



**Alaska
Pioneer
Homes**

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For answers to questions regarding the Alaska Division of Pioneer Homes programs, please call: **(907) 465-4416**

For answers to questions regarding costs and billing, please call our toll free number: **1-888-355-3117**

The Alaska Pioneer Homes System

There are six Alaska Pioneer Homes which are licensed assisted living homes for older Alaskans. The locations are shown on the map below.



Our Mission

The Mission of Alaska Pioneer Homes is to assist older Alaskans to have the highest quality of life by providing assisted living in a safe home setting which promotes positive relationships, meaningful activities, and physical, emotional, and spiritual growth.

“Eden Alternative®” Philosophy of Caring:

The Eden Alternative® philosophy is learned and practiced by all Alaska Pioneer Homes personnel. This philosophy, developed by Dr. William Thomas, seeks to eliminate loneliness, boredom and helplessness as the three major “plagues” of life in a long term care facility. This is accomplished by enhancing the work environment of all caregivers, while surrounding residents with the best possible human habitat. This habitat includes many plants, animals and children. In this supportive atmosphere, spontaneous and positive experiences occur for our elders.

Dementia Care

Because of the advanced age of the residents, dementia care is a primary part of the services provided at the Alaska Pioneer Homes. Approximately 56% of Alaska Pioneer Homes residents have some form of dementia.

Levels of Service

There are three levels for residents in the Alaska Pioneer Homes. Each resident receives care based on a comprehensive assessment that identifies them for placement within one particular service level:

- **Level I** services include the provision of housing, meals, emergency assistance and opportunities for recreation. Level I services do not include staff assistance with activities of daily living, medication administration, or health-related services, although the Alaska Pioneer Home Pharmacy may supply prescribed medications.
- **Level II** services include the provision of housing, meals, and emergency assistance; and, as stated in the resident's assisted living plan, staff assistance, including assistance with activities of daily living, medications administration, recreation, and health-related services. Assistance provided by a staff member includes supervision, reminders, and hands-on assistance, with the resident performing the majority of the effort. During the night shift, the resident is independent in performing activities of daily living and capable of self-supervision.

- **Level III** services include the provision of housing, meals, and emergency assistance; and, as stated in the resident's assisted living plan, staff assistance, including assistance with activities of daily living, medication administration, recreation, and health-related services. Assistance provided by a staff member includes hands-on assistance, with the staff member performing the majority of the effort; The resident may receive assistance throughout a 24-hour day, including the provision of care in a transitional setting.

The Anchorage Pioneer Home



The Anchorage Pioneer Home is a five-story building occupying one third of a city block overlooking an area known as the Park Strip. This greenbelt in the center of the metropolitan Anchorage area divides the business district from the oldest residential area of the city. The Pioneer Home sits like a jewel in the crown of this historical community core. Behind Anchorage to the south and east lie the Chugach Mountains, easily visible from most floors of the Home. Mt. McKinley peeks out over the skyscrapers of the downtown area to the north and Cook Inlet lies to the west. The Home has accommodations for 168 residents.

Population *Municipality of Anchorage* 2009: 290,588

Average temperatures: winter ranges from 6° to 20°F and summer ranges from 50° to 70°F

Annual precipitation: 15.71 inches of rainfall and 70.6 inches of snow.

The Fairbanks Pioneer Home



The Fairbanks Pioneer Home is the second of the six Pioneer Homes to open. It began serving the community at the time of the big flood of 1967. The floodwaters were so dangerous that residents, along with many other Fairbanksans, were evacuated to higher ground up the hill at the University. After the floodwaters receded and clean up was completed, operations normalized and new residents became a part of the Pioneer Home community. The Fairbanks Home has accommodations for 93 residents.

Population *Fairbanks North Star Borough* 2009: 93,779

Average temperatures: winter ranges from -19° to 12°F and summer ranges from 27° to 73°F

Annual precipitation: 10.87 inches of rainfall and 67.4 inches of snow.

