

Agency: Department of Health and Social Services**Project Title:****Project Type: Other**

Targeted Recruitment Strategies for Foster Parents in Western Region of Alaska

State Funding Requested: \$100,000
One-Time Need

House District: Statewide (1-40)

Brief Project Description:

This is a new project aimed at recruiting foster parents for youth in state custody in the western region of Alaska.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$100,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$0)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

These funds will be used to exclusively target potential foster parents in the Western Region of Alaska, including Bethel, St. Mary's and Aniak. Over 25% of youth currently in foster care from the Western Region are placed outside of the region, due in part to a lack of appropriate foster care placements closer to home. OCS intends to award portions of this funding to the local Tribal organizations to assist in the following areas:

- Helping unlicensed relatives understand the value of becoming licensed and helping them walk through the process alongside OCS
- Providing targeted recruitment efforts for individual children who are placed outside the region only due to lack of an identified placement in region. Tribes would help ensure OCS exhausts all possible regional options, both relative and non-relative.

Project Timeline:

FY13

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Office of Children's Services

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Total Project Snapshot Report

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

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