

MOONEY HEADING CHILD DEVELOPMENT



NEW DIRECTOR — Roger Mooney has been named by RurAL CAP as new director for child development.

New Director to Administer 30 Head Start Programs

On May 31, RurAL CAP Executive Director, Mike Harper, and a committee of 3 State PAC members composed of: Lucien Poussard of the Alaska Native Health Service, Loretta Outwater from State Operated Schools, and Whittier Williams from the Kotzebue Parent Child Center, reviewed and interviewed applicants for the position of Director of Child Development.

This committee unanimously approved the decision to hire Roger Mooney to supervise and administer the 30 Head Start programs and 2 parent Child Centers under RurAL CAP's Child Development Department.

Roger will begin working for RurAL CAP on June 19th. He is presently Acting Director of the Greater Anchorage Area Community Action Agency (GAACAA) where he has been employed for a year as Program Director. GAACAA's Head Start program was one of the programs under his supervision during this time.

He graduated from Rutgers University in New Jersey in 1968 with a degree in English and Education. He then taught high school in Laconia, New Jersey for two years before entering the Peace Corps where he taught English as a foreign language in Afghanistan.

After leaving the Peace Corps he entered the VISTA program

in 1971 where he worked with the Anchorage Native Welcome Center.

Roger has expressed a great deal of desire to visit as many of the Head Start programs as possible in his capacity of Director of Child Development and feels that the important issue for Head Start this year is the new direction being sought nationally for Head Start programs and the transfer of responsibility from federal government to the local government.

He feels it is important that the people involved in Head Start have a chance to make their wishes for the direction of Head Start known.

Mike Harper expressed full confidence in Roger Mooney's ability to meet the increased need for an administrative director to work with the Head Start programs, the Parent Child Centers, and RurAL CAP's staff to constantly improve the services they provide to the parents and children of rural Alaska.