

Meet the participants of the Emerging Communities Project!

### **Hmong Alaska Community, Inc**

Hmong Alaska Community, Inc. (HACI) chose to develop an after school program to assist Hmong and other Southeast Asian youth as their pilot project. Partnering with Boys and Girls Club of Mt. View, the overall goal of this program is to engage and address community youth by helping them to understand the meaning of their traditional clothing, language, songs, dance, and their history and culture. This will yield in positive experiences that will result in social, academic and physical growth. This will be accomplished through basic computer training, community service activities, cultural orientation, Hmong language training, English as a second language tutoring, homework tutoring, and educational field trips.

### **Nepali Speaking Bhutanese Community Anchorage**

The Nepali Speaking Bhutanese Community Anchorage has worked creatively with the Anchorage community, reaching out to various organizations and individuals to create a pilot project called 'Language Training Class'. This Language Training Class includes teaching both adults and children the English and Nepali languages as well as computer 'language', ie. skills. As the majority of the people in the Nepali Speaking Bhutanese Community are English illiterate, or semi-illiterate, this program is very necessary to assist this community to becoming self-empowered and self-sustainable as they adjust to life in America.

### **Polynesian Association of Alaska**

The Polynesian Association of Alaska, working in partnership with the McLaughlin Youth Center, is creating an 'after school – support services' youth program designed to assist delinquent youth. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of re-arrests among youth by providing educational support, teaching self-management and conflict management skills, promoting right choices, and re-enforcing the clients true identity. This will be accomplished through providing afterschool tutoring, computer skills classes, group mentoring, service projects, and educational field trips.

### **Sobermiut, Reviving Our Spirit, Inc.**

Sobermiut, Reviving Our Spirit, along with their partners, propose to implement the Quiana Agayun Community Wellness Initiative. The mission of Initiative will be a unified approach to promote healthy living free from drugs and alcohol throughout the arctic. To do this, Sobermiut conducted a Needs Assessment for their pilot project. This needs assessment was specific to the needs to Alaskan Natives and consisted of the following four steps: 1. Performed a 'gap' analysis. 2. Identified priorities and importance. 3. Identified causes of performance challenges and opportunities. 4.

Identified possible solutions and growth opportunities. The overall goal is to establish a strong healthy community , within the larger community of Anchorage.

**Hmong Alaska Community Center, Inc.**

Hmong Alaska Community Center, Inc. (HACCI) has a vision of seeing that every Hmong resident in Anchorage receive the opportunity to receive their US citizenship. HACCI's pilot project is to provide citizenship classes for the Hmong English illiterate or semi-illiterate. In addition to teaching the necessary knowledge needed to pass their citizenship classes, these clients will have the opportunity to improve their English writing and speaking abilities.