

Public assistance agents get training in villages



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It's been very busy month of June for Public Assistance, during Marlene Graybeal's two weeks leave. Quite a few interviews for our program within the three weeks for month of June. Ten food stamps, six combined food stamps and AFDC. Four old age reviews, eight Energy Assistance and three general assistance, so a very busy month.

Our villages Fee Agents finally had a training session here in Barrow, but for one fee agent from Kaktovik was left. Virginia Kasak - Nuiqsut, Dorcus Nungasak - Atkasuk, Edith Nusunginya - Wainwright, Martha Tukrook - Pt. Lay and Loretta Kenton of Anaktuvuk Pass. We thank all our fee agents for attending the training.

Your job is very important in your community, so training was needed badly. I have been very concerned about the training that has been planned for so long. Too many changes occurred since I've known the programs with Public Assistance.

Anyway, we were all well trained, we had Carole Druenkar, the eligibility worker from Fairbanks instructing the training. Kimberly Busch of Juneau helped. It was very successful training and we thank both eligibility workers for coming to Barrow to train us in our programs such as Aid with Dependent Children, Food Stamps, Adult Public Assistance and General Relief - so all were well trained.