



Alaska Brain Bus

*Driving Change for All
Alaskans With Brain
Injury*

Why we exist

Alaska's TBI-related mortality is the highest in the nation.



More than double the national average.



1 in 4 deaths of Alaskans under 30 are TBI-related

Source: State of Alaska Epidemiology Bulletin, May 9th, 2023

Why we exist





Homer
Peninsula ILC



Seward
Peninsula ILC, Seward
Community Health
Center, and Seaview



Soldotna
Peninsula ILC



Fairbanks
ADRC North and
Stone Soup Group



Delta Junction
ADRC North

Talkeetna
North Valley Health
Coalition, Sunshine
Community Health
Center



To date, we have...

- Put the 57 year old bus on the road
- Driven over 2,500 miles
- Completed 11 community visits
- Served Alaskans aged 12-98
 - 53 primary TBI beneficiaries
 - 43 secondary beneficiaries



To date, we have...

- Presented at 7 statewide conferences
- Conducted 4 trainings for 71 clinicians
- Completed 4 media interviews
- Helped establish first-time, state of the art treatment options on the Kenai



What impact have we had?



What we've learned

- Every community is different
- Finding a community champion is key
- Return trips yield bigger results
- Communities need more training
- We are needed



What is next?

- Return trips to each community
 - Kenai, Fairbanks, Delta Junction
- First time trip to Tok?
- Continued outreach/education
- Push training for professionals



Thank you for helping us
help Alaskans!



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Alaska Mental Health
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