thread, Alaska’s Child Care Resource & Referral Network, has a vision that every family in Alaska has access to high-quality, affordable child care. A thriving child care system supports children’s growth, development, and education, and has a positive economic impact for families and communities.

### Action 1 – Invest $30M to ensure the child care sector is stable as federal relief funding expires.

**State of Child Care**
- Federal relief funding via the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program (administered by the Child Care Program Office and thread) has helped to stabilize the child care system, keeping child care doors open. It has not solved the long-term challenge: how to provide quality services and pay workers a competitive wage while keeping prices affordable for parents.
- Final phase of the Child Care Stabilization Grant Program ends in March 2023.

**Impact of Action 1** – Targeted investment of $30 million, leveraging federal (CCDBG) child care dollars and state programs, will continue emergency relief support to soften the impact of expiring federal relief funding.
- Working Parent Support: Reinstate covering child care co-pays for families using child care assistance; and provide child care assistance to the child care workforce regardless of income.
- Child Care Workforce Support: Invest in supplement wages to individual early educators.
- Child Care Program Support: Continue support to licensed child care programs to ensure Alaska’s workforce has access to child care.

### Action 2 – Establish legislative child care policy workgroup to develop an actionable policy plan for child care.

**State of Child Care**
- The child care system is complex, with three factors needed for a thriving system: affordability, quality, and availability (access/workforce). Alaska’s child care system is broken and new policies and support are needed.

**Impact of Action 2** – The first step towards a thriving child care system supporting Alaska’s families and economy.
- Sustainable funding: Explore public-private funding model that leverages state, local, business and philanthropic investment now and into the future.
- Cost of care survey: Understand the actual cost of quality care in order to develop policies to increase access and affordability.