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Bi-Annual Impact Report

2021-2022

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Board President Letter



**Dr.
Bruce Hess**

President, Board of Directors

All Alaska Pediatric Partnership



...it would not be possible without the support of our partner hospitals, state and federal grant funding, and individual donors who share our mission and vision!

Over the previous two years, headlines have been dominated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, economic turmoil, social and political unrest in our nation, and threats of war around the world. Closer

to home, Alaskans have seen rising inflation leading to a higher cost of living, a stagnant job market leading to job insecurity, and fiscal challenges leading to decreases in services for families, school closures and decreased academic opportunities for children. All these issues, as well as others, paint a disheartening picture and have contributed to an increase in stress and uncertainty on families over these past several years.

In 2018, All Alaska Pediatric Partnership (A2P2) opened the door to our signature direct-service program – Help Me Grow Alaska (HMG-AK). HMG-AK’s primary mission has been to serve families by helping them navigate and connecting them to resources and services to meet their child’s individual needs. In the last five years, HMG-AK has grown its statewide resource database to include contact information for over 1,800 providers, resources and services across the state. Since its inception, HMG-AK has served more than 2,000 families. Launching HMG-AK under the umbrella of A2P2 when we did turned out to be a prescient decision. The information we gather from working with families is allowing us to compare pre-pandemic data on the resources that parents sought help for initially to data from these past two years. On track with national trends, we have witnessed a

markedly increased need for services, particularly those related to mental and behavioral health services. With the real-time data generated by our HMG-AK Call Center, A2P2 is in the position to share with stakeholders, partners and policymakers the data they need to understand developing health care trends, support policy that strengthens children and their families, and guide program investments to achieve the goals of equitable access to services and resources in targeted areas of need and as close to home as possible.

This is very exciting to me and the A2P2 Board of Directors, and it would not be possible without the support of our partner hospitals, state and federal grant funding, and individual donors who share our mission and vision! The need among Alaska’s families is great, and A2P2 continues to grow its capacity to meet the challenge!

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership, I would like to extend our tremendous gratitude and thanks to the organizations and individuals who have continued to come alongside us in collaborations and partnership in support of our ultimate goal of increased access to high-quality services for children and their families in the state of Alaska.



Executive Director Letter



**Tamar
Ben-Yosef**

Executive Director

All Alaska Pediatric Partnership

In 2023, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy announced the Healthy Families Initiative, stating that “Children are our future.” That is fact. Our children will be the ones caring for our state, its people and lands, managing its economy and resources, and crafting policy. They’ll be our workforce, and the ones on the receiving end of private and state-funded programs and services. They will be the ones caring for us. They will be Alaska.

Over the last couple of years, as our contact with Alaska’s families increased, it has become more evident than ever that the path to ensuring a bright and healthy future for Alaska requires a diversified and multi-faceted approach of investing in its families, not unlike investing in our own financial future.

Since its inception in 2018, the Help Me Grow Alaska Call Center has seen caseloads increase by nearly 200 percent each year. Not surprising, more and more express the need for mental or behavioral health services as their highest priority need. But rarely is it their only need. Needs relating to speech, executive function, complex health issues or food and housing assistance are common co-occurring requests, with one thing in common to them all – there are not enough of those providers or services to meet the need.

In this Impact Report, we have tried to capture and highlight our work that has taken place in 2021 and 2022 across our programs. The recognition that the solution to providing Alaskan families the access to a variety of services and supports to raise their children in today’s environment extends to how we’ve grown into the organizational structure of our programs and operations. The combination of community outreach and connections, educational opportunities for providers, advocacy and systems change initiatives, and direct work with families is strengthening our understanding of the challenges and opportunities within Alaska’s systems of health care and social services, and offers us the perspectives of the families and communities who interact with these systems.

In 2022, following two years of close work with numerous representatives from public, private and tribal organizations, our collective efforts were recognized by New Ventures Fund, a national foundation, and Alaska was invited to join five other states in receiving a \$200,000 grant to support systems-level work to improve governance and coordination of the state’s early childhood programs and funding. We are honored to have gained the trust and support of our partners in this effort to take the lead on this grant and the matching funds from the Alaska Mental Health Trust.

