

Outstanding Young Woman . . .

Busy Dolores Gallagher Padilla Awarded National Honor

Anti-poverty is much more than an abstract term to Alaska's Dolores Gallagher Padilla of Kodiak. An Alaskan native and Executive Director of Kodiak's RurAL Alaska Community Action Program, Dolores began working in 1969 to better living conditions for native Alaskans through the Kodiak Area Native Association.

She formed Koniag, Inc. to enforce the Native Land Claims Settlement Act, passed by Congress in 1971 to partially com-

pensate the Indians for subsistence land they had lost, and is now on its Board of Directors.

She is presently director of the Kodiak Area Community Development Program. As coordinator of this multi-agency effort, Mrs. Padilla has been instrumental in bringing such things as fire prevention to the people in rural villages.

Through her office, planning and economic development is handled for 11 villages. This includes referral services, hous-



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ing, child care, job training and employment.

She recently obtained funds for an alcoholism program in her area which now has the assistance of a full-time counselor.

In cooperation with the Of-

fice of Economic Opportunity, she established an assistance program for senior citizens that provides the elderly with recreational facilities, medical and dental care and hot meals.

For her work, she has received certificates of commendation from both the Headstart and the RurAL Alaska Community Action Programs.

She holds memberships in several social service groups, including the Governor's Committee on the Employment of the Physically Handicapped and the University of Alaska Citizens' Advisory Committee.

She and her husband, Kodiak policeman Rey Padilla, Sr., are the parents of three children.