

# Health conference offers healthy choices

The conference is designed for village providers, such as community health aides, community health representatives, village public safety officers, alcohol and mental health counselors and others. Also expected to attend are Alaska Native leaders, as well as regional, state and federal health care providers and program administrators.

The conference will focus on programs that are working and having a positive impact in communities and explore the needs of community providers.

Those who are interested in attending may contact the conference coordinator, Gladys Meacock, at the Alaska Native Health Board in Anchorage, 1345 Rudakof Circle, Suite 206, Anchorage 99508; phone, 337-0028.

Conference fees include \$95 for the conference and \$25 for the banquet, if participants pre-register by Dec. 31.

After the pre-registration deadline, the cost will be \$125 for the conference and \$25 for the banquet.

Dec. 31 is the deadline to pre-register for the 1990 Alaska Native Health Conference "Choices for Healthy Communities in the 1990s."

The Feb. 6-8 conference, sponsored by the Alaska Native Health Board, will feature a talk by Billy Mills, a Sioux Indian born on a South Dakota reservation. Mills is the first and only American to win an Olympic Gold Medal for the 10,000 meter run. He won the Gold Medal at the 1964 Olympic Games.

Other featured speakers include:

- Maj. Gen. John Schaeffer, adjutant general for the Alaska National Guard and commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. An Inupiat Eskimo, Schaeffer is from Kotzebue.

- Dr. Thomas Bellinger, a Yupik Eskimo born and raised in Anchorage. He is a physician in family practice at the Alaska Native Medical Center.

- Bea Shawanda, a member of the Odawa Tribe, Manitoulin Island, Ontario. Shawanda is an internationally renowned educator and trainer.



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