Annual Meeting

ROOTED IN RESPECT, GROWING WITH COMPASSION

November 2, 2026

ACCA

Alaska Center for Children and Adults

Finding the ability in disability

Executive Director Letter

As we close out seven decades of service, it is important to reflect on the profound impact ACCA has had on Alaskan children, families, and communities. Our success is measured not only by the services we provide, but by our commitment to meeting individuals and families where they are with dignity, respect, and compassion. This legacy has been built through decades of dedicated board leadership, agency leadership, and the talented staff who bring our mission to life every day.

Our staff are the heart of ACCA. They represent a deeply committed team of professionals who continue to advance our mission through their expertise, dedication, and care. With an average employee tenure of more than nine years and several team members celebrating over twenty years of service, ACCA's strength is rooted in the people committed to the families and communities we serve.

This past year was marked by growth and opportunity. Two programs expanded their reach, allowing us to support more individuals and families. At the same time, staff across the organization worked together to advance legislative changes that expanded eligibility for Alaska's Infant Learning Program. This important achievement will enable more children and families to access critical early intervention services, supporting healthy development and creating opportunities for children to receive services earlier in life.

As ACCA continues to grow, we remain grounded in the values and history that have guided our work for eighty years. Compassion, innovation, and commitment to service continue to shape our path forward. Looking ahead to FY27, we are excited to expand possibilities, strengthen lives, and build upon the foundation established by those who came before us.

I am deeply grateful to our Board of Directors, dedicated staff, donors, community partners, advocates, and supporters whose commitment makes this work possible. Together, we honor ACCA's legacy while creating a stronger future for the children and families of Alaska.

Heidi Haas, Executive Director

515 *Individuals Served*

Developmental Disabilities Resource Connections

573 *Children Served*

Infant Learning Program

49 *Families Served*

Child & Family Wellness Program

95 *Individuals Served*

Loan Closet

$2,010,200

Grant Funding

$755,800

Earned Revenue

$80,500 **Private Donations**

$2,711,500 **Invested In Programs**

9+

YR Retention

24

FTE Staff

292,000

SQ Miles Served

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2026

July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

Board of Directors

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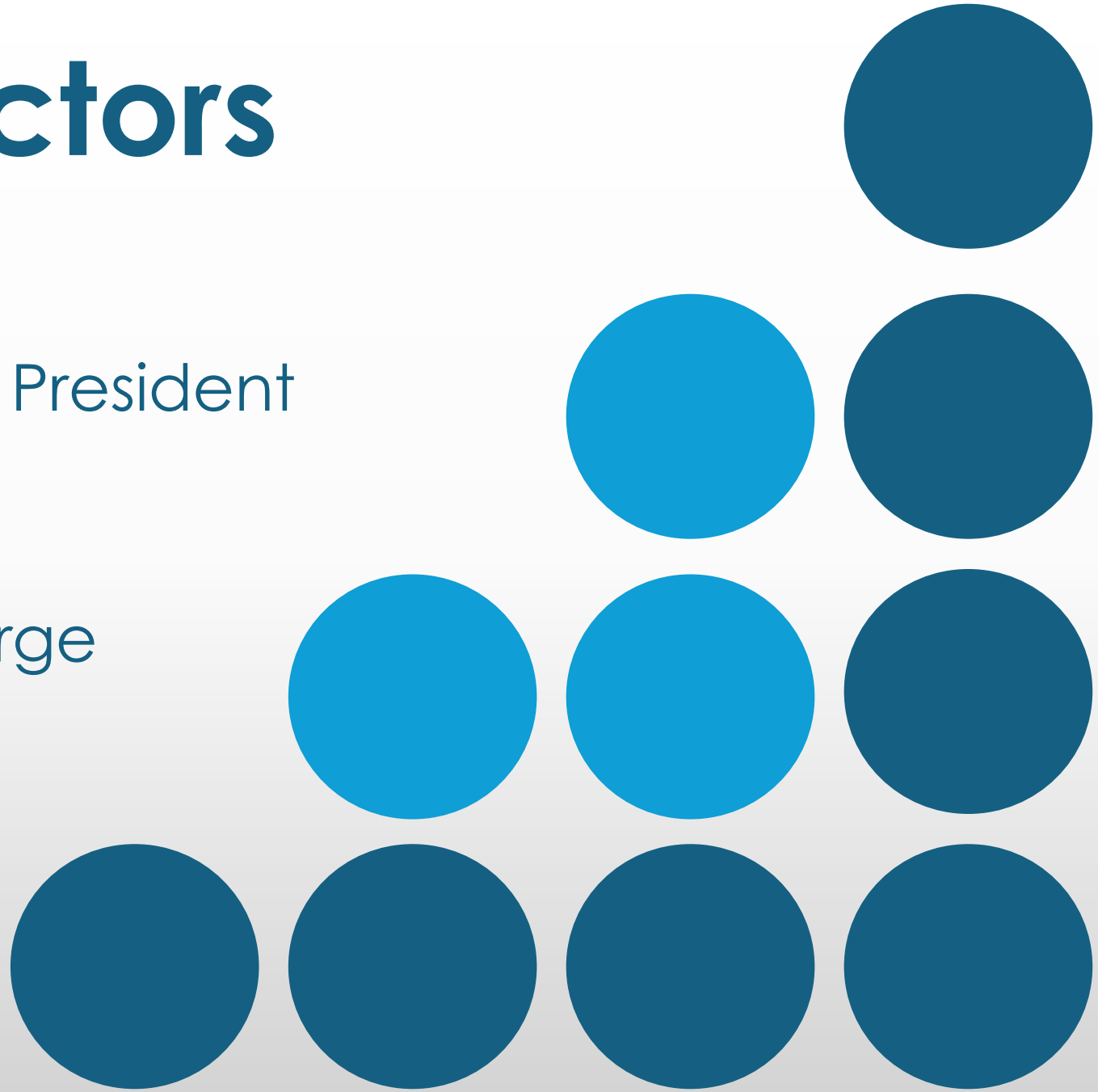

- October 2025 - CFWP achieved accreditation with COA under the Mental Health and/or Substance Use Services Standard.
- January 2026 - The CFWP clinical team began providing services to clients with their first intake as the program continues to build capacity.
- February 2026 - ACCA was licensed as a Community Behavioral Health Clinic.
- June 2026 – Ended the fiscal year with 10 enrolled clients for clinical therapy services.

