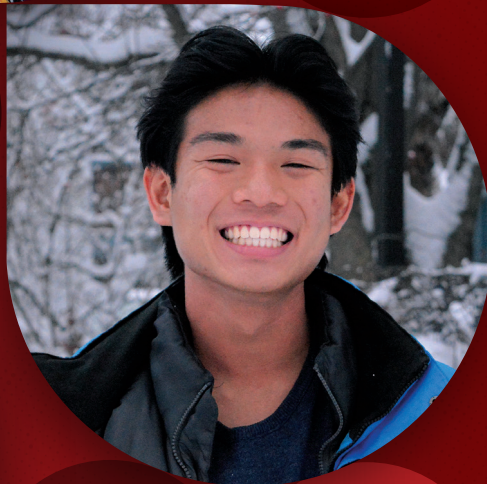


# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2021



**SUPPORT COMMUNITY,  
EMPOWER PEOPLE,  
PREVENT HIV**



**FOUR A's**  
ALASKAN AIDS ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT

It will come as no surprise to you that 2021 was another year of constant change and challenge at Four A's. As we quickly approach two years of operating within a global pandemic, more Alaskans living with HIV have depended on Four A's for assistance with housing, utilities, access to medical care and insurance coverage. As a result, we have pushed the limits and expanded services to meet those essential needs. This year, our Southeast office moved to a new location. All over



ROBIN LUTZ

the state, our FASAP participants continue to rely on Four A's for access to life-saving Narcan (overdose reversal) and clean injection supplies.

This year, Cabenuva, a monthly injectable antiretroviral treatment became available. We now support clients pursuing this method of treatment through ADAP and even longer lasting injectable treatments are on the horizon. Human trials began just this fall for an mRNA HIV vaccine, offering a hopeful step forward in prevention efforts.

As the face of HIV evolves, so do we. Four A's has ambitious goals for 2022.

Four A's plans to aggressively pursue funding that will allow us to increase our HIV prevention programming, continue to focus on making sure Alaskans living with HIV are safely housed and connected to medical care, and further grow our services in Southeast Alaska. We remain committed to supporting Alaskans working to improve their health, lives, and communities.

ROBIN LUTZ  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HOPE McGRATTY  
BOARD PRESIDENT

## PREVENTION IN 2021

90%

Of HIV Testing was offered through at home HIV test kits

1,949

Participants statewide

871,786

Sterile syringes distributed

2,800

Narcan kits distributed

730,010

Used syringes safely disposed

20,000

Condoms distributed



## HIGHLIGHT:

Four A's Southeast Syringe Access Program saw a 50% increase in participants.

This year, Four A's started distributing Fentanyl strips through FASAP. Testing substances for Fentanyl is one of the most effective ways to reduce risk of overdose.

## THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

A young woman struggling to navigate her substance use disorder came to Four A's Mobile Health Unit one afternoon. She confided in the staff working the exchange that 4 years ago she injured herself playing soccer and became reliant on the pain pills prescribed to her, eventually leading her to use heroin when her prescription ran out. The young woman came for supplies and condoms, but knew she was ready for change – she was ready to recover. She asked to be referred to a clinic for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and our staff was able to get her an appointment that same day. "This is the first time in a long time that I have felt hopeful" she told Four A's staff.



VENUS WOODS



## THE UNSEEN PARTICIPANTS

Eric used to come to our Juneau office to collect clean supplies for himself and many other commercial fishermen who would inject drugs while out at sea for long stretches of time. For over a year, Eric had not come to Four A's, until he showed up unexpectedly one afternoon. **"Hey there, I'm totally sober now – I have been for a year so far."** He explained how his partner died from a heroin overdose and he quit using meth and heroin on the spot. He still has a couple close friends who are injecting drugs and wanted to make sure they were safe. He collected a couple boxes of syringes to help friends avoid contracting HIV and HCV as well as several Narcan kits to have on hand in case of an overdose.



JAMES HOAGLAND

There are many people like Eric who routinely pick up and distribute safer injection supplies to friends and family members who are unable or unwilling to access FASAP due to fears of stigma or inability to travel. There are hundreds of people each year who will never walk through Four A's doors but benefit from having sterile supplies and community support.



