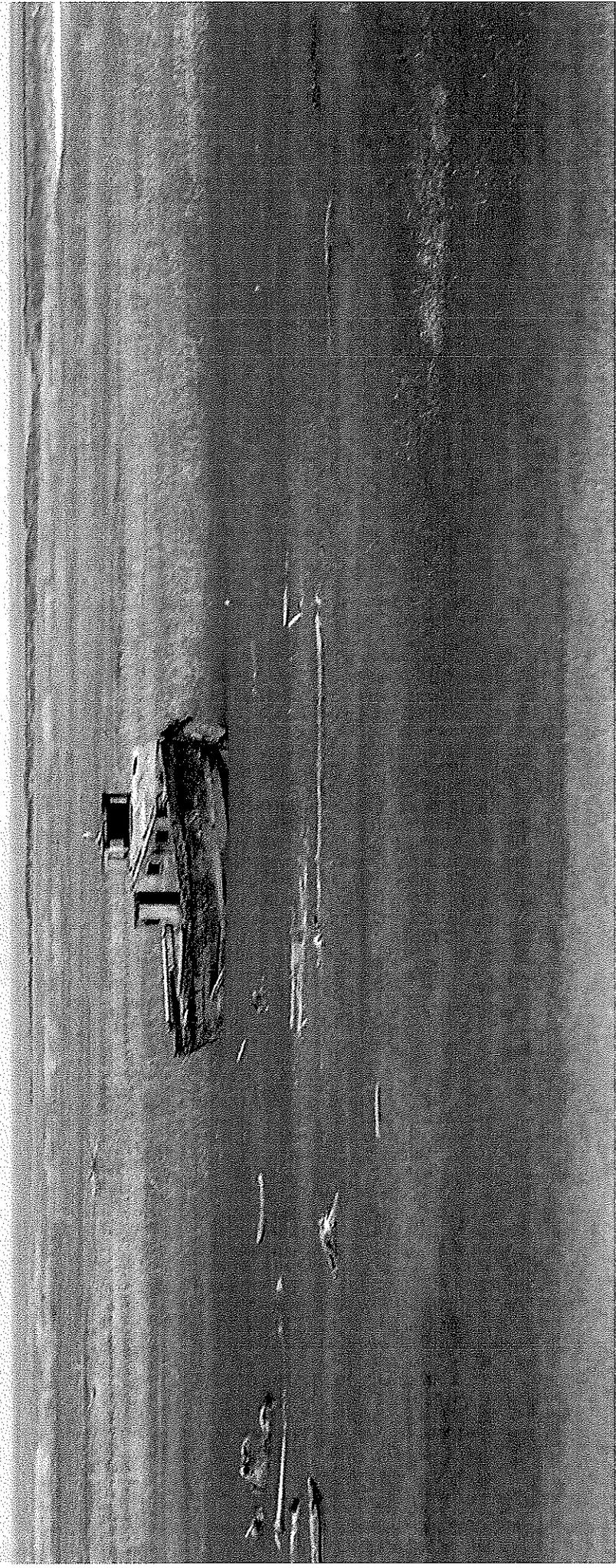
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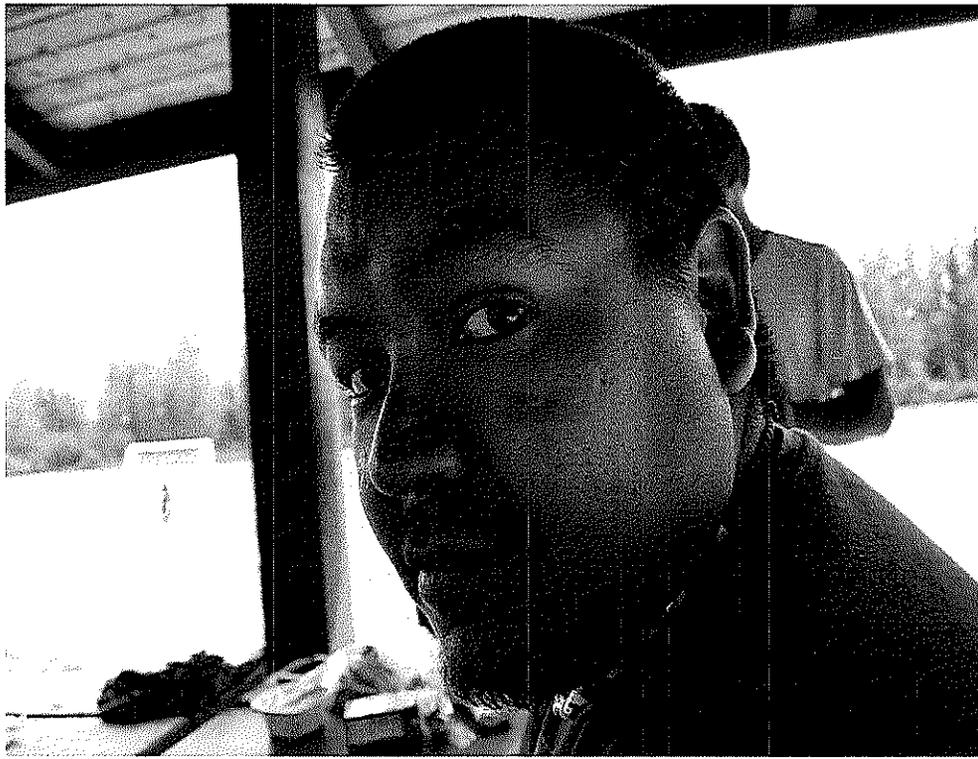
Rural Youth Services

