



SERRRC News

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SERRRC Offers 21st Century Solutions

Check out SERRRC's new website: www.serrrc.org

With the advent of real-time instant messaging, streaming media, web-conferencing, and other computer communication techniques that allow people to connect and share information globally - the future is now.

At SERRRC – Alaska's Educational Resource Center – harnessing and customizing the ever-evolving world of technology to improve student achievement is embedded in every one of the agency's services and programs. From state-of-the-art websites and videoconferencing abilities to the agency's top-notch Technology Operations Team (also known as TechOps) that provide a myriad of services to schools and districts, SERRRC is poised for the future and ready to help educators, students, and families find tangible solutions that really work.

With the future in mind, SERRRC is pleased to announce the launch of its new website. In an effort to make the site easy to use, we've



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divided all our services into three categories:

- **Direct Student Services**
- **School and District Support Services**
- **Community Services**

In addition to the navigational tool, the site also features many interactive components including the opportunity to sign up for programs and apply for a job online.

While technology plays an important role in SERRRC's delivery methods, the agency still provides old-fashioned customer service to our many clients. With more than three decades of services to the state, SERRRC is committed to providing exemplary programs that help Alaskans succeed in school and life, and by doing so will help create a better future for our state, our country, and the world.

SERRRC's Leadership Team

Sheryl Weinberg
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Sheryl has worked in public education since 1976 and has been employed at SERRRC since 1993.

Her 31-year career includes teaching in Arizona and Alaska, university teaching, and special education administration. Sheryl's responsibilities include providing leadership and motivation for a highly creative, expert staff; assuring fiscal solvency; setting standards for program excellence and cost efficiency; and ensuring the oversight of short and long-term planning to support the agency's mission.

Julie Staley

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

A native of Australia, Julie has worked at SERRRC since 1992 and has extensive experience working with



Alaskan schools. Julie is responsible for hiring, managing, and providing staff with professional development opportunities.

She is also the Director of SERRRC's Federal Programs, the Alaska Parent Information and Resource Center (AKPIRC), and the Enhancing Native Children's Outcomes through Reading Experiences (ENCORE) program.

Teri Dierick DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Teri is a product of Alaska's educational system. She grew up in Yakutat and became the Business Manager for the Yakutat School



District during her senior year of high school. Teri has worked for SERRRC since 2002 and is responsible for the agency's financial and operational activities, initiating new programs and - along with her staff - providing business/financial services to several school districts.



SERRRC IS AN ACRONYM FOR THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER. SINCE THE AGENCY

PROVIDES DIRECT STUDENT SERVICES, SCHOOL AND DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO THE ENTIRE STATE, PEOPLE REFER TO SERRRC AS ALASKA'S EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER.



Direct Student Services

To view a comprehensive list of SERRC's Direct Student Services, please visit www.serrc.org

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Alaska Learning Labs (SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES)

Last school year, Alaska Learning Labs provided supplemental educational services for close to 400 students in several school sites - four of which met AYP.

By utilizing hands-on learning tools, cultural curriculum, family nights, home activities, student incentive programs, and web-based tutorials, Alaska Learning Labs is making the grade in schools throughout rural Alaska.

Student Success

- Incentive programs that work
- Web-based learning programs
- Mobile library of more than 100 books written about Alaskans by Alaskans

Community Involvement

- Community members are hired as on-site tutors
- Parent nights, cultural programs, and activities that engage the whole family

Experience

- Programs are designed by rural Alaskan teachers for rural Alaskan students

Administrative Information

- Low hourly rate
- Requires minimal support from district and/or school personnel



www.serrc.org/aklabs or call Dan Henry or Carmen Davis in SERRC's Anchorage office at 907-349-0651.

Satisfied Customers

STUDENTS	PARENTS
87.3%	96%



These results were obtained by surveying 62 parents and 82 students.

Data from last year shows that, on average, students enrolled in this after-school program gained more than a grade level in reading, writing, and math.



All-Alaska Academy *All-Alaska Academy's New Career Connections Program offers FREE Construction and Oil, Gas, & Mining Sessions.*



Funded by the Denali Training Fund Youth Initiative and sponsored by SERRC and Alaska's Construction Trade Unions and Apprenticeship programs, the All-Alaska Academy's Career Connections program offers a Construction Industry Awareness and an Oil, Gas, and Mining Industry Awareness session.

Both week-long programs will take place in Juneau and accommodate 15 students from rural Alaska. Activities include discussions with community and industry leaders, industry-oriented field trips, training in basic industry skills and tools, construction math, job-seeking skills, and the opportunity to learn about apprenticeship careers.



www.serrc.org/academy or call Linda Kadrlik in SERRC's Juneau office at 907-586-6806.



Answer Camp *Alaska Native Student Wisdom Enrichment Retreat (ANSWER Camp)*

Funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant, ANSWER Camp combines Native ways of learning and middle school curriculum to improve student achievement. This program has served more than 1,750 seventh and eighth grade Alaska Native students since its inception in 1998.

