

Workshops scheduled with convention

October 15, the day before the AFN Convention begins, has been dedicated as Workshop Day.

The workshops are scheduled either at the Anchorage Westward Hilton or Egan Convention Center. Each workshop will have two sessions: one from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The following is a list of workshops scheduled so far.

*Local Option Workshop, Anchorage Westward Hilton, Denali Room.

This workshop is designed for village leaders who are interested in learning more about the state alcohol local option laws. Speakers will talk about the various options, including the new option on banning possession of alcohol in your community, which recently passed the state legislature. "How-to-do-it" material will be available to take home to share with other community members.

*Indian Child Welfare Act Workshop, Hilton Portage Room.

The workshop is designed for village leaders who are interested in learning what is going on in state/tribal relations on children's issues and to learn first hand how the state policy on the implementation of the federal law-the Indian Child Welfare Act-is being developed. An update of activities following the recent state conference on ICWA, sponsored by the Governor's Office, will be discussed.

*Education Workshop, Hilton King Salmon Room.

This workshop is designed for Alaska Natives interested in education-related activities and current issues.

*Health Workshop, Egan Convention Center

Morning Session: Families and the Cyclic Nature of Disease. This workshop will examine the intergenerational aspects of the transmission of behavioral health problems. The workshop will examine alcohol abuse, suicide, fetal alcohol syndrome, family violence, child sexual abuse, diet and exercise, teen pregnancy and accidents. These problems will be discussed in relation to families, and how families can cope with these problems.

Afternoon Session: Rural Health in Alaska, A New Direction

This workshop will present information on the major issues shaping new responses to old health problems in rural Alaska. Participants will examine the Rural Resource Center Plan of the Alaska Native Health Board Inc. and will discuss ways in which these newer health technologies will be implemented in the future.

*Alaska Native Foundation, ANCSA 14(c)(3) Seminar

ANF along with the state Department of Community and Regional affairs will conduct a second annual ANCSA Section 14(c)(3) Seminar Oct. 14 and 15 at the Egan Convention Center.

The two-day seminar will focus on Section 14(c)(3) and deal with the transfer of village corporation land to the cities (or the state-in-trust if no city) to meet present and future public needs.

For information on the 14(c)(3) Seminar, contact ANF at 274-2541. For information on the other workshops, contact AFN at 274-3611.



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Cultural events are scheduled each evening of the convention