

2025

SUPER STARS

ROOTED IN CARE

CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALASKA'S 2025 AWARDEES!

WHAT ARE THE 2025 SUPER STARS AWARDS?

Each year, this celebration honors outstanding staff and leaders from Alaska's Community Health Centers who go above and beyond in their work. Nominated by their colleagues, these individuals embody the Rooted in Care theme, which celebrates the meaningful work happening every day in Health Centers and the people who make community health possible.

Rooted in Compassion – Heart of the Health Center

Brings joy, compassion, and warmth to everyone

Rooted in Experience – Wisdom Keeper

Longtime staff who leads with experience and mentorship

Rooted in Support – Behind-the-Scenes Hero

Dedicated to operational excellence and keeping things running

Rooted in Teamwork – Team Glue

The encourager who holds the team together

Rooted in Innovation – Innovator

Improves workflows or sparks creative new ideas

Rooted in Potential – Rising Star

A newer employee showing strong promise and energy

ALEUTIAN PRIBILOF ISLAND ASSOCIATION

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

LORRAINE THOMAS

*ELDER SERVICE
COORDINATOR*

ANCHORAGE NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

MELYNDA BOTTORFF
*DENTAL PRACTICE
MANAGER*

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

THERESA LINGO
SENIOR PHLEBOTOMIST

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

SHIVA MARUPUDI
*DIRECTOR OF REVENUE
CYCLE*

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

LAMOND VENNING
*INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY MANAGER*

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

HANNAH HILL
*EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO
THE CMO*

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

DR. RUTH MCGOVERN
MEDICAL PHYSICIAN

BETHEL FAMILY CLINIC

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

TARA ZERWAS
DENTAL HYGIENIST

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

**MICHELINE
TCHATCHOUA**
REGISTERED NURSE

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

SHADI RABI
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

CAROLYN HENSON
FRONT OFFICE

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

ATALAYA JIMENEZ
*BUSINESS OFFICE
MANAGER*

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

CRYSTAL TRIPLETT
CASE MANAGER

COPPER RIVER NATIVE ASSOCIATION

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

ELIZABETH VOLLEMA
CHAP

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

CAROL COZZEN
*AHTNA LANGUAGE
INSTRUCTOR*

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

ELTON JACKSON
*PAYROLL & PROCESS
MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST*

COUNCIL OF ATHABASCAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

EDA CARROLL
YFHC RECEPTIONIST

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

MONICA PETER
PATIENT CASE MANAGER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

DEBRA MCCARTY
CLINIC DIRECTOR

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

JANIS CARROLL
BH PROGRAM MANAGER

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

NADINE CARROLL
*GRANTS & CONTRACTS
MANAGER*

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

KELLY FIELDS
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

CROSS ROAD HEALTH MINISTRIES

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

DEBBIE DAVEY
*DIRECTOR OF RISK
MANAGEMENT*

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

LONNIE MILLER
*ADMIN ASSISTANT/
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF*

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

LENA MOROZOV
MA/FRONT OFFICE

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

MARGARITA SLYCHENYUK
*DIRECTOR OF RISK
MANAGEMENT*

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

NADIA DOMAS
LEAD NURSE

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

NANCY CARLSON
FRONT OFFICE

DAHL MEMORIAL CLINIC

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

**BRITTANY
WESTMORELAND**
MEDICAL ASSISTANT

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

NICHOLAS TANNER
LEAD MEDICAL ASSISTANT

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

CHAD MACPHERSON
*DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY*

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

PATRICK BARKER
*BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SPECIALIST*

EASTERN ALEUTIAN TRIBES

ROOTED IN
COMPASSION

INDIGO JICHA
RN CASE MANAGER

ROOTED IN
EXPERIENCE

PAUL MUELLER
CEO

ROOTED IN
POTENTIAL

VICTORIA MARQUEZ
RN CASE MANAGER

ILANKA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

NICOLE PICHE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ILIULIUK FAMILY AND HEALTH SERVICES

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

TERESA NOVAKOVICH
GRANTS MANAGEMENT &
HR DIRECTOR

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

GREGORY WALTER
DNP

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

MARY JOY COSTANTINI
BSN, RN

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

SURIAYANI RAIP
CASE MANAGER/FRONT
DESK COORDINATOR

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

KRISSEL LAFORTEZA
LAB/X-RAY TECH

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

MYLYNN DANG
CLINICAL COORDINATOR

INTERIOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

MICHAEL DAVIS
QUALITY SUPERVISOR

JAMHI HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

ZARIAH KNIGHT
HEALTH SERVICE
SPECIALIST/MEDICAL ASSISTANT

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

RANDY GARCIA
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
SUPERVISOR

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

BRANDON HAUSER
WELLNESS COACH
SUPERVISOR

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

**HEATHER
SCHIMANSKI-LEE**
DIRECTOR OF CHSS

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

CHRISTY DOYON
CLINICAL PROGRAM
MANAGER

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

HEIDI ADAMS
CARE NAVIGATOR

KODIAK COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

MEGHAN BLAKLEY
CLINICAL MANAGER

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

KATRINA ANUCIACION
CSR MANAGER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

