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Future Dental Health Aide Therapists Joanna Majeski, Tabatha Leiva and Jared Thorson (l-r) joined the YKHC Dental Clinic this year to continue their training. They will spend the coming months caring for patients, building clinical skills and preparing to serve communities across rural Alaska. Learn more on page 9.

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YKHC HOSPITAL RECEIVES HIGHEST STAR RATING



YKHC's hospital was awarded
a 5-Star Hospital Quality
Rating from the Centers for
Medicare & Medicaid Services
(CMS).

RESOURCES

YKHC main switchboard 907-543-6000
Toll Free 1-800-478-3321

APPOINTMENTS

Outpatient Clinics 907-543-6442
Dental 907-543-6229
Optometry 907-543-6336
Audiology 907-543-6466

SUBREGIONAL CLINICS

Aniak 907-675-4556
Emmonak 907-949-3500
St. Mary's 907-438-3500
Toksook Bay 907-427-3500
Hooper Bay 907-758-3500

SERVICES

Inpatient (North Wing) 907-543-6330
Pharmacy Refill Line 907-543-6988
Toll Free 877-543-6988
Physical Therapy 907-543-6342
Women's Health 907-543-6296
Irrivik Birthing Center 907-543-6346
Behavioral Health Services 907-543-6100
BH CRISIS RESPONSE LINE 907-543-6499
Developmental Disabilities 907-543-2762
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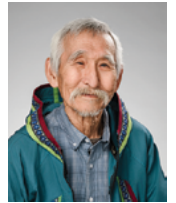
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YKHC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elected by the Tribal Councils of each of the 58 federally recognized Tribes in the YKHC service area, the Board of Directors is the chief policy-making body of the corporation, exercising overall control, management and supervision.



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Message

from Interim President/CEO
Patricia (Patty) Smith

As we welcome the fall season across the Yukon-Kuskokwim region, I hope everyone enjoyed a successful summer filled with fishing, berry picking, and moose hunting.

These traditions are an important part of life in our communities, and I hope the season brought good harvests and quality time with family and friends.

The past few months have been busy at YKHC, with village visits and meaningful meetings with Tribal leaders throughout the region. These conversations help strengthen our partnerships and ensure we continue working together to meet the healthcare needs of our communities.

We also took time to celebrate the outstanding work of our Community Health Aides and Community Health Aide Practitioners, whose dedication makes a tremendous difference every day. On August 31, I had the pleasure of joining our team in Nunapitchuk to recognize the clinic staff for their extraordinary efforts in responding to multiple emergencies while continuing to provide care during a period of high patient volume. Their professionalism, compassion, and commitment to their community are truly inspiring.



YKHC leaders, including Patty Smith (left), visited the Nunapitchuk clinic to celebrate the team's July Health Aide of the Month award, recognizing their outstanding work during a busy and challenging month.

Congratulations to the staff at the Nunapitchuk clinic were celebrated as Health Aides of the Month. This recognition is well deserved, and we are grateful for the exceptional care and service you provide to our customers every day.



Patricia (Patty) Smith
Interim President/CEO

Medicaid Enrollment Support

I would also like to highlight the importance of Medicaid coverage. Medicaid is a valuable resource that helps ensure our customers can access essential healthcare services, including medically necessary travel to Bethel and Anchorage for specialized care.

Our Medicaid enrollment specialists travel to villages across the region to assist community members with new applications, changes and renewal paperwork. Their outreach efforts have helped more customers successfully obtain and maintain Medicaid coverage.

If you have questions about your Medicaid eligibility, need assistance with re-enrollment, or would like to apply for coverage, please contact our Medicaid Enrollment Specialists at 833-543-6625. We are here to help you navigate the process and ensure you have access to the healthcare services you need.

Quyana for trusting YKHC with your care. We look forward to continuing to serve you and your families throughout the coming season.

