

Chiniak Job Corps update

Mr. Dave McGuigan, Job Corps Center Director for the Alaska Federation of Natives, started at AFN, Inc. on January 2, 1979. He has begun working on the Job Corps program based on AFN's contract with the Department of Labor. The program, as described in the December 29, 1978 AFN Newsletter page of the Tundra Times, has undergone some modifications.

Mr. McGuigan's major areas of concern are the physical plant facilities and any remodeling needed at Chiniak, staff housing, actual hiring of staff and development of the specific curriculum to be offered, which may vary from that listed in the Tundra Times.

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The scheduled opening date of the Job Corps Center and *actual enrollment of students has been delayed to mid year 1979.* The center will not be able to accept students in March as previously announced.

The Job Corps center is subject to change depending on the readiness of the facilities at Chiniak. However, anyone interested in it's progress may want to make their enrollment interests known to their regions.

Hiring of the Job Corps staff has been delayed due to the opening date postponement. There will be a nucleus of administrative staff employed in the near future though, so that these people can help launch the program.

There have been several curriculum areas considered for the Job Corps program, some of which were reported in the December AFN Newsletter page, but the program director, Mr. McGuigan, is still interested in the recommendations or suggestions of any interested agencies or individuals. Curriculum information will be updated and circulated as soon as each vocational program is finalized.

The program director encourages anyone with general or specific questions about the Job Corps program to contact: Mr. Dave McGuigan, AFN — Job Corps, 550 West Eighth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or phone 274-3611, extension 228.

Check the AFN monthly newsletter page in the Tundra Times for continuing updates on the Job Corps program.