

Inclement Weather Postpones Workshop for 12 Villages

The RurAL CAP Head Start workshop for 12 villages in the Kotzebue area which was to have been held in Kiana the week of January 11th was postponed due to bad weather. The workshop will be re-scheduled for sometime in March.

During the week of January 19th through the 23rd the Head Start workshop was held in Bethel for Head Start staff from 6 villages.

In addition to Parent Involvement and Career Development, a one credit course entitled Methods of Language Development in Pre-School and Education was taught by Mrs. Connie Smith, Assistant Head Start Regional Training Officer for the State of Alaska, stationed at the University of Alaska.

Besides 12 to 15 Head Start staff members who earned credit, about 4 or 5 Bethel residents, mostly Teacher Corps Trainees, earned one college credit for the course.

The week of January 25th,

another workshop was held in Mountain Village for the employees of 6 other Head Start

programs. Mrs. Smith taught the same course for college credit.

In addition, Emma Widmark, of the University of Alaska's Extension Services in Home Economics, worked with cooks from four Head Start programs that week.

In both of these workshops, Health Aide Trainees from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp. spent several hours with the Head Start staff members discussing health problems in their villages.

At both workshops a mock Parent Advisory Committee meeting was held as part of the Parent Involvement aspect of the workshop.

The meeting at Mt. Village was filmed on video tape by one of the RurAL CAP Field Training Supervisors.

The week of February 1st, a similar workshop also involving college credit is presently being conducted in Hydaburg for 5 Southeastern Alaskan villages with Head Start programs.