



Quarterly BHA Newsletter

Hands-On Healing with Beading Kits

Earlier this year, the Behavioral Health Aide Program began assembling bone beading keychain kits to support BHAs in their community engagement efforts. Since January, 436 kits have been distributed to 44 BHAs across Alaska. These beginner-friendly kits have been used in beading circles and as take-home wellness activities, offering a calming outlet for participants of all skill levels.

One recent example comes from Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, where seven participants in a weekly elders' wellness group made keychains and played Yahtzee. The project sparked meaningful conversation and creativity—including plans to recreate the design using traditional materials like baleen and ivory.

Positive feedback like this shows the value of hands-on, culturally rooted programming that fosters connection and healing.






On the Ground with Maniilaq

In late April, the ANTHC BHA Program team traveled to Kotzebue and the Native Village of Point Hope for a site visit with Maniilaq Association. These visits are part of our ongoing effort to connect with regional BHA staff, offer technical assistance, and learn more about program needs and successes.

The team met with BHA Supervisor Liz Diviney, BHA Director Ronto Roney, and 10 BHAs from Maniilaq to discuss training opportunities, program strengths, and areas where support could be helpful. They also shared updates on Level Up 2.0, ASAM 4th Edition training, and other available resources.

If you'd like to connect with our team - or aren't sure if we've already connected - email us at bhaprogram@anthc.org

Training Center Updates

-  Q3 courses began 07/15/2025
-  Q3 course drop deadline 7/22/25
-  Q3 ends 09/30/2025

Save the Date!

The 2025 BHA Forum is coming to Anchorage, Alaska on November 3–5 at the Egan Center! We can't wait to see you there—registration coming soon!

Keep Growing with Free CEs!

The BHA Training Center is offering these **free CE courses** this quarter:

- Confidentiality – 42 CFR Part 2
- Physical & Emotional Regulation for Providers & Clients
- Review of Ethics, Consent, Confidentiality & Privacy
- Motivational Interviewing with Cross-Culture Considerations
- Telehealth Services: Effectiveness & Use

You can register for CE courses 7 days prior to the course start date!

Contacts

Website: www.akchap.org/behavioral-health-aide/

Email Us: bhaprogram@anthc.org

Register for CEs

Scan QR Code



Or visit: anthcbha.geniussis.com

Present at the 2025 BHA Forum!

The BHA Forum is happening November 3–5, 2025 at the Egan Center in Anchorage, and we're looking for presenters! Do you have knowledge or experience with behavioral health, cultural wellness, traditional practices, or other BHA-related topics? Share your knowledge with the BHA community!

Submit your proposal by August 1:
 forms.office.com/r/D92J8SyuKt

Questions? Contact the BHA Program at bhaprogram@anthc.org



Bha Milestones & Celebrations

We're excited to recognize Behavioral Health Aides across Alaska who have recently reached important certification milestones—whether through initial certification, an upgrade to a higher level, or a renewal. This includes BHAs at Level I, II, III, and Practitioner (P).

And we have something new to make this moment even more special...

Starting this quarter, the ANTHC BHA Training Center will begin sending out official certification pins.

Going forward, every time a BHA earns a new level, they will receive a pin that reflects their achievement. For this first round, we'll be sending pins to all BHAs who currently hold a certification—both newly certified and those who have previously certified. Everyone will receive pins for the level they currently hold as well as any levels they have already surpassed.

BHAs Certified in June 2025

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

- Pacis, Nina, BHA I

Kenaitze Indian Tribe

- Sanders, Kelli N., BHA II

Knik Tribe

- Roloff, Hunter B., BHA II

Maniilaq Association

- Gregg, Belynda M., BHA I
- Johnson, Ulyius L., BHP

Ninilchik Traditional Council

- Ullman, Laura K., BHA II
- Walkoff, Stormy E., BHA III

Southcentral Foundation

- Oxereok, Teresa C., BHA II

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

- Hoyt, Kenneth O., BHA I
- Pederson, Yvette, BHA III

Seldovia Village Tribe

- Nadel, Evan, BHA III

Yakutat Community Health Center

- Jensen, Valerie S., BHA I

Active Certified BHAs – Statewide Recognition

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

- Ercanbrack, Brandon J., BHP
- Hodgins, Yannick, BHP
- Jackson, Jayly J., BHA I
- Kristiansen, Marianne K., BHP
- Offord, Luke B., BHP
- Rivera, Rebecca M., BHA II
- Yanagawa, Stacy L., BHP

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association

- Prokopiof, Melanie N., BHA I

Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

- Anderson, Alana K., BHP
- Andrews, Lucy, BHA II
- Fox, Arlene C., BHA II
- Larson, Letia S., BHA II
- Mohan, Bonita R., BHP
- Moore, Barbara H., BHA II
- Wonhola, Adrian M., BHA II

Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

- Winer, Nellie S., BHA I

Chugachmiut

- Evanoff, Gail K., BHP
- Thompson, Shelby B., BHA II

Copper River Native Association

- Craig, Angel Y., BHA II
- Sawyer, Jodicee, BHA I

Eastern Aleutian Tribes

- Wilson, Brenda L., BHP

Kodiak Area Native Association

- Phillips, Doreen K., BHP
- Pretorius, Patricia J., BHP

Kenaitze Indian Tribe

- Lienes, Jordan A., BHA I
- Mickenham, Shana M., BHP

Ketchikan Indian Community

- Rivera, Kristian A., BHA I

Maniilaq Association

- Jones, Brian, BHA I
- Sampson, Claudia L., BHA II

Metlakatla Indian Community

- Booth, Erica D., BHA II

Norton Sound Health Corporation

- Brown, Renee, BHA I
- Garnie, Josie L., BHP
- Kingeekuk, Joseph T., BHA II
- Klescewski, Shannon M., BHA III
- Kulowiyi, Audrey, BHA I
- Lockwood, Morgon, BHA I
- Murray, Janelle M., BHA II
- Prentice, Beda R., BHA II
- Razzo, Samantha BHA I
- Schnaidt, Hannah M., BHA II
- Ta, Kara, BHA I
- Ungwiluk, Yuka, BHA III
- Weyiouanna, Annie, BHA I

Southcentral Foundation

- Caldwell, Sarah A., BHA II
- Stepney, Trachelle, BHA II

SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

- Alston, Danielle M., BHA II
- Dow, Maren E., BHA III
- Harris, Rachel J., BHA II
- Karpstein, Heather L., BHA III
- Kliemann, Soma N., BHA II
- Lombardo, Carla R., BHA II
- McMurren, Alexandra L., BHA III
- Millam, Tressa, BHA II
- Parfitt, Bradford G., BHA III
- Pattison, Scott B., BHA I
- Pearson, Breanne J., BHA II
- Reynolds, Brooke, BHA III
- Rolf-McMurren, Allison, BHA III
- Thor, Claudette M., BHP
- Wojtak, Kimberly A., BHA III

Tanana Chiefs Conference

- Agnes, Cesa M., BHA I
- Bergman, Valerie S., BHA II
- Curry, Tamika N., BHP
- Madros, Judy, BHA I
- Ponziano, Gabriella Y., BHA I
- Shaw, Jessica L., BHA II

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation

- Heckman, Lavonne B., BHA I
- Heckman, Stanley E., BHA II