

# Ahmaogak's add, add and add to family

Triplets, two girls and a boy, were born to Shirley and William Ahmaogak on Tuesday, August 19th at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage.

The first child was born at 1:45 p.m. and weighed 5 pounds 9 ounces, and was named Britt Joyce. Baby No. 2, the boy, arrived at 1:58 p.m., weighing in at 6 pounds and 10 ounces. He was officially dubbed William Nicholas Ahmaogak Jr. Baby No. 3 made her grand entrance at 2:10 p.m., all 6 pounds of her, and was named Laura May.

The children's father, William, born at ANMC in over seven years. Mr. Ahmaogak said there

"They are all healthy. They were born in natural childbirth."

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The Ahmaogaks have one other child, a 21 month daughter, Jessica Nel.

The hale and hearty crew of three is the first set of triplets

Mr. Ahmaogak said his greatest worry was over the health of the mother. Early in the pregnancy, they knew there would be more than one child. "We



Triplets, left to right, Britt Joyce, Laura May and William Nicholas, Jr. pose for a picture with their mother Shirley, left, and ANMC Recreation Therapeutic Specialist, Audrey Ambrose Armstrong.

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were't sure how many children she'd have after she went to the hospital last April. One month later, she went back and then we started really getting worried then! I was worried if they would be healthy," said Ahmaogak.

Shirley Ahmaogak, the mother, is enrolled to Doyon, Ltd.

and is on leave at present from her job with Cook Inlet Native Association in Anchorage where she has worked for nearly a year as a counselor for the CETA program. Mr. Ahmaogak is enrolled to Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, and is on leave from his North Slope job.

Grandparents of the triplets are Nick and Nellie Demientieff of Holy Cross. Nellie flew to Anchorage three weeks ago to await her grandchildren's birth.

At last report, the father is doing fine.