

One Nation Under Age

Since 1976, the Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation has distributed a valuable resource throughout the state in order to help young people better understand their legal rights and responsibilities: **One Nation Under Age**.

One Nation Under Age is a legal guide for young people. It serves as an informational handbook that focuses on the services available in Alaska to young people in need of aid

or assistance. Finding the right agency to talk to about a certain problem can be a highly frustrating process for a young person. Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation hopes to alleviate this frustration by providing detailed accounts of where to go and what to do in an emergency.

One Nation Under Age addresses a variety of issues concerning the lives of young people under age 18. It is divided into eight easy-to-read

chapters addressing the law and our private life, home base, money matters, school rules, trouble with the law, juvenile justice in rural Alaska, living in danger, and where to turn for help. It also discusses issues around emancipation.

Each of the above areas is explained in a concise manner and followed by a question and answer format that provides solutions to many of the common problems faced by today's youth. The text provides young people with a general overview of the laws governing their behavior and treatment at home, in school, and in society.

Word of caution, however - this handbook is not a substitute for a lawyer. Each legal situation is different and may require the attention of an expert.

One Nation Under Age is a valuable resource to all youth under age, school counselors, social workers, juvenile probation officers, and other service providers who work with this unique population. The publication is available through Alaska Youth and Parent Foundation's Independent Living Program at 3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 202, Anchorage, AK 99508 or by calling (907) 243-6342.