

from Rampart and Minto —

Health aides complete course

Jenny Joseph and Sarah Silas, community health aides for Rampart and Minto, Alaska, completed the final session of the basic 10 week course offer-

ed by the Community Health Aide Program in Anchorage recently. Jenny Joseph was born in Tanana, Alaska and attended high school at Mt.

Edgecumbe, Alaska. She has been a resident of Rampart since a child. Sarah Silas was born in Minto, Alaska, and attended school at Minto. She has been a resident of Minto since birth.

According to Mr. Joseph Whitaker, training coordinator for the Community Health Aide Program, Jenny Joseph and Sarah Silas received training in the prevention and treatment of injuries and illnesses commonly encountered in Alaska.

Jenny Joseph and Sarah Silas will continue their studies at home in Rampart and Minto and at periodic workshops in Anchorage with the goal of earning 24 hours of academic credit and a certificate from the University of Alaska.

Jenny Joseph and Sarah Silas are employees of the Tanana Chiefs Health Authority, headquartered in Fairbanks. The Tanana Chiefs Health Authority receives funding for their salaries through a contract with the Alaska Area Native Health Service. They are two of 28 community health aides in the Tanana Chiefs Health Authority and 215 statewide. Community health aides provide health services to an estimated 50,000 residents of rural Alaska.



SARAH SILAS (left) AND JENNY JOSEPH