2014

Submitted by: Jason Theodore, RYS Supervisor

Knik RYS 2014





All in all this summers RYS Youth Program was quite a successful one. We kept busy helped the community and made a difference. Learned new things, improved on knowledge we already had. Made new friends. And most important of all we had a blast doing it. Thank you for this opportunity to make a difference.



Fish camp

This years RYS started out with Knik Tribes fish camp. The youth workers from Eklutna even got to join us.

This summer was short but fun. The first week of working with the youth we had Knik Tribes fish camp. We helped the teachers out as much as possible. From playing with the kids to serving them lunch and so much more. Eklutna youth came and helped us as well. learning how to cut and process fish. They were a great group of kids.





Natural Medicine

We participated in a class that taught us more about different plants and what we can use them for. Either it be for lotion, mosquito repellent, or even mosquito bite relief.

Knik/Eklutna

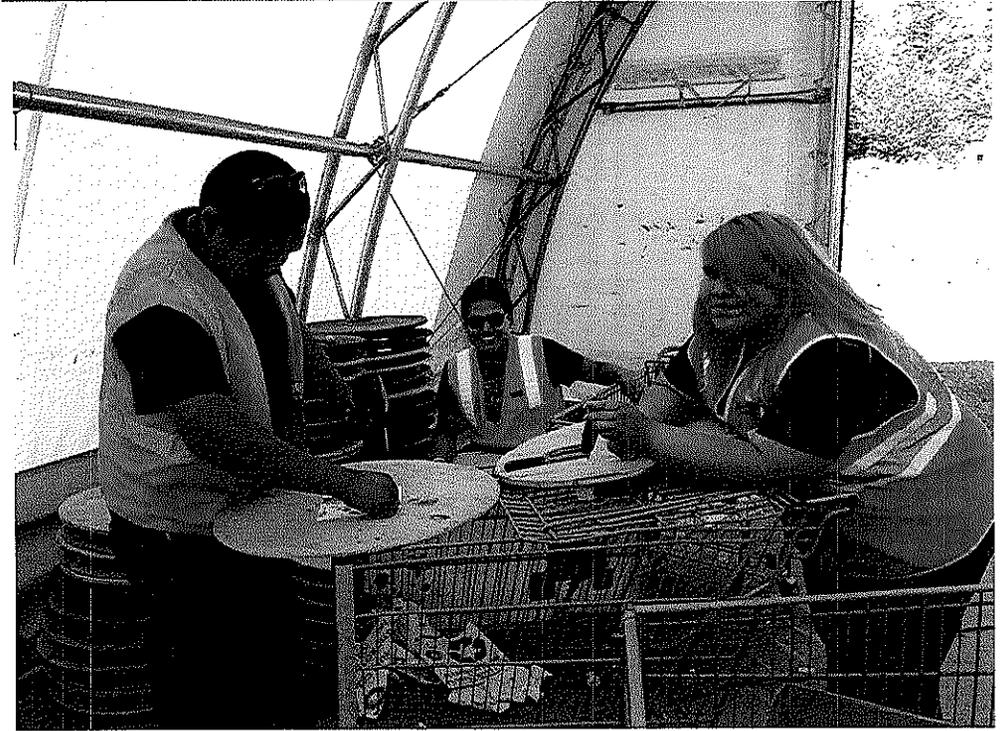
The youth workers from Eklutna and Knik really worked well together. Making fish camp easier for the teachers and myself. in these pictures they were getting ready to hand out snacks for the kids.



