

# Women-in-crisis grants to rural areas

Two grants totaling nearly \$82,000 will enable Women in Crisis-Counselling and Assistance, Inc. (WIC-CA) to expand services to urban and rural victims of battery and intra-family violence.

From the Governor's budget about \$60,000 was awarded to WIC-CA to provide counselling, advocacy and support for battered women and children. Specifically, funds will provide for a coordinator, two half-time counselors and emergency accommodations in Fairbanks. Administrative offices will be shared with the rape crisis program at 331 Fifth Avenue.

The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration awarded WIC-CA a \$22,000 discretionary fund grant to provide education, information and referral services on intra-family violence.

Village health aides, village councils and town and village

associations from Allakaket, Anaktuvuk Pass, Arctic Village, Barrow, Delta Junction, Ft. Yukon, Galena, Minto, Nenana, Stevens Village, Tanana and Tok will work with WIC-CA to identify the extent, causes, legal procedures and resources regarding intra-family violence including battery, child abuse and incest.

The Tanana Chiefs Conference the Adult Basic Education Program and the Fairbanks To Town and Village Association will aid WIC-CA's central information office in Fairbanks in contacting and working with each of the ten communities, consulting on local conditions and coordinating local projects.

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency's Community Crime Prevention Program will coordinate the Fairbanks-based project as well as similar projects in Anchorage, Barrow, Bethel, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak and Nome.