

Anchorage Realizing Indigenous Student Excellence (ARISE) Kindergarten Preparedness In Anchorage Alaska House Of Representatives Education Committee March 31, 2017

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# OUTCOME 1: ALASKA NATIVE CHILDREN ARE PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN

#### INDICATOR

The percentage of students prepared for kindergarten, as demonstrated with an overall score of 20 or more on the Alaska Developmental Profile (ADP).



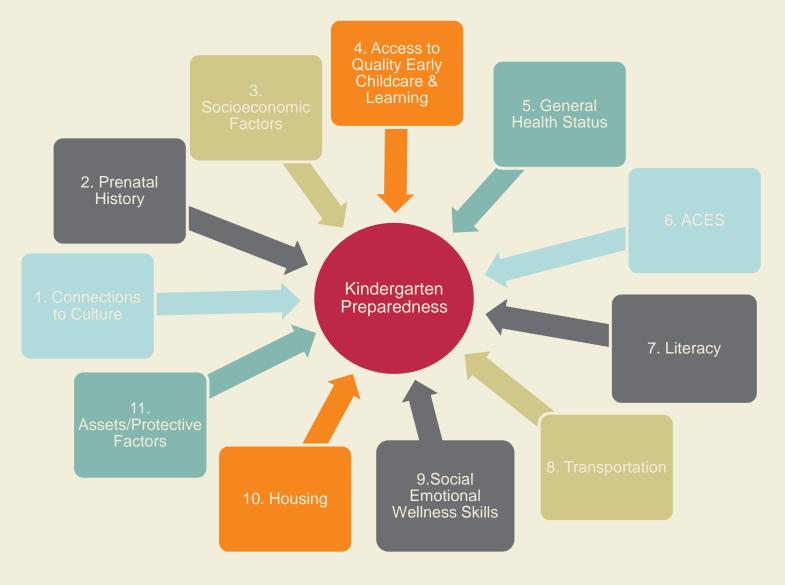


# CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK





### KINDERGARTEN PREPAREDNESS KEY ISSUES





### THINGS WE DISCOVERED

- Serious shortage of affordable care
- No way to assess quality of care available, except parent instinct
- AN/AI families utilize child care at same rates as non-Native families
- There are just under 5,000 AN/AI children in Anchorage 0-5 yrs.
- Parents want to spread the word about child development and to have easy access to information
- State kindergarten assessment is inconsistently implemented
- AN/AI children have the highest rates of ear infections in the country

### **RESULTS:**

- CITC opens Early Head Start offering day long, year round care for 70 Alaska Native children ages 0-3 with Yup'ik immersion classrooms & MIECHEV home visiting program.
- ASD kindergarten teachers are trained on ADP implementation and Alaska Native & American Indian cultures.
- ARISE parents & partners launch coordinated social media campaign to "get the word out" about early learning and child development.



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#### FROM THE FEED -- LARGE MOTOR SKILLS

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In 2009 this preschooler from Pt. Lay demonstrated his large motor muscle skills via Iñupiaq dancing. There are many, many ways we can encourage children to get up and MOVE - perhaps your family will jump up to dance at the next invitational dance.

This post is part of the ARISE kindergarten preparedness strategic action team initiative. Find out more about this month's theme at http://arisepartnership.org/kprep <sup>9</sup>



#### Little Point Lay Dancer

Three year old Elmo from Point Lay Inupiaq dances the reindeer song at Qatnut 2009 in Kotzebue, AK.

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