

# Public assistance workers travel to villages

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Public Assistance

Well, quite a lot of activities have been going on in our office — and a lot of changes.

We are trying our best to keep our program going, and also to cover the program in the villages.

The Spring weather has been good, so now we hope for our community to catch a whale, so we can have a taste of muktuk.

In April I had a field trip to Kaktovik. I was very successful although I did not find a Fee Agent for the village. I

kept busy with people that needed assistance.

In April I also attended a one-day workshop in Fairbanks

with an instructor from Anchorage. She was surprised that there were only two people covering the NSB villages and



our main office. She made all of us talk a little about ourselves, what we do and how long we have been working for Public Assistance. The one-day workshop refreshed what we had learned about Mandatory Reports, and later we took some tests too.

Jeanette Kittick, the Outreach Worker, made a trip to Anaktuvuk Pass. She made a lot of interviews and kept pretty busy. When she came back to Barrow she resigned and it is with sorrow that I had to see a good worker leave the job.

This month (May) my trip went to Wainwright, and the day I left they caught a whale. I had many clients there, but I still had time to go to Rossman Peetook's house to have some muktuk. Oh, I came home so full and I want to thank them for sharing with us.

In April we had a visitor, Jane Gregory with the Social Security Office in Fairbanks. She did not have as many clients as she used to. She interviewed on Social Security, Supplemental Security, and Social Security Card Numbers.