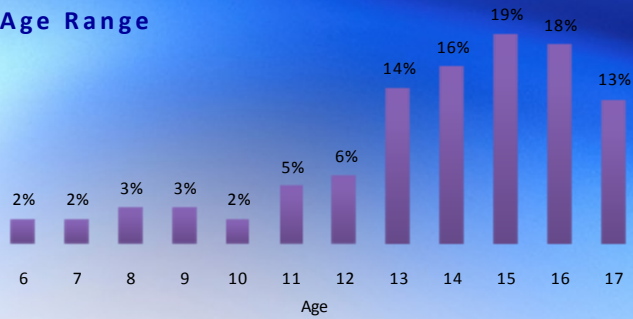
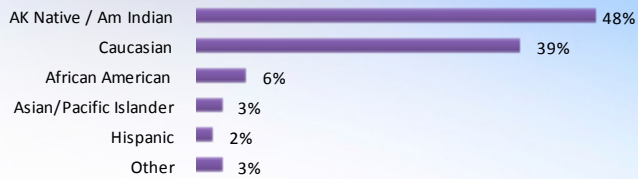


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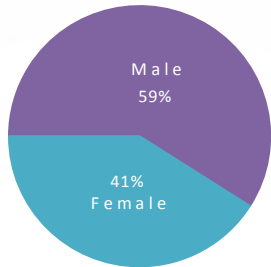
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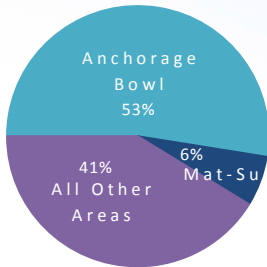
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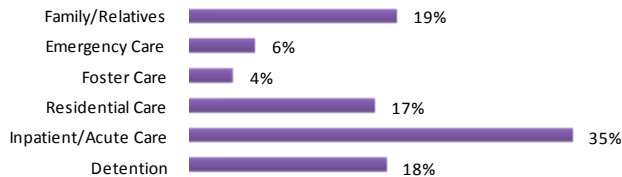
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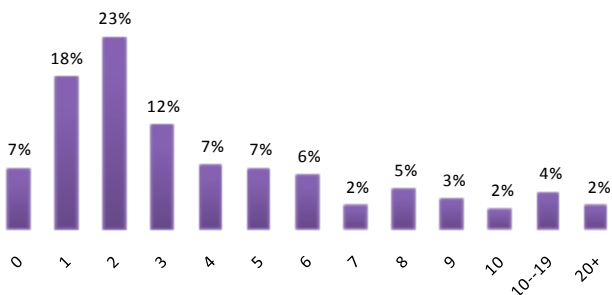
Referral Area



Living Environment Before Placement



Number of Previous Placements



What parents are saying ...

"My child really learned from Alaska Children's Services. She is better able to control herself and recognize her mistakes."

"Staff in residential and community programs and your spiritual life department have gone above and beyond for my child and my family. Thank you so much. Words cannot express our gratitude."

"My child changed his life around thanks to the treatment received at Alaska Children's Services. He is now a role model for his brothers."

"He's been helping at home. He thinks before he reacts. Alaska Children's Services helped him with his anger issues."

"I was pleased and comfortable with staff. They did a great job. I would prefer my child receive treatment at Alaska Children's Services than any other treatment facility."

"She seems to be enjoying life more. She's matured into a beautiful young woman and is making the most of life."

"I am very thankful for your safe, compassionate, caring, knowledgeable environment. This is my child's third treatment center and by far the best. Thank-you."