Patricia (Patty) Smith, Interim President/CEO



NEW HEALTH CLINICS OPEN IN STONY RIVER AND LIME VILLAGE

On a sunny afternoon in mid-August, YKHC celebrated with the communities of Lime Village and Stony River at the grand opening of their new healthcare clinics.

The ribbon cutting ceremonies at each village were followed by refreshments and cake, during which community members connected with organizational leadership.

With the opening of these two clinics, YKHC has just a few more village clinics to finish to reach our goal of having a

built or replaced health clinics in every community we serve. We are proud of our 58 member tribes, 1,500 employees and pleased that our 30,000 customers will greatly benefit from these new facilities that will help improve healthcare delivery across the Yukon-Kuskokwim region.



At the request of the tribe, the new clinic room in Lime Village was added as part of the existing washeteria building. YKHC works closely with tribes to ensure each clinic meets the needs of the community.



Community members of all ages joined staff and board members from YKHC to cut the ribbon at the new clinic in Lime Village.



Above: Shortly after the ribbon cutting ceremony in Stony River, YKHC staff began moving from their older clinic to the new facility.

Right: YKHC Board Member and Stony River resident Mary Willis, left, with her daughter, Sheila, in front of the new clinic in Stony River.



MEETING WITH OUR TRIBAL PARTNERS

The Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation serves 58 tribes that live in a geographical area roughly the size of the state of Oregon. We work hard to keep our tribes informed and connected through our social media, publications and annual events. We also recognize the importance of meeting with tribal communities face-to-face.

Over the last two years, our senior leaders have been visiting

tribes and communities to give updates and listen to feedback from village leadership. Over the course of the summer, members of YKHC's leadership team traveled to 19 communities, meeting with 21 tribes.

If your tribe has not met with YKHC leadership yet and would like to schedule a visit in the future, please reach out to publicrelations@ykhc.org.



Clockwise from top:
Kotlik, Kwethluk,
Mountain Village,
Scammon Bay,

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SHOW STRONG TURNOUT FOR MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS IN SUB-REGIONAL CLINICS

Thank you to the more than 200 customers who took the time to get a mammogram when YKHC's mobile mammogram machine (nicknamed "Sophie") visited each of the five sub-regional clinics over the summer. By making your health a priority, you are helping support early detection and improve health outcomes across our region.

Regular cancer screenings are an important part of staying healthy and mammograms are available year-round at YKHC in Bethel, often without an appointment. Mammograms can help detect breast cancer early, often before symptoms appear, when treatment is most effective. Women at average risk for breast cancer between ages 40-75 should receive screening every one to two years.



More than 200 community members were able to get a mammogram at their sub-regional clinic over the summer.



HEALTH FAIR CONNECTS CUSTOMERS WITH HEALTH SERVICES

YKHC hosted a Community Health Fair at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital Gathering Place on July 29, 2026.

The event gave Bethel residents and people visiting town that day a convenient opportunity to access health services, learn about available programs, and connect with providers from across the organization.

Throughout the three-hour event, community members were able to receive same-day services and meet with staff from a variety of YKHC programs, all in one location.

Highlights from the event included:

Cancer Screening Outreach, Outpatient Clinic, and Diagnostic Imaging

- Three mammograms and two same-day cervical cancer screenings were completed during the event. Same day mammograms are available in Bethel most days! Contact the imaging team at (907) 543-6998 for same-day availability
- Staff also distributed 53 educational booklets to help people learn more about cancer screening and early detection.

Public Health and the Alaska Department of Public Health

- Teams provided three pneumococcal (PCV) vaccines and completed four tuberculosis (TB) tests
- The team also shared information about how to better yourself and community from communicable diseases.

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

- Staff distributed 60 indoor air quality toolkits to help families create healthier home environments.
- They also gave away 100 reflective backpack kits to help improve visibility and safety.

Tobacco Prevention & Cessation

- The program scheduled three tobacco cessation enrollment appointments.
- Staff spoke with 72 community members about the health risks of nicotine use and the benefits of quitting tobacco.

