



Annual Report: Fiscal Years 2009-2010



connecting early care & education to Alaska



thread's mission is to advance the quality of early education and child development by empowering parents, educating child care professionals, and collaborating with our communities.

thread is one of 47 statewide Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Networks across the nation. Our network has three regional hub locations in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks serving communities statewide.



Message from the CEO

The Alaska Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Network was formally established in July of 2008 after 15 years of voluntary partnership. This partnership among Child Care Connection in the Southcentral region, AEYC-SEA in Southeast and Thrivalaska (formerly Play-N-Learn/CARES) in the Northern/Interior region has strengthened CCR&R services including more consistency in high quality service and in unifying our voice to enhance child care services statewide.

In August of 2009, the CCR&R Network rebranded with the name **thread**, to better highlight the network and connect with communities across Alaska. The new name was chosen to signify “the common **thread**” that ties together our support to families, early educators and communities. **thread** is the early care and education resource for all Alaskans. We work with families and early educators in their efforts to support children’s healthy development and early learning.

thread also advocates on behalf of families and early educators to increase the availability and affordability of quality early care and education opportunities. After two years as an integrated statewide network, **thread** has standardized service delivery, provided better and new access to services and expanded creative partnerships to diversify our resources and strengthen the health of our organization. Stephanie Berglund, **thread** CEO

thread offices

Southcentral office

thread services in southcentral Alaska are delivered from the Anchorage office, which also serves as the lead statewide network office.

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Family Services



thread helps families make good choices about the early care and education needs of their children. In the first two years as a Statewide Network, **thread**:

- Provided individualized child care referrals to over 7,000 families.
- Supported 1,265 families with information on healthy child development.
- Worked with 900 families and early educators offering enhanced services to children experiencing disabilities, Alaska IN! participants and others with special needs.
- Hosted child development and parenting workshops in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks.

Early Educators



thread provides training and technical assistance to early educators to improve skills and the quality of early care and education in Alaska. As **thread** strengthens our services statewide, we have:

- Served over 2,300 participants in training courses and provided over 1,200 training sessions.
- Consulted 343 early educators working to achieve a Child Development Associate credential.
- Worked with 80 early educators providing individual child consultations and delivered on-site technical assistance in over 250 programs each year.

Community

thread works to improve early childhood systems and generates resources that will increase the availability, quality and affordability of early care and education options in Alaska. **thread** works in many ways with local communities to do this. Over the last two years, **thread** has:

- Raised awareness about children's issues and legislation affecting children during state and nationwide rallies like the "Step Up for Kids" initiative.
- Created new ways for parents and families to get involved in early care and education issues, including launching the Parent Action Network: an online resource for parents and early educators to get the latest policy news and let their voice be heard among elected officials in Alaska and in our nation's capitol.
- Participated in numerous special and community events statewide. For example, **thread** hosts an annual Book Party in the Park to promote literacy and early learning, honors businesses with Work Family Friendly Awards and supports parent engagement activities in many communities.
- Honored Alaska's early care and education professionals during national *Provider Appreciation Day* through advertisements in local newspaper publications, special community events and award presentations.

*"I believe that **thread** has saved lives and given Alaska a true family health resource. Because of **thread**, I broke the [negative] cycle and my family thanks you."*

~ Anonymous



*"The smiles that light up a child's face when they get to take home their own free book is all I need to know that **thread**'s work is worthwhile."*