TAMMY HOLFORTY
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

JENNIFER KEEGAN
*FINANCE & GRANTS
MANAGER*

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

NATALIE SAETEURN
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

TAMI WAGNER
CLINICAL DIRECTOR

MANIILAQ COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

MELANIE JAMES
*COUNSELOR, INTEGRATIVE
MEDICINE*

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

LATOYA GATES
*INTEGRATED CARE
TEAM LEAD*

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

DR. RUTH ZENT
*FAMILY MEDICINE
PHYSICIAN*

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

TRACI LEE
ACUTE CARE MANAGER

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

KYLE FUHRIMAN
NURSE PRACTITIONER

MAT-SU HEALTH SERVICES

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

DALTON (LEO) FIEDLER
CMA

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

KIMBERLY RUNYAN
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CLINICIAN

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

**NATALIE BAUMAN-
PUTNAM**
CMA

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

KIM CONLEY
DENTAL DIRECTOR

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

ALESHIA KIRCHNER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
CLINICAL MANAGER

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

MEGAN HEADRICK
CUSTOMER ACCOUNT
REPRESENTATIVE

NORTON SOUND HEALTH CORPORATION

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

NICOLE SANTONASTASO
*PREVENTION PROGRAM
SUPERVISOR*

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

DR. MARC LEVIN
*PHYSICIAN, LTC MEDICAL
DIRECTOR, LEAD
RESIDENT/STUDENT
PROGRAMS*

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

DR. DEANNA LABIANCA
PEDIATRICIAN

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

KYLE EIDE
*QUALITY ADMIN
ASSISTANT*

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

ANNE IVANOFF
DIABETES CASE MANAGER

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

GUADALUPE RAMOS
REGISTERED NURSE

SEWARD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

HANNA BEANE
REGISTRATION SPECIALIST

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

ANDREA RODRIGUEZ
FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR

SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

AMANDA BYBEE
COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE
PRACTITIONER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

CAROLYN GREGORY
COMMUNITY HEALTH AIDE
PRACTITIONER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

KATHLEEN (KAS) HEALY
NURSE PRACTITIONER

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

TRACEY CARTER
NURSE PRACTITIONER

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

**CARA LESTENKOF-
MANDREGAN**
CLINIC MANAGER

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

DAVID JOHNSON
NURSE PRACTITIONER

SUNSHINE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

JACK SMOTHERS
FACILITIES DIRECTOR

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

CRICKETT STANKOWITZ
QUALITY DIRECTOR

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

MATT REPPPEL
HEALTH IT EHR SPECIALIST

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

KATIE BOURLAND
BILLING LEAD

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

SARA HELLER
*LPN & SUPERVISOR FOR
MEDICAL ASSISTANTS*

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

ALLISON SELF
*LEAD MEDICAL ASSISTANT
- CMA*

SVT HEALTH AND WELLNESS

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

REBECCA WHALEY
REFERRAL COORDINATOR

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

SHERRI COX
RN SUPERVISOR

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

DENA JOHNSON
*CARE COORDINATION
ASSISTANT*

TANANA CHIEFS CONFERENCE

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

DR. KATRIN TSIGONIS
PHYSICIAN

YAKUTAT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

ROOTED IN COMPASSION

JODY KALAHAR
BUSINESS MANAGER

ROOTED IN EXPERIENCE

PAULA GALLAGHER
*PATIENT SERVICES
REPRESENTATIVE*

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

SEAN LANGHELM
*HEALTH INFORMATICS
SPECIALIST*

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

ROBIN MURDOCK
*EXECUTIVE HEALTH
DIRECTOR*

ROOTED IN TEAMWORK

MARK DONOHUE
ELDER ADVOCATE

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

GENEVIEVE ROMERO
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

YUKON KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

ROOTED IN INNOVATION

ABBY ZITO

PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT
& COMPLIANCE
ADMINISTRATOR

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

PRINTELLINA MOSES

CHP

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

MARGARET THERCHIK

CHA I

ROOTED IN SUPPORT

CRYSTAL LINCOLN

CHA I

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

JON TULUK

CHA TRAINEE

ROOTED IN POTENTIAL

PAULA BUSCH

ST. MARY'S SUBREGIONAL
CLINIC OPERATIONS
MANAGER