



HEAD START PARENTS CONFERENCE HELD

Child development seminar presented at conference

Representatives from 18 Head Start villages across Alaska recently held a two-day parent conference at the Holiday Inn in Anchorage. The conference was sponsored by the Rural Alaska Community Action Program which operates Head Start programs in 32 villages in Alaska as well as Anchorage.

The conference began with a three-hour seminar on child development presented by Drs. David and Marge Steward. The Stewards are visiting professors at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka. Their seminar was

followed by a luncheon at the Holiday Inn hosted by RurAL CAP.

Parent involvement in their children's education is one of the primary objectives of Head Start, a pre-school program for children whose families meet federal income guidelines.

Also included on the agenda were cooking demonstrations by Ms. Lare of the Department of Community & Regional Affairs, films dealing with child development, and a workshop on home activities for young children.