



## Bristol Bay Regional Vision Project

By Jane Angvik, Information Insights

The Bristol Bay Regional Vision Project completed a successful first round of community meetings between September 2010 and January 2011. The project is guided by the partnership of Bristol Bay Native Association, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, Bristol Bay Housing Authority, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, and Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation. The partners selected commissioners for the project, who traveled with staff to 27 communities to discuss what is most important to residents and to hear their ideas and hopes for the future of the region. Commissioners also met with high school students in Manokotak, Naknek, Togiak and Dillingham.

A series of questions were posed during each meeting, and residents responded with an electronic voting device called Consensor Technology™. Participants also engaged in conversations around key issues. Paper and electronic surveys were available for those who could not attend a meeting. The Consensor™ results and discussion notes for each community are posted at [www.bristolbayvision.org](http://www.bristolbayvision.org)

The website also has charts showing compiled results for all respondents in the region. Several key themes emerged from these results:

- Participants in all communities share common views about the importance of family, subsistence activities and connection to the land and water as the most important parts of their lives both today and 25 years from now; these are the reasons why people live in the region.

See page 7 "Round 1 Results" for complete article.



Co-Chairman, Ofi Olson at the Commissioner's Meeting. Photo taken by Bob Waldrop.



Vice Co-Chairman, AlexAnna Salmon at the Commissioner's Meeting. Photo taken by Bob Waldrop.

## Bristol Bay Wellness Warriors Conference-Togiak

By DeeDee Bennis, BBNA CAO & Co-Chair Wellness Conference

Bristol Bay / Arrigah Wellness Training Conference will be in Togiak.

**When: March 11-13, 2011: Leadership Training**

**When: March 14-18, 2011: Training Conference** – In order to attend, you must fill out an application to be pre-screened and approved. There are also tuition costs.

BBNA partnered with Southcentral Foundation, Family Wellness Warriors Initiative (FWWI) to host a Arrigah/Bristol Bay Event in Togiak. FWWI is a state-wide program that addresses domestic violence, child sexual abuse, and child neglect in the Alaska Communities. In our partnership with FWWI and their model which equips individuals and communities with education, tools and skills to reverse the escalating levels of domestic violence and child maltreatment by using culturally appropriate strategies.

The Partnership and collaboration effort is on going with South Central Foundation, FWWI offers innovative education and training programs that promote strong families and strong communities which we hope to model.

These events and trainings will help assist us in meeting our principles.

Bristol Bay Wellness Initiative as a non-treatment program approach that works to shift the tools, responsibility, and power for the healing and development of healthy behaviors to individuals, families, and communities. To provide Self Reliance, Self-Determination, and Integrity of Native Culture.

The Principles include – self-empowerment - building capacity within our communities – changing attitudes, behaviors and belief systems. Provide support to Villages who are having Wellness Conferences in their own villages.

Any questions on this update please call DeeDee Bennis at (907) 842-5257, BBNA.



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## Wellness -Our Circle of Life

By Rose Fisher, BBNA Personnel Training Officer & Co-Chair Wellness Conference



**Progress towards the 2011 Rural Providers Conference Hosted By BBNA & Rural CAP.  
May 30-June 3rd.**

In BBNA's last newsletter it was announced that BBNA and the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) are teaming up, along with many other excited regional programs and agencies to host colleagues and friends from around the state for the 27th annual Rural Provider's Conference in Dillingham. It is inspiring to watch this great event coming more into focus each day. After 26 years, this is the first time the RPC will be held in Bristol Bay. About 300 participants are expected to converge in Dillingham; clinicians, service providers in rural Alaska, those in recovery, as well as elders, youth, and other adults.

A local planning committee with representation from the Curyung Tribal Council, S.A.F.E., Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, BBNA Workforce Development, the Bristol Bay Campus, Al-Anon, and BBNA meet monthly, heading up sub committees for housing, facility, media, food, exhibits, volunteers, activities, and transportation. Events will be held at the Dillingham City School. Peter Pan Seafoods has generously provided a bunkhouse to add to housing resources. An "invitation to sponsor" was mailed to businesses across Bristol Bay and many across Anchorage with whom residents do commerce. An invitation for workshop proposals will be sent out soon by Rural CAP. The Local and Statewide Planning committees will review and set the final workshop agenda.

