

Raven's Way

Adolescent substance abuse treatment



Building
strength and
skills for
a healthy
lifestyle



Your Partner in Health

"It was fun for me and challenging!"

Raven's Way Program

Yéil Jeeyáx

"I like the staff here, and had fun. Awesome people!"



Raven's Way is a residential treatment program serving the youth of Alaska.

Our nationally-accredited program combines conventional substance abuse treatment, adventure-based therapy, and Native cultural activities. We focus on developing each youth's physical, emotional, mental and spiritual strengths, as well as their communication and problem-solving skills. Graduates then have the tools to choose a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

Learning
through
experience

Our 40-day program is based in Sitka and at wilderness sites in the Sitka area. It utilizes a cohort model, in which 8-10 students enter and participate in the program as a peer support group in a family-style environment.

Raven's Way integrates these components into its treatment program:

- Individual and group counseling
- Substance abuse assessment and education
- Academic education
- "Step" work and relapse prevention
- Wilderness expedition and ropes course activities
- Activities relevant to Native cultures
- Peer support groups
- Home-like residential living
- Aftercare planning and follow-up contacts



Holistic
approach

"This place is the bomb!"



Eligibility
and costs

The program is open to Alaska youth ages 13-18 who have a primary diagnosis of substance abuse and/or dependence. Youth referred should be those who would benefit from a program that includes physical challenges, group cooperation, and team building. Since Raven's Way is a voluntary program, participants must be willing to engage themselves in an intensive, substance-free treatment program.

Cost of treatment for most students is covered by the Indian Health Service, Medicaid, or insurance coverage. Transportation costs may be covered by Medicaid, insurance, or local resources. Contact the Raven's Way Intake Specialist for more information.

Services are provided by our licensed/certified staff which includes: psychologists and therapists, alcohol/drug counselors (including expedition specialists), and a secondary education teacher. Medical and psychiatric support is available through Mt. Edgumbe Hospital.

Referrals may be made by parents, community service providers, health councils, probation officers, schools, and others. Contact the Raven's Way Intake Specialist for referral information, dates of upcoming courses, and referral packets.

Staff and
referrals



"It was very fun and a lifetime experience."

"I never thought I could do it, but I stayed with it, and now I feel great about myself."

- RW student

kayaking • backpacking • counseling • education • home-like living • Native cultural activities

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Our ancestors knew what it was
to be strong ... Strong of body ... Strong of spirit



For more
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Accreditation

Raven's Way is accredited by the Commission for the
Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

The Raven's Way academic program is part of the accredited Sitka
School District. Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital is JCAHO accredited.

Raven's Way adheres to the ethical standards of the National
Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC).

Our use of the Tongass National Forest is authorized under a special use permit.

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