Diabetes Prevention & Control

- The team screened 48 individuals and identified opportunities for follow-up care and prevention.
- Three participants signed up to begin attending the weekly Wellness Wednesday program.



The Gathering Place in the hospital was busy as customers and staff visited the health fair.

Medicaid Enrollment

- Staff distributed nine Medicaid applications and received one completed application during the event.
- The team also provided one-on-one assistance to two individuals who needed help completing the enrollment process.

The Community Health Fair brought together a wide range of services in one place, making it easier for people to access care, learn about available resources, and take steps to support their health and well-being.

YKHC also does outreach events across the region. If you would like any YKHC departments to attend your event, email publicrelations@ykhc.org.



Representatives from nearly 20 YKHC departments were available to offer same-day services and information.



SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM:

Planting the seeds for YKHC's future healthcare workforce

The benefits of YKHC's summer hire program extend far beyond a paycheck. The program gives students the opportunity to explore healthcare careers, gain real-world work experience and earn a paycheck—all as they discover possibilities here at home.

The program is an important pipeline to YKHC's future workforce. By introducing students to healthcare early, we can spark curiosity, build confidence, and help young people envision themselves in careers serving their families, friends, and communities.

This year, more than 113 enthusiastic students applied for 69 summer positions across YKHC departments; 59 were hired. Our Human Resources team worked hard to connect students with meaningful opportunities that matched their interests and the needs of our organization. For some students, this is their very first job—an exciting opportunity that may come with a few butterflies. For returning summer hires, it's a chance to build on previous experience, take on new responsibilities, and lead by example.



Through our Summer Hire Program, YKHC gives young people from the region an opportunity to explore careers in healthcare.

Exposure to the workforce can make a lasting difference. A student who starts as a summer hire today could become tomorrow's medical assistant, nurse, pharmacist, behavioral health professional, community health aide, provider or healthcare leader.

That's the power of a strong workforce pipeline.

By investing in students now, YKHC is helping grow a workforce that understands our communities, knows our organization and is inspired to serve. The Summer Hire Program isn't just preparing students for their next job, it's helping prepare YKHC's future healthcare workforce, one summer experience at a time.

YKHC SCHOLARSHIPS

YKHC offers scholarships for students enrolled in healthcare programs at accredited schools.

Apply for a YKHC scholarship today!

Who should apply?

- Tribal Members
- Alaska Natives who reside in the YKHC service area
- YKHC employees and immediate family members



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**Scholarship Deadlines:
June 1 & November 1**



Visit www.ykhc.org/education for more information about scholarship requirements, eligibility, and application form.

Do you have any questions or need help completing scholarship forms?

Call 907-543-6943 or
1-800-478-3321 ext. 6943
or email AHEC@ykhc.org



COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE PROGRAM OPENS THE DOOR TO HEALTHCARE CAREERS

When someone in a rural Alaska village wakes up with a sick child, an injury, or a medical emergency, a Community Health Aide is often the first person they turn to for care.

These dedicated healthcare professionals provide essential care close to home, helping ensure family members, friends, and neighbors can access timely medical support in their own communities.

For those interested in healthcare, the Community Health Aide Program offers an opportunity to invest in their own future while making a difference in the lives of others.

YKHC's Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) allows participants to earn a salary while gaining hands-on clinical experience and college credit. The program prepares individuals for the unique challenges of providing healthcare in rural Alaska while building a strong foundation for future educational and career opportunities.

Community Health Aides play a vital role in village clinics. They assess illnesses and injuries, respond to emergencies, promote healthy lifestyles, perform basic clinical procedures, and care for patients of all ages. They also work closely with nurses, providers, and other healthcare professionals to help meet the healthcare needs of their communities.

One of the program's greatest strengths is its "earn while you learn" model. Participants are employed while completing structured education and clinical training, allowing them to gain valuable knowledge and real-world experience at the same time.