The Juneau Pioneer Home



The Juneau Pioneer Home was completed in 1988. The Home is nestled in the wetlands along Juneau's Egan Drive and has breathtaking views of nearby mountains and the channel that divides the mainland from Douglas Island. Living in the heart of a true wilderness provides residents the opportunity to view wildlife such as back bears, eagles, ravens, blue herons, kingfishers, porcupines, deer, and squirrels. The Juneau Home can serve up to 45 residents.

Population *Juneau Borough* 2009: 30,661

Average temperature: winter ranges from 25° to 35°F and summer ranges from 44° to 65°F

Annual precipitation: 56.47 inches of rainfall and 98.4 inches of snow.

Note: Juneau is a "landlocked" community, accessible only by boat or plane.

The Ketchikan Pioneer Home



The Ketchikan Pioneer Home opened its doors to residents in November, 1981. The three story building is located on the local bus line, close to both the Alaska Marine Highway and Airport ferry terminals. The convenient central location means the Home is a natural hub for family and friends to congregate and visit. The Ketchikan Home has the capacity to serve 48 residents and they are cared for by approximately 80 dedicated staff members, some of whom have been working at the Home since it opened.

Population *Ketchikan Gateway Borough* 2009: 12,984

Average temperatures: winter ranges from 20° to 29°F and summer ranges from 51° to 65°F

Annual precipitation: 152 inches of rainfall and 37 inches of snow.

Note: Ketchikan is located on an island, accessible only by boat or plane.

Alaska Veterans & Pioneers Home in Palmer



In May 2004 the Alaska Legislature approved development of the state's first veteran's Home. After extensive remodeling and program development to meet U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) requirements, the facility were renamed the Alaska Veteran's and Pioneer Home. 75 percent of the 79 beds in the Home are designated for veterans, and 25 percent are available for non-veterans.

Population *Matanuska-Susitna Borough* 2009:
84,314

Average temperatures: winter ranges from 9° to 27°F and summer ranges from 47° to 65°F

Annual precipitation: 15.80 inches of rainfall and 50 inches of snow.

Sitka Pioneer Home



The Sitka Home is the original Pioneer Home with a history stretching back to the late 1800s. The Pioneer Home program began in 1913 when a vacant army barracks was converted to the Sitka Pioneer Home. The program was created by the first territorial legislature to serve indigent elderly men. The Home initially provided housing, meals, and basic medical assistance. In the mid 1950s women and native Alaskans also became eligible for admission. Additional Pioneer Homes were built by the state in the 1960s through the 1980s to provide for Alaska's growing elder population. The Sitka Home currently has the capacity to serve 75 residents.

Population *Sitka Borough* 2009: 8,627

Average temperatures: winter ranges from 23° to 35°F and summer ranges from 48° to 61°F

Annual precipitation: 96 inches of rainfall and 39 inches of snow.

Note: Sitka is located on an island, accessible only by boat or plane.

Employment Opportunities

Pioneer Homes' residents receive a high level of direct care and staffing levels often exceed national standards for long term care. Employee turnover is much lower than national figures for long term care facilities, with a significant number of employees serving their entire careers within the Pioneer Homes system.

For a list of job openings and applications, please go to the State of Alaska's online recruitment system:

www.workplace.alaska.gov

Contact Information

**For further information
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Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 456-4372

Juneau Pioneer Home

4675 Glacier Hwy
Juneau, AK 99801
(907) 780-6422

**Ketchikan Pioneer
Home**

141 Bryant St.
Ketchikan, AK 99901
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**Alaska Veterans
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250 E. Fireweed Ave.
Palmer, AK 99645
(907) 745-4241

Sitka Pioneer Home

120 Katlian St.
Sitka, AK 99835
(907) 747-3213

Other important numbers:

Pioneer Home Revenue Unit (Billing Office)

Toll-free 1-888-355-3117

Pioneer Home Pharmacy

Toll-free 1-888-546-7294

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information about Alaska Pioneer Homes.

Other booklets in the series:

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