

# ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY



Developing Partnerships to Improve Culturally Specific Services to Urban Survivors

# ABOUT ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER



## MISSION

The Alaska Native Women's Resource Center (AKNWRC) is dedicated to strengthening local, tribal governments' responses through community organizing efforts advocating for the safety of women and children in their communities and homes, especially against domestic and sexual abuse and violence.



# TODAY'S PRESENTERS



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# TODAY'S LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the conclusion of today's training, participants will be better able to:



Identify 4 important reasons to develop partnerships in serving survivors of sex trafficking



Discuss solutions to common challenges experienced in partnerships



Develop a list of potential partners to help improve/expand services for survivors

What are YOUR learning objectives? What do you hope to learn or take away from today's session?

# Discussion Question



# WHY URBAN ALASKA?

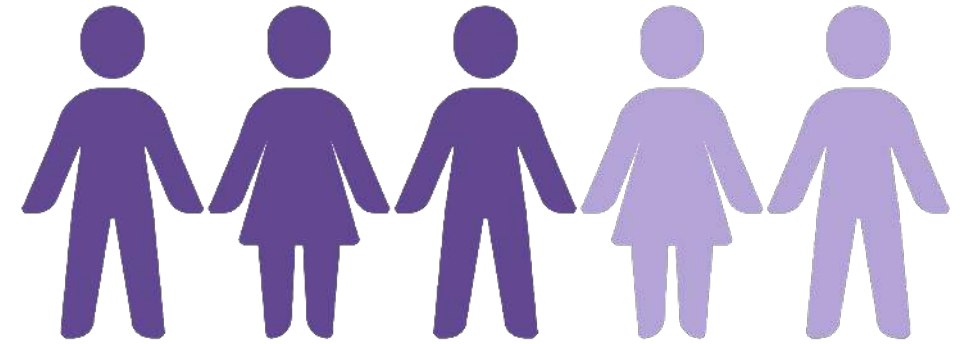
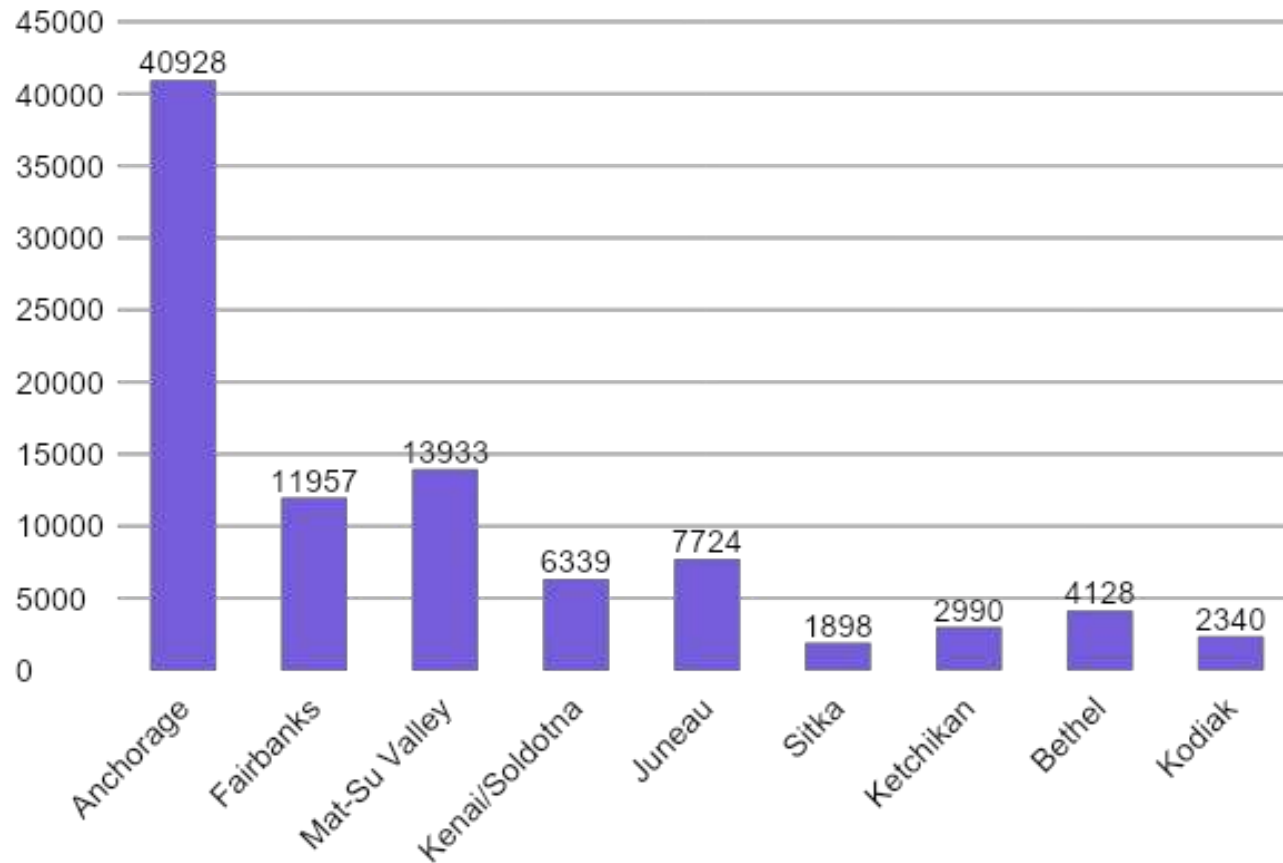
# Urban Alaska

