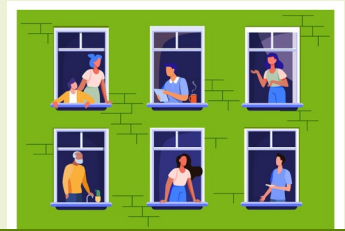


Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration Program

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc.



About the Grant Recipient

Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP) is a community action agency (CAA) that helps children and families with low incomes in Alaska access affordable housing and child care, as well as avoid family separations through advocacy. RurAL CAP owns and manages Safe Harbor Muldoon, a transitional housing site in Anchorage's Muldoon neighborhood.

About the Award

RurAL CAP has been awarded \$250,000 through the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) program, administered by the Office of Community Services (OCS). With this funding, RurAL CAP will launch the Little Haven Project to expand child care and other supportive services to residents of Safe Harbor Muldoon by:

- Establishing a no-cost, drop-in child care program for resident families with children 6 months to 9 years old to address the lack of adequate, affordable child care and allow parents to seek employment and adult education opportunities. RurAL CAP will hire a new early education teacher to oversee the center.
- Hiring a new early childhood specialist at the center who will coordinate with Safe Harbor's existing case management team to provide enhanced support, such as education opportunities, case management, financial literacy, homeownership education, and health care access assistance.

Combining Affordable Housing with Supportive Services

Affordable housing provides a place to live for individuals and families with low incomes, but sometimes housing alone is not enough to help residents achieve safety, stability, and economic mobility.

Barriers to housing stability include, but are not limited to, having a low income, mental and physical health challenges, limited education, and limited English proficiency.

Combining supportive services with affordable housing has been shown to be an effective strategy for helping vulnerable populations maintain a stable home, while moving toward economic mobility and self-sufficiency.

About the Affordable Housing and Supportive Services Demonstration (AHSSD) Program

In fiscal year 2023, [OCS](#) within the [Administration for Children and Families](#) (ACF) at the U.S. [Department of Health and Human Services](#) launched AHSSD, a brand new demonstration program. OCS awarded nearly \$2.1 million to nine grant recipients — eight CAAs and the Chickasaw Nation — across the country to strengthen and enhance the wraparound supportive services available to residents living in affordable housing communities. This funding will provide supportive services to affordable housing residents in Alaska, Arizona, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Chickasaw Nation in Oklahoma, and Virginia. With this funding, grant recipients will increase their capacity to help families living in affordable housing access wraparound supportive services to improve their overall safety, stability, and economic mobility.