

ANS Improves Fairbanks services

On Monday, September 18, the newly completed addition to the Alaska Native Health Center in Fairbanks opened.

Services for ANHS patients will be greatly improved. Five new medical examination rooms have been added. Two new dental operatories and additional dental X-ray equipment should greatly increase dental services at the clinic.

A Patient Educator, Psychiatric Social Worker, and an

additional Public Health Nurse (part-time) focus the Health Center's service on prevention of illness. Dr. Bill James has returned to Fairbanks as Clinical Director.

Environmental health services are now based at the Tanan Chiefs Health Authority offices in the Doyon Building (452-8251).

The office of the Service Unit Director is now at the ANHS Health Center at 1638 Cowles (452-2131).

The Health Center is open Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00

PM. In addition, the Medical Clinic is open on Saturday from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Please note that the Medical Clinic is no longer open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Please call 452-2131 to make an appointment. This allows you to be seen quicker. Patients with medical emergencies are always seen first.

"Thank you for your patience during the last two years of the expanded clinic construction. Please call or stop by if you have comments or suggestions for improving patient services," said Director Tom Hartrich of the Interior Alaska Service Unit.