"This year, ANSWER Camp is so extreme! Man, at first I thought that it was going to be a boring little thing, but I guess I thought wrong. It's unbelievable. I don't know about you, but this camp is recommended by me."

-2007 Answer Camp Participant and Blogger

In October, students who participated in ANSWER Camp 2007 were surveyed to determine the impact of attending this program. More than half of the 80 students who attended last year's camp responded.

	YES	NO
Did your experience at ANSWER Camp increase your interest in science?	92.7%	7.3%
Did your experience at ANSWER Camp increase your interest in math?	85.4%	14.6%
Did your experience at ANSWER Camp make you think about what you will do after high school?	87.8%	12.2%
Do you plan to attend college and/or some kind of training program after high school?	92.7%	7.3%
Do you have interest in getting a job where math and science skills are required?	82.9%	17.1%



www.serrc.org/answercamp or call SERRC's Juneau office at 907-586-6806.



School and District Support Services

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Alaska Comprehensive Center (ACC)

COLLABORATING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

As part of a federal network of 16 Regional Comprehensive Centers, and in partnership with the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, the Alaska Comprehensive Center provides assistance to the State of Alaska to help improve student achievement statewide.

www.alaskacc.org

ACC's website can guide school, district, or state teams through the school improvement process with a focus on analyzing state assessment data to set improvement goals; analyzing school data to clarify problems in low performing areas; and using classroom data to monitor student progress.



www.alaskacc.org or contact Jerry Schoenberger in SERRC's Juneau Office at 907-586-6806.

Special Education Services

For more than 30 years, SERRC has delivered special education services to Alaska's school-aged children. Now along with those



SERRC's Special Education Itinerant Staff

services, SERRC provides an Infant Learning Program on the Aleutians and Pribilof Islands. This program serves families with children from birth to age three and is funded by a State of Alaska grant. SERRC also

offers a wide variety of Transition Services that include Regional and Local Transition Camps, Regional and Local Transition Awareness Training, Resource Mapping, and Transition Planning Assistance to help students successfully transition from school to work and from home to independent living.



www.serrc.org or call Judy Robertson in SERRC's Anchorage office at 907-349-0651.



Alaska Parent Information and Resource Center (AKPIRC)

FORMING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

Funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant and a partnership between SERRC, RurAL CAP, and the Anchorage, Copper River, and Yup'it School Districts, the Alaska Parent Information and Resource Center (AKPIRC) provides valuable information and training to both educators and parents.

Currently, AKPIRC offers resources via its website, together with:

- Training Language Cultural Liaisons who provide monthly visits to more than 70 families
- Monthly parent workshops on various student success topics
- Establishing Parent as Teachers (PAT) programs in partner schools that serve more than 30 children

- Training PAT staff members who serve some 1,086 parents statewide
- Supporting families and educators with language translations in Hmong, Samoan, Spanish, and Yup'ik
- Distributing 540 Parent Involvement Resources Toolkits to every principal in Alaska
- Access to parent involvement, child development, and student success information.



www.akpirc.org or contact Mike Travis in SERRC's Anchorage office at 907-349-0651.

School Improvement Services

SERRC is dedicated to help schools improve student achievement by offering a variety of programs that yield real results. From Data Retreats that help school teams not only analyze data but transform that information into action plans that meet the



individual needs of each client, SERRC's experience, infrastructure, and highly qualified staff has assisted Alaska's educators in their quest to make a difference for more than thirty years.

SERRC's Data Retreats provided an invaluable service to our staff. We learned how to evaluate and analyze data to make changes in the classroom which had significant positive impact on direct instruction for our students. I attribute a great amount of credit to SERRC's Data Retreat training which played a great part in moving our 400 student elementary school to making AYP this year.

The process really helped unify our staff, board, administration, and community.

We are now working together as an incredibly strong and unified team and seeing the positive impact in our schools and students.

Stan Lujan, Nome City Schools Superintendent



www.serrc.org or contact Julie Staley in SERRC's Juneau office at 907-586-6806.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT



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Support
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**Community
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LOOK INSIDE
*to find out how SERRC
is helping schools and
districts improve student
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Community Services

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The Learning Connection

HELPING PEOPLE BUILD A BETTER LIFE THROUGH EDUCATION

Under the banner of The Learning Connection (TLC), SERRC provides community services to families in towns and villages throughout

Southeast Alaska. From Even Start Centers at low-income housing units to GED preparation and testing, and from vocational courses to actual job training, TLC impacts more than 500 Alaskans every year.

Last year, SERRC hosted a Construction Trades Academy that brought 17 youth from several Southeast locations to Juneau to learn about construction opportunities. In 2008, SERRC will sponsor the Juneau Construction Academy that will offer several free construction classes and at-work opportunities for adults and youth. Both of these programs were results of partnerships with school districts, trade organizations, and the state to promote construction career paths.



www.serrc.org/tlc or call Elizabeth Dahl
at The Learning Connection at 907-586-5718.