

# Outstanding Young Woman of 1972

## Director of KACDC Dolores G. Padilla in Kodiak Honored

The executive director of the Kodiak Area Community Development Corp. in Kodiak, Alaska, has been named Alaska's Outstanding Young Woman of the Year for 1972.

Mrs. Dolores G. Padilla, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Gallagher of Kodiak, was chosen from the hundreds of Alaska women nominated for this year's Outstanding Young Women of America Awards program.

Along with the winner in each of the 49 other states, Mrs. Padilla is now being considered for one of 1972's Ten Outstanding Young Women of America Awards. The ten national winners will be announced November 29 at an awards ceremony in Washington, D. C.

Nominated for this honor by the Kodiak chapter of the League of Women voters, Mrs. Padilla's complete biography will



**DOLORES G. PADILLA**

appear in the 1972 awards Volume of **OUTSTANDING YOUNG WOMEN OF AMERI-**

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Now in its eighth year, the Outstanding Young Women of America program is sponsored annually by leaders of women's organizations and honors women between the ages of 21 and 35 for civic and professional achievement.

Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, honorary president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, heads a distinguished Board of Advisors which guides the program. Serving with Mrs. Arnold on the Board are the national presidents of major women's organizations.

Mrs. Padilla has been an active worker in Alaska's anti-poverty program since 1969. She recently obtained funds for an alcoholism program in her area which now has the assistance of a full-time counselor.

In cooperation with the Office of Economic Opportunity, she established an assistance program for senior citizens. The program provides the elderly with recreational activities, medical and dental care and hot meals.

As coordinator of multi-agency effort, Mrs. Padilla was instrumental in bringing fire prevention education to the people in rural villages. Through her office, planning and economic development is handled for 11 villages. This includes referral services, housing, child care, job training and employment.

For her work, she has received commendation certificates from both the Headstart and Rural Alaska Community Action programs.

She holds memberships in several social service groups, including the Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Physically Handicapped and the University of Alaska Citizens' Advisory Committee.

She and her husband, Rey Padilla, Sr., are the parents of three children.