

## Anchorage United for Youth – Family Support & Engagement Update



**What:** Family Service partners will provide services at the Mountain View Community Center on the third Friday of the month in the format of a community fair. The intent is to have as many providers there at the same time as possible to allow for a modified wrap-around approach. The day of services would culminate in an evening activity/event to coordinate with activities provided by the AYPF POWER program for teens. This evening event would include an evening meal, some sort of community-building and family friendly activity, and/or potentially workshops or information sessions on topics that would be of interest and assistance to Mountain View families. Community input is being sought to inform the development of the evening activity.

**When:** Beginning on Friday, January 21 and recurring on the third Friday of each month. Targeting the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for services to be provided, with the community event to take place later in the evening (TBD).

**Who:** Service providers who have agreed to the schedule so far include: Nine Star Employment and Education Services, Alaska Youth and Family Network (health insurance & Denali Kid Care sign up), Alaska Immigration Justice Project, Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), CITC (Food Stamps sign up & WIC), Polynesian Association of Alaska, Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation POWER program, Alaska Health Fair (in February).

Additional collaborative partners include Alaska Native Justice Center, Mt. View Boys & Girls Clubs, CIRI, United Way of Anchorage.

Additional services/partners being sought: area churches, Food Bank, food provider for evening meal, transit training, budgeting classes, mobile mammograms, volunteer translators, housing assistance, child care, evening activities, area cultural/ethnic groups.

**Status:** The core group of planning partners is meeting bi-weekly to plan the first three months of Third Friday in Mountain View. **An advisory committee is being formed to get planning input from community members. Ideas are also being pursued for long-range planning and to encourage sustainability of this community collaboration.**

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