CHILD & FAMILY
WELLNESS

Rachel Hanft & Brittany Wesseling at Light the World Event

Developmental Disabilities Resource Connection

Fontana Dawson & Rachael Timmons at RCPC Event

- The DDRC was awarded a grant expansion that included coordination of PASRR services and IDD Emergent Needs funds. The team successfully established and implemented processes to facilitate service delivery and accurate invoicing.
- Tribal partnerships increased and supported more individuals accessing services they are eligible for.
- Provided support to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region in response to staffing challenges.
- Information and referral services to over 500 unduplicated consumers, leading to over 1300 contacts.

Supporting Independence Through TCC Services

For Devin Agnes, receiving support through Tanana Chiefs Conference has meant having a team of people working together to help him navigate services, address his needs, and maintain his independence.

Devin, who was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at birth, has been receiving support from his home community, the Nulato Tribe, since his diagnosis. Currently, he works with several department heads and program leads at TCC, including Bryana Angulo, Program Manager for Tribal Protective Services; Lisa Donat, Program Coordinator for Home Care Services; and Amanda Race, Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Coordinator.

Since Chief/Chairman Sharon Hildebrand was elected in March, Devin has also had the opportunity to participate in weekly Teams meetings with TCC leadership and the people connected to his services, which include staff members at the Fairbanks Rescue Mission and the Alaska Center for Children and Adults.

These regular meetings have provided an opportunity for Devin to share updates, ask questions, and make sure the people supporting him understand what he needs. They have also helped keep his case moving forward as his team works to connect him with the services and resources he needs.

Sarah Russell, a social worker with the Fairbanks Rescue Mission, has played an important role in Devin's day-to-day support, including helping him get to appointments and other places he needs to go. Fontana Dawson with the Alaska Center for Children and Adults has also participated in the weekly meetings, bringing specialized knowledge of the State Waiver process for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Her expertise has helped the team navigate assessments, paperwork, and other steps in the process.

Each person involved has brought different knowledge and experience to the table, creating a collaborative network around Devin.

One of the services Devin is most thankful for is TCC's assistance in helping him obtain his Medicaid waiver. While the process has taken time, the continued communication and weekly meetings have helped keep things moving forward.

For Lisa Donat, seeing the team come together has reinforced the value of collaboration.

"We all had a piece that we were knowledgeable about and together we were all able to assist him," Lisa said. "Devin is smart and a go getter; he has great things in his future!"

For Devin, that determination has been evident in the opportunities he has pursued along the way. He regularly goes to the gym, pursues his education, and is becoming stronger by the day. One memorable moment came when he threw the first pitch while representing TCC at a Gold Panners game.

"Seeing the opportunities in action for one of our Tribal members has been amazing," said Chief/Chairman Sharon Hildebrand. "Devin represents the determination and motivation we see in our Tribal membership. With a little support and encouragement, he was able to go the distance, and we are so proud of him and all that he has accomplished."

For TCC leadership and the team supporting Devin, seeing him take part in that moment was about more than throwing a first pitch. It was an opportunity to see the impact of encouragement, coordinated services, and a community of people working together to support his goals.

"Seeing him throw the first pitch while representing Tanana Chiefs Conference at the Gold Panners game meant so much to us as an organization," Sharon said. "Masee'."

TCC is committed to supporting Tribal citizens through programs and services that promote independence, strengthen families, and help people live healthy and fulfilling lives in their communities. Devin's story is one example of what can happen when individuals, families, service providers, community organizations, and TCC work together to help a Tribal citizen pursue greater independence and the opportunities ahead.

- The ILP bill was passed to expand eligibility! **Thank you to the Interior Delegation and all the legislators who supported this effort.**
- Continued outreach travel to all regions we serve to support families and to grow and rebuild relationships with partners in those communities. As a result, ACCA has seen increased referrals from those regions.
- The ILP Coordinator and Therapy Supervisor's connected with the FHP NICU Nurse Case Manager to review referrals and streamline the referral process.
- ILP joined many community partners to participate in outreach events, such as RCPC Go Blue event, FHP Baby Expo, and the Kid's Literacy Farmer's Market, among others.

Early Intervention
ILP
Infant Learning Program

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Dennis Wilfer

Thank you!

Looking Ahead

We've taken huge strides this year to pave the way for even more impact ahead. We aim to foster greater collaboration with partners, innovate solutions to address service delivery challenges, and amplify the voices of those we support for as we have done for 80 years.

Learning from the past and prioritizing equity, sustainability, and measurable outcomes, we're committed to creating lasting change and paving the way for a brighter, more inclusive future for the next 80 years!

Rep. Dibert, Board Member Deb Foster, Fontana Dawson (ACCA), Wendy Cloyd (FRA)

Expand Possibilities & Strengthen Lives FY27

Board Business

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Re-elect Lavada “Sam” Bush – Seat 6
Re-elect Keith Nadon – Seat 7

Slate of Officers

President: Carrie Nash
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Thank you for your support!