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**FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE RELEASES NEW MINI-DOCUMENTARIES PROMOTING RACIAL HEALING, MOVING INTO SECOND PHASE OF W.K. KELLOGG PROJECT
“ALASKA NATIVE DIALOGUES ON RACIAL EQUITY”**

(December 1, 2011 – Anchorage, AK) The *Alaska Native Dialogues on Racial Equity* (ANDORE) project has reached a new milestone.

In May 2010, the Alaska Native Policy Center at First Alaskans Institute (FAI) was awarded a 2-year \$350,000 grant for racial equity work aligned with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s *America Healing* initiative, to support programs that promote racial healing and address racial inequity, with the goal to ensure that all children in America have an equitable and promising future. The project goals are twofold: to advance the level of healing and awareness around racism through statewide community conversations, and to advance policy solutions toward creating racial equity for all Alaskans.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation selected the *Alaska Native Dialogues on Racial Equity* project to highlight FAI’s innovative and effective approach to advancing racial equity in 3 short mini-documentaries – linked below and available for media use:

[With a new generation, an opportunity to heal.](#)

Through her experiences as an Alaska Native, Liz Hensley has come to realize that young people are the best-poised generation to begin dialogue on racism in order to begin to heal its wounds.

[Generations join together to talk and heal in Alaska.](#)

The Elders and Youth Conference, hosted annually by the First Alaskans Institute, provides a moment for young and old generations to come together to share in their common history and beliefs and begin the racial healing process.

[Making a long term commitment to racial healing.](#)

Elizabeth Medicine Crow of the First Alaskans Institute helps Alaska address racism by promoting dialogue.

Individuals and media organizations that are interested in supporting the goals of this critical project in a partnership capacity are invited to contact Jorie Paoli to explore opportunities for potential collaboration.

The *Alaska Native Dialogues on Racial Equity* is a project generously funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation through the America Healing initiative, to learn more please visit www.americahealing.org.

About First Alaskans Institute

First Alaskans Institute strives to develop the capacities of Alaska Native people and their communities to meet the social, economic and educational challenges of the future, while fostering positive relationships among all segments of our society. FAI is a statewide non-profit organization whose purpose is to advance Alaska Native People.

About the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Established in 1930, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (www.wkkf.org) supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

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