Day one will include registration, reception and an opening ceremony. Tues-Wed events include keynote speakers, talking circles, Youth-Track events, a community potluck, craft sales, exhibits, and a menu of educational workshops and wonderful door prizes. Participants will have the option of registering for University credit & CEUs. An evening of "talent share" and a dance are also being planned. The RPC embraces and unites traditional Alaska Native knowledge and modern treatment methods in the battle against alcohol and drug abuse.

**Do you have crafts for sale or an exhibit you would like to display during the conference?**

Tables will be available May 30 - June 2, 2011. Ask for a registration form or call and ask for the RPC Coordinator, Joyce Armstrong if you would like to reserve a table. 1-800-478-5257 or local 842-5257.

For more information or how you can have a role in the conference success, contact DeeDee Bennis or Rose Fisher, Co-Chairs at BBNA at 907-842-5257 or toll free 1-800-478-5257 or by email at [dbennis@bbna.com](mailto:dbennis@bbna.com) or [rfisher@bbna.com](mailto:rfisher@bbna.com).

## Summer Internship Opportunities - Providing Quality Professional Experience in Fisheries and Natural Resources

By Courtenay Gomez, Subsistence Fisheries Scientist

The Bristol Bay Native Association is offering summer internships focusing on the biological & social sciences that help manage Bristol Bay fisheries and ecosystems. Internship opportunities include field experience on fisheries research projects that involve monitoring salmon escapement with counting towers and in-river weirs, using radio telemetry to identify spawning grounds, limnology, ecology and much more. Internships are located in Bristol Bay communities and remote field camps including the Nushagak River, Lake Aleknagik, Lake Iliamna, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, and the Lake Clark National Park & Preserve.

Interns are paid \$15 per hour plus arranged over-time. Call or email today to see what internship opportunities are available for the 2011 field season!

**For more information please contact:**

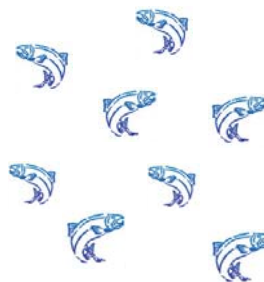
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Sydney Nelson, Fisheries Education Coordinator

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*In memory of Andrea Ruby*



Andrea worked for the BBNA Fisheries Internship Program 2009-10. She was a senior at UAF's School of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences and one semester away from receiving her BF in Fisheries, until we lost her in a tragic car accident in Ester outside of Fairbanks. BBNA gives their condolences to Andrea's Family. We appreciated all her hard work and dedication in protecting the Bristol Bay Fisheries. Andrea will be missed.

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# Tribally Licensed Foster Care Regulations News

By Lucille Johnson, BBNA Social Services Director

The Tribal/State Collaboration Group (T/SCG), a group that BBNA Children's Services Division has had representation on since 1994, began working on Foster Care Licensing Regulations that Tribes across the state can use to place children in when necessary to remove from their own homes. Through the work of the T/SCG, membership of State of Alaska Office of Children's Services (OCS) Administration and statewide Tribal entities, the determination that there is and continues to be a disparate number of Alaska Native children represented in the OCS caseload- a total Alaska Native population around 16 – 20% and a total Alaska Native children in out of home placement in Alaska hovering around 62 – 70%.



In determining that the number of available Native foster homes available and Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) compliant placements, the T/SCG began to look at finding solutions to reducing the disproportionality rate, increasing the number of Native foster homes, as well as increasing relative placements for Alaska Native children in custody. The recruitment of Native persons to become licensed stepped up over the years as well as seeking relatives to take in related children and receive TANF payments at least. The sub-committee of the T/SCG for Foster Care also began to meet to discuss solutions to the problem. With both OCS and Tribal representatives on the sub-committee, they began to work on developing foster care regulations for Tribes to adopt. This would provide the Tribes with an avenue to not only take Tribal custody of a child, but to provide foster care payments. The Tribal regulations would be developed by the sub-committee to submit to the Alaska Attorney General's Office for review and approval that would allow the State to pay for children in State custody placed in Tribally-licensed homes.

The Tribally Licensed Foster Care Regulations were completed prior to the end of the Knowles Administration with the hopes of approval. This did not occur. They sit on the Attorney General's desk today without word whether or not they were approved. Since the passage of the federal Fostering Connections law, the sub-committee had a renewed energy and began working on revising the regulations, after 10 years of collecting dust, so they can be submitted to Region X for approval. We submitted revised regulations in the fall of 2009 and got feedback on how to revise to fit the Fostering Connections law better. We spent the spring and summer revising and resubmitted October, 2010.

