

NYC Enrolls 1,070 Youths

A total of 1,070 youths between 16 and 22 years of age are enrolled in Neighborhood Youth Corps activities being conducted throughout Alaska this summer by State, cities and Boroughs, Governor William A. Egan disclosed last week.

Of this total, 770 are students home for the summer. The money they earn in the NYC program will assist them in furthering their education.

The other enrollees in the program are youth who have dropped out of school or failed to complete their schooling and lack the skills to obtain regular employment. They are not only earning money but in many instances acquiring skills which may help them to gain employment in the future.

NYC enrollees are assisting in the Head Start programs which have proven so effective in Alaska; working as nurse and medical aides, community clerks, sawmill helpers, recreational aides, fishery assistants, camp counselors; and they are participating in school maintenance and general community betterment projects.

Enrollees are paid at the rate of \$1.75 an hour and may work up to 120 hours a month.

Programs are under way in the Bethel and Nome areas and at Fairbanks, Anchorage, Juneau, Ketchikan, Sitka and Wrangell.

The current NYC program cost is \$1.4 million. The federal government is providing approximately a million dollars and the State, cities and boroughs the balance. The Alaska Rural Development Agency administers the program in the rural areas of the State.