



Alaska's Early Childhood Network: Supporting Alaska's Early Childhood Efforts Across Unique Landscapes



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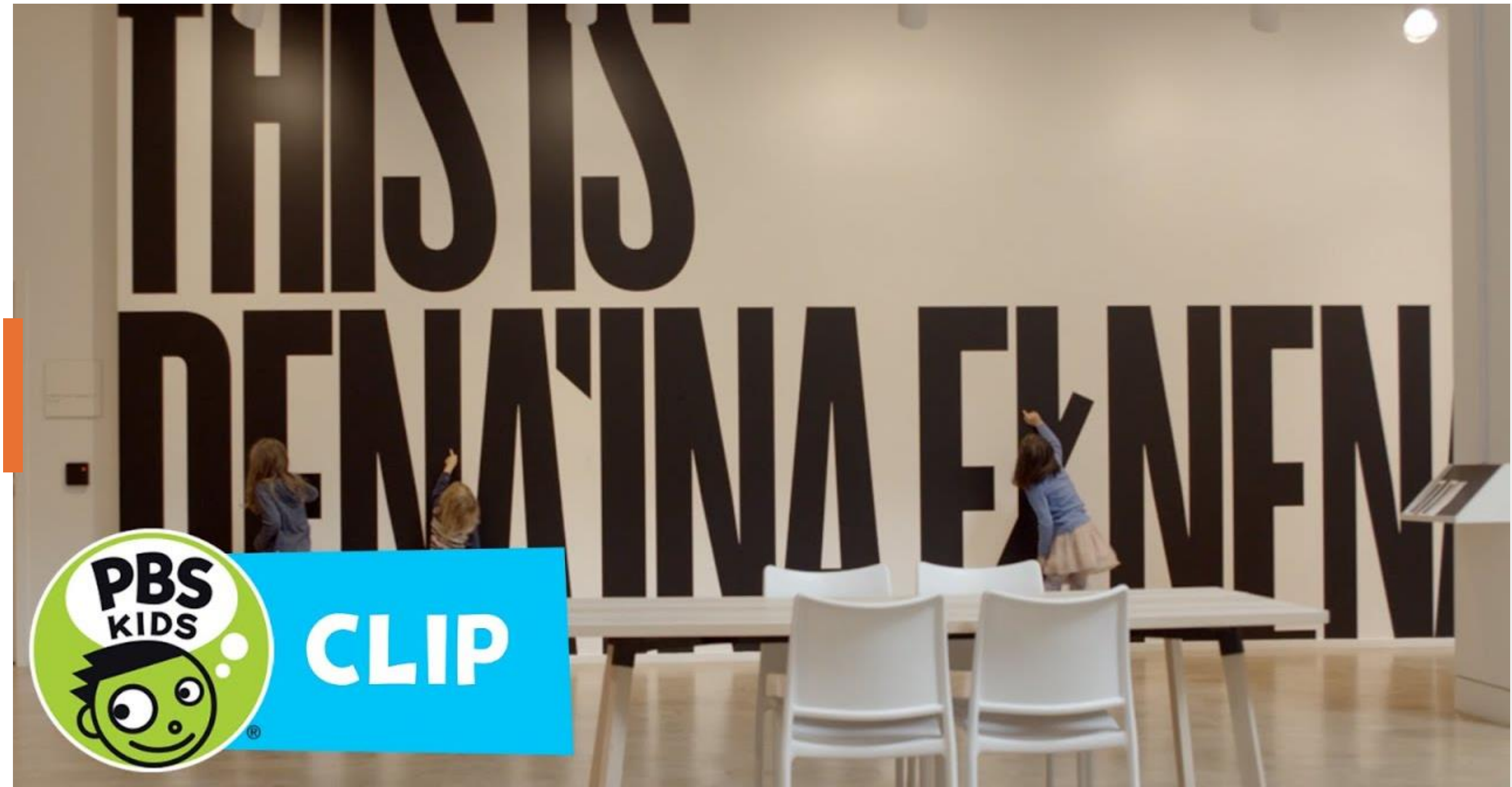
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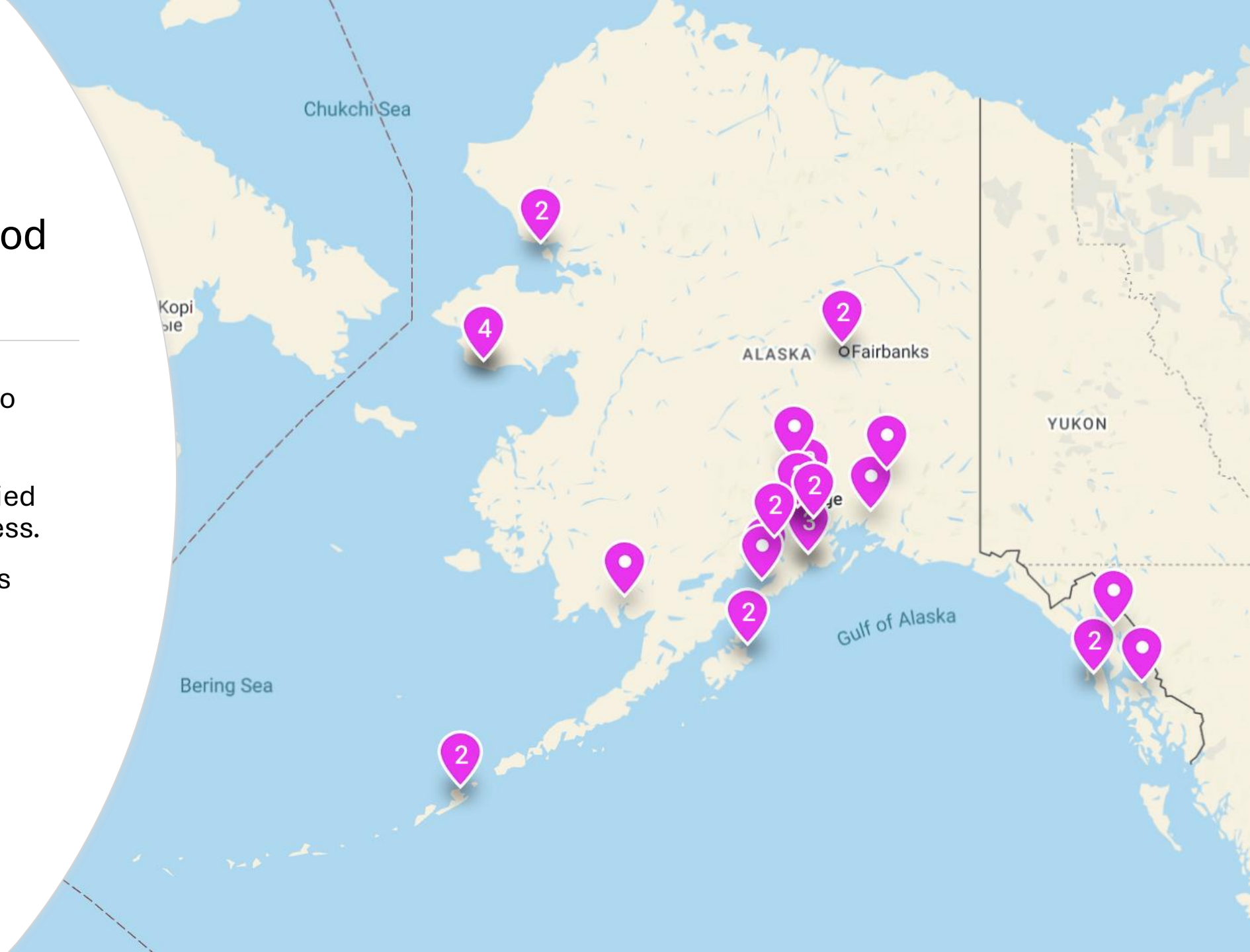


