

# BIA Contracts With Community Center for Needs

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In the latter part of October, 1969, two Community Workers were assigned to the Fairbanks Native Community Center in the Community Service Department under a contract with BIA to assist families and individuals to overcome emergency situations and enable them supportive help to meet their own needs.

The objective is to provide a systematic approach for individuals who have felt the impact of certain social conditions to adjust and develop toward more satisfying conditions.

Included are activities such as classes and group discussions in consumer education, homemaking, daily problem solving, senior citizens activities, and referring individuals to those agencies which can help them.

In order for the Community Worker to be effective with the Community Center participants, they must be exposed to Social Services available in the urban environment and must know how to deal with people in crisis situations, so staff orientation has been planned with several agencies such as BIA, DPW, PHS-ANS, Food Stamp Program, etc., to learn what services the agencies have to offer, the methods used in rendering services and to establish contact with one individual to service all Center participants.

So far several days has been spent with BIA in Social Services. The Community Worker sat in on interviews with clients in need of assistance which enables us to better understand the procedures of interviewing and also in filling out the BIA forms.

Monies also will be provided under this contract for emergency needs such as food, temporary housing, clothing and transportation.

In December, 1969, several hours a day will be spent with DPW and PHS-ANS and with Food Stamp Program.

It's a pretty cool place, it has a free pool table and games. It's pretty nice.

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