Outcomes Management

Alaska Children's Services' Outcomes Management Program analyzes the impact of our services on the lives of our clients in order to guide program development, shape staff training, and set agency priorities. Additionally, this information helps clients, funders, and regulators assess the quality of care we provide. The next phase of this program involves analyzing the clinical symptoms our clients experience. For more information about this program or about the information in this brochure, please contact:



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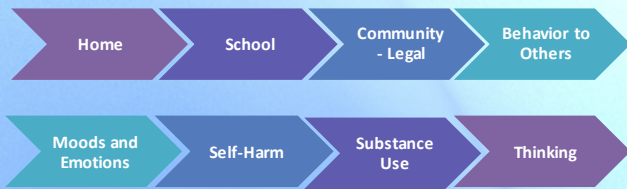
Functioning in the Home, School, and Community



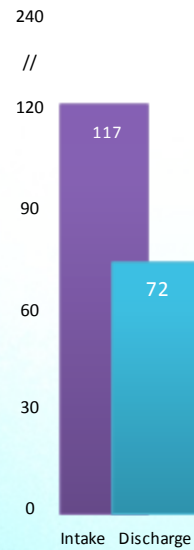
Child & Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale

Alaska Children's Services provides psychiatric residential and community-based treatment services for youth who are having problems in their homes, schools, and communities. One method of evaluating our services is to compare student functioning at intake with functioning at discharge using the Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS). This 240-item assessment clusters specific behaviors around eight life domains. In addition to the intake and discharge assessments, quarterly CAFAS assessments are also completed to provide continued direction with treatment planning.

CAFAS Subscales



CAFAS Scores at Intake and Discharge



Our average CAFAS scores reflect the combined scores of both our residential and our community-based programs, which includes treatment foster care and home-based services. At intake, the 117-point average score for our students indicates that they likely need care that is more intensive than outpatient treatment or that includes multiple sources of supportive care. 70% of our students realize at least a 20-point improvement in their individual CAFAS scores at discharge, indicative of a clinically significant change in their ability to manage their behaviors and relationships with others.

Rate of Improvement on CAFAS Subscales

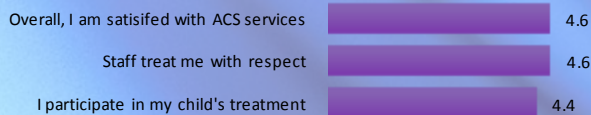
Youth are assessed on each of the eight subscales with an impairment of severe, moderate, mild, or minimal/none. 82% of youth admitted to Alaska Children's Services were assessed as severely impaired on at least one subscale. 69% had more than one severe impairment. At discharge, 49% of these youth were assessed with no severe impairments.

Rate of Students IMPAIRED at Intake	CAFAS Subscale	Rate of These Students IMPROVED at Discharge
98%	Behavior to Others	56%
97%	Moods and Emotions	56%
94%	Home	55%
86%	School	59%
50%	Community / Legal	83%
44%	Self Harm	80%
32%	Substance Use	89%
24%	Thinking	69%

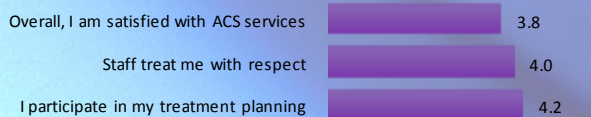
Perceptions of Care

Every year, youth receiving treatment at Alaska Children's Services and their parents or guardians tell us how they feel about our services by responding to an 18-question survey.

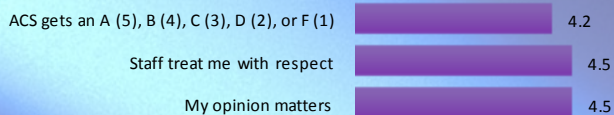
Parents / Guardians



Youth, 12 – 18



Children, 5 – 12



1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Neutral 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree

... one year later ...

At six, twelve, and eighteen months after students have discharged from Alaska Children's Services, we contact their parents or guardians to assess how these youth are doing in their homes, schools, and communities. The information the parents or guardians share with us helps shape our programs to better meet the needs of the families we serve.

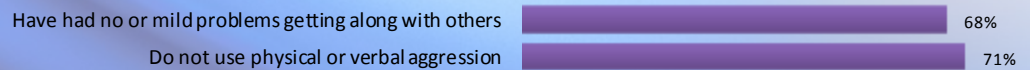
At Home



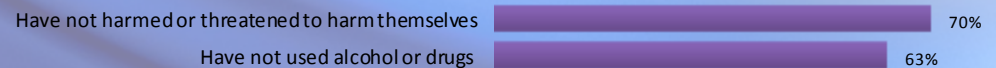
In School



With Others



With Oneself



In the Community

