

WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC GOALS?

1. Empower men with a sense of purpose, self-respect and confidence through hard work and commitment to change in a family environment
2. Achieve a high-school equivalency diploma, post-secondary school enrollment and/or formal vocational training
3. Gain skills and experience in several business training schools in order to obtain employment after graduation

WHAT DOES CHANLYUT PROVIDE?

Chanlyut is built upon the belief that people can transform themselves by developing self-respect through hard work, commitment to change and taking personal responsibility for their lives. The Chanlyut program provides the following:

- Community/family-style living where residents learn and practice respect for one's self and others, earning more responsibilities and privileges over time
- Room, board and clothing
- Life skills training, including personal financial management
- Coping skills to solve problems and learn self-discipline
- Individualized educational counseling
- Connection to medical services
- Sobriety support
- Vocational training in at least 3 core areas
- Community involvement and service

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Change is Possible

"Chanlyut gives men a chance to stop their downward spiral of self-destruction, put their priorities in order, and learn a new and better way to live life. I did it with the help of Delancey Street, and I'd like to help show the men here in Alaska how they can do it also."

—Bill Tturnos, Chanlyut Director,
Delancey Street graduate



WHAT IS CHANLYUT?

Chanlyut (pronounced “shawn-loot,” Dena’ina Athabascan for “new beginnings”) is a two-year residential work-training and educational program offering a new beginning for men who want to become productive members of society and turn around the self-destructive patterns in their lives.

Residents commit to living in the program for two years and pledge to follow three key rules:

- No alcohol or drug use
- No threats
- No violence

PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

A Commitment to Change

Chanlyut provides a structured, yet self-governed path for participants to overcome the challenges of addiction, homelessness and/or reentering society after incarceration. Organized as a family and emphasizing a peer-to-peer philosophy, *Chanlyut* stresses personal growth through hard work, commitment to change, and taking personal responsibility for one’s actions. *Chanlyut* is modeled after San Francisco’s successful Delancey Street organization.

“I know from experience what it’s like to be caught up in a revolving door. You get in trouble. You have no money. You have no home. You get in trouble again. But I know people can break these patterns. I’ve done it. With the assistance of Chanlyut, I can help show the way for these guys to a better way of life. If they have the desire, we can build on that, and I know they can be successful.”

—Bill Tornos, Chanlyut Director,
Delancey Street graduate

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Building Skills for the Future

Chanlyut residents are charged no fees to enter the program and receive food, housing, clothing, education and all other services at no cost. To assist with program expenses, *Chanlyut* operates several resident-run small businesses that serve as vocational training schools and provide residents with marketable job skills upon graduation from the program. All revenues from *Chanlyut* businesses go directly back into the programs and services and help make the *Chanlyut* mission possible.

As residents near graduation from the program, they work ‘outside’ of the *Chanlyut* businesses, but continue to reside in *Chanlyut*. This gives support as they transition beyond *Chanlyut* and into the broader community and their new lives.

Chanlyut businesses include:

- Coho Cup café
- wholesale foods
- lawn maintenance
- janitorial services

BACKGROUND & HISTORY

Chanlyut is based on the Delancey Street model for education and rehabilitation which began in San Francisco, and focuses on active learning—behavior, values and work skills—rather than therapy.

In 2007, Cook Inlet Tribal Council established the *Chanlyut* program in the Mountain View neighborhood of Anchorage. In fall of 2011, *Chanlyut* completed the expansion of its residential facility, increasing the program’s capacity to 50 residents.

Generous contributors to the *Chanlyut* program include the State of Alaska, the Rasmuson Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and numerous Alaskan businesses and individual donors.

HOW TO APPLY

- **Write a letter of interest to:**
Bill Tornos, Program Director
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- The program director will contact you (or the jail) to conduct an in-person interview to determine whether *Chanlyut* is right for you and you are right for *Chanlyut*.
- There is currently no waiting list for *Chanlyut*.
- Men with convictions for arson or sex offenses are not eligible to apply.
- You must be physically and mentally able to work, take no medications, and be ready to work hard to change your life.