

# Family and Child Care Provider State Resource List

## Need help finding Child Care?

**Find a Child Care Provider:** The State of Alaska Find a Child Care Provider is a real time comprehensive list of all providers in the state of Alaska.

Website: <https://dpaworks.dhss.alaska.gov/FindProviderVS8/zSearch.aspx>

**Find Early Care & Learning in Alaska:** thread provides a child care search tool that provides additional information on child care programs.

Website: <http://threadalaska.org/child-care/>

## Need help paying for Child Care?

**Child Care Assistance:** The Child Care Assistance Program under the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) provides assistance with child care expenses for eligible families who are working or participating in an education or training program. The CCPO website has a list of local contact offices.

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/parents.aspx>

**Alaska Inclusive Child Care Program (Alaska IN!):** The Alaska Inclusive Child Care Program (Alaska IN!) is a statewide collaborative effort focused on increasing the quality and availability of inclusive child care programs for children with special needs who are also participating in the Child Care Assistance Program.

Phone Number: (907) 269-4500 or toll free at 1-888-268-4632.

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/specneeds.aspx>

## Want to become a Licensed Child Care Provider?

**State of Alaska Child Care Licensing:** If you live outside the Municipality of Anchorage and would like to become a licensed provider contact the State of Alaska Child Care Program Office.

Toll Free Phone Number: 1-888-268-4632

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/providers.aspx>

**Municipality of Anchorage:** If you live inside the Municipality of Anchorage and would like to become a licensed provider contact the Municipality of Anchorage Child Care Licensing Program.

Phone Number: (907) 343-4758

Website: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/health/DirectServices/Pages/Child.aspx>

## Want to participate in the Child Care Assistance Program as a Child Care Provider?

**Child Care Assistance Program:** If you want to become an approved child care provider through the Child Care Assistance Program visit the Child Care Program Office for details and contact information.

Toll Free Phone Number: 1-888-268-4632

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/providers.aspx>

## Need help with Cash Assistance?

**Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP):** The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (ATAP) provides cash assistance and work services to low-income families with children to help them with basic needs while they work toward becoming self-sufficient. This program is provided under the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant.

Phone Number: (907) 465-3347

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/atap/default.aspx>

**Want to learn more about Child Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, and other State regulations about child care and health and safety requirements?** Visit <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/regs.aspx> or contact the Child Care Program Office toll free at 1-888-268-4632.

## Need help with Medical costs?

**Denali KidCare- Alaska's' Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** Denali KidCare is designed to ensure that children and teens of both working and non-working families can have the health insurance they need.

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/dkc/default.aspx>

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**Medicaid:** Medicaid, an entitlement program created by the federal government, is the primary public program for financing basic health and long-term care services for low-income Alaskans.

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx>

## Need help with Food and Nutrition Services?

**Food Stamp Benefits:** The Alaska Food Stamp Program provides food benefits to low-income households.

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/fstamps/default.aspx>

**Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC):** WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. This public health program is designed to improve health outcomes and influence lifetime nutrition and health behaviors in targeted, at-risk populations

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/nutri/wic/default.aspx>

## Child and Adult Care Food Program – for child care providers

**Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):** The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a nutrition assistance program to help ensure healthy meals and snacks are provided to children and adults receiving care.

Website: <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/cnp/CACFP.html>

## Need help with Heating Costs?

**Heating Assistance:** The State of Alaska Heating Assistance Program (HAP) can help eligible residents defray their winter heating costs. It is not designed to pay a household's entire winter bill. Households should be prepared to pay a portion of their annual heating costs.

Toll Free Phone Number: 1-800-470-3058

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/hap/default.aspx>

## Where do I go for a Criminal Background Check?

**Alaska Background Check Program (BCP):** The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) Background Check Program (BCP) provides centralized background check support for programs that provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons who are served by the programs administered by the Department. The BCP program processes fingerprint-based criminal history checks for individuals associated with licensed, approved and/or certified entities under the authority of DHSS or are otherwise eligible to receive payments, in whole or in part, from the Department.

Phone Number: (907) 334-4475

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/pages/cl/bgcheck/default.aspx>

## What if I am Homeless or serving a Homeless Family?

Statewide list of shelters accepting families: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/default.aspx>.

School District Liaisons: <https://education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleX-C/DistrictHomelessLiaisonsContacts.cfm>

## Other Resources:

### Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System (Learn & Grow):

**Learn & Grow:** Learn & Grow is Alaska's Quality Recognition & Improvement System (QRIS) and its mission is to advance the quality of early care and learning to foster the success of young children.

Phone Number: (907) 265-3100 or toll free at 1-844-563-3230

Website: [http://threadalaska.org/index.cfm/Early-Educators/Learn-&Grow-\(Alaska's-QRIS\)](http://threadalaska.org/index.cfm/Early-Educators/Learn-&Grow-(Alaska's-QRIS))

**thread:** thread is a statewide network of professionals who work individually with families and early educators to ensure that they are knowledgeable and supported in guiding children to lifelong success.

