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# Ted Stevens

United States Senator for Alaska

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- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: Anchorage's Promise of Anchorage, AK - to implement America's Promise Child Mentoring and Support Program

Project Location: State of Alaska

**Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):**

Anchorage's Promise is committed to continuing our working with multiple organizations to mobilize all sectors within our communities to help build and strengthen the character and competence of Alaska's children and youth by providing them with all Five Promises. The Five Promises are the framework for a strategy that concentrates on the positive strengths of our community and our youth. Linked directly to the 40 developmental assets that many community organizations and our public schools are utilizing, Anchorage's Promise will provide strategic support in reaching out to and mentoring our youth.

(please see attached pages)

Related Appropriations Bill: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: \_\_\_\_\_

Total funding to complete this project: 115,000

Number of years to fund this project: 3

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: \_\_\_\_\_

Matching funds from local and private entities:

A total of \$50,000 annually from private donations and local funding partners.

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

FIE Earmark Grant Award 2005 - \$100,000  
 Earmark Grant Award 2008 - \$100,000

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

- A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)
- Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)



### **Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation Request Continued**

As an alliance we have worked as a lead agency within community coalitions to identify resources and services to strengthen and impact the lives of children and youth. Coalition involvement has increased mentoring opportunities and mentors (especially for boys), and advocacy for children and youth over the past three years.

Our alignment with America's Promise as a local promise organization provides us with training, resources and strong national partner support. Many of these resources are being used to address the three National Action Strategies that have been identified by America's Promise through their recent national survey "Every Child Every Promise" that was conducted in 2005. The National Action Strategies are designed to improve the lives of 15 million at-risk young people through the power of the Five Promises. These strategies include: Where the Kids Are - which addresses schools as hubs to integrate school and community services so at-risk children receive more Promises year round. All Kids Covered - which will ultimately see that all eligible children are enrolled in SCHIP and Medicaid. Ready for the Real World - engages every middle-school student in service learning and career exploration by designing "real-world" experiences relevant to them.



As stated previously we are committed to helping Alaska youth succeed and have a strong desire to continue our work as a "Promise" organization. Our involvement as a state lead agency in youth service has earned us recognition statewide as an organization that truly cares about Alaska's youth. Additionally, our work as an alliance has strengthened many coalitions throughout the Municipality of Anchorage and has ignited interest from neighboring communities to learn more about the Five Promise and the ability they have to build strong connections resulting in greater services for children and youth.

To continue our mission of strengthening our communities through the delivery of the Five Promises, Anchorage's Promise is seeking support through this legislative earmark. As a statewide organization, we will become known as Alaska Youth Alliance and will continue working with communities utilizing a result based accountability process to identify youth needs and align local resources. This strengths based approach actively engages youth as well as adults in the determination of direction and delivery of services to meet the identified needs within a given community or population.

Building on proven practices and through support our work can move forward and out into more communities in Alaska, ultimately impacting the lives of many. The following objectives are specifically identified to impact the communities and support systems that exist within our communities, ultimately

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increasing services and support for our children and youth.

Objective 1: Enhance and strengthen opportunities for Caring Adults - parents, mentors, tutors or coaches - to become involved in working with Alaska's youth.

Objective 2: Work closely with local organizations and our public schools to identify Safe Places with structured activities during non-school hours.

Objective 3: Support and market local resources and programs that promote a Healthy Start for Alaska's children and youth, encouraging greater health, physical activity and positive choices.

Objective 4: Through collaboration with local businesses and community partners, youth will have greater opportunities to develop Marketable Skills.

Objective 5: Opportunities to Serve – In support of Global Youth Service Day, and many ongoing service arenas, Alaska's Youth Alliance will promote and provide meaningful opportunities for youth to give back through service.

Objective 6: Increase community awareness of Alaska's Youth Alliance and the Five Promises' importance to Alaskan youth.

Overall Outcome: Increase interest by all sectors of our state in helping build the character and competence of Alaska's children and youth by providing the Five Promises. The work Alaska's Youth Alliance is doing to enhance existing youth service providers will be seen as vital to our community. Alaska's Youth Alliance envisions a state where Alaska's youth do not simply live, but where youth thrive.

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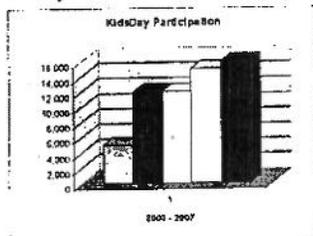
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## Overview of Anchorage's Promise

Founded in 2003, Anchorage's Promise has emerged as the largest and most effective mobilizer of youth-led activities in Alaska. In 2007 Anchorage's Promise efforts will touch the lives of **57,000 young people and their families** throughout the state.

Anchorage's Promise is also a leader in advocating for young people and their families and raising awareness about youth-related issues. Anchorage's Promise partners include the Municipality of Anchorage, members of the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition (over 300 members), Boys & Girls Club of Alaska, Campfire, Girl Scouts, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, and the Red Ribbon Coalition.

Major initiatives include:

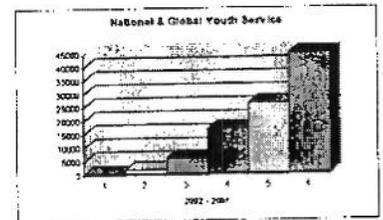


### Anchorage's Promise KidsDay

- Largest family event in the state serving over **16,000 young people and their families**.
- 'One stop shopping' approach brings together all local resources for children, youth and families under one roof increasing the capacity of local organizations through increased communication, coordination and outreach.
- Advocating for KidsDay to be adopted as an official statewide event by Governor Palin.

### Alaska - Youth Leadership & Service

- Largest youth volunteer event in Alaska and recognized by Youth Service America as one of the top five youth volunteer events in the entire nation for the past four years.
- Engages **45,000 young people** in volunteer service projects in **30 communities** throughout the state.
- Includes over **1,000 youth in leadership and planning**.
- Spearheaded outreach to Senator Lisa Murkowski to have National Youth Service Day proclamation endorsed by the United States Senate (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007).



### 100 Best Communities for Young People

- Engages **15,000 Anchorage residents** in activities celebrating community resources.
- Anchorage named twice as "best community for young people" in the nation by America's Promise Alliance (2005 and 2007).
- This national recognition showcases Anchorage's support for young people and is a positive marketing point for new businesses and residents.
- As a result Anchorage has been featured nationally in USA Today, Newsweek and the Today Show.

### Voices For Alaska Children and Youth

- Advocacy support for policies that reflect positive youth development principles like the federal reauthorization of SCHIP (children's health insurance) and support for the PACE Act (connecting community services and schools).

*Anchorage's Promise is a collaborative organization that builds upon the collective power of local partners to align services for young people. Fulfilling the Five Promises: Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start and Future, Effective Education for Marketable Skills, & Opportunities to Help Others*