

# ***High Rate of Hearing Loss in Ak.***

David R. Canterbury, Ed.D., new chief of the Communicative Disorders Program, Alaska Division of Public Health, advised that nationally, Alaska continues to have the highest incidence of ear infections resulting in a high rate of hearing loss.

Dr. Canterbury hopes to change that situation by intensi-

fying screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for hearing impaired children, giving priority to pre-schoolers.

Educational programs emphasizing prevention and early detection of symptoms for ear infections and high risk noise situations will also receive priority emphasis.