

Programs & Services

Programs at Nome Eskimo Community are culturally designed to increase both family and individual self-sufficiency with focus on healthy lifestyles and overall wellness. These programs are Tribal Services, Social Services, Housing and Planning & Development:

Tribal Services Program: This program provides increased education, employment and training assistance through employment, vocational technical training opportunities and higher education scholarships. This program also coordinates youth activities with the Nome Public Schools utilizing Johnson O'Malley (JOM) funds, collaborative employment and training services with State of Alaska and Kawerak, Inc, and prevention, wellness and youth activities with Norton Sound Health Corporation, the City of Nome and the Nome Community Center.

The goals of the Tribal Services Program are:

- ❖ *Tribal members have essential needs met and are trained, job ready and qualified for employment.*
- ❖ *To increase successful activities and services that promotes culture, prevention and education for tribal youth and children.*

Assistance to eligible tribal members and Alaska Natives include:

- ◆ Welfare Assistance
- ◆ Higher Education Scholarships
- ◆ Vocational/Technical Training Assistance
- ◆ Children and Youth Programs

Social Services Program: This program serves children, youth and families utilizing Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) funds. The goal of this program is: *To sustain and expand services that address children and families (ICWA) and other social needs for increased tribal member self-sufficiency.* The anticipated outcomes of the program are that: tribal children and family rights are being protected in ICWA cases, tribal families will have strong values and bonds and that tribal members are aware of programs and activities.

Housing Program: NEC's Housing Program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Native American Housing Development and Self-Determination Act (NAHSDA). These programs provides eligible tribal members with renovations on existing

homes, construction of new homes, and buy down assistance that includes down payments and closing costs to purchase a home. The goal of the Housing Program is to: *Improve and increase current housing stock and promote a safe living environment.*

Planning & Development: NEC's Planning & Development works with program and administrative staff to create Annual Performance Plans, budget and grant development, self-governance, strategic planning and contract management.

The goals of Planning and Development are:

- ◆ *To complete annual updates for the 5-Year Strategic Plan and annual program work plans to effectively work with staff to manage grant and compact funded programs.*
- ◆ *To research and develop grants and other cooperative opportunities for the benefit and increase in tribal services.*