

## Who is The Alaska Adoption Support Center?

Another way we can help is through the Alaska Adoption Support Center (AASC). AASC is a project of Northwest Resource Associates and is under contract with the State of Alaska Office of Children's Services to provide Pre-and Post—Adoptive and Guardianship Caregivers (known as Resource Families) and their children. Our services are available to state, tribal, relative and private adoptions and guardianships.

- Support
- Assessment
- Referrals
- Self-Study
- Peer Mentors

Call the ACRF office (listed on the back) nearest you to find out more information about the Alaska Adoption Support Center.

## The Alaska Center for Resource Families

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**How We Can Be of Assistance to Indian Child Welfare Workers**

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## What is the Alaska Center for Resource Families?

The Alaska Center for Resource Families (ACRF), a project of Northwest Resource Associates, is under contract with the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to provide training, support, and information to Alaska's resource families, which include licensed foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers of children involved in the child protection system.

ACRF offers a variety of educational opportunities including onsite training and distance delivery self-study. Our services are free and of no charge to OCS licensed foster parents and adoptive parents throughout the State of Alaska. ICWA workers are also encouraged to utilize our lending library and self studies material.

## How Can the Alaska Center for Resource Families Help Support YOU?

### How can we help you help foster and adoptive parents, also known as resource parents?

When you are working with a family that is having difficulty with a child. You can do the following:

- Give the family ACRF's toll free number so they can call for support or to ask about a self study or video training that might be appropriate.
- Help the family order training materials by going on our web site [www.acrf.org](http://www.acrf.org). You can assist them in accessing materials or request materials for them.

### How can we help you as an ICWA worker?

We invite and encourage you to utilize our lending library to help you understand the different special needs of the children. Call ACRF's toll free number to talk to us about what we have available.

## How can we help you to recruit resource families?

Recruiting resource families can be a hard job. Let us help you!

Families desiring to be a resource family might have a lot of questions. Some of them might be.

"I'm not sure my home will meet with foster care standards. What should I do?"

"I made some mistakes when I was younger. What about criminal activity?"

These questions are answered in "Becoming a Resource Family: What You Should Know." This is an information booklet made just for Alaskans and made available free of charge.

Other ways we can help you with recruitment include:

- Providing multiple copies of "Becoming a Resource Family."
- Being a source for recruitment posters.
- Providing consultation over the phone.
- Sending out a CORE workbook for training of new families.
- Providing training information and videos on issues of cultural issues, behavior management, Tribal Topics, FASD and more!