A foundation for future careers

For many participants, CHAP is just the beginning. The skills, knowledge, and experience gained through the program can help prepare students for other healthcare careers, including Nursing (LPN, RN, BSN, or Family Nurse Practitioner), Physician Assistant Studies, public health, pharmacy, phlebotomy, health information management and healthcare administration.

Whether participants choose to remain Community Health Aides or pursue additional education, the program provides valuable experience, transferable skills, and college credits that can support a wide range of healthcare career paths.

To learn more about becoming a Community Health Aide, call 907-543-6060 or visit www.ykhc.org/work.



A structured pathway into healthcare

The program combines classroom instruction with hands-on clinical experience through four training sessions and a clinical preceptorship:

SESSION 1: Introduction to Acute Care and Emergency Medicine

- Five weeks of classroom instruction
- One week of clinical training

SESSION 2: Reproductive Health and Prenatal Care

- Builds on the skills learned in Session 1
- Four weeks of classroom instruction
- One week of clinical training

SESSION 3: Preventive Medicine, Well-Child and Newborn Care

- Three weeks of classroom instruction
- One week of clinical training

SESSION 4: Chronic Care and Prevention

- Four weeks of classroom instruction
- One week of clinical training

PRECEPTORSHIP

- One week of supervised clinical experience

As participants complete each session, they earn college credit. By the end of the program, graduates receive 32 college credits that can be applied toward future educational goals.



YKHC AND ADTEP: PARTNERS IN TRAINING ALASKA'S FUTURE DENTAL HEALTH AIDE THERAPISTS

For more than 20 years, Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) have transformed access to dental care across rural Alaska. Today, more than 40,000 rural Alaskans receive regular dental care from DHATs, who bring preventive services, restorative treatment, and continuity of care to communities that once had limited access.

The Alaska Dental Therapy Educational Program (ADTEP) is the only dental therapy program in Alaska and serves as the primary training program for future DHATs throughout the state—and occasionally students from outside Alaska. Through a partnership between the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and Iñisagvik College, students earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Therapy while preparing for careers serving rural communities.

ADTEP is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), the only agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education to accredit dental and allied dental education programs. CODA establishes rigorous national standards to ensure graduates are prepared to provide safe, high-quality patient care. While the scope of practice for a DHAT differs from that of a dentist, DHATs are educated and assessed to the same high standards of clinical competency as dentists for the procedures within their scope of practice.

YKHC is proud to be an essential partner in this educational program. During the first year, students complete classroom instruction and simulation training in Anchorage. In the second year, students relocate to Bethel, where YKHC becomes their classroom.

Students spend the year providing patient care in the YKHC Dental Clinic under the direct supervision of experienced dental provider instructors employed or contracted by YKHC. Every patient encounter is supervised, allowing students to develop their clinical skills and confidence while providing high-quality care to the communities we serve.

This partnership allows YKHC not only to educate the next generation of Dental Health Aide Therapists, but also to play a vital role in strengthening Alaska's dental workforce. Graduates of the program go on to serve communities across Alaska, improving access to quality oral health care where it is needed most.

As part of our commitment to growing the dental workforce in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, YKHC sponsors selected students to attend ADTEP. In return, sponsored students commit to joining the YKHC Dental Department after graduation, where they will continue providing care to the communities we serve.



YKHC is proud to be an essential partner in this educational program to train Dental Health Aide Therapist. During the first year, students complete training in Anchorage. In the second year, students relocate to Bethel, where YKHC becomes their classroom.

If you know someone who is passionate about healthcare, enjoys working with people, and wants to make a meaningful difference in rural Alaska, a career as a Dental Health Aide Therapist may be an incredible opportunity. We encourage interested individuals to learn more about YKHC's DHAT sponsorship program by visiting www.ykhc.org/DHAT. The next deadline for application is Nov. 30



CONNECTING COMMUNITIES WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The YKHC Behavioral Health team travels throughout the Yukon-Kuskokwim region to meet people where they are and support the well-being of our communities.

