



Dena'ina Wellness Center Overview

PROJECT

52,000 square foot, two-story structure with an exterior that incorporates the design elements of a traditional Dena'ina fish drying rack and an interior that utilizes 100-year-old wood from a Wards Cove Cannery building

One of three projects nationwide to receive the highly competitive Indian Health Service (IHS) Joint Venture Award in FY2011

Construction is on Old Town Kenai land purchased parcel by parcel by Kenaitze Indian Tribe

Designed and constructed by the Tribe in consultation with Elders, employees and customers

FUNDING

IHS funding supports operation and maintenance for a minimum of 20 years

Additional funders include the state of Alaska, Cook Inlet Region Inc., the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, the Rasmuson Foundation and The Alaska Mental Health Trust

SERVICES

Dene' Model of Care integrates medical, dental, behavioral health, chemical dependency, wellness, physical therapy, pharmacy support and traditional healing services

Building combines under one roof services previously offered in three rented locations

Center will serve Kenaitze and other Alaska Native and American Indian people; programs receiving state funding – primarily behavioral health – are open to the community

TIMEFRAME

Kenaitze Indian Tribe first starts delivering healthcare services: 1970s

Tribe breaks ground for Dena'ina Wellness Center: August 2012

Dena'ina Wellness Center grand opening ceremony: June 12, 2014

