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Congratulations Class of 2021 DHAT Graduates, left to right: Jerilyn C. Glenn; Kaela J. Hoyt; Jodi L. Crandall; and Natalia F. Shantz. Photo courtesy of Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

## 2021 DHAT Graduation

On July 24, 2021, four Iḷisaḡvik College/ Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) Alaska Dental Therapy Educational Program (ADTEP) students graduated. A small ceremony was hosted at the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation. Guests were able to connect via Zoom. The Dental Health Aide Therapist graduating students included Natalia Shantz from Hooper Bay, AK sponsored by Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC); Jerilyn Glenn from Emmonak, AK sponsored by YKHC; Kaela Hoyt from Juneau, AK sponsored by SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium; and Jodi

Crandall from Soldotna, AK (self-sponsored). The opening blessing was provided by Lala Hunt, mother of ADTEP student Jerilyn Glenn.

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# June 2021 Certifications. Congratulations!

## Akhiok

1. Phillips, Doreen K., BHA III ▲

## Akiachak

2. Phillip, Evangeline N., CHP ☺

## Akutan

3. Vincler, Marie, CHA I ★

## Anchorage

4. Beech, Leandra R., DHAT ☺  
5. Carlos, Carolyn M., CHP ☺▲  
6. Compton, Michael A., CHA III ☺▲  
7. Finney, Caroline K., CHA II ☺  
8. Jensen, Nancy J., CHP ☺  
9. Morrisett, Kyla N., CHA IV ☺

## Aniak

10. Simeon, Shelby, CHP ☺▲

## Atmautluak

11. Martin, Lawrence W., CHA I ☺

## Bethel

12. Bukowski, Amber M., CHP ☺  
13. Kameroff, Erica L., BHA I ★  
14. Patrick, Lucy B., EFDHA I ☺  
15. Uisok, Wilma O., DHAT ★

## Brevig Mission

16. Olanna, Emma I., BHP ☺

## Eek

17. Beebe-Hoffman, Kimberly N., CHP ☺  
18. Cleveland, Janaye A., CHA III ☺▲  
19. Friendly, John J., CHA II ☺

## Emmonak

20. Hunt, Bonnie J., DHAT ☺

## Fairbanks

21. Coghill, Johanna R., CHP ☺  
22. Gooding, Megan V., BHP ★  
23. Thomas, Danielle N., BHA III ★  
24. Williams, Daphne R., CHP ☺  
25. Yeager, Cassey M., BHA III ★

## Fort Wainwright

26. Mitchell, Gwendolyn E., BHA III ★

## Fort Yukon

27. Cadzow, Corrina L., DHAT ☺

## Gambell

28. Apatiki, Erika L., CHA II ☺  
29. Klunder, Troy A., CHA III ☺

## Holy Cross

30. Walker, Constance M., CHA IV ▲

## Huslia

31. Simon, Dolly, CHA IV ▲

## Indianapolis (SCF CHAP)

32. Price, Christina R., CHP ☺

## Kake

33. Galuszka, Michele M., CHP ☺

## Kenai

34. Mickenham, Shana M., BHP ★

## King Cove

35. Babcock, Bonita J., CHP ☺  
36. Bear, Ginger, CHA I ★

## King Salmon

37. Boyle, Kristine M., CHP ☺  
38. Klutsch, Crystale M., CHP ☺

## Koliganek

39. Tunguing, Annie C., CHA II ☺  
40. Tunguing, Shawna, CHP ☺

## Kongiganak

41. Evan, Gwendolyn J., CHP ☺

## Stony River

89. Willis, Sheila L., CHA III ☺

## Takotna

90. Meglitsch, Colin G., CHP ☺

## Teller

91. Lake, Sheila K., CHP ☺  
92. Topkok, Megan L., CHA I ★

## Togiak

93. Hurley, Rhonda M., CHP ☺  
94. Katchatag, LaVerna A., CHP ☺

## Tok

95. Nelson, Lorelei A., BHA II ▲

## Toksook Bay

96. Chagluak, Marlene R., CHP ▲  
97. Francis, Bessie A., BHA I ★

## Tuntutuliak

98. Bavilla, Jason, BHA I ★

## Unalakleet

99. Ivanoff, Henrietta B., CHP ☺  
100. Johnson, Sharon M., CHP ☺  
101. Johnson, Aurora L., DHAT ☺  
102. Martin, Cody V., CHP ☺  
103. Pleasant, Donald M., CHA I ★

## LEGEND

☺	CHA/P, DHA or BHA/P who has renewed certification.
▲	CHA, DHA or BHA who has upgraded in certification.
★	CHA/P, DHA or BHA/P who is initially certified.

