Welcome Center Community Worker Has Many Things to Do

By MARY ANN OQUILLUK Community Worker

Since my beginning as Community Worker, much of our time has been staff orientation with community service agencies -private and public-primarily dealing with mutual problems of the people in one form or another, which the Fairbanks Native Community Center will use as referrals.

FORMER COMPAS REHAB EMPLOYEES

Formerly, the Community Workers were Rehab Center employees under the Executive Director, Mr. Robert Carroll, as Outreach Worker and Homemaker in which we received valuable training in alcoholism and compulsive behavior which helps in present positions. The Outreach Worker learned the methods used in rendering services to the Rehab Center participants which is pertinent in present position.

LEGAL SERVICE OFFER EVENING HOUR COUNSEL-ING SERVICE

The supervising attorney, Mr. David Wolf, was kind enough to let me take up some of his time at Alaska Legal Services Corp. in which we discussed what services they have to offer and who is eligible. Mr. Wolf has offered to spend some evening hours at the Center for those who may not be able to contact them during the

day and perhaps you may have questions to ask him concerning a legal problem.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Food Stamp Program under the head of Tim Cook was one of my busiest visits and very enlightening on the subject.

One of the Food Stamp staff took me under her wing and explained the techniques of filling out applications, and who are eligible recipients.

People have come to me saying, "I thought only people on welfare were eligible for Food Stamps," etc., which is not true. If you have any questions please feel free to call Mary Ann at 452-4697, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.