



# BEST BEGINNINGS

## Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

### Section 1: Quantitative Data

CATEGORY	ALASKA	MAT-SU SERVICE AREA
<p><b>Number of children by age</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-4 = 49,670</li> <li>5-9 = 49,294</li> <li>10-14 = 49,957</li> <li>15-19 = 54,183</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-4 = 47,591</li> <li>5-9 = 53,771</li> <li>10-14 = 56,661</li> <li>15-19 = 50,094</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-4 = 6,148</li> <li>5-9 = 5,258</li> <li>10-14 = 6,356</li> <li>15-19 = 8,864</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0-4 = 4,147/7%</li> <li>5-9 = 5,202/8.8%</li> <li>10-14 = 6,034/10.2%</li> <li>15-19 = 5,317/9%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>
<p><b>General population, by race</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Census Bureau</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: 2008 Census Total Population for Mat-Su: 85,458</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White: 509,122</li> <li>African-American: 33,816</li> <li>American Indian/Alaska Native: 123,208</li> <li>Asian: 41,124</li> <li>Hawaiian/PI: 6,098</li> <li>Other: 15,834</li> <li>2+ races: 43,616</li> <li>Hispanic: 37,280</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White: 73,689</li> <li>African-American: 1,385</li> <li>American Indian/Alaska Native: 3,470</li> <li>Asian: 1,175</li> <li>Hawaiian/PI: 0</li> <li>Other: 317</li> <li>2+ races: 5,422 (4,057 White &amp; AI/AN)</li> <li>Hispanic: 3,166</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>

<p><b>Poverty status of children by age group</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Youngest age group is most vulnerable.</i></p> <p><i>Note: 2009 Alaska Poverty Levels Family of 2=\$18,000 Family of 4=\$27,500 Family of 6=\$37,000</i></p>	<p>Below poverty: For those under 18 = 186,793</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 5: 46,274</li> <li>• Age 5: 9,582</li> <li>• Ages 6-11: 65,486</li> <li>• Ages 12-14: 33,337</li> <li>• Age 15: 10,757</li> <li>• Ages 16-17: 21,357</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>	<p>Below poverty: For those under 18 = 2,484</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under 5: 1,135</li> <li>• Ages 5-17: 1,349</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2007</p>
<p><b>Households by type</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Families with children under 18: 83,121</li> <li>• Number of married-couple families with children under 18: 57,143</li> <li>• Number of male householder, no wife present, families with children under 18: 7,868</li> <li>• Number of female householder, no husband present, families with children under 18: 18,110</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Families with children under 18: 7,906</li> <li>• Number of married-couple families with children under 18: 6,057</li> <li>• Number of male householder, no wife present, families with children under 18: 785</li> <li>• Number of female householder, no husband present, families with children under 18: 1,064</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>

Poverty status of children by family group and age	% of families/people below the poverty level in the past 12 months	% of families/people below the poverty level in the past 12 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: The most economically vulnerable group is young children living with a single mother; with young children living with single fathers also struggling to a somewhat lesser degree, and children living with married couples being the least likely to fall below poverty.</i></p> <p><i>Note: <a href="#">2009 Alaska Poverty Levels</a> Family of 2=\$18,000 Family of 4=\$27,500 Family of 6=\$37,000</i></p> <p><i>Note: <a href="#">Median Income: \$26,164/yr</a> Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All families with related children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: 11.2%</li> <li>○ under 5: 10.9%</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> <li>• These families under poverty fall in these groups:</li> <li>• % married couple families with related children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: 4.2%</li> <li>○ under 5: 3.5%</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> <li>• % of families with female householder, no husband present with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: 28.6%</li> <li>○ under 5: 32.0%</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> <li>• % of families with male householder, no wife present with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: unavailable</li> <li>○ under 5: unavailable</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All families with related children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: 11.3 %</li> <li>○ under 5: 17.3 %</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> <li>• These families under poverty fall in these groups:</li> <li>• % of married couple families with related children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: ---</li> <li>○ under 5: ---</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> <li>• Families with female householder, no husband present with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: 26.5 %</li> <li>○ under 5: 51.9 %</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> <li>• Families with male householder, no wife present with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ under 18: ---</li> <li>○ under 5: ---</li> </ul> are below poverty level. </li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2006-2008</p>