## Venetie

104. Simple, Margaret M., CHA IV ☺

## Wainwright

105. Agnasagga, Jalen C., CHA III ☺▲  
106. Anasogak, Stella A., CHP ☺

## Wales

107. Pelowook, Tanya R., CHA IV ☺

## Wrangell

108. Shilts, Mary M., BHA III ★  
109. Smith, Kimmie C., BHA III ★

## Temporary Emergency Notice and Extension Provider Certificates until January 31, 2022

Community Health Aides, Behavioral Health Aides, and Dental Health Aides affected by this Temporary Emergency Notice and Extension are strongly encouraged, to the extent safe and practicable, to: (a) complete re-certification and continuing education requirements as soon as possible; and (b) submit appropriate materials to the CHAPCB as far in advance as possible, but not later than **November 30, 2021**.

## 2021 DHAT Graduation (continued from page 1)

Speakers included Valerie Davidson, President of Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Justina Wilhelm, President of Iġisagvik College; James Sweeney, Vice-President of Hospital Services for YKHC; Dr. Robert Allen, Clinical Instructor, ADTEP Faculty; and Dr. Mary Williard, Clinical Site Director, ADTEP Faculty.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, the ADTEP program welcomed a new class of DHAT students and they are: Mary Chimiugak from Toksook Bay, AK sponsored by YKHC; Darian Erik from Chefnak, AK sponsored by YKHC; William Godfrey from Anchorage, AK sponsored by Southcentral Foundation; Mikayla Kassaiuli from Newtok, AK sponsored by YKHC; Curt Kokrine from Fairbanks, AK sponsored by Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC); and Tessa Sam from Huslia, AK sponsored by TCC. Students started their 7 semesters of coursework in the new instructional facility on the Alaska Native Health Campus. The

state-of-the-art facility is designed to bring together health professionals serving rural communities across Alaska. The clinic's 10 new dental operatories overlook the Alaska Native Medical Center hospital, the statewide tertiary care hospital for the Alaska Tribal Health System. Also improving educational opportunities for the dental health aide therapy students are new tools and technology in the facility that the program did not have access to before, such as negative pressure rooms, an expanded lab, 2 room sterilization lab, dedicated classroom, and a simulation lab for hands on education and self-guided practice.

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## COVID-19 Information Resources

Here are links available to stay up to date on current information from the State of Alaska, Division of Health and Social Services.

Visit [covid19.alaska.gov](https://covid19.alaska.gov) and [dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/](https://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/) for the latest COVID-19 information for Alaska. The data dashboard is available at [alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com](https://alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com).

Vaccine information and the vaccine monitoring dashboard, which provides updates Monday through Friday, can be found at [covidvax.alaska.gov](https://covidvax.alaska.gov).



## CHAPCB Member Update

The Board would like to express their appreciation for the dedication, leadership, knowledge and commitment to the mission of the CHAPCB to the following former members who served on the Board:



In August 2020, Andrew McLaughlin, CHP, Chugachmiut resigned his position on the Board as the CHA/P Association representative. Mr. McLaughlin served on the Board since September 2012.

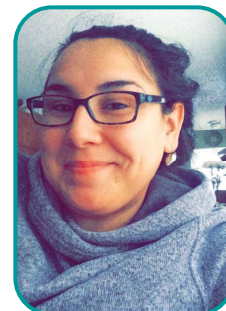


In March 2020, Mary Williard, DDS resigned her position on the Board as the Dental Academic Review Committee representative. Dr. Williard served on the Board since September 2012.

In September 2020 Heidi Hedberg, Director of Public Health, State of Alaska representative to the Board resigned her position. Ms. Hedberg served on the Board since January 2018.



In September 2020, Miranda Petruska, CHP resigned her position on the Board as the Association of Alaska Community Health Aide Program Directors representative. Ms. Petruska served on the Board since July 2018.



## CHAP Redesigned Website



You may have noticed the [akchap.org](https://akchap.org) went through a website redesign. The new website is an integrated website which includes the CHAP Certification Board, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium CHAP Training

Center, ANTHC Behavioral Health Program, and ANTHC Dental Therapy Educational Program. The new website launch was on November 2, 2020. We are excited for the new and improved website which is easier to navigate between the CHAP Programs and improves user experience. Features include program highlights, news and announcements.

Website address:

<https://akchap.org/>



# Welcome New CHAPCB Members

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In September 2020, Sarah Harlamert was appointed as the State of Alaska representative on the Board.