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Alaska Early Childhood Network (ECN)

- Born in 2020 with the goal to connect Alaska's early childhood efforts and their champions to create a unified voice of support and progress.
- Community representatives across Alaska



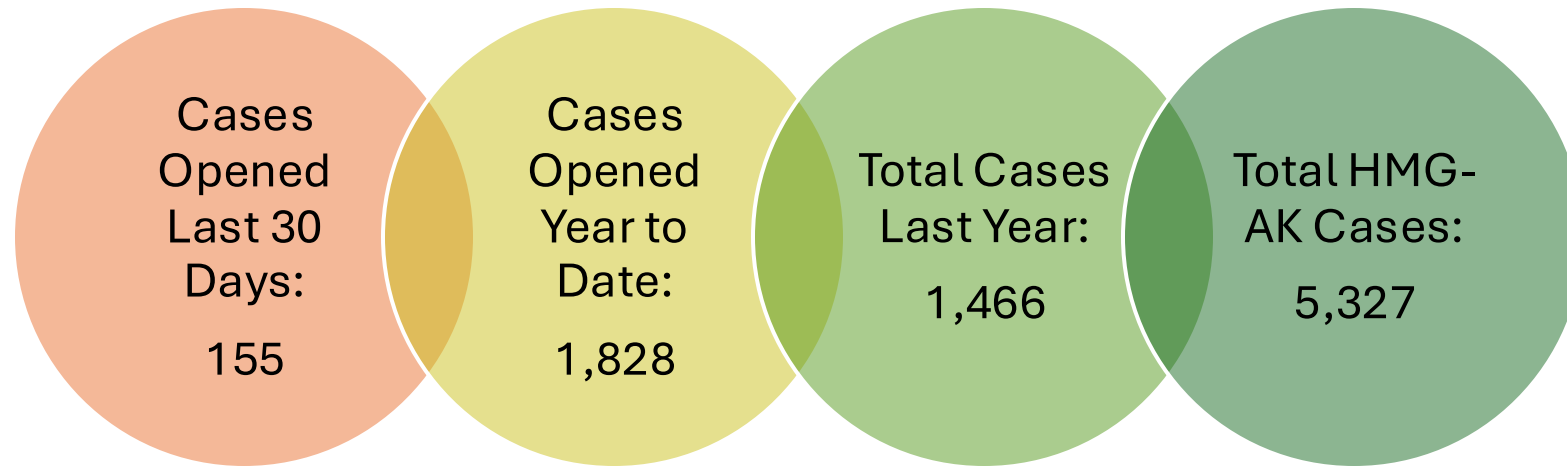
Alaska Early Childhood Network

- 2023 Charter
- Participation
- Help Me Grow Community Champions



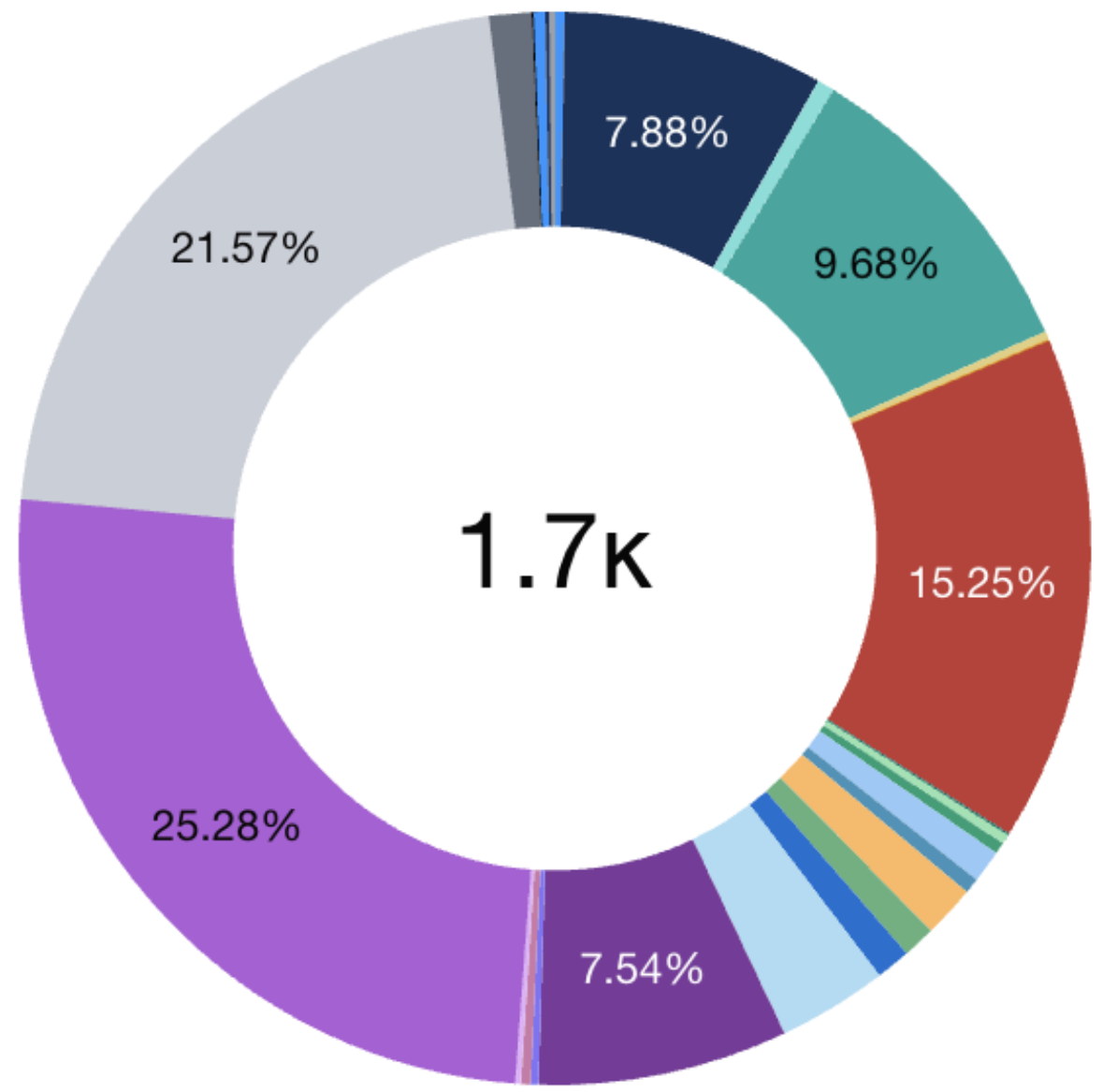
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Case Numbers from the Centralized Access Point (CAP)