Phone Number: (907) 265-3100 or toll free at 1-800-278-3723

Website: <http://threadalaska.org/index.cfm>

**Best Beginnings:** Best Beginnings is a public-private partnership that mobilizes people and resources to ensure all Alaska children begin school ready to succeed.

Phone Number: (907) 297-3300

Website: <http://www.bestbeginningsalaska.org/aboutus>

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**Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):** The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law ensuring services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education, and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities.

Website: <http://idea.ed.gov/>

**Department of Education and Early Development:** The Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) ensures quality standards-based instruction to improve academic achievement for all students in alignment with the Alaska Constitution Article 7, Sec. 1; AS 14.17. Some specific programs under the DEED are: Child Nutrition, Early Childhood, Public School Choice, Standards, Education Programs, Family, School, Business and Community Network (FSBCN), Migrant Education Program, Improving Basic Programs, English Learners, and Homeless Education.

Phone Number: (907) 465-2800

**Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program:** Alaska's Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program understands the challenges and rewards of living and working with young children. Alaska's families, teachers, therapists, medical professionals, and administrators all share the goal of improved development for all children, especially those experiencing disabilities.

Phone Number: (907) 269-8442

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/infantlearning/default.aspx>

**Head Start and Early Head Start (Alaska Head Start Association):** Alaska Head Start Association is dedicated to strengthening early learning programs through advocacy, education, and leadership.

Email: [akheadstart@gmail.com](mailto:akheadstart@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.akheadstart.org/>

## Guidance on Reducing Expulsion Rates and Implementing Behavior Best Practices

### **Reducing Expulsion Rates:**

Policy Statement on Expulsion and Suspension Policies in Early Childhood Settings, U.S. Department of Education:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/resources.aspx>

### **Behavior Best Practices:**

Strengthening Families: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/families/default.aspx>

## When should a child have a Developmental Screening and where can they get one?

There are resources for a family or child care provider to obtain Developmental Screenings and early intervention services under Part C of IDEA for children receiving Child Care and Development Funds who may be at risk for cognitive or other developmental delays (which may include social, emotional, physical, or linguistic delays), or any child. The following lists the Developmental Screening recommendation intervals and where to refer children who are infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

### **Infants**

**Screenings can be at all or any of the following intervals:** two months; four months; six months; eight months; nine months; 10 months; and 12 months.

**Who provides:** The Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program (ILP) is the Lead Agency in Alaska for Developmental Screenings for age's birth to three. The ILP's procedures for providing information on Developmental Screenings, per the Early and Period Screening Diagnosis, and Treatment program under Medicaid, and referring providers and families, as well as reports and outcomes, are listed on their website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/infantlearning/default.aspx>

### **Toddlers**

**Screenings can be at all or any of the following intervals:** 14 months; 16 months; 18 months; 20 months; 22 months; 24 months; 27 months; 30 months; 33 months; and 36 months.

**Who provides:** The Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program (ILP) is the Lead Agency in Alaska for Developmental Screenings for age's birth to three. The ILP's procedures for providing information on Developmental Screenings, per the Early and Period Screening Diagnosis, and Treatment program under Medicaid, and referring providers and families, as well as reports and outcomes, are listed on their website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/infantlearning/default.aspx>

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## Pre-schoolers

**Screenings can be at all or any of the following intervals:** 42 months; 48 months; 54 months; and 60 months.

**Who provides:** The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development is the Lead Agency for developmental screening of pre-school and school age children. <https://education.alaska.gov/tls/sped/>.

### **For Developmental Screening services available under section 619 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):**

Contact the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, for your local School District:

Phone Number: (907) 465-2800 Website for School Districts:

[https://education.alaska.gov/DOE\\_Rolodex/DistrictProfiles2000/DistrictProfilesSearch.cfm](https://education.alaska.gov/DOE_Rolodex/DistrictProfiles2000/DistrictProfilesSearch.cfm)

Website for IDEA, U.S. Department of Education: <http://idea.ed.gov/>

**Information on Immunization:** The Division of Public Health Epidemiology can provide information on immunization and can assist patients in obtaining copies of their immunization records.

Phone Number: (907) 269-8000

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/iz/Pages/default.aspx>

**Stay Up to Date with Alaska 2-1-1:** Alaska 2-1-1 is a one stop resource for connecting with a wide variety of vital resources in your community.

Phone Number: 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221

Website: <http://www.alaska211.org/>

**Office of Children's Services (OCS):** OCS works in partnership with families and communities to support the wellbeing of Alaska's children and youth.

Phone Number: (907) 269-4000

Website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ocs/Pages/offices/default.aspx>