Week two with the youth workers was at the Food Pantry of Wasilla. We helped the good people at the food pantry supply food for the people who needed it. Stocking shelves, unloading the food truck and storing food in the coolers for other days. Can't forget about sorting potatoes! we had to sort potatoes and a few of them were really rotten. Unfortunately I did not take any pictures of this weeks events.



Week three with the youth workers was at the Valley community for recycling solutions. There we helped out the recycle center get ready for the fair. We were removing stickers from the lids of some recycle bins, that are going to be at State Fair. Getting them ready to paint and stencil.



Week four was just Mary Jane and I. We were mostly at the Knik Tribal Council office handing out backpacks to the kids. The youth workers and I put together a list of school supplies that were common among all the schools required list. A week before we handed them out we went to Wal Mart, Target, and Fred Meyer to get price quotes. The next day Knik Tribes Educaions director Kevin Toothaker and our group went to Wal Mart and purchased \$3,300 worth of backpacks and school supplies. Unfortunately again I did not take any pictures. That week was really busy. We also volunteered a day at the Wasilla Area Senior Center. Mary got to paint a picnic table.



NINILCHIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL

Rural Youth Services

2014

Submitted by: Shirley Chihuly

**Rural Youth Services (RYS)
2014 Report**

**Ninilchik Traditional Council
Shirley Chihuly, RYS Representative**

How many youth worked: Ninilchik Traditional Council had three youth working through the RYS Summer Youth Employment Program. The youth who participated were Heather B., William J., and Iris S.

Locations: Iris S. worked for the Ninilchik Traditional Council and Ninilchik Fair Association. William J. worked for the Ninilchik General Store and Heather B. worked for Ninilchik Traditional Council Social Service Department Outreach.

Youth Titles: Heather B. was Ninilchik Traditional Council's Outreach youth assistant helper. William J. worked at the Ninilchik General Store and was a youth assistant helper. Iris S. worked for Ninilchik Traditional Council Tribal Services and was a youth assistant helper.

Duties: Heather B. worked with the Ninilchik Traditional Council Behavioral Health Aide to coordinate current and future outreach pertaining to the prevention of subsistence abuse in the community. She helped at the beach fishing for elders. She worked on decorations for the new Teen Center that will soon be housed in the old fire department building. She was given many duties and responsibilities for this program. William J. worked at the Ninilchik General Store. He stocked shelves, bait, ice, refrigerators, helped with receiving, assisted the clerks with price checks, helped customers, dusted and swept. Iris S. worked for Ninilchik Traditional Council learning how to answer the phone, making calendars on the computer, filing, and organizing. She also went to help at Ninilchik Fair when they were in need right before the Ninilchik Fair started. When there, she worked in the office helping with filing, and organizing. She also help set up for a wedding that took place at the Fairgrounds.