<p><b>Infant mortality rate (5 years if possible)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> <li>• SOA, DHSS, Women’s, Children’s, and Family Health. Maternal and Child Health Status Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us">www.epi.hss.state.ak.us</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Per 1000 live births:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007: 6.2</li> <li>• 2006: 6.9</li> <li>• 2005: 5.7</li> <li>• 2004: 6.7</li> <li>• 2003: 7.0</li> <li>• Source: SOA, DHSS, Women’s, Children’s, and Family Health. Maternal and Child Health Status Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us">www.epi.hss.state.ak.us</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Per 1000 live births:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: 5.4</li> <li>• 2001-2005: 6.0</li> </ul> <p>Source: Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Health Status Report</p> <p>Source: Kids Count/Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics</p>
<p><b>Low birth weight (5 years if possible)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> <li>• SOA, DHSS, Women’s, Children’s, and Family Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maternal and Child Health Status Indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="http://www.epi.hss.state.ak.us">www.epi.hss.state.ak.us</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Total births/low weight births</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007: 11,053/623</li> <li>• 2006: 10,997/652</li> <li>• 2005: 10,452/630</li> <li>• 2004: 10,336/617</li> <li>• 2003: 10,086/593</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, Women’s, Children’s, and Family Health</p>	<p>Total births/low weight births</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2001-2005: 5.9%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics</p>
<p><b>Number of children 5-15 with one or more disabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<p>Total number of children 5-15: 110,444</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6,475</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p>Total number of children 5-15: 22,018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 722</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>

READY FAMILIES		
CATEGORY	ALASKA	MAT SU SERVICE AREA
<p><b>Teen birth rate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DHSS</li> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<p>Number of women 15-50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months: 10,997</p> <p>Per 1000 women 15-19 years old: 27  Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p>Number of women 15-50 years old who had a birth in the past 12 months: 693</p> <p>Per 1000 women 15-19 years old: 5  Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p> <p>2004 Total: 101  17-19: 77  15-17: 24</p> <p>2003 Total: 100  17-19: 73  15-17: 27  Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics</p>
<p><b>Births to mothers with less than a 12<sup>th</sup> grade education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2005: 1,490</li> <li>• 2004: 1,355</li> <li>• 2003: 1,395</li> <li>• 2002: 1,396</li> <li>• 2001: 1,311</li> </ul> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT</p>	<p>Could not find data</p>

<p><b>Births to unmarried women</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<p>Number &amp; Percent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2005: 3,768/36%</li> <li>• 2004: 3,577/34.6%</li> <li>• 2003: 3,487/34.6%</li> <li>• 2002: 3,379/34.0%</li> <li>• 2001: 3,281/32.8%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p>Number &amp; Percent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: 125/18%</li> <li>• 2007: 536/51%</li> <li>• 2006: 377/30%</li> <li>• 2005: 365/33%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>
<p><b>Number of families with children under 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<p>Total number of families with children under 18: 180,009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families with own children under age 18: 89,837</li> <li>• Married-couple families with own children under age 18: 65,028</li> <li>• Single-mother families with own children under 18: 16,892</li> <li>• Single-father families with own children under 18: 7,917</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p>Total number of families with children under 18: 15,812</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families with own children under age 18: 7,906</li> <li>• Married-couple families with own children under age 18: 6,057</li> <li>• Single-mother families with own children under 18: 1,064</li> <li>• Single-father families with own children under 18: 785</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>
<p><b>Parental work status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among the families with children under 6: 34,222 had all parents in the labor force.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among the families with children under 6: 3,944/ 56.7% had all parents in the labor force.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among the families with children 6-17 years old: 79,642 had all parents in the labor force.</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Among the families with children 6-17 years old: 8,697/64.6% had all parents in the labor force.</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2006-2008</p>
<p><b>Levels of educational attainment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<p>Total number of children ages 18-24: 56,869</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a high school graduate: 13,121</li> <li>• High school graduate/GED: 22,213</li> <li>• Some college, no degree: 17,687</li> <li>• Associate or BA degree: 3,733</li> </ul> <p>Total number of 16-19 year olds: 38,321</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of 16-19 year olds who were not enrolled in school: 9,084</li> </ul> <p>Sources: KIDS COUNT and Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p><u>Can only find #s for 25+ years</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not a high school graduate: 4,874</li> <li>• High school graduate/GED: 16,101</li> <li>• Some college, no degree: 15,938</li> <li>• Associate or BA degree: 11,031</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p> <p>Total number of 16-19 year olds: 5,072</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of 16-19 year olds who were not enrolled in school: 859</li> <li>• Total number of 16-19 year olds not enrolled in school, not h.s. grad and not in labor force: 198</li> </ul> <p>Sources: KIDS COUNT and Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>
<p><b>Language other than English spoken at home Ages 5+</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 95,858</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p>Too small sample size</p>