ARIANE KELSEY

## CLIENT RESOURCES 2021

26

New clients enrolled in Four A's services

246  
Clients living with HIV

62

Clients receiving housing support

616

Transportation vouchers

677

Food boxes and vouchers



QUIANNA MAINER



JONATHAN NG

## A NEW START

At 70 years old, Adam relocated from the lower 48 to Alaska and became a client in Southeast. Due to being in a remote community, his intake was completed over the phone and his case manager worked with our partners at Front Street Clinic to get him seen by a provider as soon as possible to avoid a gap in crucial HIV medication. Within a week, he met with his new provider, got his prescription filled, and was signed up for

nutrition and transportation support to assist him when he travels to Juneau to grocery shop and attend medical appointments. Our ADAP Manager worked closely with him to get his out of state Medicare changed to Alaska's. This past month, Adam began working with our housing support programs to see if there are options to support him in his remote community.

Adam confided in his case manager about how difficult it has been to accept his diagnosis of HIV since learning his status two years ago. Our intake over the phone was the first time he's spoken openly about his status to someone other than his physician. With support from Four A's staff, Front Street Clinic and now Full Spectrum for mental health counseling, Adam feels it's easier for him to take on the next chapter of his life with more confidence.

# FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

FY21 has been a year of enormous growth for Four A's in Southeast. Last year, our Juneau office was open only a few hours a week, supported by one part-time staff and a handful of volunteers. Today, we are in a new building, open 40 hours a week and have two incredible full-time staff providing consistent access to the Syringe Access Program (FASAP) and comprehensive Case Management to Southeast Alaskans living with HIV.

This expansion in services has resulted in a **503%** increase in personnel costs in Southeast, from **\$9,762.00** in FY19 (our last pre-COVID fiscal year) to **\$58,885** in FY21.

By both being more available and by shifting to a model where FASAP participants can truly receive the number of syringes they need, expenses also increased significantly from **\$3,436** to **\$17,970** – a **423%** increase.

## FY21 EXPENSES TOTAL \$2,350,512.00

### CLIENT RESOURCES



\$1,854,423

### PREVENTION



\$304,800

### ADMINISTRATION



\$91,423

### FUNDRAISING



\$99,866

## REVENUE SOURCES

	FY19	FY20	FY21
Grants	\$1,623,129	\$1,799,530	\$2,067,126
Direct Giving	\$137,118	\$73,498	\$119,891
Earned Income	\$32,829	\$9,323	\$9,453
Other	\$7,973	\$26,579	\$19,986
TOTAL	\$1,801,049	\$1,908,930	\$2,216,456

\$23,066

Spent on housing placement (first month rent and deposits)

\$72,975

Spent on syringes and injection supplies

\$94,438

Spent on short-term transitional housing

## THANK YOU

Four A's entered 2021 proud of how resilient clients remained during unthinkable hardships due to COVID-19 and apprehensive about how we would continue to meet the increasing needs of our community. Looking back on the year, we have you - our donors, volunteers and community partners - to thank for supporting the remarkable growth Four A's has undergone over the past 12 months.

2021 brought another year without Dining Out for Life and Fetish Ball, two major revenue-generating events for Four A's, yet financial support from direct giving increased by 63% from 2020. You were open and excited as we got creative with our outreach. Many of you participated in Four A's first Virtual Fun Run/Walk, t-shirt campaigns, and a series of new fundraising efforts, helping us work towards closing these gaps created by COVID-19.

You saw the rising needs of our FASAP participants and clients living with HIV in Southeast Alaska and stepped up to support. Your donations helped us to meet a 423% growth in Southeast's FASAP expenses.

As we look forward to 2022, we continue to need financial support from our community to fund HIV prevention services across Alaska. Your financial gifts are crucial to ensuring that all Alaskans have the tools they need to prevent the spread of HIV within our community. Your donations are essential to giving every Alaskan living with HIV access to wrap-around care.



SONNY FABIANO



CORY BENTON

Thank you. Without you, we simply would not have been able to accomplish what we have this year. We hope you will stand by us as we continue to grow in 2022.



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Thank you to everyone who Picked, Clicked, and Gave a portion of their PFDs to Four A's in 2021. Thanks to your generosity, Four A's received a total of \$6,662.52. When you file for your PFD in 2022, please consider donating through Pick. Click.Give. to the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association.