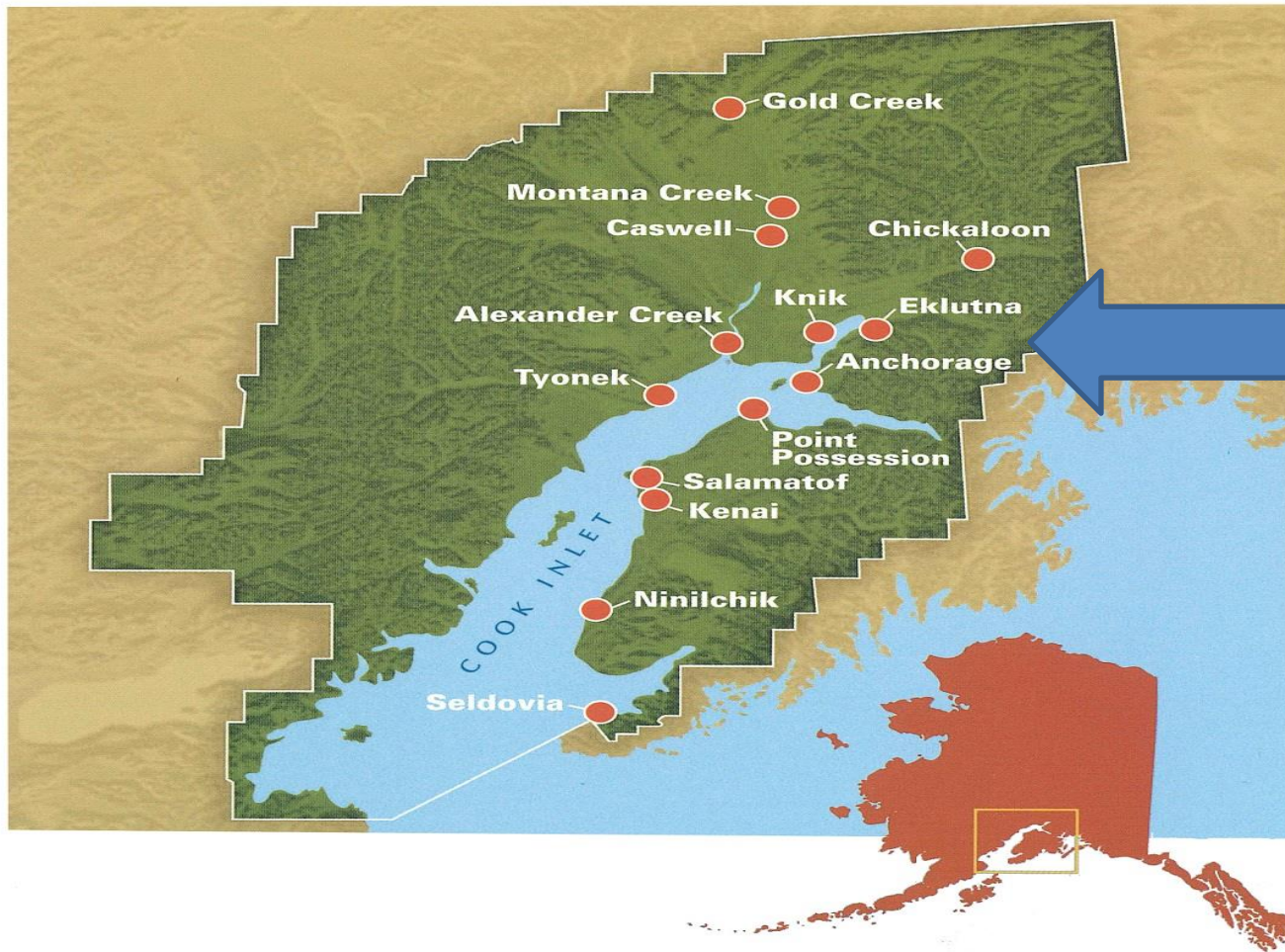




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Shared Efforts to Better Serve Families Engaged in TTANF

2006 – Developed a common intake to all programs to create a ‘no wrong door’ to services

2011 – Adopted a screening for all TTANF participants that increased internal and external referrals for services to support child safety and family stability

2011- Dedicated a Liaison between TTANF and Child & Family Services departments

2011 – Implemented shared training in the state child protection model for TTANF staff



Shared Efforts to Better Serve Children Exposed to Violence

2012 - Created a partnership with the local community mental health center and Tribal Head Start program to provide trauma treatment and support to enrolled children paired with staff consultation

2015 - Expanded mental health and wrap-around support to parents and children at the local DV shelter paired with staff training at the shelter

2017 – Co-located a Domestic Violence Advocate of the local DV shelter within CITC's TTANF program and provided wrap-around support paired with staff training and consultation



How Do We Reduce Barriers and Increase Accessible Support?

- ✓ Identify points of participant entry to services where screening can occur and triggers for referrals
- ✓ Understand federal and state laws or regulations that drive services in respective systems
- ✓ Implement cross-system training to build relationships, trust, and confidence in talking with victims of violence to better link to needed supports



What Have We Learned?

- ✓ Screening in the TTANF program did not result in linking participants to immediate access to the co-located DV Advocate
- ✓ A shared understanding of issues impacting participants experiencing violence did result in actionable changes to program processes
- ✓ Cross-system training in the TTANF program can impact the prevalent and adaptive 'culture of silence' by building confidence in talking with and responding to disclosure of violence at all levels of relationship (staff, participant, partners)



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