

KIDS COUNT ALASKA

Economic Well-Being of Alaska's Families

Early Childhood House Joint Meeting

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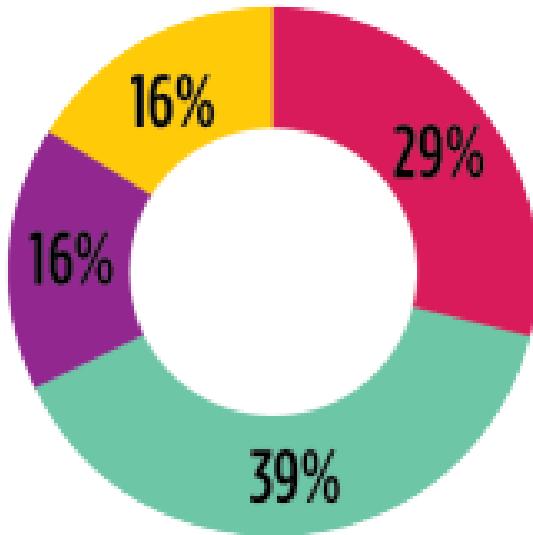


RESILIENT FAMILY



Children make up a quarter of Alaska's population

207,131 children



- 0 to 4 = 54,115
- 5 to 11 = 73,401
- 12 to 14 = 29,721
- 15 to 17 = 30,090

Child Population (0-19) by Region, 2016

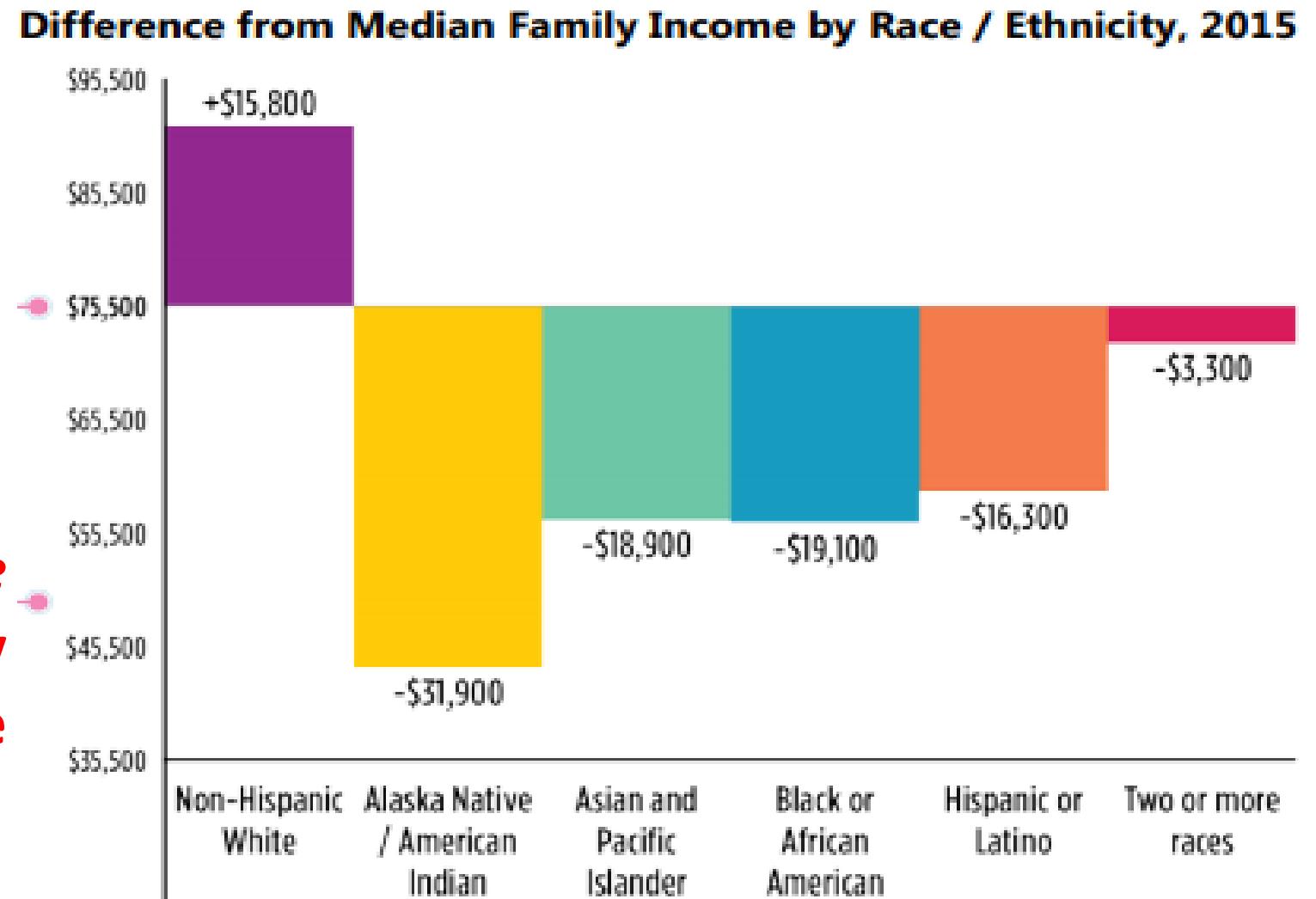
Region	# of Children (0-19)	Percentage of Child Population
Anchorage	81,772	39%
Gulf Coast Region	21,027	10%
Interior Region	31,041	15%
Matanuska-Susitna	31,704	15%
Northern Region	9,424	5%
Southeast Region	18,054	9%
Southwest Region	14,109	7%
Alaska	207,131	100%

