

April 24, 25 and 26

# Conference to focus on children with behavior disorders

Children who seem out of control, in the home or in school, can be sources of tremendous frustration to parents, teachers, school psychologists and other adults interacting with them.

How to determine if these children are emotionally disturbed or behaviorally disordered, and how to intervene both in the home and in the school, is the topic for an upcoming conference sponsored by the Alaska School Psychologists Association.

The conference will be held at the

Family Resource Center, 3745 Community Park Loop in Anchorage, April 24, 25 and 26.

Those interested in attending only a portion of the workshop may attend Friday night's session from 7 to 9 p.m.

Parents, teachers and local mental health professionals are encouraged to participate in this session which will address ways to change the behavior of acting-out children.

Pre-registration for this session is

not necessary. A fee of \$5 will be payable the evening of the session. Refreshments will be served, and there will be time for informal discussion.

The Saturday and Sunday morning sessions will focus more on in-school identification and intervention. During the weekend sessions, conference participants will learn about national trends in identifying and serving emotionally disturbed children and teens. In addition, concerns of professionals serving rural Alaska will be discussed.

Teachers and school psychologists, as well as other interested persons, are encouraged to register.

The fee for Alaska School Psychologists Association members is \$45 for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The fee for non-members is \$60. Saturday lunch and Friday and Sunday refreshments are included in the total workshop registration fee.

Those who want more information may call Bob Waters at 274-4582 or Deb Ward at 276-2230.