Did the youth participate in other activities? Heather B. helped fish for the elders. She also worked in the Community Garden. Iris S. attended Ageya Wilderness Education Math and Science camp. This camp is to increase science and math skills and career interests among Alaska Native youth. William J. helped fish for the elders.

How did Rural Youth Services benefit the employed youth? All three of Ninilchik's youth were very excited to work for RYS and earn money. One youth helped her family by earning money for school expenditures and to save for college. Another youth helped pay for classes he had failed and was making up in the summer and saving money for college or training after high school. The last youth is in a foster home and wanted to earn money for school clothes, supplies and to save for college.

How did Rural Youth Services benefit your community? Rural Youth Services program is a definite benefit for our small community. The youth who work for the Ninilchik Fair Association help the community because so much happens at the Fairgrounds, from wedding celebrations to funerals. All big events happen there. The Fair appreciates any help they can get from the youth. The Summer Youth Program helps youth in our community to have an opportunity to work and to learn the responsibility of having a full time job in the future. The skills they learn from these summer jobs only help them when pursuing future jobs. This indeed benefits a community so that youth learn that working is great, they can earn money which enables them to contribute to the economy of their village. This encourages them to work and not to have to depend on others for their money. Our youth are our leaders, what they learn at a young age (good work ethics) goes with them as they pursue future jobs. I have seen this firsthand in our village as these youth go out and pursue jobs and are not sitting around waiting for handouts. They are not afraid of work and are willing to get their hands dirty in any job they are asked to do.

Questions, comments and concerns: I think the RYS summer youth program is so beneficial to our youth. This helps them to get a steady summer job at a younger age and to learn how to fill out an application, etc. They are not just babysitting or cutting lawns, etc., they actually have to go to work, learn how to fill out a timesheet, receive a check and the responsibility of what they are doing with their earnings. This is indeed a wonderful program which has benefitted all Ninilchik youth who had the good fortune to participate. I only wish every youth in a community could benefit from this program. This is one program that should definitely continue on into the future. Thank you so much CITC, RYS from all the Ninilchik businesses that had the opportunity to participate in this wonderful program.

Iris working at Ninilchik Traditional Council's front desk.



Iris working on Ninilchik Traditional Council's calendar.

