

Part Three In A Series— JOM and IEA Programs

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In previous articles, the history and legal basis for Johnson O'Malley Act and Indian Education Act programs have been discussed. But what about here and now? What are those programs doing right now in Fairbanks?

In this area, the Fairbanks Native Association contracts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to provide a JOM program. The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District contracts with the Office of Education to provide IEA services. Both programs share a common Parent Committee for planning and monitoring purposes, according to the separate regulations of the two programs.

JOM program serves students of $\frac{1}{4}$ or more Alaska Native blood between ages 3 and 18. To be eligible, students must either be preschoolers, or be enrolled in a district or private nonsectarian school. Students who have dropped out of school are not eligible.

The IEA program serves students of $\frac{1}{16}$ th or more Alaskan Native blood, who are enrolled in the Fairbanks North Star Borough Schools. The JOM program was funded for roughly twice the sum of money for FY 1977 as the IEA program.

Last school year's JOM program consisted of a set of alternative elective high school

classes accredited through FNSB School District, a resource of library of materials on Native Americans, demonstrations and other resources available to elementary and junior high schools, a curriculum development project, and some preschool workshops and activities.

The 1976-77 school year's IEA program consisted of 12 aides in 10 FNSB schools, conducting cultural heritage classes, tutoring and/or counseling. In addition, the program has a curriculum developer and is beginning to concentrate on development of appropriate curriculum in the schools, as well as massing a stock of materials currently available.

During the summer months, the Fairbanks Native Association's JOM program is assisting some of the existing recreation and day care programs to build Native heritage and basic educational activities for eligible students into their own curriculae.

Some Native heritage workshops will be held for junior high school students. Scholarships to participate in a Youth Leadership Conference will be available to selected high school students. Other scholarships are available to elementary students for participation in a summer day camp program.

For more information about the summer programs available through JOM, contact the Fairbanks Native Association.