

# Voices for Justice

## FY18 IMPACT REPORT



—Alaska Native—  
JUSTICE CENTER

### YEAR IN REVIEW

#### Growing Together

One year after becoming a CITC subsidiary, ANJC looks back on its growth—and forward to its next phase

In 2016, ANJC became a subsidiary of Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). The new partnership was meant to more closely align ANJC's services with CITC's and to provide additional administrative and funding support for ANJC.

About a year and a half after this change, ANJC has grown tremendously and in more ways than one.



“We more than doubled our grants for advocacy and reentry,” reviewed ANJC Director of Operations Tammy Ashley, singling out ANJC's two main focus areas: Adult Reentry, which aims to effectively and successfully reintegrate those who have been in prison back into society; and Advocacy for Victims, which supports individuals who have been physically, emotionally, or sexually abused by a partner or are seeking assistance with civil legal issues related to family law. The Advocacy team also assists victims of human trafficking.

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## STATISTICS & IMPACTS

### ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS & FAMILY LAW

In 2018, advocacy assisted 171 individuals who were victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, dating violence or stalking

**35%** of our participants were assisted with emergent needs to include housing, food or clothing

In 2018, ANJC served 66 participants with legal advice and/or legal representation through our family law program.

**100%** of protective orders we went to court for were granted

### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE - ADULT REENTRY

**49%** of our participants are employed after starting our program

**48%** of our participants have connected with health care to include medical, behavioral or social-connected activities

**100%** of our participants have completed 40 hours of volunteer hours they feel gives back to the community

### SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

ANJC has a focus to bring partners together to advocate important issues and affecting real change in the systems that adversely affect the people we serve. In 2018:

**48** people assisted through pro se clinics to complete paperwork for child custody and/or divorce/dissolution in order to file with the State of Alaska court (pro se meaning “I’ll do it myself”)

**144** meetings were convened with community partners to discuss important issues adversely affecting people in Alaska communities

## MISSION & VISION

### OUR MISSION

Justice for Alaska Native People.

### OUR VALUES

We are interdependent. We are resilient.  
We are accountable. We are respectful.

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## SUCCESS STORY - ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS



### MARLENE MACK

*The Power of Belief*

*I believe you.* Three small words, but when Marlene Mack first came to the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC), her greatest fear was that she would not hear them.

“My husband at the time was undiagnosed with a mental disorder,” she explained. “He got violent. It got to the point where the kids and I would go to hotels to get away from his rage.”

When things got worse, Marlene found herself at ANJC.

“I walked into ANJC scared to death—I wondered if anyone was going to believe me.” Because she was afraid of her husband’s retaliation, Marlene had never reported any of his abuse. Mike Schafer, ANJC’s staff attorney at the time, took her through the screening process. “There was a lot of anxiety for me because sharing your story is tough. When Mike said he

would take my case, it was a huge relief. Finally, somebody was seeing and hearing me.”

That was only the beginning of a long, tough process—but along the whole way, ANJC was there to support Marlene and her children. The ANJC advocacy team helped her find a home for her family and took her to her first food bank. Mike not only helped her obtain a protective order, but explained what it meant and what she needed to do to enforce it. ANJC helped and encouraged her to get therapy for both her and her children.

Most of all, though, the people on ANJC’s advocacy team made Marlene feel like she had a voice.

Marlene is still involved with ANJC today—no longer as a client, but as a Program Manager for the Advocacy team. She is able to share her own experience with individuals who find themselves going through what she went through.

“I think sharing my own story with clients has empowered others to say, ‘Yes, I can do this and will get through it.’”

In other words, when someone comes to ANJC with a story they’re afraid to share, Marlene gets to be the one who can say to them those three crucial words: “I believe you.”

## YEAR IN REVIEW CONTINUED

ANJC has increased its staff, as well; 75 percent of these new hires have been Alaska Native. This enhanced capacity ensures that those who need justice help get it, while new methods of tracking participants' cases provides greater consistency in service.

