



# Alaska Regional Coalition

*Representing 100 Communities*

## *Who We Are*

The Alaska Regional Coalition is a consortium of five Native regional tribal nonprofits representing 65,000 Alaskans from Kotzebue to Ketchikan.

We came together three years ago to ensure that Lawmakers were provided with the information they need to make informed decisions about Alaska regional nonprofits and the 65,000 people we serve.

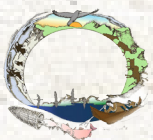
## *Who We Represent*

ARC nonprofits – four regional nonprofits and one regional tribe – TCC, Kawerak, Maniilaq, Chugachmiut, and Central Council Tlingit-Haida:

- We are all recognized by the U.S. Indian Self-Determination Act to provide medical, behavioral, social, public safety, workforce development and judicial supports to the State of Alaska through contracts and grants.
- We represent 100 Tribes, and we provide services to EVERYBODY in our communities, not solely Alaska Natives.
- We are not 100% funded through Indian Health Services (IHS) or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)– we provide Medicaid and Medicare services on behalf of the State of Alaska.

## *State Budget Intersections*

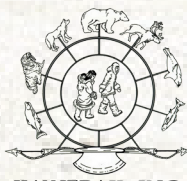
- The Department of Health & Human Services, where we provide services to Alaska residents on behalf of the State of Alaska
- The Department of Public Safety, where we provide public safety services in remote rural Alaska; and,
- The Department of Law, where we partner with the State of Alaska to deliver judicial services that keep people accountable to their communities and to the State.



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Conference



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KAWERAK, INC.



Central Council  
Tlingit and Haida  
Indian Tribes of Alaska



Chugachmiut

## General Principles

- Regional equity in budget decisions – Equal protection is a fundamental Constitutional protection for all Alaskans
- Public safety – A key priority for ARC, just as it is for the State of Alaska, the Walker Administration and the various caucuses of the Alaska State Legislature.
- Indirect rates – Recognition that rates vary from region to region, but are typically higher than in cities for the same reasons costs are higher in Alaska than in populated metropolitan areas of the U.S. (no economy of scale, challenges of distance delivery)

## Bills

- HB8 Enforcement of Foreign Protective Orders (Rep. Edgmon) – recognition of Tribal court issued protective orders (ARC is also exploring equivalent legislation for paternity)
- HB78 Indigenous People's Day (Rep. Westlake) – Honoring, recognizing and celebrating indigenous people (but not at the exclusion of others).
- HJR8 Alaska Legally Acquired Ivory Use Exemption (Rep. Foster) – economic development issue for Alaska artists, as well as a cultural and inherent rights issue.
- HB60 / SB25 Motor Fuel Tax (Rules by Request of Governor) – ARC is seeking a rural exemption

## Operating Budget

The Alaska Regional Coalition nonprofits provide services through the following departments, divisions and programs via contracts and grants:

- **Dept. of Public Safety** – Alaska State Troopers – Rural Trooper Housing – Village Public Safety Officers
- **Dept. Health & Social Services** – Senior and Disabilities Services –Senior Community Based Grants –Community Development Disabilities Grants – General Relief / Temporary Assisted Living – Senior and Disabilities Services Administration – Senior Benefits Payment Program – Early Intervention / Infant Learning Programs
- **Public Health** – Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion
- **Public Assistance** –Tribal Assistance Program – Women Infants and Children – General Relief Assistance – Child Care Benefits – Adult Public Assistance – Alaska Temp. Assistance Program
- **Behavioral Health** – Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention Grants – Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants
- **Department of Education & Early Development** – Teaching & Learning Support – Pre-Kindergarten Grants – Early Learning Coordination
- **Department of Administration** – Public Communications Services – Public Broadcasting – Radio

## Other Issues

Criminal Justice Reform – We strongly advocate for the ability for tribal courts to provide culturally appropriate and alternative sentencing for low level crimes. ARC supports expanding our capacity in recidivism and tribal court efforts.

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