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Representative David Talerico State Capital Room 104 Juneau AK, 99801Representative David Talerico State Capital Room 104 Juneau AK, 99801Representative David Talerico State Capital RoDear Senators, Representative David Talerico State Capital Room 104 Juneau AK, 99801 As a resident of Tok am asking for your support of Early Childhood Education and help return state funding for these programs.

Located in Tok, the RurAL CAP Early Learning Center provides quality seamless services for families of young children in both Tok & Tanacross. It provides services for 24 families through the Parents As Teachers (PAT) home base program and 18 other children thorough the Head Start center based program. In addition, I am the Chair of the Upper Tanana Imagination Library which serves about 100 children in the villages Tok, Tanacross, Northway, Tetlin, Mentasta, Eagle, Dot Lake and the Border.

Our Early Learning Center's vision is that all children will learn, grow and develop to realize their full potential. Through these programs, children have access to activities and materials to help them grow and develop to their fullest potential. Parents are offered the latest information and tips on parenting to be the best teacher of their children. Families also have opportunities to be involved in supporting the growth and development of the whole family.

Every child deserves a solid foundation for school success and so I urge you to support early childhood education and help restore state funding to Best Beginnings & PAT. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carrie Beeman