<p><b>Number of substantiated cases of child abuse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DHSS, OCS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: 6311</li> <li>• 2007: 4737</li> <li>• 2006: 5264</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, OCS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: 491</li> <li>• 2007: 380</li> <li>• 2006: 435</li> </ul> <p>Majority of cases-neglect, mental injury</p> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, OCS</p>
<p><b>Juvenile justice referrals and charges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, Juvenile Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="http://www.hss.state.ak.us/djj/information/stats_fy2008/">www.hss.state.ak.us/djj/information/stats_fy2008/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Juveniles: 3,876</li> <li>• Referrals: 5,709</li> <li>• Charges: 9,834</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, Juvenile Justice</p>	<p>2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of Juveniles: 367/9%</li> <li>• Referrals: 486/9%</li> <li>• Charges: 906/10%</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, Juvenile Justice</p>
<p><b>Children in foster care (trend) birth-6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DHSS, OCS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 2009: 940</li> <li>• July 2008: 960</li> <li>• July 2007: 920</li> <li>• July 2006: 877</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, OCS</p>	<p>Only able to get statewide stats</p>
<p><b>Grandparents responsible for grandchildren</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<p>Total number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years: 14,998</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6,275</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<p>Total number of grandparents living with own grandchildren under 18 years: 2,222</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 630</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>
<p><b>Living in same house 1 year ago (1 year and older)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 524,359</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68,020</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p>
<p><b>Home ownership/renters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owners with a mortgage: 34%</li> <li>• Owners without a mortgage: 12%</li> <li>• Renters: 38%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2005-2007</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owners with a mortgage: 60%</li> <li>• Owners without a mortgage: 20%</li> <li>• Renters: 20%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2006-2008</p>

READY SCHOOLS		
CATEGORY	ALASKA	MAT SU SERVICE AREA
<p><b>Number of students ages 3-17 enrolled in school</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Census Bureau</li> <li>KIDS COUNT</li> </ul>	<p>Total number of enrolled students 3-17: 162,546</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 3 &amp; 4: 19,231</li> <li>Ages 5 to 9: 53,917</li> <li>Ages 10 to 14: 56,962</li> <li>Ages 15 to 17: 32,436</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>	<p>Total number of enrolled students 3-17: 19,110</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 3 &amp; 4: 4,147</li> <li>Ages 5 to 9: 5,202</li> <li>Ages 10 to 14: 6,034</li> <li>Ages 15 to 17: 3,727</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>
<p><b>Total number of students with limited English proficiency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20,761</li> </ul> <p>Source: NCES – Build a table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>585</li> </ul> <p>Source: NCES, CCR 2000</p>
<p><b>Kindergarten Developmental Profile (KDP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOA, DEED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/results.html">http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/results.html</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Note: They have revised the KDP and it now it is called the Revision of the Developmental Profile (RADP).</i></p>	<p>Total number of children who were given assessment: 8,934</p> <p>Physical Well-Being Motor Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Well Being: 97% Yes</li> <li>Fine Motor: 74% Yes</li> <li>Gross Motor: 80% Yes</li> </ul> <p>Language and Literacy Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking: 79% Yes</li> <li>Listening: 65% Yes</li> <li>Emergent Reading: 58% Yes</li> <li>Emergent Writing: 43% Yes</li> </ul>	<p>Total number of children who were given assessment: 1112</p> <p>Physical Well-Being Motor Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical Well Being: 95% Y</li> <li>Fine Motor: 65% Y</li> <li>Gross Motor: 65% Y</li> </ul> <p>Language and Literacy Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speaking: 85% Y</li> <li>Listening: 75% Y</li> <li>Emergent Reading: 65% Y</li> <li>Emergent Writing: 70% Y</li> </ul>

