thread's Mission

To advance the quality of early education and child development by empowering parents, educating child care professionals, and collaborating with our communities.

About thread

thread is one of over 400 Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agencies nationwide.

thread serves all of Alaska with regional offices in Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks.

thread is supported through funds from





as well as donations from businesses and individuals who care about Alaska's children.

thread is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Tax ID: 92-0113419

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ADVANCING QUALITY

thread works to ensure access to affordable, high-quality early childhood education. In addition to thread services, thread works to advance high quality care through Alaska SEED and Learn & Grow.











LOCATIONS & HOURS



threadalaska.org 800.278.3723



Alaska's Child Care Resource & Referral Organization



We're Ready

to ensure Alaska's children have access to quality early childhood education for a thriving economy and community.



FAMILIES

thread helps families make informed choices about early childhood education through a range of services. thread offers:

- Free child care referrals with complete program profiles.
- Enhanced referrals for military families & children with special needs (Alaska IN!).
- Consumer education on selecting a quality child care program and tips on working with a child's teacher.
- Parenting workshops and family-friendly activities and events.
- Personalized short-term support around parenting issues and child development through the thread line, 800.278.3723.
- Child Care Assistance in Northern/ Interior and Southeast Alaska.





EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

thread works with early childhood educators so they can provide the best possible care and education to Alaska's children. thread delivers:

- Training in English and Spanish for all types of care.
- CDA Credential™ training and consultation.



Alaska's System for Early Education **Development (SEED)** is managed by thread and helps early childhood educators track, plan, and pay for their professional development.



EARLY CHILDHOOD **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

thread provides services and support to programs, building off strengths to continuously improve quality. thread offers:

- Technical assistance, classroom observations, and consultations for enhancing program quality.
- Grants and funding support for program improvements.
- Support for starting a licensed early childhood education program.



Learn & Grow is managed by thread and is a system to support quality improvement for programs and help families recognize quality.



BUSINESS & COMMUNITIES

thread partners with businesses, policymakers, and communities to ensure Alaska's families and workforce have access to affordable, quality child care. thread provides:

- Information on early childhood education initiatives, economic data, and trends.
- Workplace presentations and familyfriendly tips and support.
- An Advocacy Center to connect with local and national decision-makers.
- Opportunities to donate services, products, or sponsorships.
- Details on upcoming thread and community events, including volunteer opportunities.

TAKE ACTION

Sign up for thread's Action Alerts.

