



Program Background

The Resilient Alaska Youth, (RAY) Program is designed to partner with community organizations and people to support local youth. The program places one or two AmeriCorps Members, with a tribal government, school, non-profit, or city government. The AmeriCorps Members are locally recruited from within the community and commit to serve for one year in support of the youth. The program utilizes Positive Youth Development theory and the Project Venture framework to train AmeriCorps members in in-school, after-school, and out-of-school program delivery. Members receive one-two weeks of training at the start of their service year, and spend the next eleven months working directly with youth, utilizing the frameworks provided to increase youth knowledge of and resistance to use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

For the 2020-21 school year, the RAY Program is partnering with the following entities (communities)

- Southcentral Area Health Education Center (Anchorage)
- Atmautluak Traditional Council (2 Members Atmautluak)
- Curyung Tribal Council (Dillingham)
- Hoonah Indian Association (Hoonah)
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe (Kenai)
- Kokhanok Village Council (Kokhanok)
- Nanwalek IRA Council (2 Members, Nanwalek)
- Native Village of Kluti-Kaah (2 Members, Copper Center)
- Newhalen Tribal Council (Newhalen)
- Ninilchik Village Tribe (Ninilchik)
- Prince William Sound Science Center (Cordova)
- Pauloff Harbor Tribe (2 Members, Sand Point)
- Southeast Island School District (3 Members, Coffman Cove, Thorne Bay, Hollis)
- Stebbins Community Association (Stebbins)

RurAL CAP is partnering with the University of Alaska to measure program efficacy and youth outcomes in an effort to expand our ability to support communities and drive youth success.

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Site Recruitment:

RurAL CAP recruits partner organizations and members starting in May of each year, more information and applications can be found on our program website: www.rayprogram.com. There you will find site and member applications and more program details. We are continuously looking for strong partners to support healthy communities and strong youth.