Whether you're looking for support, training, education, or ways to bring resources to your community, Behavioral Health programs offer services designed to meet local needs.

Behavioral Health departments often team up to visit communities and offer a cross-section of services. For example, over the summer, the Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) team, Uqisqiun Health Aide Support worker, Prevention elders and staff, and a Behavioral Health clinician collaborated on a visit to Emmonak.

BHA and Prevention staff regularly travel throughout the region to conduct community debriefings, needs assessments, and presentations for schools, Tribal organizations, and community groups. A typical visit may include meeting with school staff, Tribal Councils, and local leaders, followed by a community presentation on topics such as parenting, healthy relationships, or wellness.

Common presentation topics include:

- Bullying prevention
- Respect and healthy communication
- Domestic violence awareness
- Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) awareness
- Healthy relationships
- Suicide awareness and prevention
- Substance use awareness
- Stimulant use awareness
- Calricaraq

Developmental Disabilities staff also travel to villages to provide information about available services and how to access them. The team recruits Direct Support Providers, who provide personal, in-home care for individuals with diagnosed developmental disabilities. Outreach visits help connect families with services and raise awareness about local support options. In July, the Developmental Disabilities department hosted its first Disabilities Pride Month celebration, bringing community members together for games, food, and wellness activities.



YKHC Behavioral Health team brings a variety of support services to communities across the region.

Suicide prevention is a primary focus of YKHC Behavioral Health Services. **The Behavioral Health Emergency Services** department offers Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) training. QPR teaches community members and professionals how to recognize warning signs of suicide, respond effectively, and connect individuals with appropriate help. The team offers regular trainings at YK Delta Regional Hospital and is also available to provide trainings in villages and communities throughout the region.

Behavioral Health Emergency Services also provides crisis support through its **Crisis Line at 907-543-6499**. The team works closely with law enforcement and provides training on the Title 47 involuntary legal hold process for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis who are unable or unwilling to seek help on their own. The temporary hold allows behavioral health and medical staff time to assess needs and discuss appropriate treatment options.

