

Substance Abuse Knows No Boundaries

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"Alaskans who want treatment for alcoholism and other substance abuse disorders often wait months for a place in Alaska's treatment programs due to lack of space according to a study by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, (ADA)." (Quoted with permission from the report: "Waiting to Live for Treatment" 6 Feb'02.



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- On any given day, an average of 302 people living in eight Alaskan communities have signed up for treatment in a program that has no space for them.
- Men wait an average of 66 days
- Women wait an average of 51 days
- Three in four women on waiting list have children
- Between October 15 – December 1, 2001, 213 children had mothers on the waiting list.



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What alternatives are available to a "traditional treatment approach?"



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Cook Inlet Tribal Council's "Native System of Care"

- Assessment
- Pretreatment
- Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient
- Residential
- Continued Care/Aftercare



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Where do we go from here?