Sarah was born and raised in Alaska. She spent most of her childhood in Skwentna, Alaska living the remote lifestyle. She started her career with the State as a high school intern at the Department of Fish and Game. This position carried her into college. By 1996 she was working for the Division of Public Assistance



as an Eligibility Technician in the Coastal office located in Anchorage, AK. The first-hand experience working and living in remote Alaska provided her with a critical perspective on the challenges Alaskans face accessing health care services. She has used this firsthand knowledge and experience in positions with the Division of Health Care Services in support of the Medicaid program. Positions have included work with the Finance and Recovery unit, and as the program manager for both the Breast and Cervical Cancer program and the Travel program. She is currently working in support of Alaska Natives as the Tribal Health Program Coordinator and as the TMAC Program Manager.

In March 2021, Carol Charles was appointed as the Association of Alaska Community Health Aide Program Directors representative on the Board.

Carol is a life-long resident of the Norton Sound Region. She is currently employed as the Village Health Services Director for Norton Sound Health Corporation (NSHC). She manages and oversees the staff and operations of their Community Health Aide Program in 15 villages. She has experience and background as a Village Clinic Manager with NSHC. Carol has a varied employment background experience. She has served on numerous and various

Boards and commissions in the Norton Sound Region. She will bring valuable knowledge and experience to the CHAPCB.



In April 2021, Judith Burks, DDS, was appointed as the Dental Academic Review Committee representative on the Board.

Dr. Judith Burks has extensive experience working with the Dental Health Aide Program in Alaska. She is currently the DHAT Coordinator for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, and has served for many years on the Dental Academic Review Committee,



holding various committee positions. She volunteered in 2011 for an organization in Ladakh, India training Amchis (traditional Tibetan healers) about dental health and how to provide basic dental treatment and in 2005, volunteered in Vietnam at orphanages and schools educating children about dental health and bringing them dental supplies and clothing.

In June 2021, Lucy Bragg, CHP was appointed as the CHAP Association representative on the Board.

Lucy began her medical career as a Medevac Escort, Emergency Medical Technician with Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation. She currently is a Community Health Practitioner/Community Health Aide Program Instructor with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium CHAP Training Center. She continues to provide primary healthcare as a Community Health Practitioner in rural clinics. Lucy has organized and facilitated previous ANTHC CHAP Forums and the recent Integrated Care Forum cooperatively with the BHA and DHAT programs.

She serves on the Community Health Aide Manual EXO Committee, Alaska Council of Emergency Medical Service (ACEMS) Training Committee and the ANTHC Employee Recognition Committee. She received her Bachelor of Science Health Sciences, Health Care Management degree in May 2021, and currently is pursuing her Master's Degree.



# Behavioral Health Aide News

In January 2020, the ANTHC BHA Training Center began offering distance delivered courses on a quarterly basis. Our quarters begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and end on the last day of the third month.

Winter Quarter - January 15<sup>th</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Spring Quarter - April 15<sup>th</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Summer Quarter - July 15<sup>th</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>  
Fall Quarter - October 15<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>

The Training Center offers between 14 to 18 courses per quarter and has averaged about 150 students per quarter. As a partner of Alaska Pacific University, we utilize Blackboard, an online teaching and learning system platform. A majority of our courses are completed on a self-paced basis within the quarter system, while the others are provided multiple times throughout the year synchronously with live instruction. Halfway through the quarter students and supervisors can expect to receive an email from an instructor providing information about student progress.

We have recently set up an optional study time on Zoom, for all BHA's enrolled in training courses. It is held weekly, on Fridays between 9am-1pm to allow students space to complete assignments. An instructor is available to answer questions and provide guidance as needed.

Tribal Health Organizations can take advantage of HRSA funding for the training of new BHAs at the BHA Training Center. Applications and guidelines can be requested by emailing [bhaprogram@anthc.org](mailto:bhaprogram@anthc.org). The employer must apply on behalf of the BHA according to the following submission deadlines:

Winter Quarter - December 1<sup>st</sup>  
Spring Quarter - March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Summer Quarter - June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Fall Quarter - September 1<sup>st</sup>

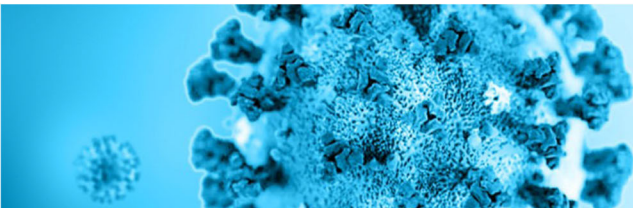
The BHA Program has made continuing education a priority by offering several virtual Forums in the past year and a half. We partnered with the Community Health Aide (CHA) Program and the Dental Health Aide (DHA) Program to offer an Integrated Health Aide Forum in November of 2020 and May of 2021. We are optimistically planning for an in-person BHA Forum next year, so save the date: November 7-10, 2022!