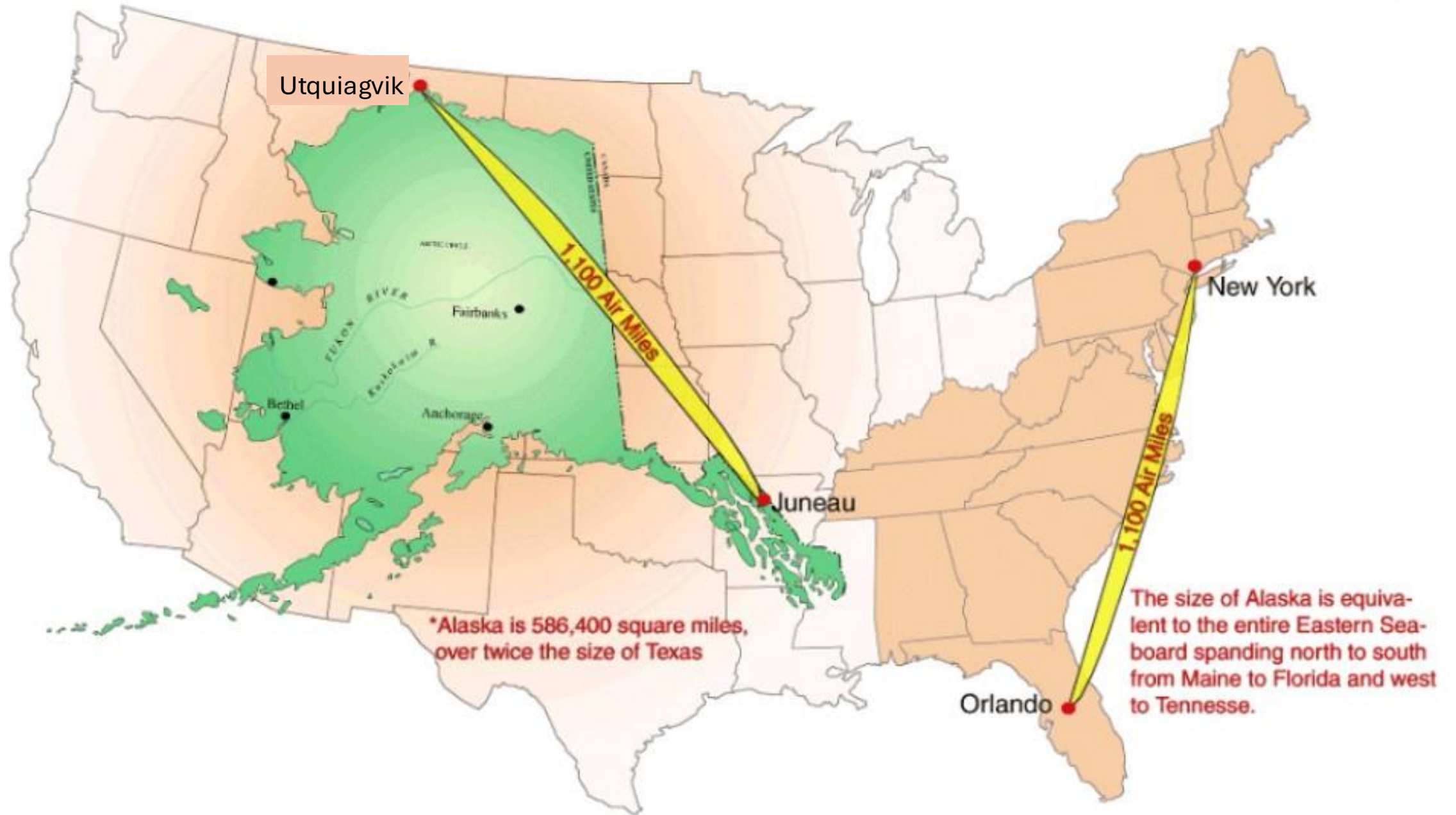
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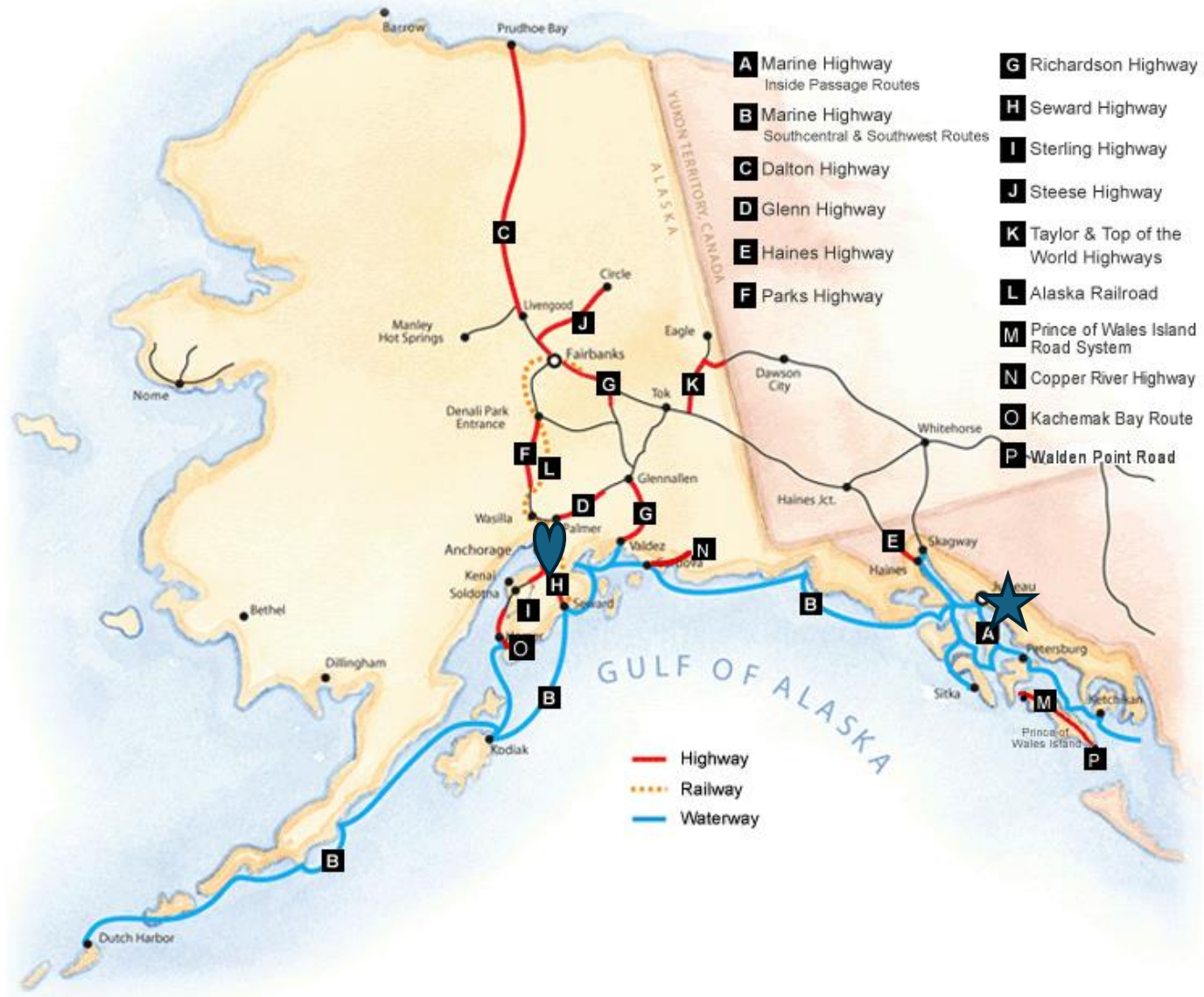
- Adaptive ●
- Basic needs ●
- Behavior ●
- Childcare ●
- Cognitive or learning difficulty ●
- Communication ●
- Diagnosis ●
- Education ●
- Family functioning ●
- Fine motor ●
- General development (for typically developing child) ●
- Developmental concern ●
- Developmental screening ●
- General information ●
- Gross motor ●
- Health or medical concern ●
- Health insurance ●
- Hearing ●
- Living condition ●
- Mental health ●
- Neuropsych Eval Referral ●
- Parent support ●
- Pre-Natal Drug/Alcohol Exposure (FASD, etc.) ●
- Social interactions ●
- Vision ●