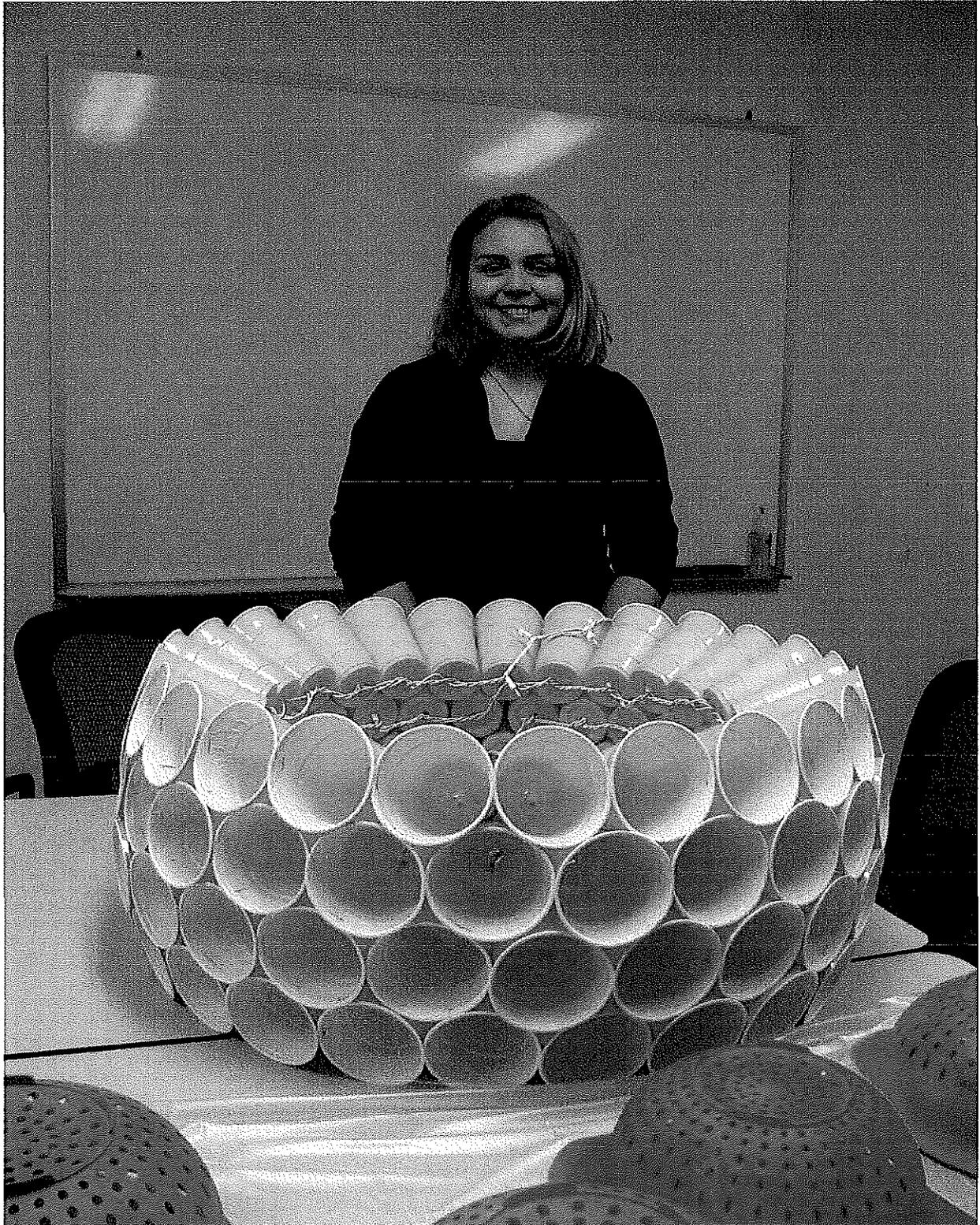


Billy and Iris working on a project for Ninilchik Fair.



Heather with her Ninilchik Teen Center project.

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Heather with her Ninilchik Teen Center project.

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NINILCHIK SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS STORY

