

# ***Alaska Native Alcoholism Recovery Center receives first-ever accreditation***

Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Alaska Native Alcoholism Recovery Center (ANARC) has received a three-year accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF); signifying the first time a treatment center designed specifically for Native people has ever achieved this prestigious award.

CARF is a private not-for-profit organization whose sole concern is to promote quality services for people with disabilities. CARF's standards are developed by rehabilitation professionals from across the nation.

Upon announcement of the award, Ernest Turner, ANARC Director said, "Many people are under the misconception that Native programs are somehow second-rate—and this is not true at all. We have the knowledge and experience to provide excellent services. Being awarded this accreditation validates our work."

Esther Combs, Executive Director of Cook Inlet Tribal Council offered, "We're very proud to be the first Alaska Native program to be accredited by CARF. This achievement is an indication of ANARC's dedication and commitment to improving the



quality of life for Alaska Native people."

The CARF report Cook Inlet Tribal Council received accrediting the treatment center included many commendations including, "The strengths of the organization lie in its program director and staff and their collective commitment to providing quality rehabilitation services. The cultural influxes of the program have served to mold the staff into a strong, cohesive group that cooperates in an extraordinary manner." The CARF surveyors also said, "ANARC should be used as a role model for other chemical dependency programs—utilizing ANARC staff for training."