Why is a unified voice important for early childhood in Alaska?

SIZE AND DISTANCE COMPARISON







Travel off the road system

Goodnews Bay, Alaska

West coast Alaska on the Bering Sea

Culture







State of Alaska Families

The numbers



Alaska Kids Count Data

Overall

2024

41

47

- Young Children not in School
- 4th graders not proficient in Reading
- 8th graders not proficient in Math
- High School Students not graduating in time.

Education

37

- Children in Poverty
- Parents lack secure employment
- Living with high housing cost burden
- Teens not in school and not working

Economic Well-Being

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- Children in single parent families
- Household head lacks H.S. Diploma
- Living in High Poverty Area
- Teen births per 1,000

Family and Community

How do we amplify community voices?



- Network Connectivity – How connected is the network?
- Network Health – How are members adding value to one another's work? Are members achieving more together than they could alone?
- Network Results – To what extent is the network making progress on achieving its core purpose of elevating early childhood?



Network Connections

ECN Padlet



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Message Board




Alaska Home Visiting ECHO Join Us

September 17 | October 15 | November 19 | December 10
January 21 | February 18 | March 18 | April 15

Home Visiting Professionals
Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program
Families with home visiting experience

8 Sessions
Sept 2024 – April 2025

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Home Visiting ECHO Flyer 2025 - FINAL

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FAN for Practitioners

Who should attend:

- Home visitation programs
- Infant and early childhood programs
- Early intervention Part C programs
- Pediatric residency training, primary care pediatrics, and NICU staff child welfare professionals

February 6-7, 2025
9 AM to 4 PM
1901 Bragaw Street, Anchorage

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FAN for Practitioners - REGISTRATION Feb 2025

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ECN Advisory Council Members



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Meeting Schedule 2024-2025



Looking forward to seeing you all!

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FY25 ECN MEETING SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS	12:30-2:00PM	9.18-5.8.24
SEPT 18	11:30-1:00PM: ECN SEASON KICKOFF!	
OCT 10	12:30-2:00PM STELLAR GROUP: ECN SURVEY RESULTS	
NOV 14	12:30-2:00PM: ILP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
DEC 12	12:30-2:00PM: HOLIDAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION	
JAN 9	12:30-2:00PM: ECN RETREAT PREPARATIONS- STELLAR GROUP	
FEB13-14	ECN RETREAT: DETAILS TO COME	
MARCH 13	12:30-2:00PM: SESSION THEME: TBD	
APRIL 10	12:30-2:00PM: SESSION THEME: TBD	
MAY 8	12:30-2:00PM: SESSION THEME: TBD	

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FY25 ECN Kickoff Meeting Agenda!

