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~~been able to get an answering service instead of the code a phone~~ ~~has really been a big help.~~ ~~[illegible]~~ NA Group At Hiland Mountain And Meadow Creek Correctional Center--Day By Day Group: ~~We~~ meets twice a week: Tuesday (open) and Thursday (closed). The Tuesday meeting began in April of 1981 as a drug discussion group. Then, ~~thanks to Bob, Roger, and Candi,~~ it became an official NA Group in October of 1981; the Starter Kit was indispensable. The Tuesday meetings have always been pretty small, usually no more than five or six. These are open discussion meetings, ~~and if any outside person would like to attend or to be a guest speaker, see Diane to try to arrange it;~~ since the Superintendent must also approve. The Thursday night meetings have been attracting between ten and twenty residents and two to five outside members. We have a fairly high percentage of persons who start that "keep coming back". Every other week is a step-study meeting. We have received a lot of support from outside members in the way of literature, information, suggestions, and sharing of experiences. This personal support has really helped to keep NA going in the jail, and it has given the people leaving the jail some confidence to go to meetings on the street. A lot of outside visitors have said that coming to the meeting at the jail helps them to remember where they came from, too. One question that has come up is in regard to sponsors and we would welcome any suggestions on this subject. Anchorage Rush Group Report For California Conference in May, 1982. Rush Group has two meetins/week; Tuesday night, a step-study meeting, attended by usually 8-10 people, with two or three newcomers each month. Friday night attracts usually about twenty to thirty people; it's an open meeting and there are usually two or three newcomers each week. Rush Group was the original NA group in Alaska; it started the phone answering service and kept it going until ASC was able to take that service over. We were also instrumental in organizing the ASC, as well as the other NA groups now functioning. In the future we want to improve our ability to carry the message. We plan on doing this in two primary ways: a membership drive and increasing contributions. We are constantly grateful and appreciative of the support we get but we are dis gruntled at times because committments get broken, people fail to support the group by neglecting to attend meetings and business meetings, and responsibilities got dropped. We hope to improve this situation in the upcoming months.

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NA started in Alaska ~~three years ago,~~ in 1979 and is still holding, they originally started ~~about eight years ago~~ 1977 but it dissipated, and there really was no more NA. We now have seven meetings a week in Anchorage, four are Hospital and Institutions, one at the state jail, juvenile correction, a treatment center and the air force base that meets once a month. Approximately 100 members. In those seven meetings there per week, are three different groups. The original group is called the "Rush Group" and they started out with and continue to have two groups. We now have meetings in Kodiak, Homer, Wasilla, Kenai, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Out big problem in Anchorage is transportation, we try to communicate by letters, sending out the minutes to our area service, but a lot of times we don't get any response, the GSR's from other groups have difficulty getting to Anchorage due to cost of air fare, etc.