Finally, the BHA Training Center staff have moved into the new Education and Development Center (EDC) located at 4115 Ambassador Dr., Ste 210, Anchorage, AK 99508. We are now co-located with the Community Health Aide and Dental Health Aide Programs! Working closely with these programs has enabled us to share ideas and resources. The Health Aide model is unique to Alaska, and many "lower 48" tribes and states are interested in replicating this model in their regions. We enjoy being part of a groundbreaking model and appreciate the opportunity to work more closely with the other health aide programs.

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## COVID-19 Weekly CHA/P Update Meetings



The previous year-long series of CHA/P Weekly COVID Teleconferences are available in a newsletter format and are available on the akchap website:

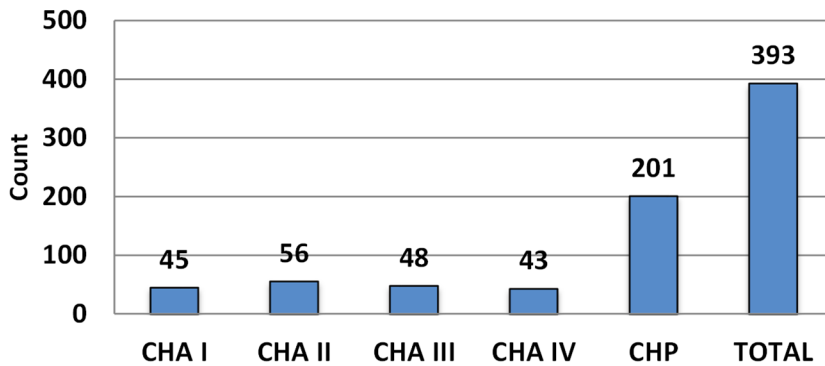
<https://akchap.org/community-health-aide/resources/covid-update-newsletters/>

This is a great resource for COVID-19 related topics and more.

# Summary of Board Actions to Date

Total number of Community Health Aides/Practitioners, Dental Health Aides and Behavioral Health Aides/Practitioners certified by the CHAPCB as of August 2021.

## Total Community Health Aides Certified

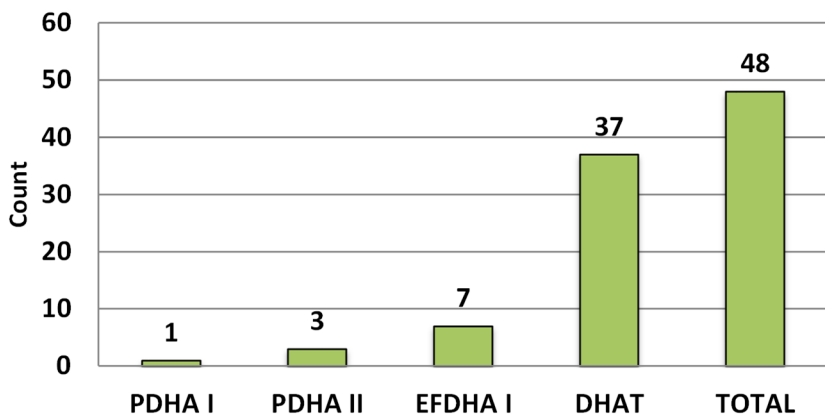


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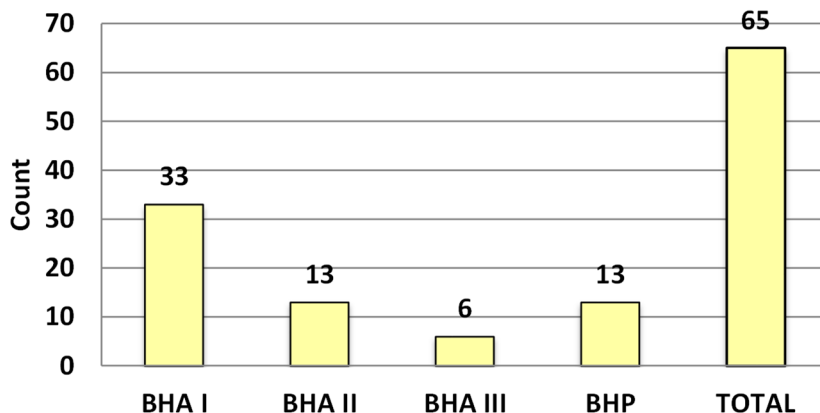
### Future Meeting Dates

- October 5-6, 2021  
APU Blackboard
- January 12-13, 2022  
TBD
- June 1-2, 2022  
TBD
- October 5-6, 2022  
TBD

## Total Dental Health Aides Certified



## Total Behavioral Health Aides Certified



## Website

CHAPCB Standards and Procedures, applications, CE logs and other information can be accessed on the Alaska Community Health Aide Program website:

<https://akchap.org/chapcb/>





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