

**Perinatal/Infant** - Through a maternal mortality prevention grant, the Maternal Child Death Review program launched a community-based doula workforce development initiative. This effort increases access to trauma-informed support in rural areas and other communities facing maternal health disparities. Doula support is an evidence-based strategy to improve access to care and maternal mental health outcomes.



**Children** - Title V staff joined a leadership team with the Division of Public Assistance and the Department of Education and Early Development to administer the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five. This grant supports initiatives such as developmental screening, Strengthening Families Alaska, Family Engagement and Leadership Training (FELT), Home Visiting ECHO, early childhood systems building, and FAN (Facilitating Attuned Interactions) training.



**Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs (CYSHCN) –**

In 2024, the Alaska Metabolic Clinic partnered with the University of Utah to expand access to physician and dietitian services statewide. This collaboration increases in-state clinical care and consultation, enabling more families to receive metabolic services in their home communities.



**Adolescents** - Alaska youth are leading the 988 Create Campaign, a teen-led arts initiative to promote the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. With posters, stickers, and multimedia, teens encourage help-seeking and peer support. Coordinated by the Youth Alliance for a Healthier Alaska and funded by Garrett Lee Smith, the campaign has grown annually and contributed to a 31% rise in youth contacts to 988.



**Women** – The 2024 AKPQC and MCDR Summit was held in April as a hybrid event, featuring topics such as trauma-informed care, perinatal brain injury, and substance use. With 68 total participants (36 virtual, 32 in-person), 100% of evaluation respondents rated the event as good or excellent, and 83% intend to share what they learned with colleagues.