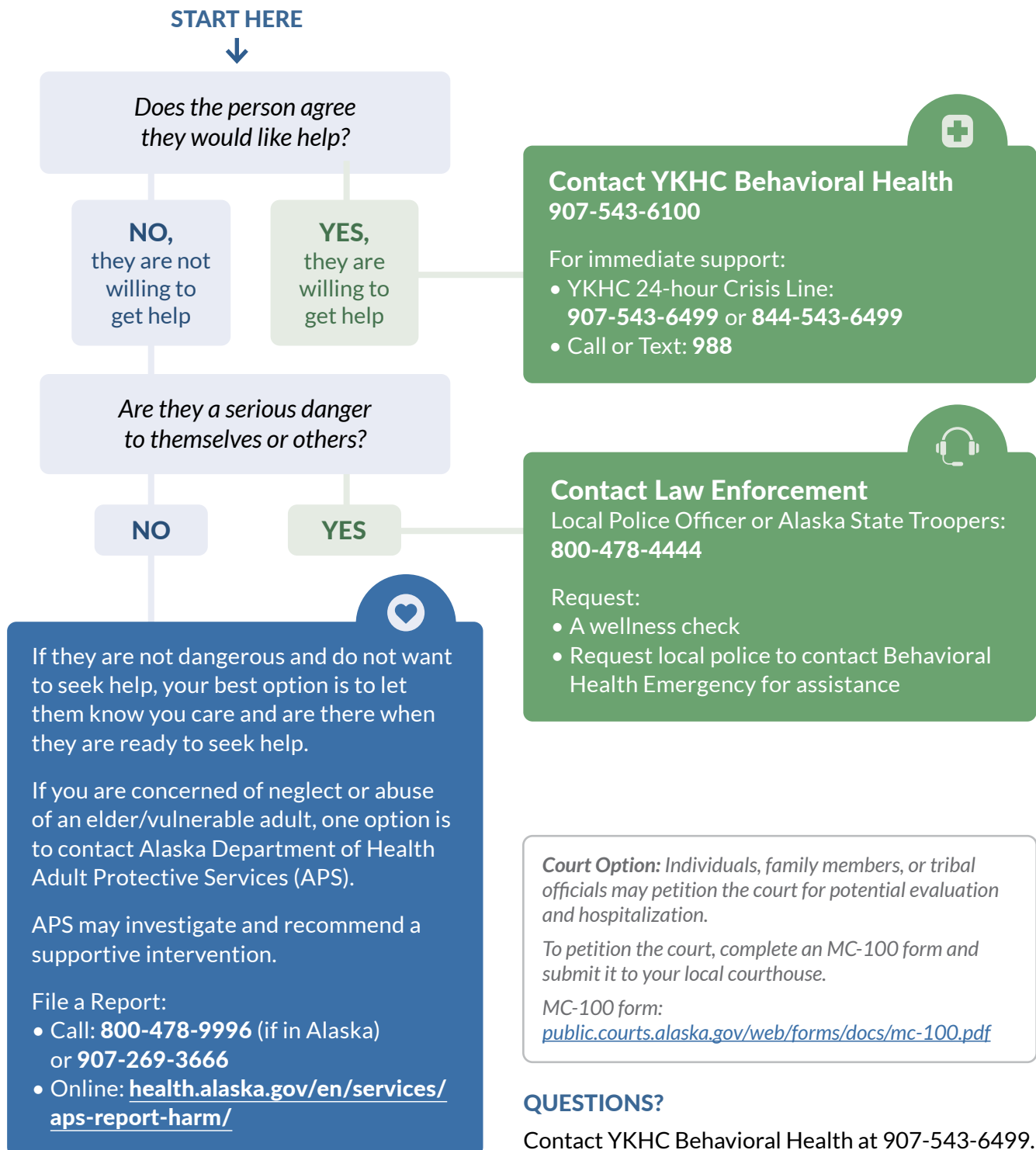
To learn more or request information about any of these services, call 907-543-6100



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS: WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

It can be unsettling when we encounter a person who appears to be suffering from a mental illness. We want to help but situations can become overwhelming and we may not know who to contact.

Here is some information that can guide you how to help. Your best course of action will depend on the conditions, including whether or not the person is willing to seek help, and whether or not there is law enforcement presence in the community.



UNDERSTANDING PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE

Many Tribal beneficiaries already know that they can receive medical and dental care at an Indian Health Services (IHS) or Tribal health care facility at no cost. What some people don't realize is that care received outside these facilities is not automatically covered.

For example, if you go to a doctor who was not referred by the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC), or if you visit an emergency room outside your region, the cost of that care may not be paid for unless certain rules are followed.

To help with these situations, IHS offers a program called Purchased/Referred Care, or PRC. This program may cover the cost of medical services received outside an IHS or Tribal facility, but it only works if patients follow the program's policies and procedures. Understanding these rules ahead of time can prevent surprise medical bills and make sure you get the support you need.

PRC is a benefit for Alaska Native and American Indian people. It provides funding for medical services that are not available at ANMC. When patients follow the guidelines of the PRC program, The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) may be able to help pay for care received from non-ANMC doctors or facilities.

To be eligible, a person must be Alaska Native or American Indian and must have lived in Alaska for at least 180 days before receiving care, with plans to remain in the state. People who meet ANTHC's eligibility requirements can also qualify. In addition, non-Native women who are pregnant with an eligible Alaska Native or American Indian child may receive coverage. Children of eligible Alaska Native or

American Indian adults—including foster, adopted, step-children, legal wards, or orphans—are covered until age 19, even if the children themselves are not Alaska Native or American Indian.

When you need routine scheduled care, you should start by visiting your primary care provider. If needed, your provider may refer you to ANTHC, and an ANTHC doctor must begin any referral to a non-Tribal health facility. All patients are also screened for Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance. If they qualify, a Health Benefit Specialist will help them apply.

