

Investing in Juneau Child Care | 2016

More than a **third** of Juneau residents say that lack of child care availability is a **very significant economic development barrier** in Juneau.¹

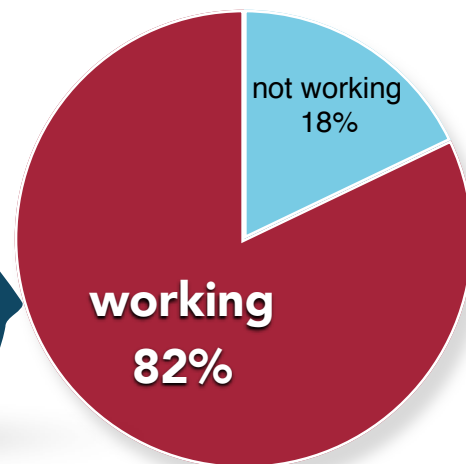
Employer Sponsored Child Care is Good for Business

In Juneau, most (82%) parents of young children need to work, but for their **2,460 kids under six**, there are only **476 licensed child care slots** (space for less than one child out of five in this age group). This critical shortage impacts local businesses as well as families, and acts as an **economic development barrier** for the community as a whole. An effective solution is employer sponsored child care, which has been shown to have the following benefits:

- Lowered Absenteeism
- Increased Productivity
- Reduced Turnover
- Boosts Recruitment
- Tax Advantages



Juneau Parents with Kids Under 6²



85 percent of working US parents say they would forego higher paying jobs, vacation time, or medical benefits in order to secure reliable child care.³

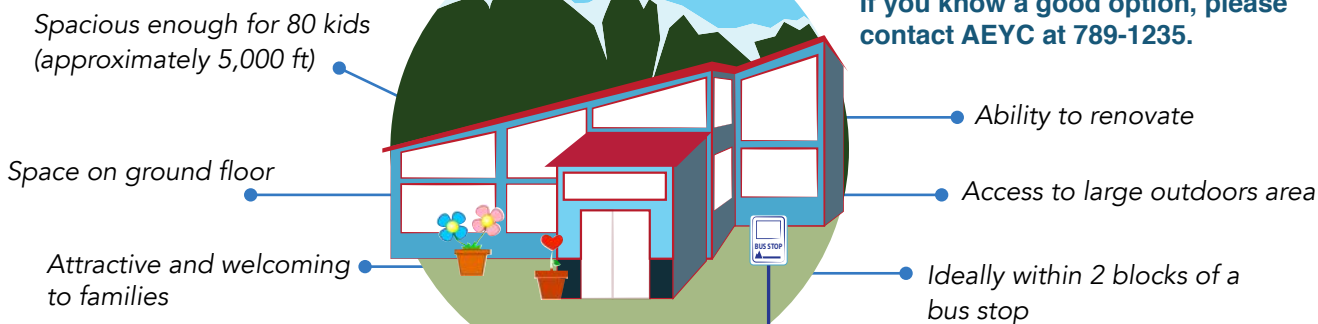
How You Can Help

Let **AEYC** or **thread** know if your business is interested in collaboration.

Since Juneau's child care shortage impacts so many businesses, employers can work together to develop a single child care center. AEYC is prepared to assist a coalition, partnership, or single employer in developing a priority enrollment child care program. Bright Horizons, a high quality national firm already serving Alaska, is highly interested in operating a child care program in Juneau, and has experience working with business coalitions.

Help us find a location. In order for a business to sponsor a child care center for their employees, we need to be able to offer a conveniently located, subsidized or donated space.

Specific Building Needs



If you know a good option, please contact AEYC at 789-1235.

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¹ Juneau Economic Plan Household Survey. ² US Census 2014 (Tables B23008 and B23003). ³ Bright Horizons Modern Family Index.