

AFN recommendations to Congress:

1. Urge the Indian Committee to establish a Joint Commission on the Status of Alaska Natives which includes representatives of the Alaska Native community and state and federal government.
2. Urge the Congress to provide funding to allow initiation of Headstart programs in additional villages and to reduce the waiting list of eligible children at locations where Headstart is currently offered.
3. Urge the funding for a demonstration project to engage parents in the education of their small children in their homes through the use of trained paraprofessionals. Program model: Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters.
4. Ask that training opportunities for Natives and other Alaskans be expanded by restoring earlier levels of funding for the Job Training and

Partnership Act and modifying one provision of it, and by establishing a Jobs Corps Center in the state.

5. Ask the Congress to provide funding for planning a Native Enrichment Academy that would enhance the prospect of village high schoolers succeeding in high schools, technical schools and colleges.

6. Urge that the secretary of Health and Human Services be encouraged to withdraw the proposed final rule on Indian Health Services eligibility which would decrease the number of Natives eligible for services.

7. Urge the full funding of the Community Health Aide Program at the \$28.7 million level.
8. For the Bureau of Indian Affairs:

- Urge the Congress to reverse the continuing reductions in Alaska's allocation from the Bureau

of Indian Affairs by restoring funding for tribal contractors to FY 1985 levels;

- Ask a reassessment of what BIA workforce in Alaska is required to carry out its responsibilities in order to determine whether additional funds could be made available to tribal contractors delivering services.

- Ask for a review and evaluation of bureau criteria for allocating annual levels of funding for Alaska Programs.

- Request the Congress to reverse its policy of excluding Alaska Natives from the BIA's general assistance program.

- Request the Congress to assess the funding levels of the adult vocational training and direct employment services programs of the BIA to see if funding levels are realistic in light of the demonstrated needs.