City	Total Population
Anchorage	289,810
Fairbanks*	87,303
Mat-Su Valley*	62,556
Kenai/Soldotna*	33,841
Juneau	32,255
Sitka	8,458
Ketchikan	8,192
Bethel	6,325
Kodiak	5,581

\*Population of urban area includes surrounding towns within commuting distance and not Census Designated Places (CDPs) which may incorporate larger areas.



# Alaska Urban AN/AI Population



More than **3 out of 5**  
Alaska Natives/American  
Indians in Alaska live in  
urban areas





**WHY COLLABORATE?**

What are some of the challenges you have faced in previous partnership efforts?

# Discussion Question

# Benefits of Partnering

We know – it's complicated! BUT...

We can't do our work alone.

- ❖ Augments staff capacity
- ❖ Expands knowledge and expertise
- ❖ Provides access to resources
- ❖ Enhances systems for survivors



*When we're all working together, it's amazing. Unlimited, in my view, is the amount of things we can get done for our Native communities, for our state, and for our coun*

U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan  
Alaska Federal of Natives annual  
convention, Oct. 20, 2023

# Alaska Native Cultural Values

AN cultures share common values regarding collaboration:

- ❖ **See connections:** all things are related
- ❖ **Take care of others:** you cannot live without them
- ❖ **Work together:** everyone has a role and we depend upon one another





# SUPPORT FOR URBAN ALASKA NATIVE SURVIVORS PROGRAM

# Program Background

Funded by the OFVPS ARPA Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault from Culturally Specific Populations Program (includes sex trafficking)

- ▶ Provide culturally specific activities for survivors and address emergent needs
- ▶ Promote strategic partnership development and collaboration

# Our Partners in the Work



# Our Expectations

- ▶ It may be a bit messy
- ▶ We will learn, adapt, and grow
- ▶ Urban survivors will have increased access to culturally specific services







# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR PANEL DISCUSSION

# Panel Introduction



**NATIVE  
MOVEMENT**



**ALASKA  
NATIVE  
HERITAGE  
CENTER**



**Covenant  
House  
Alaska**

# Panel Question #1

Besides funding, what has been the greatest benefit of this collaborative project to your organization? To survivors?

# Panel Question #2

What are some of the challenges you've experienced working in this collaboration? How have you worked to overcome these challenges?

# Panel Question #3

In the coming year, what would you like to improve about your collaborative work in this partnership to better serve survivors?



# PLANNING YOUR PARTNERSHIPS

What are the different systems with which trafficking survivors might interact?

# Discussion Question

Who is missing from our list  
whose involvement might  
benefit survivors?

# Discussion Question



Develop a partnership  
outreach plan for your  
community

**Activity**

# Questions





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