

A young child with dark hair, wearing a plaid shirt, is looking up at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with some toys visible on the floor.

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thread connecting
early care & education
to alaska

thread's formula for impact



thread serves

- families
- early educators
- early care & learning programs
- communities



to make early care & learning

- affordable
- accessible
- high quality



resulting in

- more families working
- every community thriving
- more children are healthier and successful in school and life



a big impact on Alaska

- stronger economy
- tax payers save money
- a more functional & healthy society



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thread's Vision: All early care and learning is accessible, affordable, and high quality to support positive outcomes for children and families.

CORE VALUES: EMPOWERMENT • ACCESS • CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALISM • CHILDREN'S RIGHTS • ENTREPRENEURIAL INCUBATOR

thread Connects

Early Care and Learning to Alaska

- Provide free early care and learning referrals to families
 - Results in families being more informed consumers
 - More families select early learning services that meet their needs
- Provide training, technical assistance, and professional coaching to early childhood educators/early care and learning classrooms
 - Results in greater skills and knowledge
 - Results in stronger teacher/child interactions which supports more positive outcomes for young children
- Provide leadership and partnership to help advance the early care and learning system
 - Results in more efficient and effective systems

DEED Partnership and Services

thread's focus is on the professional development of early educators with a goal to strengthen the quality interactions between teachers and young children and their families.

- Strategic planning and support of School District, Head Start, and community partner leadership
- Professional development training for early educators on quality interactions and best practices for quality teaching, supporting families, and early learning
- Early educator coaching by certified coaches

DEED Partnership and Services

We have a distinctive focus on aligning the early care and learning system for more positive outcomes for young children. This alignment includes:

- Expanding professional learning to all early educators across the state following the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines and the Early Care and Learning Core Knowledge and Competencies
- Aligning Quality Standards for all early care and learning environments/types through Learn & Grow, Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System.