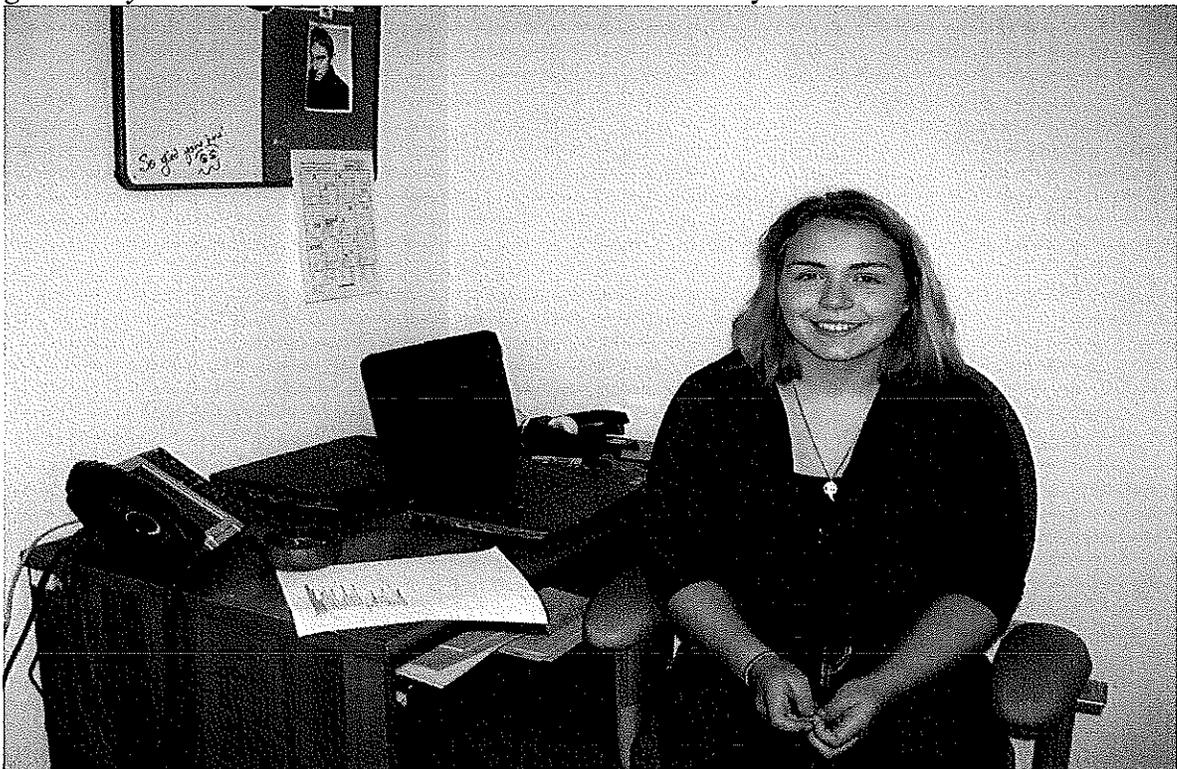
This year Ninilchik had three Summer Youth Employees. All three youth were excited to begin work and to earn money working a summer job. One of the youth stood out above the others.

Heather B. worked for the Summer Youth Program last summer. She worked at Ninilchik General Store and never complained about the schedule she received which was on the weekend when most of her friends were off.

This summer Heather B. worked for Ninilchik Traditional Council Social Services Outreach program. Prior to beginning work through the Summer Youth Program, she volunteered working for this program. She helped clear out a plot for the Community Garden which youth share with others. She went down on the beach and helped the Elder's Outreach Coordinator fish for the elders. Volunteering is such a wonderful thing in that you learn to help others and not expect to get paid for it.

When she began working for the Summer Youth Program, she worked hard to help put the Teen Center together. It is not finished, but she will continue to volunteer after her job ends. She has good examples in her life as her father volunteers for Ninilchik's Emergency Service Department and is the volunteer fire chief. He puts in many hours of his own time for the fire department and also as an EMT 3. Heather's mother, when asked for help, will always come to one's aid. Heather does not bat an eyelash at volunteering either.

Heather is my success story. She works hard, has a smile on her face and is not afraid to give freely of her time. She will be a success in her future years too.



