




*we're
ready*

Start a Business of Caring

Children reflect the care they get. Give Alaska's youngest children the best start in life. Become an early care and learning professional today.

thread is ready to help you get your career or program started. Contact us to learn about training, technical support and financial incentives.

Are you ready?



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TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Be a leader in providing licensed child care that is safe, healthy & playful.

thread is ready to help you get started today.



top 3 reasons to care for kids

- Help Alaska's children and families to learn and grow.
- Make your mark on Alaska by nurturing the next generation.
- Enjoy a rewarding career as a business owner, administrator, teacher or assistant in a variety of early learning settings.

what's needed

- You must be 18 years old and able to pass a background check.
- A high school degree or GED gets you started. **thread** can help you go even further by achieving a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential or degree in early childhood.
- A passion for children along with interpersonal skills, energy, and enthusiasm for promoting best practices in early care and learning.

get started

- Contact **thread** to find out about training and financial assistance — we're ready to support you.
- Talk to local early educators to learn more about the various child care settings and professional opportunities available to you.
- Visit **thread's** website for job listings.

open your own business

- Decide the type of care you want to offer (licensed family child care home, group home or center).
- Get licensed. Visit the Alaska Child Care Program Office website at dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/ccare/default.aspx or call 888.268.4632. In the Municipality of Anchorage, call 907.343.4758 or go to www.muni.org/Departments/health/community/Pages/Child.aspx.
- Set up your business. Contact **thread** for help with the basics.

why get licensed?



- You are a professional.
- Families seek out licensed care that is safe, healthy and playful.
- Free marketing as part of **thread's** child care network.
- Serve more children and increase your earning potential.

