



TOK PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

Serving Tok, and the rural villages of Mentasta, Northway, Tetlin, and Tanacross



Tok Public Health Center is staffed with a public health nurse (PHN III) and an Office Assistant, and provides high quality Public Health Nursing Services to 7 communities over 3,000 square miles. Services are provided in clinics, homes, community meetings, shelters, schools, and even outdoors.



1314 Alaska Highway, Tok AK 99780

In FY 15 Tok Public Health Center provided:

- 520 individual visits
- 404 immunizations
- 224 visits to children, many of whom had no other access to care
- 9 visits related to sexually transmitted diseases
- 1 Provided individual visits to address tuberculosis, and assisted exposed citizens in infectious cases to prevent further spread

Community level work:

- Participated in community events to promote health and prevent disease
- Responded to referrals from community providers
- We respond to daily requests for assistance from community agencies on infectious diseases, and access to health care questions
- Networked with local partners for a POD plan

We work in partnership with the community to improve health for all.

Specific examples include:

- **Breastfeeding Education**
- **Local Emergency Planning Committee**
- **Schools with any special needs/education**
- **Education outreach to local EMS on Infection Control and PPE**
- **Head Start physicals/hearing screens**
- **Village visits and medical outreach for well child exams and immunizations**

We respond to community needs:

- Hold regularly scheduled clinics in places that have barriers to accessing care including
- Addressing risks associated with IV drug use through Hepatitis/HIV screening
- Participating in the community assessments and actions to build a healthier community.

AS THE LEAD AGENCY RESPONDING TO OUTBREAKS, WE ARE TASKED WITH COORDINATING THE RESPONSE AND DISPENSING UP TO 5,044 DOSES OF MEDICATION WITHIN 48 HOURS.

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