NATIVE VILLAGE OF TYONEK

Rural Youth Services

2014 Annual Report

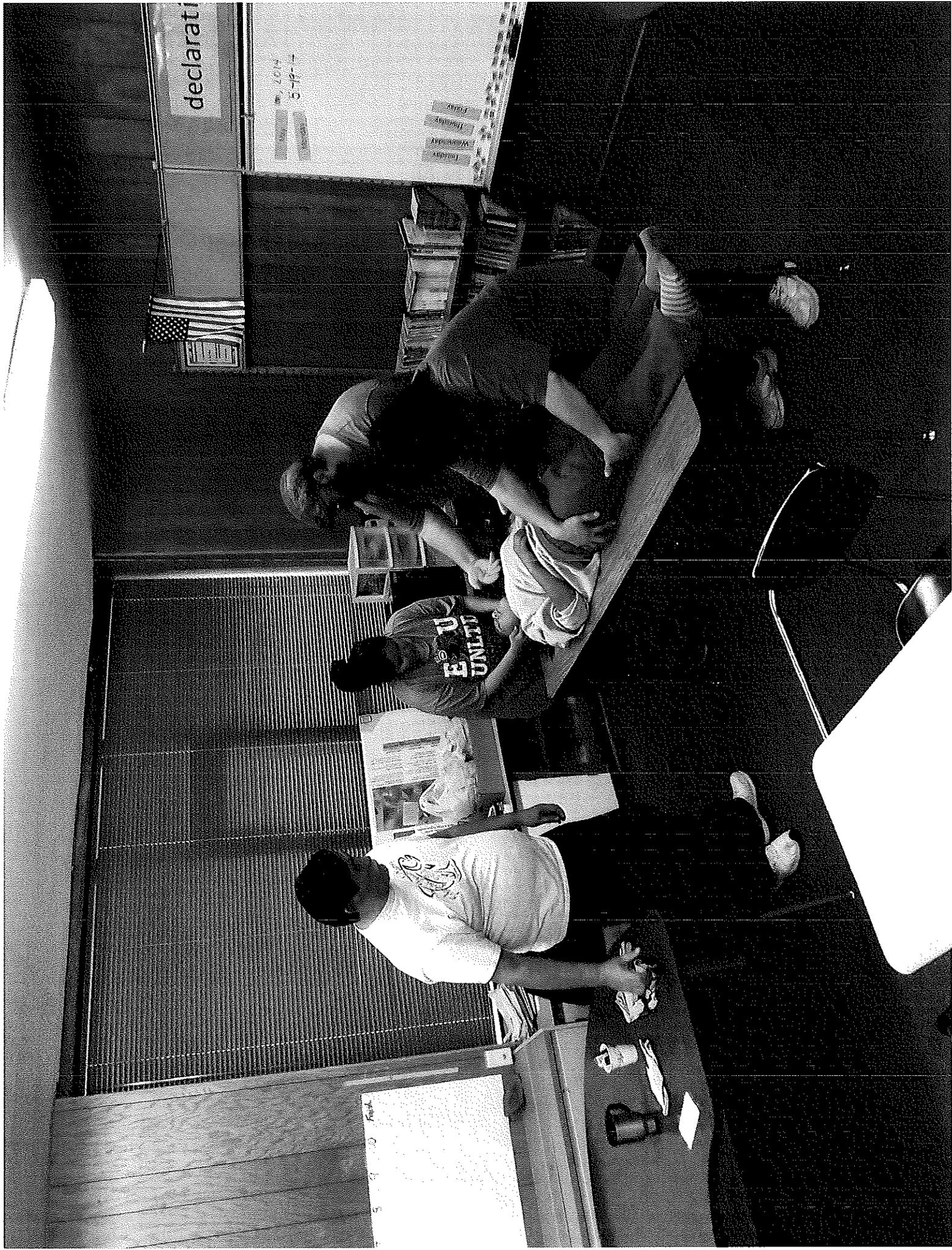
Submitted by Tina Lynn Constantine

Summer Youth Program

Report 2014

Tina Lynn Constantine

This year there was only two workers one worked with me and the other didn't work much but when he did he went with someone at the new clinic. Dale never turned in any reports on what he did. Trinity the one I had was a very good worker she liked learning what I do as the Environmental Coordinator. The first week they cut brush around the tribal center then we hauled it to the dump and had ANTHC come down and we went with him to do a survey on the dump. Then the same day we went to the water plant and done a survey up there and had a tour of the water plant how it runs. The week of July 28- August 1, 2014 Trinity went to a summer camp and helped Rob Rosefield at his camp she helped with food, served the kids, help set-up and take down tents, took trash to the dump. Dale worked sometimes up there but Rob said he only worked when he wanted to. Week 3 I had to do Community Emergency Response Team Training so Trinity joined she learned how to be an incident commander, how to call out for the minor injured ones, how to tell if a building is safe to search or not. Week 4 she went to the new clinic to help Debbie and Gena mop the floors 3 different times, Clorox the floors upstairs downstairs, mud the walls, sand the mudding to make it to look like the wall and paint over it. Took the paint off the floor, cleaned the bathrooms. I worked on environmental issues and concerns around here in Tyonek we went and asked some elders around here what issues and concerns they have around here.