It also allows the organization to do more education about its services and to go outside of Anchorage to areas of the state where individuals might not have easy access to advocacy help. Already, ANJC has traveled to several communities across the state to raise awareness around its services. ANJC advocate/case managers can now also offer over-the-phone case management to those communities on a weekly basis.

“Privacy is a major barrier to getting help for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault who live in rural communities,” Tammy explained. “An individual may not want to go to the local shelter because someone who works there is related to them, or related to their abuser. That’s why access to case management outside the community is important. And if they need more, we will refer them to the right place to get help.”

### What’s Next?

- **Service expansion:** 18 community “hubs” established to serve rural Alaskans
- **Increased advocacy:** Additional partnerships with other advocacy organizations
- **Broadened client base:** Services for rehabilitating sex offenders
- **Youth-focused programs:** Mentoring and support for at-risk youth

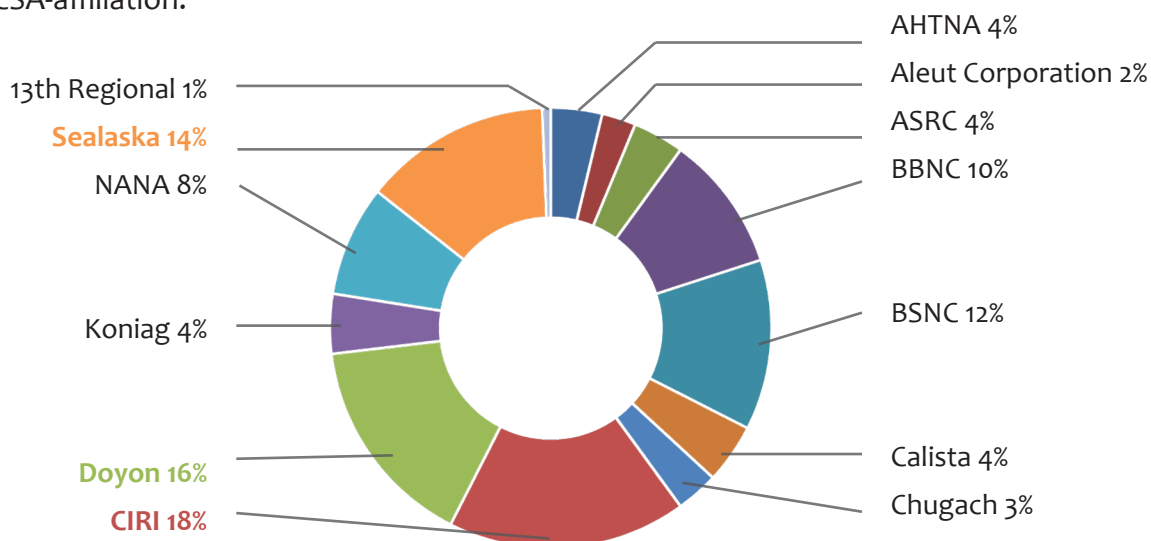


## STATISTICS & IMPACTS

### SERVICE AREA

ANJC serves individuals state-wide, assisting participants from every ANCSA region.

We have served a total of **1,661** individuals this year, including **180** participants who identified their ANCSA-affiliation.



# SUCCESS STORY - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

## DANIEL BUSHEY

*Mentee Becomes Mentor*

“I could stay sober, but I couldn’t deal with life” is how Daniel Bushey describes the first few years after he got out of prison. He’d served a twenty-year sentence and had gotten recovery help for his drug and alcohol addiction.

But twenty years in prison changes a person. “After that much time knowing where my bunk was, being fed—when I got out, I couldn’t adjust.”

Daniel’s parole officer recommended that he seek out reentry services, which are specifically targeted toward reintegrating individuals back into society successfully, to prevent that individual from re-offending.

