

# Ketchikan

## JOM Programs

One of the new programs with Johnson O'Malley this year is the Schoenbar Junior High School — Affirmative Development of Alaska Native Students.

This program is designed to serve the Junior High students of the Ketchikan area. Supplemental funds from the Indian Education Act and Johnson O'Malley are currently supporting activities for Elementary and High School students.

The Schoenbar program provides a Counselor and Two Para-Professional Counselors to work with the Junior High Alaska Native students. During this pilot year the program hopes to work with students who are having problems either in school or at home.

By dealing with the students on a one-to-one basis the program hopes to promote interest in school and reduce the drop-out level.

Ketchikan's other JOM Program is operated by Valley Park Elementary School. Increase the Success of Native Students is primarily based on providing Teacher Aides within the school.

There are currently no Indian teachers at Valley Park School, and the Parent Committee feels that this would greatly benefit their children. In addition to providing Teacher Aides the program will teach bilingual classes in Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian languages.

In conjunction with these classes some of the older students will travel to villages in the area that still speak these languages.

The Ketchikan programs are just two of the fifty-four JOM Programs operated throughout the state. Both programs are supported by strong and active Parent Committees.