Native Village of Eklutna

Rural Summer Youth Service

2014 Annual Report

Submitted by Marlene Johnson

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**Native Village of Eklutna (NVE)
Rural Youth Services (RYS)
2014 Report**

Marlene Johnson, RYS Representative

How many youth worked: Native Village of Eklutna had two 18 year old and one 18 year old girl in Rural Summer Youth Service this year.

Locations: The summer youth work station was the Main NVE office in Eklutna. This year the youth worked at four elders houses performing landscaping, cleaning interior of homes, spreading gravel, washing cars, painting exterior walls, cleaning the Main Office, answered the telephones, getting school supplies and worked with Knik Tribal Council Staff to assist them with working with children attending the Subsistence Day Camp. Since we had older youth, they were able to help the elders with chores had for them to perform.

Duties: Besides the chores the youth performed above, they went to the Job Service to learn how to develop a resume, apply for state employment and learned interview skills. They also took a tour of Job Corp. They were scheduled to speak to the CEO of Eklutna, Inc. and tour their facility but they were all late that morning. There was too little time to reschedule this activity. Our young lady also wrote a letter for the newsletter.

How did Rural Youth Services benefit the employed youth? It provided the youth with a local employer in the community in an environment familiar to them. They got out in the community and met some of the local elders. They learned how to work with young children in a day camp. They were able to assist another tribe. They were exposed to the Job Service nearest their community. They learned to get to work or the bus would leave without you.

How did Rural Youth Services benefit your community? Elders seemed to really enjoy a new young face helping them at their homes. They were able to assist elders with difficult chores. They were able to assist a neighbor tribe with their day camp.

Native Village of Eklutna's Summer Youth Employment Success Story

The real success this year was getting the youth and elders together. While they did not get to every home; they were at most of their homes. Having the youth meet relatives at the Knik Tribal Council was also a success story. Youth this age often would not have that opportunity.

Attached are some of the pictures of the events of the summer:



Fish Site Above

Glo Schetzle with Breanna Stephan and Jeremy Reamer showing their completion certificates.



Breanna washing a car above and working with Knik youth below.



Trenton and Jeremy showing their landscaping job above and working in Knik below.



APPENDIX

Newsletter Report on the 2014 Rural Summer Youth

This summer was a beautiful, fun filled summer. Thanks to the youth work program at the Native Village of Eklutna (NVE). The first week of work for me was about getting used to being in an office and learning how to do some office work. The next event to happen was assisting the elders. It felt good to assisting the elders, I know they could not do some of the house chores that they had me to do by themselves. In the process of helping I also had an opportunity to get to know them better and learned some history of Eklutna.

Fish camp! The Knik fish camp this year was a shortened but good one. There were about 60 children, ranging from 4 to 13, that attended this week long camp. At this camp the children got to learn a little bit of Dena' ina Athabaskan language and some beading, the anatomy of salmon, some Native Youth Olympics, some of the plants that they can make tea out of and have a blast doing it all. My co-workers, Trenton C, Jeremy R and I had an opportunity to go to this camp and help them out. We would help supervise the Children and help with activities that all the children were scheduled to do. The children, my co-workers, and I got to decorate our own Knik camp T-shirt with stencils and fabric spray paint, which we got to keep. This camp is a camp that teaches good values and is a great camp that I am thankful it exists.

The Mat-Su Job Center had some workshops that Trenton, Jeremy and I attended. The first workshop was on good resume creating and the other two were on finding Alaska jobs, and good interviewing skills. These workshops had a lot of good information that my co-workers and I can use throughout our lives. I am glad we got sent to attend these workshops at the Mat-Su Job Center, because I know more about resume writing and interviewing skills.

Working at the Native Village of Eklutna as a summer youth worker was a great learning experience that I am glad I took. It was a blast and I gained some knowledge that I will be sure to use. Being a youth worker gave me some knowledge that is good to have and a feel of the office environment.

Breanna Stephan