	<p>Personal Social Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Development: 76% Yes</li> <li>• Approaches to Learning: 73% Yes</li> </ul> <p>Thinking and Cognitive Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem Solving: 55% Yes</li> <li>• Number Concepts: 65% Yes</li> </ul> <p>Child Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended Preschool: 66% Yes</li> <li>• Health Data: 57% Yes</li> <li>• IEP: 10% Yes</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED: 2007-2008</p>	<p>Personal Social Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Development: 70% Y</li> <li>• Approaches to Learning: 75% Y</li> </ul> <p>Thinking and Cognitive Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problem Solving: 70% Y</li> <li>• Number Concepts: 70% Y</li> </ul> <p>Child Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended Preschool: 55% Y</li> <li>• Health Data: 65% Y</li> <li>• IEP: 10% Y</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED: 2002-2006</p>
<p><b>Standards Based Assessment, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DEED</li> </ul>	<p>Number and percent below/far below proficient</p> <p>2008 (9,649 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 1,920/20.3%</li> <li>• Writing: 2,384/25.2%</li> <li>• Math: 2,114/22.3%</li> </ul> <p>2007 (9,346 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 1,846/20.2%</li> <li>• Writing: 2,126/23.3%</li> <li>• Math: 1,948/21.3%</li> </ul>	<p>Number and percent below/far below proficient</p> <p>2009 (1255 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 178/14.4%</li> <li>• Writing: 217/17.5%</li> <li>• Math: 210/16.9%</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>

	<p>2006 (9,581 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 1,984/21.1%</li> <li>• Writing: 2,328/24.8%</li> <li>• Math: 2,279/24.2%</li> </ul> <p>2005 (9,334 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: 1,902/20.9%</li> <li>• Writing: 2,298/25.3%</li> <li>• Math: 2,239/24.6%</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>	
<p><b>Retention rate, K-3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local school district</li> </ul>	Unable to find	Unable to find
<p><b>Dropout rate grades 7-12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local school district</li> <li>• SOA, DEED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="http://www.eed.state.ak.us/stats/DropoutRates/DropoutRatesByDistrict.pdf">www.eed.state.ak.us/stats/DropoutRates/DropoutRatesByDistrict.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Number and percentage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007-2008: 3,232/5.3%</li> <li>• 2006-2007: 3,434/5.5%</li> <li>• 2005-2006: 3,090/4.9%</li> <li>• 2004-2005: 3,791/6.0%</li> <li>• 2003-2004: 3,033/4.9%</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>	<p>Number and percentage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008-2009: /5.2%</li> <li>• 2007-2008: 328/4.2%</li> <li>• 2006-2007: 326/4.3%</li> <li>• 2005-2006: 330/4.4%</li> <li>• 2004-2005: 438/6.1%</li> <li>• 2003-2004: 289/4.5%</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>

<p><b>Graduation rate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local school district</li> <li>SOA, DEED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://www.eed.state.ak.us/stats/HS%20Graduates/2002hsgrad.pdf">www.eed.state.ak.us/stats/HS Graduates/2002hsgrad.pdf</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Graduates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2005-2006: 7,361</li> <li>2004-2005: 6,905</li> <li>2003-2004: 7,290</li> <li>2002-2003: 7,366</li> <li>2001-2002: 6,945</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>	<p>Graduates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2005-2006: 912</li> <li>2004-2005: 905</li> <li>2003-2004: 1,006</li> <li>2002-2003: 882</li> <li>2001-2002: 830</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>
<p><b>Students receiving free/reduced lunch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local school district</li> <li>National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), under Common Core of Data (CCD)</li> </ul>	<p>Total number: 45,028</p> <p>Free lunch eligible: 35,456 Reduced price lunch eligible: 9,572</p> <p>Source: NCES, CCD</p>	<p>Total number: 5,123</p> <p>Free lunch eligible: 3,840 Reduced price lunch eligible: 1,283</p> <p>Source: Mat-Su Borough School District 2008</p>
<p><b>Families with children claiming Federal Earned Income Tax Credit, 2004</b> KIDS COUNT</p>	<p>9.1%</p> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT</p>	<p>9.1%</p> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT</p>
<p><b>Students receiving individual education program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local school district</li> <li>National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), under Common Core of Data (CCD)</li> </ul>	<p>17,760</p> <p>Source: NCES, CCD</p>	<p>2,514 K-12</p> <p>Source: Mat-Su Borough School District</p>

