

Child Center Pilot Projects

Two pilot projects in Kotzebue and Hoonah are in a process of being established to initiate Parent Child Center program in Alaska.

"The name fits the program well because it will enable parents to work with their children," Rep. Frank See of Hoonah said recently. "The actual purpose of the program is to bring families together where parents will participate in the actual training of the child. For instance, a parent could spend four hours with children each day."

Parent Child Center program was originally organized under the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Last month, Rep. See was called to Washington, D. C. to attend a seminar on PCC at which about a hundred participated. There were welfare workers, social workers, professors, psychologists, doctors and child welfare center personnel from every state.

To fund the two pilot projects, \$175,000 will be divided equally between the two communities. In order to participate in the program Kotzebue and Hoonah will contribute in kind services.

These can be in buildings and volunteer work from the communities.

Kenneth Johnson of the Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, Washington, was expected to be in the communities early this month to organize the program.

"The program is not going to be for the poverty people only but it will be for everyone else," said Frank See.