Source: Kids Count Alaska Economic Well Being 2018

Income is not equal

\$75,500
Median Family Income

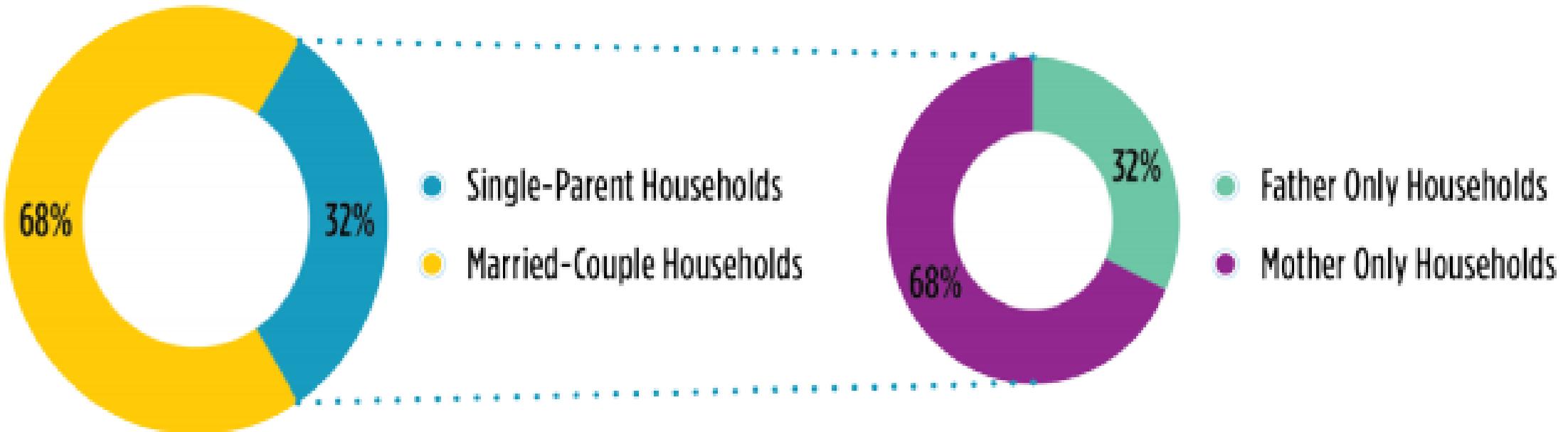
\$48,700 Non-white Median Family Income



Source: Kids Count Alaska Economic Well Being 2018

Having both parent in the workforce is a financial advantage

Household Type 2011-2015



Source: *Kids Count Alaska Economic Well Being 2018*

Where you live has a big impact on how much families struggle

Children who Live in Families with Incomes below the Federal Poverty Level, 2011-2015

Region	# of Children	% of Children
Anchorage	9,221	39%
Gulf Coast Region	2,218	27%
Interior Region	3,275	32%
Matanuska-Susitna	3,254	34%
Northern Region	2,248	42%
Southeast Region	2,063	32%
Southwest Region	3,871	42%
Alaska	26,150	36%

Source: Kids Count Alaska Economic Well Being 2018

Hard working families are struggling to keep up with housing costs



Working at minimum wage

\$9.80 /hr



Each week you have to work

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HOURS!