<b>Special education students under 6</b>	Unable to find.	Pre-Elementary Special Ed: 236 Source: Mat-Su Borough School District 09-10  Special Education students total ages 3-21= 2,321 Source: SOA, DEED 2008
<b>Early Intervention to children under 3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DHSS, ILP</li> </ul>	Approximate total of children birth - 3: 37,000  Number of children receiving ILP services: 1,800  Source: SOA, DHSS, ILP	Approximate total of children birth - 3: 4611  Number of children receiving ILP services: FY09 169  Source: SOA, DHSS, ILP/Mat Su Services for Children and Adults
<b>Average kindergarten class size</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local school district</li> <li>• National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)</li> </ul>	Unable to find.	20.9 Students/Teacher  Source: Mat Su Borough School District, 2009
<b>Number of Children 0-5 participating in Imagination Library</b>		2009 Total: 90 Meadow Lakes area: 87 Graduates: 3

READY COMMUNITIES-EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION		
CATEGORY	ALASKA	MAT SU SERVICE AREA
<p><b>Number of children enrolled in school district programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local school district</li> <li>Census Bureau</li> </ul>	<p>Total population 3 years and over enrolled in school: 185,760</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery School, Preschool: 10,804/5.8%</li> <li>Kindergarten: 10,078/5.4%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, 2000 Census</p>	<p>Total population 3 years and over enrolled in school: 23,032</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery School, Preschool: 989/4.3%</li> <li>Kindergarten: 995/4.3%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Census Bureau, ACS 2008</p> <p>Total population PE-12 enrolled in Mat Su School Borough District: 16,489</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten: 1181/7.2%</li> </ul> <p>Source: Mat Su Borough School District Enrollment 07-08</p>
<p><b>Number of children in State of Alaska pilot preK program (if your service area has a pilot program)</b></p>	<p>330</p> <p>Source: SOA, DEED</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Number of children in Head Start/Early Head Start</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alaska Head Start Association (AHSA)</li> <li>SOA, DEED</li> </ul>	<p>Head Start/Early Head Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolled: 3,104 (334 of those are in Early Head Start)</li> <li>Approx. # of eligible children: 10,831</li> <li>Approx. # of children not being served: 7,727</li> </ul>	<p>Head Start/Early Head Start</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolled: 190</li> <li>Approx. # of eligible children: 558</li> <li>Approx. # of children not being served: 368</li> </ul>

	Source: AHSA	Source: CCS Early Learning Community Assessment 2008
<b>Child care programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOA, DHSS, Child Care Programs Office (CCPO), Laurel Young, 907.269.4669</li> </ul>	Total number of licensed programs: 622 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of centers: 224</li> <li>Number of family child care homes: 313</li> <li>Number of group homes: 85</li> </ul> Source: SOA, DHSS, CCPO	Total number of licensed programs: 64 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of centers: 20</li> <li>Number of family child care homes: 24</li> <li>Number of group homes: 20</li> </ul> Source: Campfire Feasibility Study 2008
<b>Number of approved child care programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOA, DHSS, Child Care Programs Office (CCPO), Laurel Young, 907.269.4669</li> </ul>	581 Source: SOA, DHSS, CCPO	Total: 116 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Palmer: 34</li> <li>Wasilla: 82</li> </ul> Source: Campfire Feasibility Study 2008
<b>Number of nationally accredited child care programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>thread: Alaska’s Child Care Resource and Referral Network, 907.563.1966 (Michele Jaeger)</li> <li>NACCRRA</li> </ul>	Total number of accredited programs (number and percent) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Care Homes: 10 (1%)</li> <li>Child Care Centers: 16 (7.3%)</li> </ul> Source: NACCRRA	Total number of accredited programs: 0
<b>Child care space</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOA, DHSS, Child Care Programs Office (CCPO), Laurel Young,</li> </ul>	Total number of slots in child care programs: 17,460 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of slots in centers: 14,041</li> </ul>	

