

House Education Committee and

Early Childhood

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Setting the Stage

- Abbe Hensley, Best Beginnings
- Debi Baldwin, Parents as Teachers
- Dirk Shumaker, Head Start and Early Head Start
- Lisa Moreno, ARISE collective impact initiative
- Stephanie Berglund, thread

Today's Conversation

- What each program provides and to whom
- The impact each program makes
- The impact reduced funding would have on the program
- What is unique or special about each program
- The collaboration or networking each program engages in
- **63,943 Alaska children under 6**

Community Based Early Care & Learning

- Licensed Child Care: 13,650
- Head Start (3-5 yrs): 3,293
- Early Head Start (birth to 3 yrs): 853
- Alaska State Pre-K: 289
- School District Pre-Elementary: 2,477
- Early Intervention: 2,000
- Parents as Teachers: 550+
- Imagination Library: 19,156

Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council

- Promote the **positive development, improved health outcomes, and school readiness** for children prenatal through eight
- Support creation of a **sustainable, comprehensive system** of early care, health, education, and family support
- Facilitate the **integration and alignment** of early childhood services, planning, policy, resources, and funding
- Establish **connections** between health, mental health, education and family support systems, and public and private sectors

Alaska Early Care & Learning System

- **Coordination and Advocacy**
 - Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council
 - Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Framework
 - Head Start Collaboration Office
- **Policy Frameworks**
 - Alaska Early Learning Guidelines
 - Alaska SEED Core Knowledge & Competencies
 - Pyramid Foundations
 - Strengthening Families
 - Alaska State Standards for Literacy and Math

Alaska Early Care & Learning System

- **Program Improvement**
 - Learn & Grow: Quality Recognition & Improvement System (QRIS)
- **Educator Professional Development**
 - System for Early Education Development (SEED)
 - School District-based professional learning
 - Head Start Training and Technical Assistance
 - Alaska Parents as Teachers State Office
- **Child Care Infrastructure**
 - Licensing
- **Pre-Elementary Infrastructure**
 - Pre-Elementary Approval

ARISE

Head Start

Early Head Start

Parents as Teachers

Best Beginnings

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