Emergency care works a little differently. In a medical emergency, the first priority is always to get help right away. After that, it is the responsibility of the patient or their family to contact ANTHC PRC by calling 907-729-2470 or 1-800-478-1636 or emailing prc@anthc.org within 72 hours of receiving treatment. Anyone can make the call on behalf of the patient. When traveling outside Alaska, PRC only covers true emergencies.

Understanding how Purchased/Referred Care works can help you make informed decisions and avoid unexpected costs. Taking time now to learn about the program can make a big difference in the future.

Learn more at <https://www.ykhc.org/prc/>.

FALL VACCINATIONS AVAILABLE

Immunizations help protect you and your community. Everyone 6 months or older should get the 2026/2027 flu and COVID-19 vaccines. Infants, children and qualified adults over age 50 should also receive RSV immunizations.

Contact your village clinic or learn more at ykhc.org/respiratory-health.

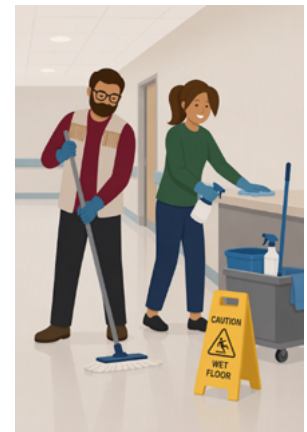
A CLEAN HOSPITAL FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

Keeping a hospital clean relies on the combined efforts of staff, patients, and visitors.

Staff uphold high hygiene standards through scheduled cleaning, through disinfection, and compliance with safety protocols.

Patients and visitors play their part by washing hands regularly, using waste bin correctly and respecting cleanliness guidelines.

Working together everyone helps prevent the spread of infections and supports a safe, healthy space for care and recovery.



EMPLOYEE FOCUS

YKHC is grateful for the many years of service of two longtime employees—Marilyn "Mae" Engler and Natalia Paul-Brannon—who retired earlier this year. Please join us in thanking both Mae and Natalia and wishing them well in their well-earned retirement.



If you saw the many beautiful plants outside of the hospital's surgery department, that was Mae's office. Until her retirement, she served as Administrative Assistant to the Chief Nurse Executive and worked for YKHC for over 26 years. She began working for YKHC in 1996 and retired at the end of July this year.



Natalia began working at YKHC in November 1989. In almost 4 decades, she has worked in various departments and for different programs, but has served as the Executive Assistant to the President/CEO & Board of Directors for over a decade and retired in August.



Ann Glasheen

For more than 35 years, Ann has cared for families across the Yukon-Kuskokwim region. **Quyana Ann!**

She started at YKHC in 1991 in the OB unit, later helped build the prenatal case management program, coordinated care for high-risk pregnancies, and helped launch the Centering Pregnancy program.

Her years of service have helped support healthy pregnancies and families across the region. Providers who stay and serve for decades build trusted relationships and bring valuable experience to the communities they care for.



Capital Projects Update

May - August 2026



Program Accomplishments

Tuntu Apartments

- Final site and parking lot grading, concrete sidewalks placed, driveway guardrail and skirt fencing below the building installed and grass landscaped areas hydroseeded.
- Design team completed Substantial Completion Inspections on 1st floor.
- All contractor disciplines are working through correction of punchlist items.
- Flooring completed at all levels of apartment units and corridors.
- Functional testing and commissioning of the HVAC system.
- YKHC Facility Maintenance personnel trained on mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems.
- Final cleaning of apartment units is underway.



Geoweb slope stabilization



Topsoil and hydroseed

Village Clinics

- **Anvik**—Water and sewer utility work underway, All Wall on site to start painting exterior ramp, stair and piling. Substantial Completion Inspection will be Sept. 11.
- **Oscarville**— Parking deck installed, Lifewater system commissioning to be scheduled, interior and exterior signage installation, Substantial Completion Inspection will be Sept .11.
- **Mertarvik**— Foundation and civil work started, retaining wall piling being installed followed by clinic piling, construction to follow.
- **Stony River**—Ribbon cutting held Aug. 10. Medical equipment being installed, clinic operating by September.
- **Lime Village**—Ribbon cutting held Aug. 10. Clinic operating by September.

