

# What was the 1 "big step" for child care in Alaska does your small group want to share?

Increasing awareness and getting more champions from different sectors to move the cause forward.

Pass the Reading/ Pre-K bill in the legislature. We need to add preschool funding in this state! We need to understand the complexity of child care center needs and helping to keep businesses open. We need to fund this work sustainably.

Incentivized workforce with better pay, resources like benefits, substitute pool, training etc.

The need to develop a multi phase approach encompassing business and legislators as partners that educates them on the needs and challenges if chikdcare aged 0-12.

Education and information sharing for for all stakeholders, especially parents!

Childcare centers need financial support to stay in operations during the pandemic. Childcare workers need to be paid livable wages and have affordable health insurance.

Teachers' quality, salary, and benefits

increase public awareness

A long term SUSTAINABLE effort in creating stronger child care system.

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Our group focus was on awareness..getting local communities to understand the economic impact of supporting child care. Bringing the community together. We need a clear set of points, data and help getting them to understand.

Ensure access to quality early care and learning experiences for all Alaskans ages 3-4 through simplified regulations and funding streams.

Workforce development is critical. Providing 2-yr higher education for early educators. Offering loans/loan forgiveness by working in the field for specified time. Option would be available with community-based culturally relevant programs.

Equitable access to high quality cc and programs access to supports and resources to create high quality.

We like the New Mexico model of having an inclusive, well-coordinated state system with dedicated resources & staff to address the needs of children families, educators and communities.

Get through COVID with support. Get teachers salaried livable wages benefits and professional stature with supper from state/investment funds. Can't put that huge adjustment on the childcare owners alone. It's starts with attracting good educators

Using build back better to promote a livable wage

Invest across all foundations across the board.

A first step towards sustainable, high-quality universal pre-K in Alaska, through local, state, and federal initiatives.

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Engage the business community to generate buy-in

Universal pre-K

Expand access to Pre-K and child care; Ability to use/apply taxes from marijuana sales to support EC in Alaska

Explore financial strategies that engage both private entities and local tax structures.

All Early Educators earn a livable wage with benefits.

We need to increase public awareness regarding the social issues surrounding child care

Encouraging lawmakers to pass legislation around Universal pre-k and passing the Build Back Better Act

Community-level shared services for workforce

Incentivized workforce with better pay, resources, benefits, and substitute pool

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Capacity Building

Make it easier to license and open childcare centers

Invest to educate more of our future leaders. Creating ambassadors to create big change

Community-level shared services

Support for building licensed childcare capacity

Ensure access to quality early learning experiences for all Alaskan's ages 3-4 through simplified regulations and funding opportunities.

Wage issue – professional wages in workforce

Consistent future funding to support the early care and education sector

Supplemental funds for programs to off set cost and have the ability to pay providers more without charging the families more.

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We discussed sectoral bargaining, need for shared services such as background checks and sub pools, and funding

Make public funding of child care a campaign issue for the State legislature

Collaboration at the governmental & leadership level in the state to plan for ECL in Alaska, similar to NM.

ABC= Alaskan Ambassador for ChangeMessengers for investing in our future generations Education is the greatest equalizer

Fully invest in high quality early childhood and school-age education as a state, including ensuring the workforce are paid professional wages and benefits.

we need champions

# Rank the idea/initiative you are most excited about:

