Increasing Access to Integrated Care Training for Psychology Interns in Urban and Rural Alaska
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The Alaska Psychology Internship Consortium (AK-PIC) represents the collaborative effort of five Alaska agencies to share resources and faculty for the purpose of providing a diversified educational program for doctoral psychology interns. The consortium was designed to prepare interns to meet the unique challenges of practicing psychology in rural and remote settings and to ensure clinical competency in working with Alaska’s various cultural groups.

Integrated Care Training Experiences in an Urban Alaska Setting
Training at the Family Medicine Residency Clinic Patient-Centered Medical Home includes integrated didactics with medical residents and pharmacy students, BHC and group services. Interns facilitate didactics for physician assistants and have multiple program evaluation opportunities.

Return on Investment
Total $13 million return on $600,000 state dollars

Integrated Care Training Experiences in an Rural Alaska Setting
Training at the Norton Sound Regional Hospital Patient-Centered Medical Home includes BHC services and group program development. Interns have the unique opportunity to work alongside tribal healers and engage in rural and remote services to serve Nome and 15 surrounding tribal recognized villages.

Funding and Resources for Implementation
HRSA Graduate Psychology Education Program, HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training Grant Program, HRSA Rural Health Network Development Grants, SAMHA Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act, State of Alaska Workforce Development Grant ($100,000 annual), Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority ($15,000 annual), HRSA start up grant and continuation grants, WICHE – Technical Assistance, Clover Educational Consultation Group – Grant Support

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