

# IBC receives specialized training and institute grants

The Indigenous Broadcast Center (IBC), a project of Alaska Public Radio Network, has been awarded two grants, one from the National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture in Oakland, California, and one from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in Washington, D.C. The IBC is the

country's only national training center dedicated to increasing the participation and advancement of Native Americans in the public radio industry. The funding will be utilized to provide specialized, culturally-sensitive training for Native Americans in media fields.

The NEA grant is being

awarded through the Media Arts Program and will be used for a workshop designed to upgrade the production and technical skills of eight Native American radio producers and to stimulate the production of Native American arts programming. The eight producers will be paired with Native

American artists, forming a dynamic exchange resulting in feature-length radio arts pieces.

The National Alliance of Media Arts and Culture grant will be used to conduct the fourth annual Alaska Native Youth Media Institute. The award-winning Institute is an intensive eight-day residential training workshop for Alaska Native high school students. Alaska's top media professionals

provide the students with a combination of hands-on training and introductory lectures in radio and video production, newspaper writing and production, and photo-journalism. Participants leave the Institute with a solid grounding in all aspects of journalism as well as finished radio pieces, video productions, and a newspaper that they can include in a portfolio.