After years of working and reworking the Alaska Tribally Licensed Foster Care Regulations, Region X of the Administration on Children & Families approved them to work in conjunction with the Fostering Connections law! We got word in late December 2010! The Foster Care sub-committee will begin meeting to determine protocols, policies, and procedures for the regulations as well as developing forms. Our work is not complete yet. We still await the approval from the Alaska Attorney General's Office of our revised regulations. This will assist our Tribal Title IV-E Foster Care Reimbursement Program- as we would be able to receive reimbursement for Tribes making foster care payments to Tribally licensed foster care providers.

After several years of dedicated work the T/SCG Foster Care Sub-Committee is excited to announce this wonderful news, but also realize that there is a lot more work ahead and would like to continue to ask for Tribes to support this work and if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Lucille Johnson at 842-4139 or toll-free at 800-478-4139. Lucille is a Tribal Co-Chair of the T/SCG as well as the Tribal Co-Chair of the Foster Care Committee.

## Surveying in Ekwok

By Sabrina Savo, BBNA Land Management Services Specialist

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The Bureau of Land Management staff will be in  
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to resurvey all  
**Restricted Native Townsite Lots within Ekwok Townsite.**

If you should have any questions, please contact BBNA at  
907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 and ask for Tom Hoseth,  
Realty Officer or Sabrina Savo, LMS Specialist.

**\*\* If you are a Restricted Landowner(s) and need to update your address,  
please contact BBNA Land Management Services (LMS) at the number above.**

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## Surveying Standing Deadwood

By Marinao Peters, BBNA Forestry Program Manager

BBNA Forestry, partnered along with BBNA Brownfields, UAF Bristol Bay Campus and Choggiug Limited has been hosting an internship for field surveys of standing deadwood on Choggiug Limited Corporation land. The project started in October and ended in February.

BBNA Forestry Department has been supervising Kimberly Seybert who has been conducting deadwood inventory along with forest density/tree species on random plots along the Dillingham/Aleknagik Lake Road. The goal of the project was to identify the number of trees that have been affected by spruce bark beetles vs. standing live trees. Random 10 meter X 10 meter plots generated by GIS(Geographical Information System-mapping software) were measured and all trees within that plot were recorded for type of species, live or killed by spruce bark beetles and tree diameter was recorded for average tree density/age. The reason for the project was to find out how affected our forests are with spruce bark beetles. BBNA Forestry benefits from this data by on the ground reconnaissance of spruce bark beetle spread. This data will be shared with state foresters in other regions of Alaska and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bristol Bay Campus for future reference to our spruce bark beetle infestation. Kimberly has presented her final report at the Alaska Forum on the Environment in Anchorage on February 7, 2011.



Kimberly Seybert conducting deadwood inventory.

If you have questions or would like further information about this project please contact Mariano Peters at BBNA 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 or email at mpeters@bbna.com.

## BBNA Subsistence Program News

By Frank Woods, BBNA Subsistence Program Manager

Yaquilitr Kelutisti Council (YKC) "Keepers of the Birds" is the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Regional Council. The next meeting for the YKC will be latter part of March in Dillingham. Molly Chythlook, BBNA Natural Resources Director is the Bristol Bay Regional Representative for the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council (AMBCC.)

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) and BBNA Subsistence program through AMBCC will be holding a *Field Coordinator Training for the 2011 Migratory Bird Subsistence Harvest Survey project* held in Dillingham spring 2011 involving 17 communities. The survey project will start this spring involving local research assistants from 17 Bristol Bay communities including Alaska Peninsula.



Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council.

Ice Seal surveys will be conducted in Togiak and Twin Hills starting early spring. This will be round four for this project. Contact Frank Woods, BBNA Subsistence Program Manager to learn more.



Wolf Training Class in Port Heiden.

BBNA has hired Joe Chylock to follow up on the work started by Hans Nicholson on the Moose and Caribou Enhancement Project. BBNA Subsistence program held a workshop on rebuilding Moose and caribou populations on January 10, 2011 in the village of Port Heiden.

Topics of the workshop were caribou and moose populations, predator management, Impacts of bears and wolves to the

source, Caribou and Moose management plans and conclusions from the work that Hans Nicholson had done in 2009. The workshop was attended by 2 representatives from the Villages of Chignik Lake, Ugashik, Pilot Point, and one Representative from Perryville and 6 community members of Port Heiden and state biologist Lem Butler. The workshop was followed by Wolf Training put on by the State of Alaska-the Alaska Trappers Association January 11-12, 2011.