WEDNESDAY 12:30-2:00PM 9.18.2024 Alaska

ECN Meeting Minutes and Recordings 2024-2025



ECN Season Kickoff!



YouTube
Alaska ECN Meeting September 18, 2024

Recording from ECN Meeting 9.18.24

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ECN Season Kickoff Notes 9.18.24

ECN Season Kickoff!
September 18, 2024



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9.18.24 ECN Kickoff Meeting

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Newsletters and Resources



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August 2024 Alaska Impact Alliance Newsletter

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Community Update



What was your favorite thing you heard from Community Updates in the October ECN Meeting?

Since we were in Break Out rooms, please share some highlights from the Community Updates!

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Discussion Board



Accounting Question

Hello! I'm having some challenges with accounting. Anyone a whiz in this area I could talk to?

Tracey Schaeffer, Kotzebue

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Casee Warner 3mo

Hi Tracey, I am not a whiz with accounting but Ive taught myself the basics of Quickbooks over the 7 years of running my own business. Id be happy to talk through any challenges you may be having. Shoot me a email and we can schedule a time to connect.

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Steel framed buildings??

Does anyone have examples of childcare centers utilizing pre-engineered steel frame buildings. We appreciate any photos or contacts which may be helpful while we research this option!
Krystal Hoke, Girdwood

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Community Play Groups and Child Care Programs

Is anyone partnering with their local child care programs with the local play

October ECN Meeti



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Trainings



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Newborn Hearing Screening Training Curriculum | NCHAM



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The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) at Utah State University training curriculum for people doing newborn hearing screening. The online training will continue to be free of charge until March 31, 2025.

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Toolskits/Community Toolbox



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Tool Kit - Thread

thread's advocacy tool kit assists with education and advocacy at local, state, federal levels on behalf of the child care system. Spread the child care message and take action using these resources and tools.



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Keep Calm & Care On



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Upcoming Conferences



thread & Partner Events



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Job Opportunities



Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults

JOB TITLE: Hello BABY Coordinator
EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION: Exempt
POSITION TYPE/HOURS OF WORK: This is a salaried position which is expected to work a minimum of 40 hours per week. Occasional evening and weekend work may be required as needed.
DEPARTMENT: Infant, Child, and Family Supports
POSITION REPORTS TO: ILP or ICF Supports Director
SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES: None

Core Values: Person-centered, Choice, Respect, Excellence, Advocacy, and Teamwork

Position Summary: Under the supervision of the ICFS Director, the Hello BABY (HB) Coordinator coordinates the HB Network to meet the strategic vision and goals identified by the HB Core Team. This position organizes and supports the HB partner organizations to execute the work of the HB delivery model. The HB Coordinator manages internal and external relationships and works closely with the HB Core Team and R.O.C.K. Mat-Su staff to ensure that the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and organizational guidelines are adhered to.

Essential Responsibilities: The HB Coordinator will:

- 1) Provide visionary and adaptive leadership for the HB network.
- 2) Support implementation of the HB delivery model.
- 3) Build and maintain relationships with key cross-sector regional, statewide, and national stakeholders.
- 4) Develop, review, and update policies, practices, and guidelines alongside the ILP or ICF Director to ensure HB operates in adherence with the strategic vision and goals identified by the HB Core Team.
- 5) In conjunction with the ICFS, Finance, and Executive Directors, provide financial planning and oversight for HB.

Know the agency mission and values, understand and demonstrate work behaviors that align

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*SEE THE LINK IN THE POST ABOVE!





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Early Childhood Network Directory

