

## Policies & Procedures

### Steering Committee Formation

#### Steps to take when requesting FWWI to enter a village or community.

Southcentral Foundation's Family Wellness Warriors Initiative (FWWI) promotes family wellness by educating and training individuals and agencies about healthy relationships in families. Many Alaskan villages and communities are interested in having an FWWI sponsored event in their region. In order to make such a request, a series of steps leading to the formation of a local Steering Committee must have taken place prior to an event being held in your region.

#### Step One:

- A signed letter from your region's Tribal Organization requesting the Family Wellness Warriors Initiative to enter your village community for a 3 ½ day Arrigah House event.

#### Step Two:

- Your community (Tribal Organization, Churches, Community Organizations, etc.) must sponsor a minimum of 2 individuals to attend a minimum of 2 Beauty for Ashes or Arrigah House events.
  - This includes covering their travel costs and registration fee's.

#### Step Three:

- The individuals who completed at least 2 Beauty for Ashes or Arrigah House events must attend and complete Training the Trainers, a workshop designed to train individuals on how to lead small groups in their home community's.
  - There is no registration fee for this event. Travel to/from Anchorage is not included.

#### Step Four:

- After graduating from Training the Trainers the two trained leaders must start and maintain a small group for a minimum of 12 weeks in your home community/village.
  - Up to 6 participant Journey Guides will be provided at no cost to you.

#### Step Five:

- At the close of the 12 week small group, those in attendance can form your region's Steering Committee.

As you begin forming your steering committee that will partner with our FWWI staff in event planning, please make note of our suggested a short list of criteria that we hope will assist you in determining characteristics that are helpful when pursuing key leaders for steering committee involvement:

- Alaska Native or American Indian (preferred, but all races are welcome)
- Believer in Jesus Christ
- Impacted by domestic violence, abuse and neglect at some point in their lives
- Willingness to address domestic violence, abuse, and neglect in their home and/or community
- Currently residing in the targeted area
- Commitment of a one-year steering committee term to support and participate in bringing FWWI's *Arrigah House Training* to the region.

The purpose of FWWI is three-fold: 1) to encourage and promote family wellness utilizing Native strengths to counter all types of domestic violence, neglect, and abuse among Alaska Natives; 2) to enhance existing resources and develop new collaborations for addressing domestic violence, neglect and abuse and assist all those who are impacted; and 3) to encourage and strengthen Alaska Native family wellness.

Please feel free to contact FWWI at 907-729-5440 or toll free at 866-729-3994 if you have additional questions or need further assistance in establishing your Steering Committee.