Board of Game proposals that are being taken up March 4-10, 2011 in Wasilla for game Units 9 and 17. BBNA will give technical assistance to these villages and help bring in a representative to testify before the Board of Game, Port Heiden, Perryville, Chignik Lake, Ugashik, Pilot Point, Togiak, Koliganek, New Stuyahok, Manokotak, Dillingham, King Salmon, Ekuk, Kokhanok and Igiugig.

Although we at BBNA natural resources feel that all villages should be represented budgets and time restrains have limited our ability to help all villages. We are assisting 9 village representatives and 4 staff to help during the Board of game in March.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the Subsistence program contact Fank Woods at 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 or email at fwoods@bbna.com.

## VPSO Program News

By Carla Akelkok, BBNA VPSO Program Manager

VPSO's; Cpl. Guy Ashby, Jr. , Sgt. Jason Creasey, Sr. and Sgt. Dan Decker, Sr. volunteered to serve as TAC officers for two-week s over the (10) week training of the VPSO Academy. The VPSO Coordinator's Meeting is scheduled just prior to VPSO Graduation, March 11.

The Igiugig Village Council and community residents celebrated the dedication of the VPSO Building "In Memory of Dan Salmon," on January 21. Alaska State Trooper, Sgt. Leonard Wallner and Sgt. VPSO Dan Decker, Sr. were in attendance. Unfortunately, weather conditions prevented Carla Akelkok, VPSO Program Coordinator to travel to the celebration.

The New Stuyahok Tribal Council has purchased a Public Safety Vehicle through a U.S. Dept. of Justice-COPS Grant. Both the Tribal and local City Council's participate as partnering agencies through the Memorandum of Agreement in providing Public Safety services in their community with BBNA and Alaska Department of Public Safety. VPSO's David Eneyuk and Amy Askoak will be able to utilize the vehicle when it arrives on the spring 2011 Barge Service.

The Alaska Department of Public Safety asked the regional VPSO Providers' to help in the development of its 5-year Strategic Plan for the VPSO Program. Carla Akelkok and several VPSO Sergeants" provided comments to DPS regarding BBNA's views. We expect that the discussions will continue at the statewide Coordinator's meeting at Sitka in March.

BBNA wants to encourage residents to stay safe and make good personal choices during the celebration time of "Community Winter Carnival's." VPSO's are often asked to volunteer to provide additional coverage to neighboring communities during these scheduled activities.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the VPSO Program contact Carla Akelkok, VPSO Program Manager at 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257 or by email at cakelkok@bbna.com.

## Community Services Department News

By Ida Roehl, BBNA Community Services Director

In the beginning of fiscal year 2011, Togiak Traditional Council adopted an authorizing resolution to return all of its BIA Contract Programs to the BBNA Compact. This action followed a recommendation made by the Tribal Administrator to the Togiak Tribe. Returning the Compact programs allows the Togiak Tribe to again offer other services to benefit its Tribal Members through the BBNA programs.



Aerial photo of Togiak.

The 2011 Presidents' and Administrators' workshop, February 22-25 included partnering with other agencies to include a 2-day ANA grant writing workshop; 1-day on the importance of Team Communications; on the last day the Denali Commission Co-Chair, Joel Neimeyer will give a report on the "Sustainable Rural Communities." Other federal agencies/staff providing information on other grant funding opportunities are: Jim MacCalister, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army Corp of Engineers; and Dean Stewart, USDA Rural Development. Then BBNA Work Force Services; Social Services and Community Services will review new program developments and program delivery requirements.

## The Heating Assistance Program-Let Us Help You Stay Warm

By Rae BelleWhitcomb, BBNA Workforce Development Director

Bristol Bay Native Association manages the State of Alaska has heating assistance programs for low-income households for residents of Bristol Bay. Heating assistance may help pay a portion of your home heating costs for income eligible households. Qualified applicants may receive one grant each year.

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**You can download an application at**

<http://www.bbna.com/applications-forms/LIHEAP-2011.pdf>

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### Family Size - Gross Monthly Income

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| 1 | \$2,537 |
| 2 | \$3,414 |
| 3 | \$4,292 |
| 4 | \$5,169 |
| 5 | \$6,047 |
| 6 | \$6,924 |
| 7 | \$7,802 |
| 8 | \$8,679 |

**\*\*Please remember to make monthly payments to your fuel and electrical vendors preventing a crisis\*\*** Remember anyone who breaks the rules and receives benefits to which they are not entitled must repay the benefit and may be prosecuted.

For each additional household member, add \$877



The new sign for VPSO building.