As our organization continues to experience rapid growth, we have been focusing our attention on our internal infrastructure by adding new positions, drafting new policies and building our internal capacity to support all the work and responsibility coming our way. Thanks to a generous Capacity Building Grant from the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust, we have added a Director of Administration and Finance position to our team in 2022.

We are grateful for the support and generosity of all who have contributed to A2P2 both financially and with their time and knowledge. 2023 is already off to a strong start - we look forward to seeing what changes these next two years will bring!

OUR MISSION

A2P2 transforms systems of care and increases equitable access to health care and related services to ensure all Alaska's children reach their full potential.



Innovation & Excellence

We employ a data-driven approach and seek creative solutions and opportunities to advance high standards of care for children and families in Alaska.

Partnership

We build connections and recognize the power in collective voice. We encourage and value cross-communication, shared learning, and the unique knowledge, roles and diversity that all Alaska's people, communities and organizations bring.

Systems-Approach

We approach our work through the lens of systems-change and engage in big picture thinking. We seek constant improvement in the systems of care to effectively support children and families.

Equity & Inclusion

We believe all Alaska's children deserve to thrive and have equitable access to health and social services and opportunities. Their diverse voices and perspectives are critical to meeting the needs that exist throughout the state, and to achieving our overarching goal of health equity and equitable access to care and services.

Individualized Solutions

We recognize there is not a one-size-fits-all approach that meets all Alaskans' needs, and therefore support flexible, individualized, and targeted approaches in order to offer universal services in an equitable way.

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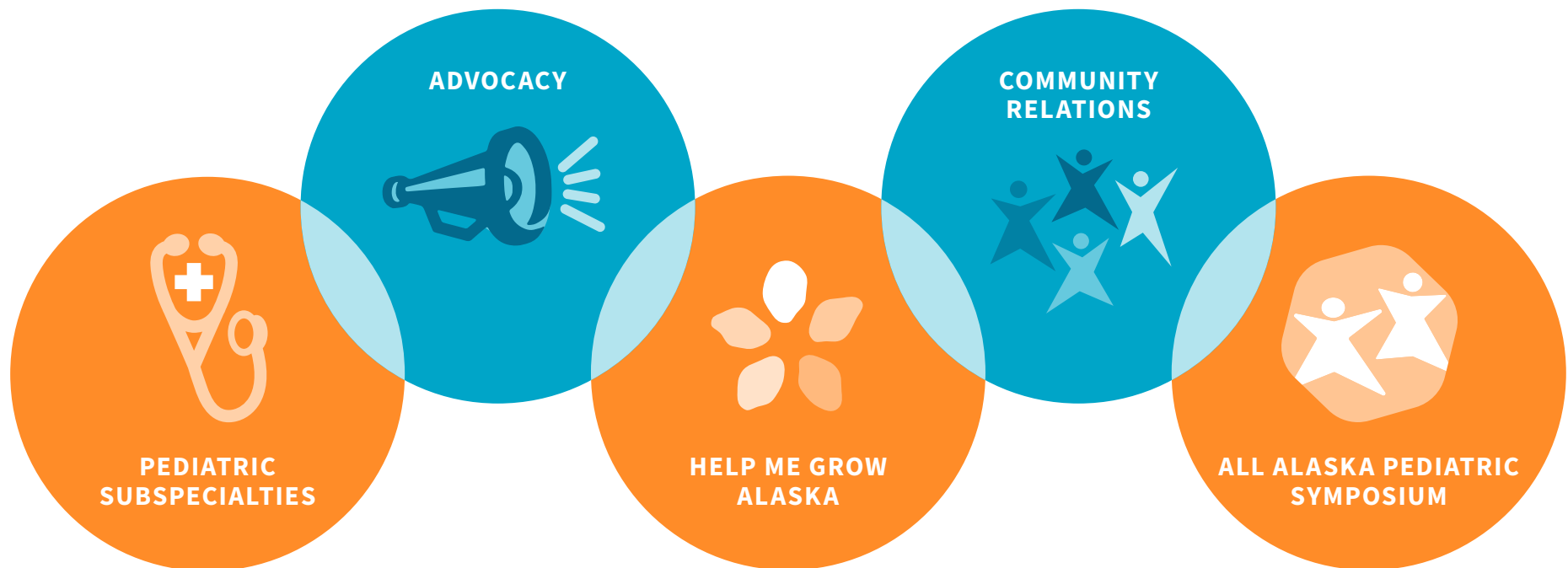
In 2022, A2P2 received an M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust Capacity Building Grant to fund a new leadership role responsible for the administrative and financial operations of the organization.