To afford a modest 1 bedroom rental home at Fair Market Rent

FACTS ABOUT **ALASKA:**

STATE FACTS

Minimum Wage	\$9.80
Average Renter Wage	\$19.11
2-Bedroom Housing Wage	\$24.16
Number of Renter Households	91,913
Percent Renters	37%

MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS

HOUSING WAGE

Aleutians West Census Area	\$32.52
Nome Census Area	\$30.42
Denali Borough	\$30.37
Juneau City and Borough	\$28.19
Bethel Census Area	\$28.15

Source: Out of Reach 2018, National Low Income Housing Coalition

Alaska is leading the country in housing burden

State Nonmetropolitan Areas (Combined)	Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR	Nonmetropolitan Counties (or County-Equivalents)	Housing Wage for Two-Bedroom FMR
Hawaii	\$25.49	Aleutians West Census Area, AK	\$32.52
Alaska	\$24.10	Monroe County, FL	\$32.35
Connecticut	\$21.06	Pitkin County, CO	\$30.75
New Hampshire	\$19.38	Nome Census Area, AK	\$30.42
Massachusetts	\$19.23	Denali Borough, AK	\$30.37
Maryland	\$19.22	Juneau City and Borough, AK	\$28.19
Vermont	\$19.03	Bethel Census Area, AK	\$28.15
California	\$18.75	Kauai County, HI	\$28.13
North Dakota	\$17.52	Skagway Municipality, AK	\$27.19
Colorado	\$17.16	Dunn County, ND	\$27.12

Families are going hungry

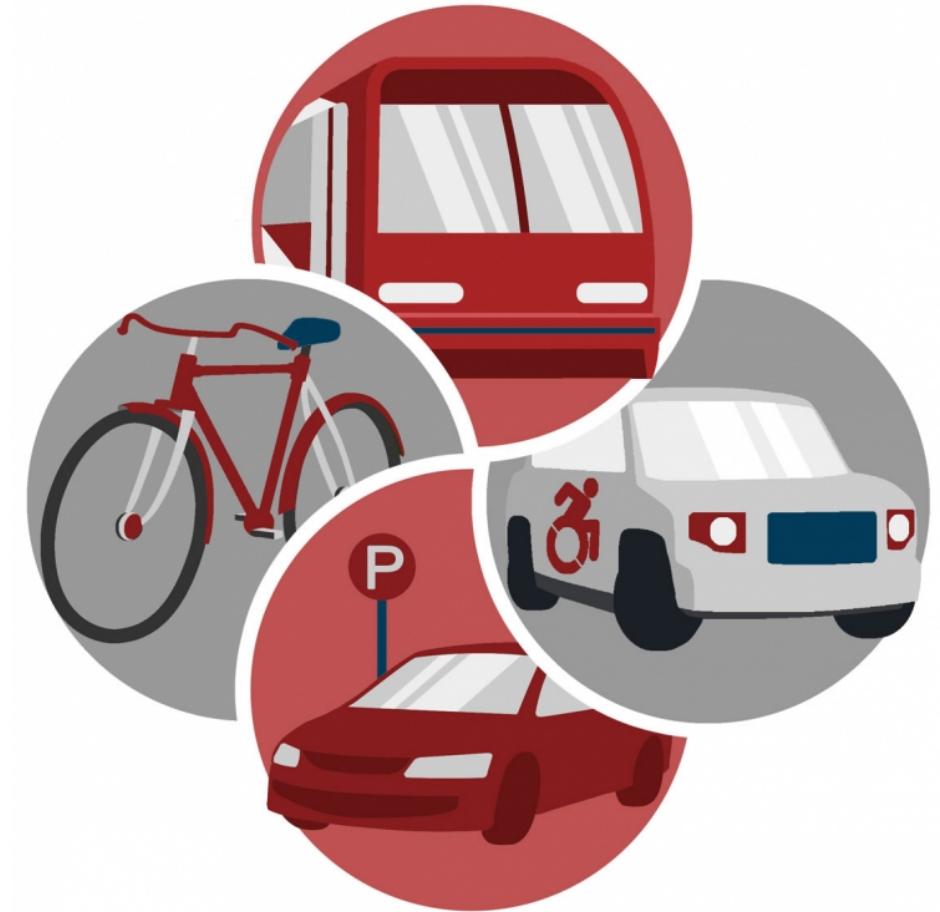
- In 2014, 20 percent of all children, approximately 38,000 children, lived in households where there was not enough food because of insufficient resources.
- In 2015, 81,000 individuals participated in Supplemental Nutrition Assistant Program (SNAP).