<p>907.269.4669</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of slots in family child care homes: 2,404</li> <li>• Number of slots in group homes: 1,015</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, CCPO</p>	
<p><b>Cost for licensed child care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DHSS, Child Care Programs Office (CCPO), Laurel Young, 907.269.4669</li> <li>• National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRRA)</li> <li>• National Child Care Information Center (NCCIC)</li> </ul>	<p>Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average, annual fees paid for full time infant (0-18 months): \$8,220</li> <li>• Average, annual fees paid for full time care for a 4 year old: \$7,000</li> </ul> <p>Family child care home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average, annual fees paid for full time infant (0-18 months): \$7,060</li> <li>• Average, annual fees paid for full time care for a 4 year old: \$6,068</li> </ul> <p>Source: NACCRRRA</p>	<p>Center (average annual fees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infant (0-18 months): \$645</li> <li>• Toddler (19-36 months): \$615</li> <li>• Preschool: \$550</li> <li>• School age: \$500-640</li> </ul> <p>Family child care home (average annual fees)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infant (0-18 months):</li> <li>• Toddler (19-36 months):</li> <li>• Preschool:</li> <li>• School age: \$430-682</li> </ul> <p>Source: Campfire Feasibility Study 2008</p>
<p><b>Children receiving state child care subsidy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOA, DHSS, Child Care Programs Office (CCPO), Laurel Young, 907.269.4669</li> </ul>	<p>Number of children receiving state child care subsidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5,602 (licensed and approved programs)</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, CCPO</p>	<p>Number of children receiving state child care subsidy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2007: 649</li> <li>• 2006: 596</li> </ul> <p>Source: Campfire Feasibility Study 2008</p>
<p><b>Children receiving tribal child care subsidy</b></p>	<p>Unable to find.</p>	

<p><b>Education of Child Care Staff</b></p> <p>thread: Alaska’s Child Care Resource and Referral Network, 907.563.1966 (Michele Jaeger)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Degree: 1,208</li> <li>• AA: 63</li> <li>• Bachelor’s: 70</li> <li>• Masters: 21</li> </ul> <p>Source: thread</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High School: 47%</li> <li>• CDA: 21%</li> <li>• AA: 19%</li> <li>• Bachelor’s: 5%</li> <li>• Masters: 5%</li> </ul> <p>Source: thread</p>
<p><b>Total experience of child care staff</b></p>	<p>Unable to find.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over 20 Years: 25%</li> <li>• 10-20 Years: 35%</li> <li>• 4-9 Years: 31%</li> <li>• 1-3 Years: 6%</li> <li>• Less than 1 year: 3%</li> </ul> <p>Source: thread</p>
<p><b>Annual turnover rate</b></p>	<p>Unable to find.</p>	
<p><b>Hourly Compensation of Child Care Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thread: Alaska’s Child Care Resource and Referral Network, 907.563.1966 (Michele Jaeger)</li> <li>• NACCRA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Center based teachers: \$8.00-\$17.00 an hour</li> <li>• Center-based directors: \$8.00 an hour - \$50,000 annually</li> <li>• Family child care providers: Dependent on how many children they care for – no average number.</li> </ul> <p>Source: thread</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Center based teachers: \$8.00-\$17.00 an hour (avg. \$11.04/hr)</li> <li>• Center-based directors: \$8.00 an hour - \$50,000 annually (avg. \$14.00/hr)</li> <li>• Support Staff: avg. \$10.87/hr</li> </ul> <p>Source: thread</p>

