

Profile



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ORGANIZATION:

501(c)(3) private nonprofit organization
Health care affiliate of Cook Inlet Region, Inc., a Tribal organization
Nine-member Alaska Native Board of Directors

MANAGEMENT:

Co-manage the Alaska Native Medical Center

SERVICE FOCUS:

Health care

SERVICE AREA:

Anchorage Service Unit; a geographic area of 107,413 square miles.

CUSTOMER BASE:

70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES:

2,900

OPERATING BUDGET:

\$595 million

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Federal and state government, private foundations, third-party billing

TYPES OF SERVICES:

Primary health care and health-related services

SPECIFIC:

- medical care
- domestic violence prevention
- dentistry
- suicide prevention
- optometry
- mental health counseling
- psychiatry
- traditional healing
- physical therapy
- complementary medicine
- substance abuse treatment
- home health
- transitional living
- health education
- prenatal support
- Elder program
- adolescent residential
- research
- women's residential
- youth internships

Alaska Native People Shaping Health Care

VISION:

A Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness.

MISSION:

Working together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services.

GOALS:

Shared Responsibility,
Commitment to Quality, and
Family Wellness

ESTABLISHED IN 1982

**SERVES 70,000
PEOPLE**

CUSTOMER-OWNED

Organizational History And Background

Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native nonprofit health care organization established under the Tribal authority of Cook Inlet Region, Inc. in 1982 to improve the health and social conditions of Alaska Native people, enhance culture, and support individuals and families on their wellness journey. The nine-member Alaska Native board of directors is the chief policy-making body. SCF has grown from fewer than 100 employees to more than 2,900, and from an annual operating budget of \$3 million to \$595 million. The President and CEO reports directly to SCF's Board of Directors and supervises six divisions, each headed by an executive vice president who administers the operations and employees for an organization-wide total of more than 80 programs.

A wide range of health and wellness services are provided to over 70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people living in the Municipality of Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and nearby villages. In 1998, SCF established the Village Service Management Team, which serves as a liaison between the organization and Tribal representatives from within the Anchorage Service Unit. The members advise SCF's Board of Directors on the health care needs of their villages and help village residents understand what services are available to them.

SCF assumed ownership and management of programs located in the Anchorage Native Primary Care Center in 1997. In January 1999, SCF expanded as it became co-manager of the Alaska Native Medical Center, along with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (a consortium of 15 Alaska Native organizations). The Indian Health Service previously operated the programs. With this transition, Alaska became the first state in the nation to have all of its health facilities for Alaska Native people managed by Alaska Native organizations.

The Alaska Native Medical Center offers comprehensive medical services and acute, specialty, primary, and behavioral health care for Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Alaska. The Anchorage Native Primary Care Center, known as an example of whole-system transformation, is part of the accredited Alaska Native Medical Center. SCF also owns and manages another large primary care center, 13 federally designated community health centers, a community mental health center, and a residential substance abuse treatment center. While perhaps best known for its primary care services, SCF's customer-owned, relationship-based Nuka System of Care also offers pharmacy, outpatient behavioral health, dental and optometry services, specialized substance abuse treatment, specialized services for youth and Elders, and healing programs such as the Family Wellness Warriors. A recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2011 and 2017, SCF is a global leader among health care organizations — recognized for its Nuka System of Care. SCF has also partnered with Harvard Medical School Center for Primary Care. The Center studied SCF's Nuka System of Care, and offered leadership training and exchanges between the two organizations. HMS participated in SCF's Core Concepts and SCF took part in the Center's InciteHealth initiative, which focuses on health care innovation and primary care redesign.