Source: Kids Count Alaska Economic Well Being 2018

Transportation is an issue for some families

10% of children, approximately 19,000 children, lived in homes where there was not a vehicle available for household members. Regionally, particularly off the road system, individuals may have less need for a truck or car and rather rely on ATVs



Source: Kids Count Alaska Economic Well Being 2018

Families are major contributors to early care and learning



Source: *Economic Impact of Early Care and Learning in Alaska*, Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council, 2015

Table 4: Top 10 Least Affordable States for Family Child Care Toddler Care in 2016

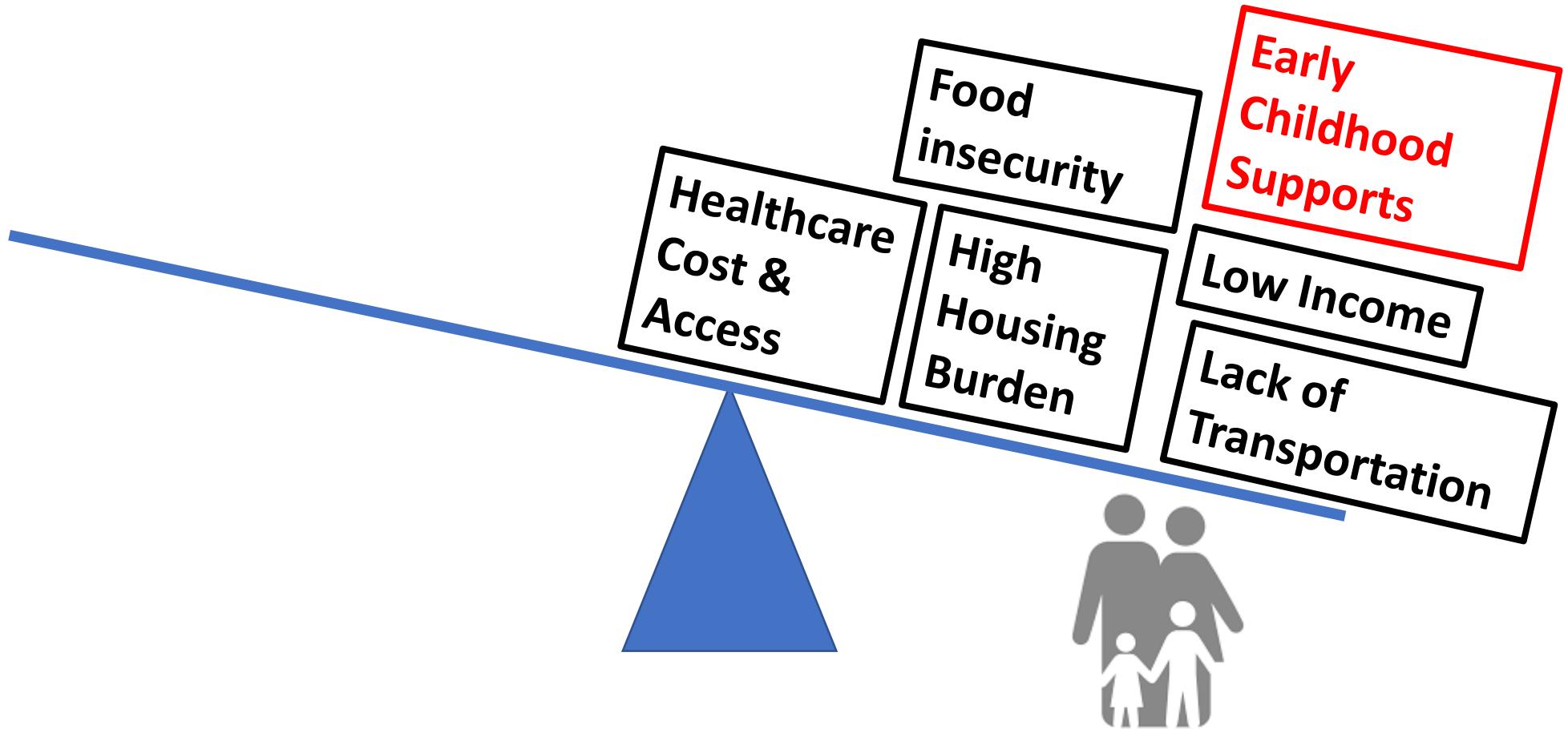
Rank	State	Average annual cost of infant care in FCC program*	Single parent		Married couple	
			State median income**	Cost of care as a percentage of median income	State median income**	Cost of care as a percentage of median income
1	Nevada	\$8,209	\$27,994	29.3%	\$72,222	11.4%
2	New Mexico	\$7,947	\$21,397	37.1%	\$70,095	11.3%
3	New York	\$10,244	\$26,347	38.9%	\$95,817	10.7%
4	Washington	\$9,401	\$26,692	35.2%	\$89,169	10.5%
5	Wisconsin	\$9,193	\$24,649	37.3%	\$87,208	10.5%
6	Massachusetts	\$12,152	\$28,389	42.8%	\$117,207	10.4%
7	Utah	\$7,780	\$26,942	28.9%	\$76,736	10.1%
8	Oregon	\$7,780	\$22,828	34.1%	\$77,465	10.0%
9	Alaska	\$9,531	\$33,153	28.7%	\$96,526	9.9%
10	Florida	\$7,270	\$25,163	28.9%	\$74,599	9.7%

Note: Affordability is a comparison of average cost against state median income. State rankings do not include the District of Columbia or Colorado.