READY COMMUNITIES-HEALTH		
CATEGORY	ALASKA	MAT SU SERVICE AREA
<p><b>Children served by an Infant Learning Program (ILP) (last four years if you can)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOA, DHSS, Infant Learning Program (ILP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="http://hss.state.ak.us/ocs/InfantLearning/program/program_dir.htm">hss.state.ak.us/ocs/InfantLearning/program/program_dir.htm</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2007: 620 (1.9% of children birth -3)</li> <li>2005: 642 (2.1 % of children birth – 3)</li> <li>2004: 610 (2.0% of children birth – 3)</li> <li>2003: 641 (2.1% of children birth – 3)</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, ILP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY09: 169</li> <li>FY08: 167</li> <li>FY07: 134</li> <li>FY06: 119</li> <li>FY05: 135</li> <li>FY04: 140</li> <li>FY03: 119</li> </ul> <p>Source: SOA, DHSS, ILP/Mat Su Services for Children and Adults</p>
<p><b>Children and/or families served by home visiting programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents as Teachers (PAT)</li> <li>Alaska Head Start Association (AHSA)</li> </ul>	<p>Number of children and/or families being served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents as Teachers: 963 children, 809 families</li> <li>Head Start/Early HS: 3,104 children</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul> <p>Source: PAT and AHSA</p>	<p>Number of children and/or families being served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents as Teachers: No program; local ILP is PAT certified</li> <li>Head Start/Early HS: 250</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul> <p>Source: CCS Early Learning</p>
<p><b>Women receiving early prenatal care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KIDS COUNT</li> <li>SOA, Bureau of Vital Statistics</li> </ul>	<p>Women receiving less than adequate prenatal care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2000-2004: 35%</li> <li>2001-2005: 35%</li> <li>2002-2006: 32%</li> </ul> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT</p>	<p>Women receiving less than adequate prenatal care</p> <p>2002-2006: 24%</p> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT</p> <p>2004: 25%</p> <p>2003: 25.8%</p> <p>Source: Alaska Bureau of Vital Statistics</p>

<p><b>Children without health insurance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KIDS COUNT</li> <li>• National Survey of Children’s Health</li> </ul>	<p>17 and below without health insurance (number and percent)</p> <p>2007:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-17: 23,293/12.8%</li> </ul> <p>Source: National Survey of Children’s Health</p> <p>2006:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-5: 8,000/13%</li> <li>• 6-17: 11,000/9%</li> <li>• Total: 18,000/10%</li> </ul> <p>2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-5: 6,000/10%</li> <li>• 6-17: 11,000/9%</li> <li>• Total: 17,000/9%</li> </ul> <p>2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-5: 6,000/10%</li> <li>• 6-17: 13,000/10%</li> <li>• Total: 19,000/10%</li> </ul> <p>2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-5: 6,000/10%</li> <li>• 6-17: 16,000/12%</li> <li>• Total: 23,000/12%</li> </ul> <p>2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0-5: 6,000/10%</li> <li>• 6-17: 17,000/13%</li> <li>• Total: 23,000/12%</li> </ul> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT</p>	<p>Total population without health insurance</p> <p>2005: 11%</p> <p>2002: 15%</p> <p>Source: Mat-Su Community Assessment</p>
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<p><b>People enrolled in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/snapmain.htm">www.fns.usda.gov/pd/snapmain.htm</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: 56,977</li> <li>• 2007: 56,181</li> <li>• 2006: 57,153</li> <li>• 2005: 55,567</li> <li>• 2004: 49,323</li> </ul> <p>Source: USDA 2009</p>	<p>Could not find local data</p>
<p><b>Share of School Children Ages 5-17 receiving public assistance, 2007-2008</b></p>		<p>36%</p> <p>Source: KIDS COUNT, AK DEED</p>
<p><b>People enrolled in Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2008: 25,251</li> <li>• 2007: 25,205</li> <li>• 2006: 25,229</li> <li>• 2005: 26,840</li> <li>• 2004: 26,616</li> </ul> <p>Source: USDA 2009</p>	<p>2009 Total: 3,162</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palmer: 652</li> <li>• Wasilla: 2,510</li> </ul> <p>Source: Mat-Su WIC Program, Alaska Family Services</p>

## Section 2: Qualitative Data

In the space below please briefly report the pertinent findings of your qualitative data collection methods.