Sgt. VPSO Dan Decker Sr.

# Major Administrative Changes to the 2009-2010 CITGO Program

By Lucille Johnson, BBNA Social Services Director

The first three years we were able to serve residents of the 23 Bristol Bay communities because the Native population exceeded 70% in those communities. We were able to serve the Native elders 65 and older in those 8 communities where the population didn't meet the 70% requirement. There was no need to apply for the fuel as the requirement was if you were a resident in the qualifying community you were eligible. If you were Native and over 65 years of age in the other communities you were also eligible without applying for services. We were able to provide free heating fuel to approximately 1100 households region-wide with the \$527,000 allotted for Bristol Bay.



For the 2009-2010 program there were some major changes in the administration of the program. The first major change was the fact that the program funds were reduced to less than \$264,000 for approximately 574 households. The CITGO/Citizens Energy Program determined that the Tribal Program they provided to Alaska Tribes would now become a low income energy assistance program and they based their budget and numbers on the number of households in the Bristol Bay that received the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assistance in 2009. With these new restrictions we were no longer held to just those communities with 70% or more Native population. This meant that we could offer to all 31 communities within the region.

The next systemic change was that it was no longer an entitlement program for residents; rather recipients now had to be low income eligible. This meant that we had to develop an application for the program, as they did not provide one and we had to use poverty guidelines to determine eligibility. Using the Food Bank's poverty guidelines we developed a 2 page application to distribute. We made announcements on KDLG as well as sending memos out to Tribal Councils with these changes in effect.

Upon developing our eligibility guidelines and completing a working application, we distributed applications to Tribal Councils and also made them available upon request. We also asked for income verification attached to the completed applications coming in for determination. That was our biggest problem in processing applications- no income verification to assist in determining eligibility.

A final problem that was probably the most prevalent was the fact that we had to distribute the funds and close the program by December 31, 2010. We did ask for an extension, but were denied. We prioritized Native elders 65 and older and disabled Native individuals for the first month and then we began processing Native applicant households, leaving open the application acceptance for elders and disabled individuals throughout the process. Despite our efforts to spend down the funds, without proper income verification, over income applicants, and many late applications, we had about \$97,000 left of the program funds for the year. We had about 2 – 3 months to open the program and spend down the funds. As mentioned we did ask for an extension, but were denied. We are able to keep the funds to use for the 2011 program, which may in fact reduce our funds based on the amount left over from 2009-2010 program funds.

We have applied for 2011 CITGO Fuel Assistance Program funds and are awaiting word as to the amount and program deadlines. I am hoping that we will have more time to administer the program for 2011. We have the application and process down so we can at least get started with our feet on the ground for 2011. The anticipation is that the 2011 CITGO Fuel Assistance Program will be administered as the 2009 – 2010 program- as a low income fuel assistance program for Native households in the Bristol Bay region. The program will require an application to be completed for services with income verification to be reviewed to determine eligibility. The program is considered a Tribal program with CITGO/Citizens Energy and we must limit the program to Native households. We will again prioritize Native elders 65 and older and disabled Native individuals before processing applications from Native households. We will announce on KDLG as well as send announcements and applications to Tribal Councils and fuel vendors.

The CITGO Fuel Assistance Program is administered by Lou Johnson, Director of Social Services with the assistance of Evelyn Wassily, Administrative Assistant III and Barbara Nunn, Caseworker – Food Bank. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact any one of us at 1-800-478-4139 or locally at 842-4139.

## 2011 Bristol Bay Sockeye Salmon Forecast

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game Division of Commercial Fisheries released the 2011 Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast and harvest projections on November 09, 2010. To see full news release go to: <http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/region2/finfish/salmon/bbayhome.php>.

| <u>District Forecasts</u>                                | <u>Millions</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Naknek-Kvichak (Kvichak 4.53, Alagnak 1.52, Naknek 6.55) | 12.60           |
| Egegik                                                   | 9.76            |
| Ugashik                                                  | 4.83            |
| Nushagak (Wood 5.17, Igushik 0.98, Nushagak 1.59)        | 7.74            |
| Togiak                                                   | 0.92            |
| <b>Total Run:</b>                                        | <b>35.85</b>    |



Photo taken by BBNA Intern.