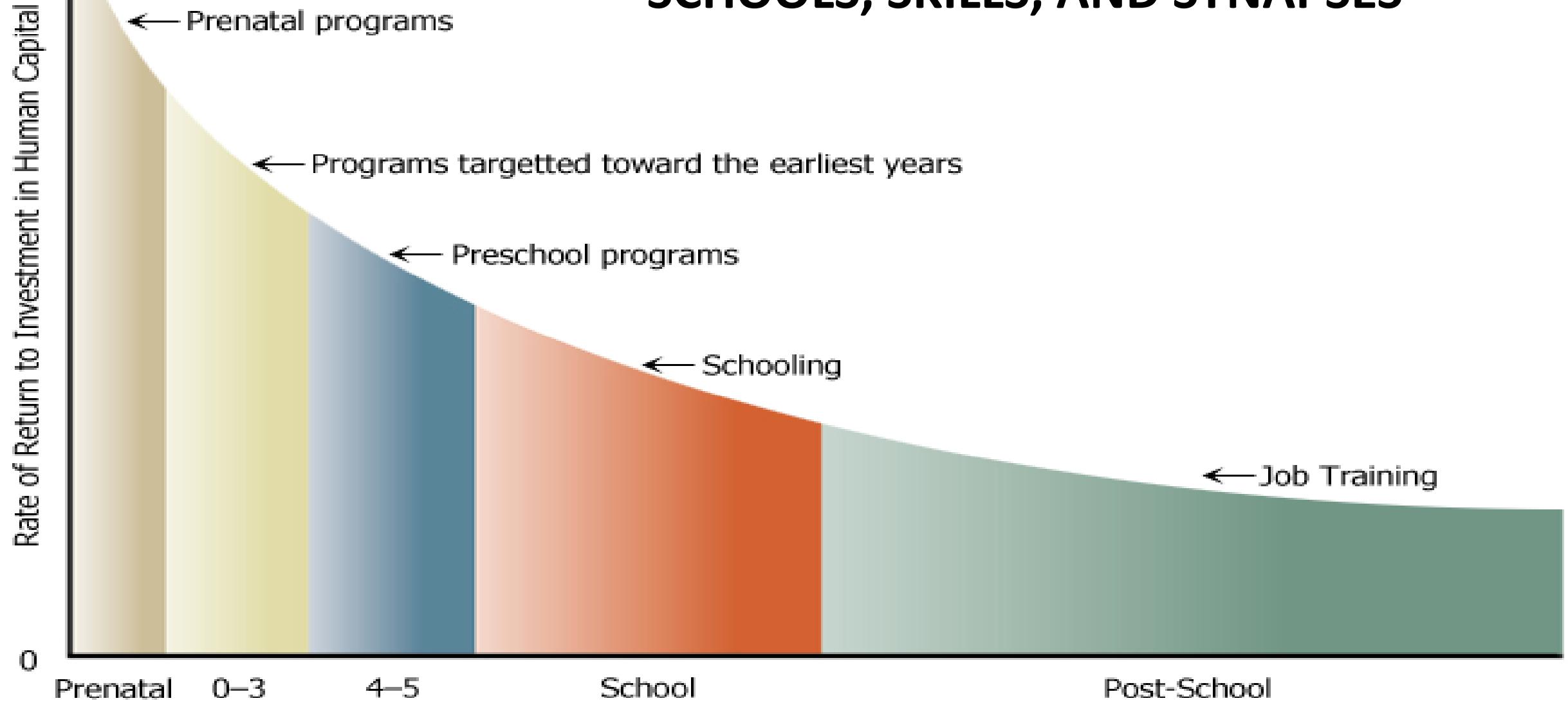
*Source: Child Care Aware® of America's February 2017 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state market rate survey.

**Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015 five-year estimate. Table B19126.

Cumulative effect of stressors



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Economic Impact of Early Care and Learning in Alaska

Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council, 2015



Early childhood education reduces negative and costly outcomes

1. Decrease Crime
2. Improved Graduate Rates
3. Teenage Birth Drop
4. Increase Employment
5. Decrease welfare and health care costs
6. Academic and Earnings Outcomes
7. Increased Workforce

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