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Please support Alaska's children and our future as a state by restoring funding to Early Childhood programs such as Best Beginnings. I am a mother of 2 young children and an Early Childhood Educator in Petersburg and I am elbows deep, every day, in the reasons to not cut funding to Early Childhood programs. Learning does not begin at 5 when children go to Kindergarten, it begins at birth and occurs all day, every day for children. Which is why it is so important to support and fund programs that increase the learning experiences children receive with parents and teachers.

Today's children are tomorrow's greatest resource for our state, please restore Early Childhood funding so that Alaska can have a better future!

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