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INVESTING IN ALASKA'S WORKFORCE

A SUMMIT ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF EARLY CARE & LEARNING

October 5, 2017, 8:00 am — 4:00 pm
Anchorage Marriott Downtown

SUMMIT AGENDA



Welcome to **Investing in Alaska's Workforce: A Summit on the Economic Impact of Early Care & Learning!** Today will be packed full of eye-opening information and lively discussion. You will be inspired by national and local experts, hear about innovative initiatives, and meet others who are passionate about finding solutions to the unique challenges facing our state. At the end of the day, you will walk away with new ideas on how we can better invest in our children to create a brighter future for Alaska.

7:30 **REGISTRATION & CHECK IN**

8:00 **WELCOMING REMARKS**

8:15 **BREAKFAST KEYNOTE: Early Learning Investments from a Pediatric Perspective** — *Dr. Kyle Yasuda, MD, FAAP, Medical Officer for Children and Families at Public Health Seattle King County and Executive Director & President of BestStart Washington*

Pulling from his experiences in primary care practice, academics, government, health policy, advocacy, and nonprofit organizations, Dr. Yasuda will discuss why investments in education need to begin at birth. Additionally, Dr. Yasuda will highlight some innovative solutions happening in Washington.

9:45 **BREAK**

10:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Creative, Caring, and Crazy: A Look at Local Initiatives in Alaska**, moderated by *Abbe Hensley, Executive Director of Best Beginnings*

Hear about innovative initiatives happening in communities throughout Alaska. Panelists include:

Julie Taylor, CEO of Alaska Regional Hospital
Lisa Moreno, Director of Strategic Initiatives at Cook Inlet Tribal Council
Desiré Shepler, Director, R.O.C.K. Mat-Su
Kevin Ritchie, Former Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League/
Alaska Conference of Mayors

11:05 **GENERAL SESSION: Group Activity—Let's Reflect**

11:50 **BREAK AND LUNCH SERVED**

12:15 **LUNCH KEYNOTE: Connecting Investments in Early Childhood to Business Success** — *Randy Laszewski, Audit Partner at KPMG's National Professional Practice Group in New York*

Mr. Laszewski will discuss why investing in early childhood is a smart business decision by highlighting the positive impacts KPMG has experienced through its early childhood initiatives.

1:45 **BREAK**

2:00 **GENERAL SESSION: ReadyNation's Report: Social-Emotional Skills in Early Childhood Support Workforce Success** — *Nancy Fishman, Deputy Director at ReadyNation*

Ms. Fishman will present the findings of ReadyNation's Report, which examines how social-emotional skills formed in early childhood contribute to building a strong workforce with the necessary soft skills for the 21st century economy.

3:00 **GENERAL SESSION: Group Activity—Soft Skills & Effective Messaging**

3:45 **CLOSING REMARKS**

4:00 **CONCLUSION**

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