

Guard ChalleNGe Program now recruiting kids

The Alaska National Guard is recruiting for the March 14 Youth Corps' ChalleNGe Program class.

The ChalleNGe program is designed to give 16 to 18 year-old "at risk" youth a second chance. Applicants must be out of school, be willing to commit to drug-free

living, be free of legal entanglements at the time they enter the program, and must want to make the effort to change their lives.

Corpsmembers will live at the Alaska Army National Guard's Camp Carroll training center on Fort Richardson. They will re-

ceive training and instruction in life skills, team work, vocational skills and will study for their Graduate Equivalency Diploma or complete the requirements for a high school diploma.

Students who successfully complete the 22-week residential

phase of the program are eligible for a \$2,200 federal stipend which may be used for further academic or vocation courses, on-the-job training, or to secure employment. Graduates are also paired with mentors upon graduation which will work with the graduate for up to 12 months helping them to attain the goals they set for themselves during the program.

Eighty-nine young Alaskans in the first tow ChalleNGe courses

have successfully completed course requirements. Graduates have gone on to enroll in the University of Alaska, Anchorage, join the military services, or to attend vocational schools throughout the state.

For information on the ChalleNGe program or application, contact Capt. Ed Wicher, 384-6015 or at 1-800-797-2267 for out of Anchorage calls.