

WIN Program At Barrow

The Work Incentive Program (WIN), a joint effort of Alaska's Departments of Labor, Health, and Education and Welfare, was established as a result of the 1967 Amendments to the Social Security Act.

Its purpose is to provide education and job training to AFDC recipients who wish to gain the knowledge and skills needed to get a good job.

Although the program has been operating in parts of Alaska for quite some time, it only recently reached the top of the state. Barrow's WIN program operates under the direction of Mary Veit at the Barrow Manpower Center.

For two weeks in Mid-December, the program's six enrollees participated in orientation sessions, in which they discussed topics of interest to mothers who are preparing to go to work.

Topics ranged from job opportunities in Barrow and how to select suitable jobs, to health and nutrition and ideas on raising children. Speakers from the community led some of these discussions.

The first week in January, the women started Adult Basic Education in a class set up especially for them. Teaching the class are three experienced teachers who were hired by the Barrow City Council.

The teachers coordinate efforts to cover different subjects, with the aim of providing the students with the proficiency required to pass the General Education Diploma (GED) tests.

The primary aim is to make learning immediately relevant and useful, and to maintain the high motivation evident in the students.



BARROW "WIN" STUDENTS—Enthusiastic Barrow women are taking part in the Work Incentive Program (WIN). From left to right: Jennie Ningiok, Rosabelle Nungasak, students; Bobi Hall, teacher; Mary Veit, WIN counselor; Ada Thompson, Elizabeth Patkotak, students. Students Emily Ologak and Beverly Sielak and teacher Dorothy Underwood and Susie Barwis were absent.