

# Ascent program helps Anchorage youth ascend to better jobs

The Cook Inlet Native Association has begun its summer job placement and training program for students ages 14-21.

Some 30 students will be placed in jobs ranging from hospital, police, automobile and small engine repair shops after a four-week training program.

The Ascent I program takes students on a "guided career search." During the first four weeks of the program students

attend classes from 9 a.m. to noon. The students take tests to "help them narrow down their career interests," said Joan Henry, CINA Job Developer. The students go through a job readiness program during which they write a resume, fill out a job application, and are videotaped during a mock interview. The students also visit possible career sites during the first four weeks.

After completing four weeks

of classes, the students work for seven weeks at a job site best suited to their needs. A student may work from a few hours to eight hours a day. "It depends on the individual's needs," Henry said.

When a student completes Ascent I the student may go into an Ascent II program. The second section involves a four-day orientation and then spending the rest of the time working.

CINA has openings in Ascent I and II. Applications are available at 670 West Fireweed Lane, Anchorage. Applicants must bring proof of birth (Bureau of Indian Affairs enrollment form) and family income information. Ascent I programs

will begin on June 8. Interested applicants can call Ginger at 278-4641 for Ascent I and Kirby can be reached at the same number for the Ascent II program.

Joan Henry said, "it is a really fun program."

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