

CINA holds open house

An open house is to be held at the Cook Inlet Native Association (CINA) headquarters from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. this Friday to celebrate the award of about \$300,000 in federal funds for that organizations Adult Basic Education (ABE) program.

Word of the federal grant award came last month. The money will go to support the ABE program over the next two years, according to Sharon Eluska, who heads the associations's efforts.

About 12 persons are currently enrolled in the program. The new funds will allow enrollment expansion to at least 30 persons and will enable CINA to hire additional staff to make the program more effective. Eluska said she hopes to put on an additional two full-time instructors and a part time clerical person.

A variety of programs are conducted under the program, with an emphasis on reading, writing, mathematics, and what Eluska termed "life-coping" skills.

The program is run in

cooperation with other Anchorage social service agencies, including the Women in Need (WIN) program, Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) programs, and the Anchorage Community Mental Health Programs.

"The main reason for the open house is to get togeth-

er with the people we work with," Eluska said.

She said the program has already begun to order new equipment and is moving to larger quarters within CINA headquarters. Things should be fully underway by September, Eluska said.

Interviews are already being held for instructor positions.
