

# UGASHIK TRADITIONAL VILLAGE



**UGASHIK, ALASKA**

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To: Ugashik Traditional Village Tribal Members

Re: Summer 2015 ICWA Newsletter

Yesterday, the first annual ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) Workshop was held in the community center here in Ugashik, Alaska. The guest speaker was Jeff Deeter, the Ugashik Traditional Village Health Aid and the subject of his presentation was bullying and the material for the presentation was provided by BBAHC (Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation). Mr. Deeter is a former principal and still actively engaged in the realm of children's education in his own local community. For our first workshop, we had two of our young tribal members attend and they actively took part in the presentation by both asking and answering questions about bullying and how to intervene on behalf of someone else who is being bullied, as well as what to do when they are being bullied by someone. We covered the different types of bullying and the effects that bullying leaves in a person's life. Also, our young tribal members each made their own stop bullying posters that will be displayed in the community center. The workshop was originally planned for only ½ hour, but the session was extended due to the active discussion on this subject matter. Bullying does indeed touch many people's lives no matter what age or culture a person is, at some point bullying will be presented and the chance to educate children with the knowledge they need to handle different types of situations that may arise is empowering for them. It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Deeter for this presentation.

It has been a pleasure to visit Ugashik and thank you for a warm welcome and stay safe on the waters.

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