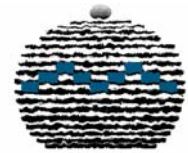


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Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Substance Abuse Services Receives Highest Rating from Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities

Anchorage, Alaska – A survey report released in January 2005 gave Substance Abuse Services at Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. exemplary conformance and a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), a major accreditor in the behavioral health field.

Staff at CITC's Substance Abuse Services began the rigorous process of preparing for accreditation of its programs a year ago. In November of 2004, the CARF survey team visited CITC's recovery programs and observed its adherence to the CARF standards. Programs surveyed and accredited included assessment and referral, case management, detoxification, outpatient treatment, residential treatment and therapeutic communities. The achievement of accreditation from CARF is a qualified endorsement that CITC conforms to nationally and internationally recognized standards and is focused on delivering the highest quality services to those who seek substance abuse treatment.

The CARF report also gave CITC's Substance Abuse Services its highest standards rating in five areas including best practice model for its detoxification services, state of the art medication management, cultural competence, outreach to the homeless population, and the residential therapeutic community model. The survey team also noted CITC for its strengths in detoxification facility design, organization of clinical records, assessment/referral, pre-treatment support and the professionalism of the staff.



“This report and subsequent accreditation is the result of the dedication by our staff and CITC’s commitment to providing culturally appropriate services that not only meet but exceed national standards,” said Victor Joseph, clinical director at CITC Substance Abuse Services.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc. operates one of the most extensive Systems of Care for substance abuse treatment in the state of Alaska and has been awarded the most competitive funding of any treatment agency within the state. While CITC's primary purpose is to serve Alaska Natives and American Indians, the division welcomes all Alaskans who seek services in the majority of its programs. Cook Inlet Tribal Council's mission is to work in partnership with Our People to develop opportunities that fulfill Our endless potential.

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