~ Angela Rush, **thread** board member



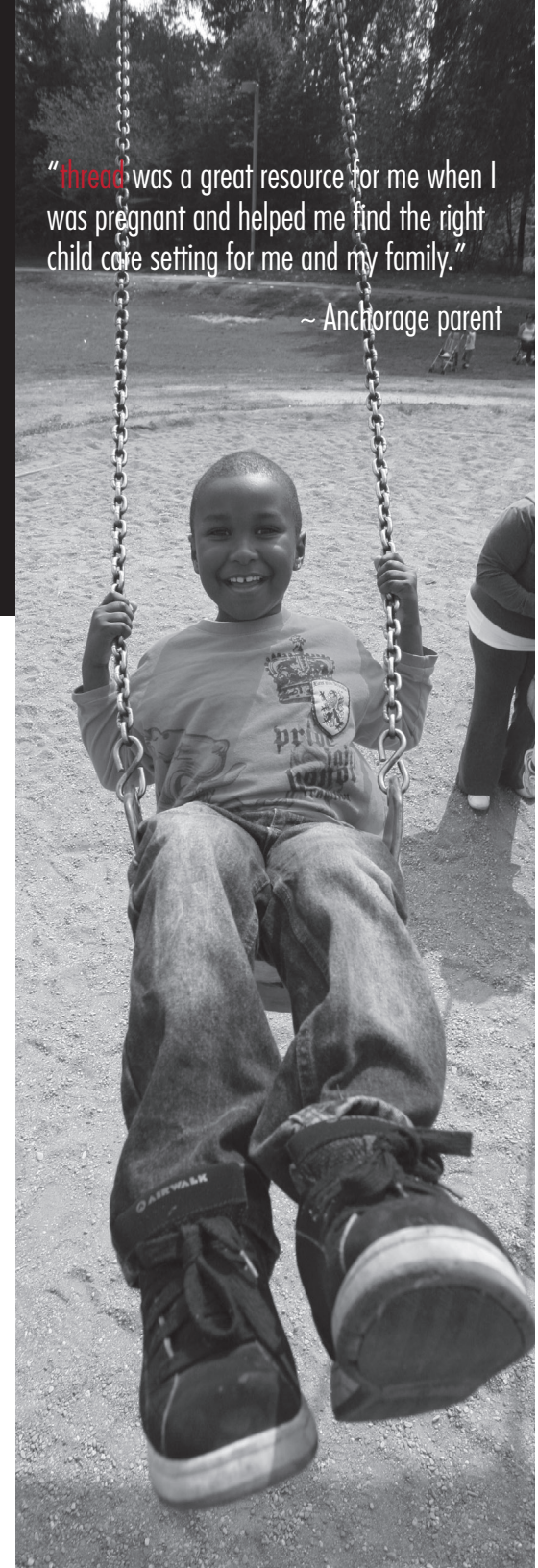
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"**thread** was a great resource for me when I was pregnant and helped me find the right child care setting for me and my family."

~ Anchorage parent



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<u>FY09 SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>			<u>FY09 OPERATING AND EXPENSES</u>		
		<u>% of BUDGET</u>			<u>% of BUDGET</u>
Government	\$ 2,239,854	84.7	Program Services	\$ 2,376,319	Wages & Benefits 46.4
Corporations	\$ 180,151	6.8	Supporting Services	\$ 210,653	Statewide Services 31.7
Foundations	\$ 30,000	1.1	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 2,586,972	*ECE Grants & Awards 3.0
Individuals	\$ 1,543	0.1	Net Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 41,081	Equipment 2.3
Program Revenue	\$ 193,528	7.3	Administrative Rate	8%	Supplies 2.8
Non Operating	\$ (17,023)				Facility 5.5
Total	\$ 2,628,053				Travel 1.3

<u>FY10 SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>			<u>FY10 OPERATING AND EXPENSES</u>		
		<u>% of BUDGET</u>			<u>% of BUDGET</u>
Government	\$ 2,655,408	88.7	Program Services	\$ 2,693,303	Wages & Benefits 41.5
Corporations	\$ 178,374	6.0	Supporting Services	\$ 209,549	Statewide Services 29.8
Foundations	\$ 15,000	.5	Total	\$ 2,902,852	*ECE Grants & Awards 2.5
Individuals	\$ 3,149	0.1	Net Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 76,949	Equipment 2.2
Program Revenue	\$ 138,870	4.7	Administrative Rate	7%	Supplies 4.8
Total	\$ 2,979,801				Facility 4.6
					Travel 2.6

*ECE = Early Childhood Education