

Social services needs foster parents

Hello from Social Services. August saw Rosie Habeich leave. We are sorry to see her go. She has taken a month off and she will return to Barrow to work with kids in a new job sometime early in September.

Our big push this fall is to increase the number of foster parents on the North Slope to improve service for the children and families on the Slope. From past newsletters, you probably know that we have been working with the Inupiat Community of the Arctic

Slope in developing foster homes.

The first fruit of our efforts, posters, should be visible in most Arctic Slope villages by the time the next newsletter comes out. We have arranged to use some beautiful photographs as part of the posters. Look for them.

We (ICAS and DFYS) also asked for the advice and counsel of Elders who attended the 1982 Elders Conference in Barrow. We would like to thank the Elders who participated in

the session on family care. We hope to benefit from their experience and knowledge in working with families. Again, thank you.

Lastly, Rod has returned from working out of our office. For two weeks, he was in Fairbanks working on Intake which deals with crisis situations with sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect of children.

P.S. This past month we made it to Nuiqsut, Pt. Lay, and Wainwright.