Most important reason Alaska households use ECL services

- **66%** Allow adults to be employed
- **29%** Provide social interaction, learning, and other enrichment for children
- **6%** Allow adults time for errands and activities outside of work

Note: These percentages do not sum to 100% because some respondents answered “don’t know.”

Kindergarten readiness

- **30%** Fairbanks
- **33%** Statewide

Note: Percent of kindergartners meeting 11 of 13 Alaska Developmental Profile goals.

Early Care & Learning Services for Children in Fairbanks

- **56%** Children typically in ECL services
- **44%** Children not in ECL services

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<th>Time in care per child in paid care (average hours per month):</th>
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Type of ECL services received varies by age group

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Notes:
- **34%** are in licensed or regulated ECL services.
- **98%** not in ECL services are cared for at home by a household member.
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- **75%** of children 8-12 years of age not in ECL services or in care at home stay home alone.

* Early Care & Learning (ECL) Definition: ECL services include all types of child care, including formal (licensed, regulated) services and informal (short term, temporary, and other child care) arrangements.

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Average annual cost of licensed care in Fairbanks for children under 6 years of age: $12,863

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Ease of Finding Early Care & Learning Services

For children in ECL services, ease of finding services in Fairbanks was:

- 20% Very difficult
- 27% Difficult
- 5% Don’t know/refused
- 11% Very easy

Reasons for difficulty finding ECL services:

- 70% Availability/lack of providers
- 46% Cost
- 33% Quality
- 16% Convenience
- 30% Other

Cost of Care

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Early Care & Learning Impacts Employment

- 25% of Fairbanks households with children under 13 years of age include at least one household member not employed or working less hours than they otherwise would be because of lack of access to ECL services.
- Employment is restricted for these individuals by an average of 26 hours per week.
- 80% of employers provide no ECL-related benefits.

ECL factors with the greatest impact on household member’s ability to participate in the workforce:

- 48% Cost
- 28% Quality
- 28% Availability

Base: Children in ECL services in March 2019
Note: An average of 4.35 weeks per month was used to calculate average hours per week. Average spending is for paid and unpaid services.