Alaska Directory

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Soldotna, AK
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Kotzebue, AK
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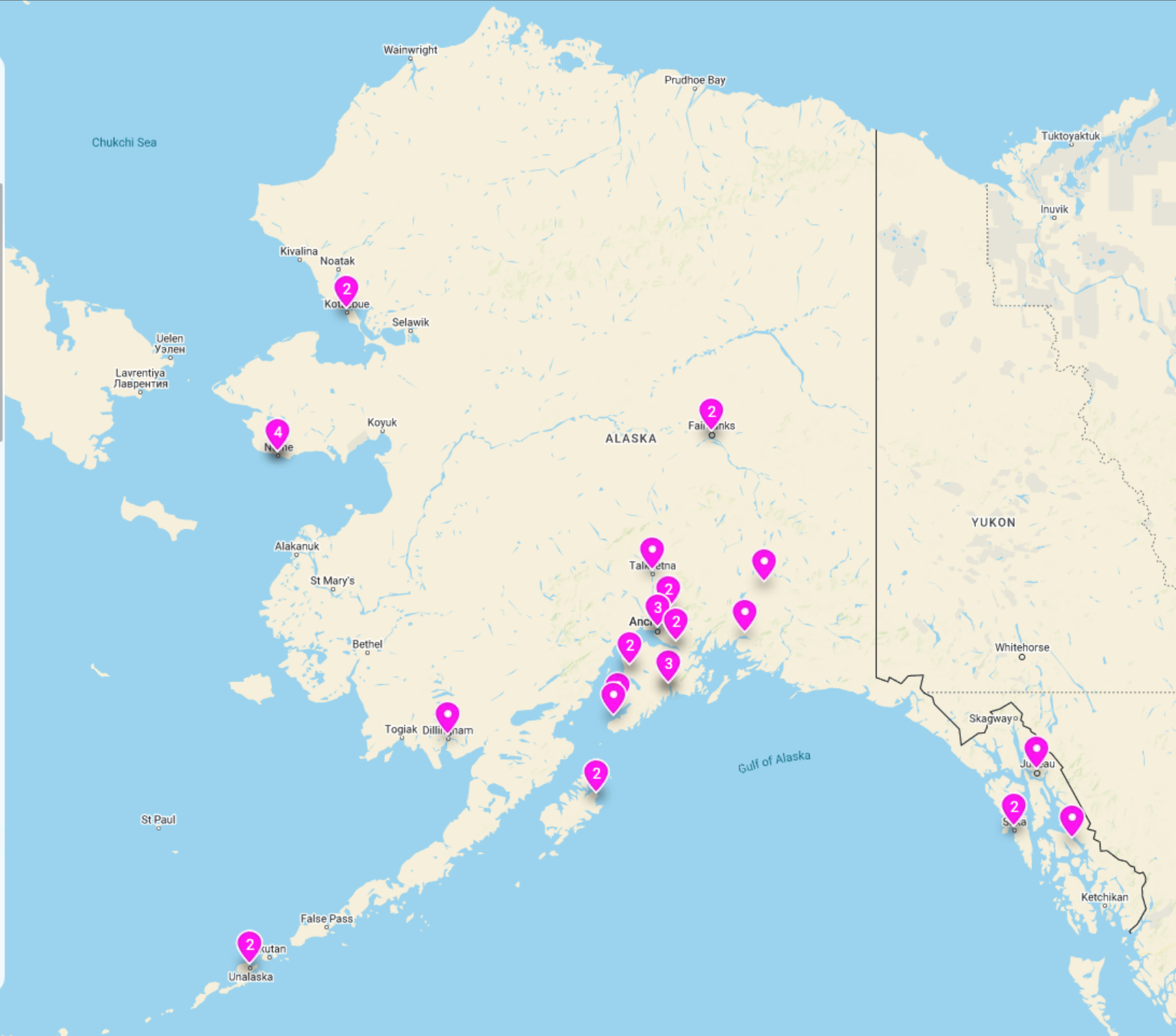
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Future directions



Continuing to work towards a unified voice



Recruitment



Mission, vision, & goal planning



Visibility and accessibility of ECN

Mission: To be an active network of peer leaders in the comprehensive field of early childhood systems in Alaska that comes together for mutual support, information and resource sharing, and strategic problem solving.

Purpose: Elevate early childhood in Alaska by supporting a culturally diverse network of local early childhood coalitions and collaboratives harnessing their power and expertise to foster peer learning, networking, and resource sharing, and providing training and technical assistance to increase their influence and effectiveness.

Impacts

“The ECN is still new and developing, but having a resource like this is a wonderful start for our state.”



“The ECN has and continues to reinforce the importance of early childhood programming in our communities. It allows for early childhood programs to coordinate and communicate initiatives to empower our communities. ECN give[s] early childhood educators a voice.”

“How can I take what I’m learning in the ECN to help the community members be the best leaders of change that they can be?”

Abby Struffert

Kenai, Alaska

ECN Member and Advisory Council Member





Call to Action

- How are you supporting a unified voice for early childhood?
- How can we advocate for families with young children at a local, state, and national level?
- Does your state have an Early Childhood Network?



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