

**United Way of the Tanana Valley**  
**2008 COMPASS II Project**  
**Community Action Plan**

Our vision is to progress towards a safe, healthy community that embraces its cultural, economic and environmental uniqueness.

**1<sup>st</sup> Priority Issue: Affordable & Available Health Care**

Goal:

- To provide residents of the FNSB an opportunity to receive affordable health care by 2013.

Solutions:

- **To provide free health fairs for community members**
- **To promote healthy choices\***
- To advocate for more public funding in health care
- To expand health care facilities in Interior Alaska
- To promote pooled health insurance plans\*
- To expand the number of medical professionals\*

Action:

- Convene a partnership between various agencies to provide a remote area medical program for free medical services to community residences.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Priority Issue: Energy Costs**

Goal:

- To reduce energy costs in the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) by 2013.

Solutions:

- **To promote energy savings and conservation programs**
- To promote clean alternative energy resources
- To advocate and be a conduit for financial assistance to families
- To advocate for car pooling or using the bus system
- To promote the development of energy efficient homes

Actions:

- Distribute the COMPASS II Report to legislators and to partner with local utility businesses to promote energy saving strategies.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Priority Issue: Substance Abuse**

Goal:

- To continue to reduce substance abuse related incidents in the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) by 2013.

Solutions:

- **To support prevention programs in the schools\***
- **To continue the public awareness campaign\***
- To promote expansion of recreational activities\*
- To advocate for more public funding for prevention and treatment
- To support changes in law and increase enforcement\*
- To support the expansion of treatment services

Action:

- Continue to convene the COMPASS Coalition to provide the social marketing campaign and strategies to prevent substance abuse in our community.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Priority Issue: Affordable & Available Childcare

##### Goal:

- To provide residents of the FNSB an opportunity to receive quality affordable childcare by 2013.

##### Solutions:

- **To educate the community on the need for quality childcare**
- **To promote the creation of child care programs in the community and workplace**
- To advocate for financial support to programs and families
- To advocate for incentives for workplace to provide childcare centers
- To promote training and development of home centers while providing the necessary oversight

##### Actions:

- Promote support of employees with childcare needs and the creation of childcare centers in the businesses and participate in Born Learning™. Born Learning™ is an innovative campaign designed to help parents, caregivers and the business community.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Priority Issue: Family Violence

##### Goal:

- To ensure families have the necessary resources in the FNSB to reduce family violence by 2013.

##### Solutions:

- **To support effective prevention programs (youth programs and anger management)\***
- **To promote community awareness of family violence\***
- To support stricter laws and greater prosecution and sentencing guidelines
- To promote family related activities\*

##### Action:

- Partner with organizations addressing family violence to support a local public awareness campaign.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Priority Issue: Affordable Housing

##### Goal:

- To provide residents of the FNSB an opportunity to acquire quality affordable housing by 2013.

##### Solutions:

- **Develop strategies to provide financial support for programs**
- **To support programs that provide financial education**
- To promote the construction of quality affordable homes
- To promote incentives for landlords to lower housing costs

##### Action:

- Partner with United Way of America and United Way of Anchorage to develop a financial stability program.

**COMPASS II® is a collaborative, all-encompassing needs assessment system designed to advance to common good in our community. United Way of the Tanana Valley will do its part by addressing viable solutions (indicated in bold text) and taking actions that fit within the scope of United Way of the Tanana Valley's mission and resources. United Way of the Tanana Valley encourages community members, organizations, and businesses to address solutions within their own areas of influence.**

\*Recommended by community members in the 2002 COMPASS II Project.