## Round 1 Results

By Jane Angvik, *Information Insights*

Continued from page 1 "Bristol Bay Regional Vision Project"

- When asked about things they would like to change in their community, the most often cited issue was alcohol/drug abuse and/or fear of domestic violence. Second and third choices were how much it costs to live here and disagreements or divisions within the community. Over 90% of participants expressed concerns about care for elders and families.
- People said the most important way education should prepare youth is to have them graduate with skills needed for success in college or vocational schools. Thus, residents feel education and wellness are important in creating healthy communities.
- On physical infrastructure, participants said they want to lower the costs of energy through development of renewable resources and by conserving energy. People also responded that housing programs need to allow families to contribute labor because that will help lower costs.
- Respondents welcome sustainable economic development that is based largely on renewable resources. One-third of participants said they would like to see a mix of renewable and non-renewable resource development. They seek income opportunities in small businesses as well as commercial fishing. Overwhelmingly, people said large development must not threaten land and waters.
- There is a need for access to capital to expand business and economic opportunity in the region.
- Eighty-seven percent of respondents believe we can live healthy and productive lives here in the next 25 years.

Of the people who responded, 45 percent were male and 55 percent were female, with age ranges presented below:

Younger than 18 = 11%

18-25 = 11%

26-35 = 11%

36-45 = 15%

45-55 = 23%

56-65 = 17%

Older than 65 = 12%



*Molly Chythlook and Helen Gregorio Bristol Bay Regional Vision Commissioners.*

The Commissioners met on Jan. 30, 2011 to review the findings of the meetings and to write a Vision Statement for the region based on the responses. The Vision statement is on the web site and will be the basis for the second round of meetings in March through May. Check the web site [www.bristolbayvision.org](http://www.bristolbayvision.org) for dates and times or call us toll free at 1-877-990-2287.

## Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

By Marlene Andrews, *BBNA TANF Program Manager*

TANF is limited to 60 months (five years) of a lifetime to eligible families. This program is designed to provide monthly cash benefits and help families gain the necessary skills to achieve self-sufficiency.

To be eligible households must have an income limit of \$2,000 or less and have children in or in preparation for re-establishment of a home. Households may be single parents, 2 parent families, caretaker relatives (ANI). Cooperation with Child Support is a requirement of the program.

The TANF office in Dillingham determines eligibility, while all TANF offices provide individualized case management services for families receiving benefits promoting self-sufficiency activities. TANF offices are located in Dillingham, New Stuyahok, Manokotak and Togiak.

Households on TANF must develop a Family Self Sufficiency Plan which addresses barriers to becoming self-sufficient. TANF participants may receive services for: child care, transportation, job related clothing, and training just to name a few.

To apply individuals may use the State of Alaska combined application form. You may check off the boxes to apply for Food Stamps and Medicaid at the same time and BBNA will then forward the original application to Public Assistance. All our forms are on the BBNA website [www.bbna.com](http://www.bbna.com).

If you should have further questions, contact Marlene Andrews, Tribal TANF Program Manager at 842-2262 or 1-888-285-2262.

### Four Purposes of TANF:

- Assisting needy families so that children can be cared for in their own homes.
- Reducing the dependence of needy parents by promoting job preparation, work and marriage.
- Preventing out of wedlock pregnancies.
- Encouraging the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.



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### Bristol Bay Calendar Events

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| Board of Game Proposals<br>Location: Wasilla                 | March 4-10, 2011                                          | BBNA 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257<br>Ask for Frank Woods                  |
| Bristol Bay Wellness Warriors Conference<br>Location: Togiak | March 11-18, 2011                                         | BBNA 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257<br>Ask for DeeDee Bennis                |
| BBNA Full Board Meeting                                      | March 15-17, 2011                                         | BBNA 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257                                         |
| BBAHC Executive Committee Mtg                                | March 17-18, 2011<br>April 21-22, 2011<br>May 19-20, 2011 | BBAHC 907-842-5201                                                          |
| BBNA Executive Committee Mtg                                 | April 29, 2011                                            | BBNA 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257                                         |
| Rural Providers Conference<br>Location: Dillingham           | May 30 - June 2, 2011                                     | BBNA 907-842-5257 or 1-800-478-5257<br>Ask for DeeDee Bennis or Rose Fisher |

To see more community events go to BBNA's interactive Community Calendar at <http://plus.calendars.net/bristolbay>

The Mission of BBNA is to maintain and promote a strong regional organization supported by the Tribes of Bristol Bay to serve as a unified voice to provide social, economic, cultural, educational opportunities and initiatives for the benefit of the Tribes and the Native people of Bristol Bay.

#### BBNA Contact Information

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##### Family Resource Center / Head Start

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Toll Free: 1-800-478-4059  
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##### BBNA Workforce Development

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