



## Thank you from the Anchorage Vineyard Family Resource Center

From the staff, Board, and parents of AVFRC we want to thank you for your generosity for providing funding for our Child Abuse and Neglect prevention training workshop held here in Anchorage the week of August 2, 2010. Staff from the Vineyard Early Learning Center and the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association received training, education, resources, and materials to both help and help to prevent child abuse and neglect in Alaska, sadly the State that ranks highest in abused and neglected children. We are doing our part by reaching out and helping from our corner of the city!

We received high quality training and resources for our teachers to assist parents and children at risk of abusing or neglecting children, what a gift for us and for the staff and children of the remote Head Start programs in Alaska that attended as well. Dr. Bob Chaney, a child psychologist from the Alaska Native Medical Center provided so many resources and ways to help families help themselves, it was a glorious time. The Office of Children's Services presented on reporting requirements and recognizing signs and symptoms of abuse, and Ms. Barbara Struble focused her intensive training on ways to communicate with families, to build relationships, and to gain trust in order to be able to help children and families.

We could not have had this opportunity without the generous funding provided by our friends at the Webkins Foundation, our hearts and love goes out to all of you - thank you for helping us to help our children!

We have a thank you card made by the children, on its way via mail.

Blessings your way!

MaryEllen and the Board, staff, and families at AVFRC!