Method	Type/Frequency/ Location, Etc.	Findings
<p><b>Focus Groups</b></p> <p><u>Members:</u>            Mark Lacky, CCS Early Learning            Jean Kincaid, MSSCA            Shelly Lincoln, Charter College            Lisa Wade, Chickaloon Village Traditional Council            Linda Conover, Imagination Library            Will Hurr, Boys &amp; Girls Club            Kelly Kelley, Literacy Coach Mat Su School District            Amy Spargo, Wasilla Middle School            Redona Grazio, Child Care Connection            Ray DePreist, Mat Su Career &amp; Technical School            Erin Williamson, Big Brothers Big Sisters            Karen Backlund, Mat Su College            Eric Wade, LINKS            George Troxel, Mat Su Borough School District</p>	<p>United Way of Mat-Su            2009 Education Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children &amp; Youth Achieve Their Potential</li> <li>• School Readiness-               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Physical, Social and Emotional Development</li> <li>b. Approaches to learning</li> <li>c. Cognitive &amp; General Knowledge</li> <li>d. Communications, Language &amp; Literacy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parental involvement/Grandparent and extended family outreach</li> <li>• Year-round learning opportunities</li> <li>• Quality child-care rating system</li> <li>• Parenting classes</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Identify Gaps in Services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Survey</b></p>	<p>Survey Name:            CCS Community Survey 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large number of unserved children</li> <li>• Few child development programs serving children in Mat-Su</li> <li>• Challenges in families include: substance abuse, supervised teen activities, affordable medical care, affordable quality child care and child abuse</li> <li>• Children in families with low incomes have five time more untreated decay than children in higher income families</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of students entering kindergarten or first grade, 14% were overweight and an additional 18% were at-risk for overweight.</li> </ul>
<b>Key Informant Interviews</b>	<p>Kindergarten Teachers Survey</p> <p>8 Respondents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most important for school readiness: physically healthy, rested, involved parents, communicates effectively, not disruptive, enthusiastic, can follow directions</li> <li>• Problem areas for incoming kindergarteners: lack of academic skills, difficulty following directions, lack of any formal school experience, disorganized home environment, difficulty working as part of a group, communication/language problems, lack of social skills</li> </ul>
<b>Survey of Existing Reports/Studies</b>	Alaska Governor's Summit on Early Learning (2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement a voluntary Quality Rating and Improvement System</li> <li>• Conduct a comprehensive public engagement campaign</li> <li>• Increase funding for Head Start</li> <li>• Increase the child care assistance reimbursement rates</li> <li>• Increase the eligibility guidelines for child care assistance</li> <li>• Develop system infrastructure: sustainable state resources, community-level databases and coordinated systems</li> <li>• Programs: encourage employer flexibility and financial assistance; provide parents with access to home-based education and support; develop culturally relevant materials; statewide professional development plan; create a liability insurance pool; provide incentives to businesses</li> </ul>
	Alaska Ready to Read, Ready to Learn Task Force Report & Recommendations (2006)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the home: increase engagement of parents, grandparents and extended family in child's learning; develop &amp; increase access to engaging reading materials; increase proven, family centered literacy programs</li> <li>• Out of home: implement quality rating system; increase professional development opportunities &amp; qualifications; develop statewide system of voluntary &amp; affordable early childhood education</li> <li>• Establish a sustainable, early childhood literacy and learning system</li> </ul>

### Section 3: Existing Assets

In the space below please briefly report the pertinent findings of your existing Partnership assets.

Method	Type/Frequency/ Location, Etc.	Findings
<b>Brainstorming Exercise</b>	United Way of Mat-Su Education Council Meetings  (Members found on p. 21)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity/Resources of early childhood community in Mat-Su:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WIC, Pediatricians, Head Start, MAP, Health Systems (Native, MSRMC, Public)</li> <li>• Churches, Day Cares, School District, Libraries, Infant Learning Program</li> <li>• Parenting classes, Imagination Library</li> <li>• Volunteers</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Funding sources: grants, foundations, individual gifts</li> <li>3. Business Community</li> </ol>
<b>Survey</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Interviews</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>