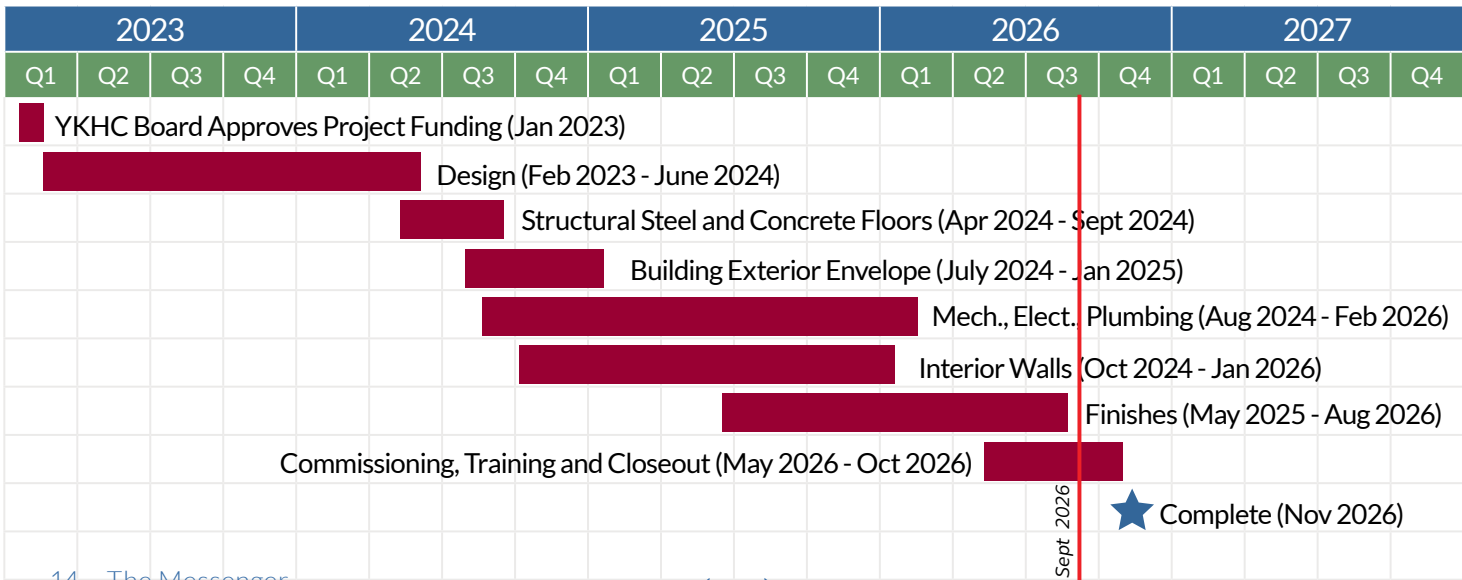


Formwork for west parking lot sidewalk



Anvik Village Health Clinic

Tuntu Apartments Project Schedule



Village Clinic and Tuntu Apartment Construction Photos



Mertarvik Health Clinic - Civil and foundation work started.



Oscarville Health Clinic.



Lime Village Clinic exam room.



Tuntu Apartments: Lobby and corridor flooring.



Stony River Village Clinic.



Tuntu Apartments: Main parking area.



Guided tours of Labor and Delivery

Helping you feel ready for your delivery

Where: Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Hospital, third floor

When: 12 p.m., First and third Mondays every month

Meet a member of the Obstetrics (OB) team by the elevators on the third floor of the hospital for a visit through the unit

- Learn what to expect when arriving for triage or delivery
- Receive information about labor induction, options for pain management, and breastfeeding support
- Meet some of the care team that may be involved in your birth journey

