

thread's State Policy Agenda



CHILD CARE IS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE:
HELP BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE FOR ALASKA

Priority For FY27

EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE **Annual ROOTS Award**

A recruitment and retention stipend for
early childhood educators

**Please fund in the
FY27 Operating Budget!**

About the ROOTS Award

- First State funding by Gov. Parnell in 2011
- Funded by legislature and approved by Gov. Dunleavy in 2023
- Proven effective to recruit and retain early educators and incentivize high-quality care
- Recommended by Governor's Child Care Task Force
- Chosen as a top priority by Alaska Early Childhood Advocacy group and 660 child care workers and families surveyed
- **Critical budget item needed to stabilize Alaska's child care sector**

Progress Made

A huge thank you to the Alaska Legislature and the Governor for approving historic policies and investments for child care in the last two years!



SMALL BUSINESSES

**Operating Grants
for Child Care**

Passed in 2025;
Being implemented
by DOH in 2026



FAMILIES

**SB95: Expanded
Eligibility for Child Care
Financial Assistance**

Passed in 2025;
Being implemented
by DOH in 2026



CHILD CARE TAX CREDITS

**SB96: Corporate and
Business Tax Credits for
Child Care Spending**

Passed in 2025;
Active now

Thank you for your support!