

Southcentral Foundation History

Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native-owned, nonprofit health care organization serving nearly 70,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and nearby villages in the [Anchorage Service Unit](#).

Incorporated in 1982 under the Tribal authority of [Cook Inlet Region, Inc.](#), Southcentral Foundation is the largest of the [CIRI nonprofits](#), employing more than 2,700 people in more than 80 programs.

Southcentral Foundation's Vision is a Native Community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness; its Mission is to work together with the Native Community to achieve wellness through health and related services. The organization has developed and implemented comprehensive health-related services to meet the changing needs of the Native Community, support individuals and families on their wellness journey.

Southcentral Foundation's first compact agreement under Public Law 93-638 began in 1984. The compact agreement provided dentistry, optometry, community health representatives and injury control services. A funding request to provide substance abuse treatment service was added in 1987.

Gradually, Southcentral Foundation increased its compact agreement capacity within the Anchorage Service Unit so that by late 1994 it was administering nearly half the primary care services for Alaska Native people.

[The Alaska Native Medical Center](#) opened its doors in May 1997. Earlier that year, Congress had passed Public Law 105-83, which included a section that enabled Alaska Native people to obtain ownership and management of all Alaska Native health care services.

In 1997, Southcentral Foundation completed the assumption of ownership and management of primary care and other programs located in the [Anchorage Native Primary Care Center](#). Since the beginning of the assumption of services, Southcentral Foundation instituted significant philosophical changes and other changes in the design and administration of these programs. Southcentral Foundation instituted a total system-wide [transformation of care](#), increasing the quality and adaptability of programs—and more importantly—the accountability of providers and customers alike. Alaska Native people are in charge of designing and delivering health care.

Southcentral Foundation's Nuka System of Care (Nuka) is a relationship-based, customer-owned approach to transforming health care, improving outcomes and reducing costs.

Recognized as one of the world's leading examples of healthcare redesign and a recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award, SCF offers health care organizations value-based

solutions for data and information management, integrated care, behavioral health, workforce development, improvement, innovation, and more. Attend a Nuka Conference, request a speaker, participate in trainings and consult with SCF's Nuka System of Care experts on varying elements of whole system transformation.

We offer a wide range of health and wellness services for Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, and nearby villages.

Alaska Native Health System

Facts

229 Federally Recognized Tribes (Villages)

SCF:

Primary care services in Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Valley and the Anchorage Service Unit

ANHB:

Statewide health advocate voice

ANTHC:

Statewide specialty and tertiary health care

