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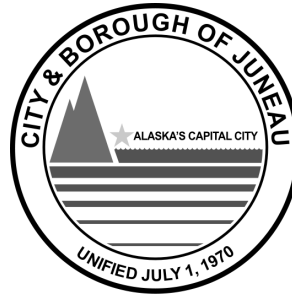
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Thanks to the City and Borough of Juneau (CBJ), for funding the HEARTS Initiative. The goal of HEARTS is to improve the quality and availability of child care in Juneau by offering supports to licensed child care providers.



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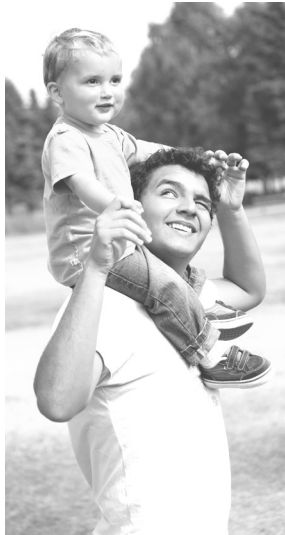


Hiring Educating And Retaining Teaching Staff

Juneau's Child Care Initiative

HEARTS Initiative

Benefits for Child Care Providers



New! Thanks to additional CBJ funding, licensed child care programs who are engaged in Alaska's Quality Recognition and Improvement System, Learn & Grow, will be able to access funding to help their staff achieve training that is required for Level 2 and above.

Contact AEYC/**thread** at 789-1235 to find out more!

thread Reimbursements for Child Care Professionals

University classes, select trainings in Early Childhood Education, and CDA applications fees may be eligible for **thread** reimbursement, up to \$1,500 per year. Applications are available at www.threadalaska.org/seed/financial-support.



Educational Incentives

If you have at least a CDA or 12 college credits in Early Childhood (EC) you may be eligible for educational incentives based on education level and hours worked*. Qualifying applicants receive a check twice a year based on their earned tier level, for an annual total of:

Tier 1: \$2,500 (\$1.20/hr)	Current CDA -OR- 12 EC related college credits <i>(CDA -OR- AK SEED Levels 7 and 8)</i>
Tier 2: \$3,500 (\$1.68/hr)	AA degree in EC or related field -OR- BA degree in unrelated field with 12 EC related college credits <i>(AK SEED Level 9)</i>
Tier 3: \$5,900 (\$2.84/hr)	BA or MA degree in EC or related field -OR- BA or MA degree in unrelated field with 30 EC related college credits <i>(AK SEED Level 10, 11, or 12)</i>

**The goal of the HEARTS Initiative is to ensure that all child care programs in Juneau have an adequate number of qualified staff employed. Due to limited funds, new applicants may be placed on a wait list if a child care program exceeds the minimum number of required Child Care Administrators (CCAs).*

When applicants care for fewer than 6 full-time children, operate less than 12 months a year, or work less than 40 hours/week, the incentive will be prorated at the discretion of the awarding agency.

How do I Qualify for an Education Incentive?

- I own or I am an employee at a full-day licensed child care facility that operates at least 30 hours a week.
- I work at least 20 hours a week and have been employed for at least six months.
- I meet the education qualifications for Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3
- I have an active SEED registry account that accurately reflects my education level.
- If I don't qualify, I understand that I may still be eligible for **thread** reimbursements to help pay for my education in order to qualify in the future.



How Do I Apply?

Call AEYC at (907) 789-1235 or email at info@aeyc-sea.org for more information.

HEARTS Applications are emailed to previous awardees and all licensed child care facilities a month prior to the application deadline.