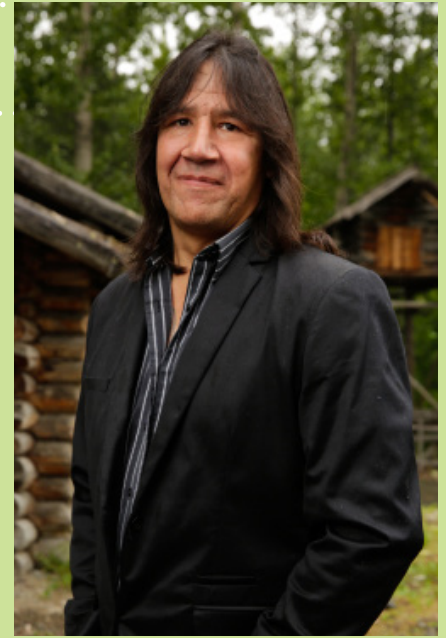
Daniel came to ANJC for reentry help, but what he found was a familiar face. Benjamin Briggs, now one of three adult reentry case managers with ANJC, had once served time himself—in fact, he had served alongside Daniel. For Daniel, seeing Benny—successful, gainfully employed, now in a position of helping others—made all the difference.

“I knew Benny had been in the same place I was, so I trusted him,” Daniel shared.

He took ANJC’s Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) classes, which are designed to equip individuals reentering society after imprisonment with better decision-making and appropriate behavior. Daniel also attended an ANJC support group as he maintained his sobriety, found work, and got in good standing with his parole officer. With the assistance of ANJC, and through his own determination, Daniel transformed his life so completely that at a court hearing, even the prosecutor had to admit: “This is a changed man.”

Today, Daniel has followed in Benny’s footsteps, becoming a mentor himself. He has his own business, now, and he uses it to give men like him that second chance they need after leaving prison. At Bushey Madness Automotive, men learn mechanical skills and make a living repairing cars under Daniel’s guidance.

“If I can help someone who’s struggling, maybe it can show them—you can’t give up,” he said. “ANJC doesn’t give up, so I’m not giving up, either.”



### Education

Equipping individuals with knowledge about the criminal justice system.



### Restorative Justice

Providing those returning to society after incarceration with the tools they need to successfully rebuild their lives.



### Advocacy for Victims

Standing up for the rights of Alaska Native people and providing the tools they need to advocate for themselves.



### Social Justice Advocacy

Bringing partners together to advocate for fair and equitable treatment of Alaska Native people within the justice system.



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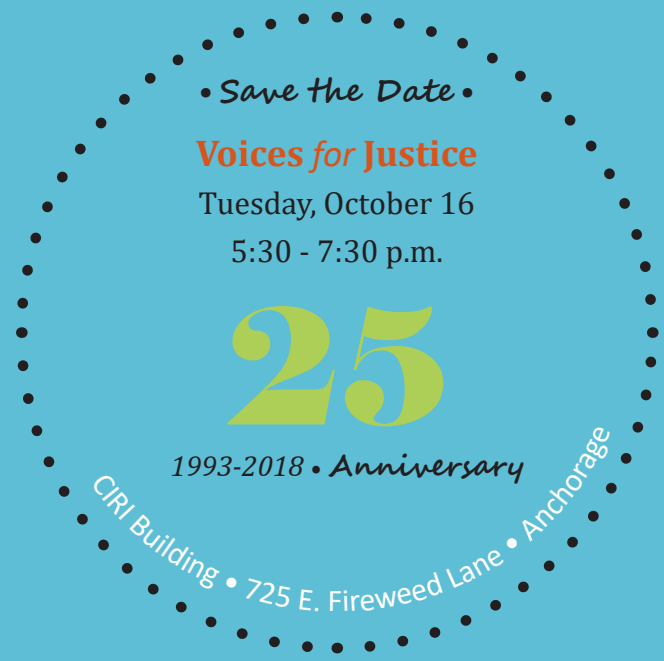
- Silent auction
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Guest speakers
- Networking

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