Early Learning & Head Start Information

Alaska Pre-Kindergarten Program

With last years' new competition for the Alaska Pre-Kindergarten program grants, we now have eight school districts receiving funding through this competitive grant process.

From its inception the Alaska Pre-Kindergarten program has encouraged partnership based approaches between school districts and community entities including non-profit, private for profit, and faith based. While the money flows to districts that are responsible for the implementation, fidelity, and reporting on the requirements of the program, resources can go from districts to local entities as contracts, in-kind, and as sub-grants. In the most recent grant process eight districts received Pre-Kindergarten grants; three of which are in partnership with non-profits. A fourth is providing services through partnerships with a non-profit and with a local private pre-school. Two others coordinate and plan services jointly around activities such as recruitment, Home Visiting, family night activities and parent outreach. Below is a list of the grantees, their partners (if any), and the number of children being served.

			Children
District	Partners	FY13	Served
Anchorage SD	Kids Corps Head Start*	\$159,300.00	32
Dillingham SD	Bristol Bay Native Assoc. Head Start*	\$260,000.00	35
Juneau SD	Tlingit & Haida Tribes of AK Head Start*	\$380,133.00	64
Lower Kuskokwim SD	None	\$321,387.00	33
Mat Su SD	CCS Early Learning Head Start	\$497,000.00	79
Nome SD	Kawerak Head Start* & Nome Pre-School	\$268,447.00	55
North Slope SD	None	\$158,407.00	23
Yukon Koyukuk SD	Tanana Chiefs Conference Head Start	\$259,011.00	23
Lower Yukon SD-			
Intervention		\$150,000.00	
Yupiit SD- Intervention		\$150,000.00	
Child Care Connection dba			
THREAD		\$97,000.00	
	TOTAL	\$2,700,685.00	344

^{*}These classrooms are federally recognized Head Start classrooms serving additional children.

Alaska Parents as Teachers Grant Program

There are four grantees receiving funding for the new Parents as Teachers program. They are listed below.

Grantee	\$ Request
Association for the Education of Young Children- Southeast Alaska (AEYC-	
SEA)	\$150,000.00
Kids' Corps, Inc.	\$143,244.00
Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. (RurAL CAP)	\$407,792.00
PAT AK National Liason Office (RurAL CAP)	\$100,000.00
Sprout Family Services	\$100,000.00
TOTAL	\$898,536.00

These programs currently serve approximately 180 children and their families with nationally recognized Parents as Teachers programs and curricula. The most recent quarterly report shows over 650 home visits have been completed.

While there are a handful of school districts either recently or currently running Parents as Teachers programs none of them are funded through this state Parents as Teachers grant process.

Head Start

Alaska has sixteen Federal Head Start grantees serving over 3200 children and families in approximately 100 communities around the state. All 16 receive supplemental funding from the state through EED. They are listed below:

- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Association of Village Council Presidents
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- CCS Early Learning
- Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
- Chugachmiut
- Cook Inlet Native Head Start
- Council of Athabaskan Tribal Governments
- Fairbanks Native Association
- Kawerak, Inc.
- Kenaitze Indian Tribe
- Kids' Corps Inc.
- Metlakatla Indian Community Head Start
- Rural Alaska Community Action Program Inc. (RurAL CAP)
- Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Play N Learn Inc. DBA Thrivalaska Head Start