We are grateful for this opportunity that is allowing us to adapt and respond to the needs of families in Alaska.



M.J. Murdock
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A2P2's core programs reflect the organization's values and are rooted in sustainable systems work





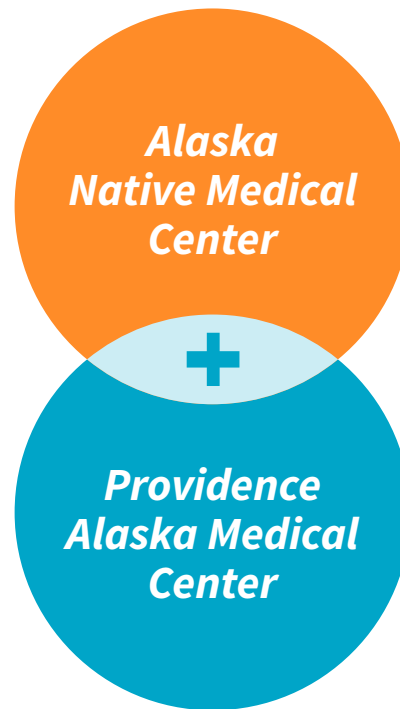
GOAL

Establish a sustainable statewide delivery system of high-quality pediatric subspecialty care for Alaskans as close to home as possible.

PROGRESS

In Spring of 2022, following two years of extensive research into existing systems, legal structures and financial models, Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) and Providence Alaska Medical Center (PAMC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding that established the **Alaska Pediatric Subspecialty Collaborative**.

The two entities are actively recruiting pediatric subspecialists for a number of sub-specialties, including pediatric nephrology, gastroenterology, and endocrinology with the goal of ensuring access for all children in Alaska.



THE GOALS OF THE ALASKA PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALTY COLLABORATIVE

- Provide a framework to discuss, collaborate and develop ways to promote shared interests in pediatric subspecialty care in Alaska.
- Improve the quality of and access to pediatric subspecialty services as close to home as possible.
- Improve the experience of patients and their families.
- Improve the health of the population, reduce costs through collaboration, and improve health care team satisfaction.



Shifting Our Approach to Early Childhood Governance

Since 2019, Alaska has actively participated in a national movement to improve early childhood governance, joining other states in recognizing that a patchwork of early childhood programs is not efficient, effective or easily accountable.



WHAT IS EARLY CHILDHOOD GOVERNANCE?

Governance is how authority and accountability for certain functions is allocated. Early Childhood Governance refers to a state’s organizational structures and its placement of authority and accountability for making program policy, financing, and implementation decisions for publicly funded programs for young children.

The Alaska Early Childhood Governance Workgroup – a public-private taskforce of Alaskan state, tribal and community representatives – are proposing the creation of a **Division of Early Childhood along with a statutorily authorized Early Childhood Board.**

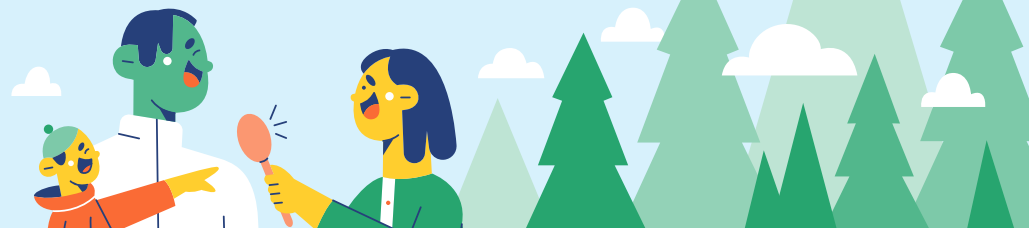
In 2022, A2P2 was designated as the lead for this statewide collaborative effort and the fiscal agent for funds supporting the work. Over the next two years, A2P2 and its partners on this work will engage in outreach efforts to further solicit feedback from stakeholders on this model as well as policy and cost analysis work to further develop the final proposal.

HOW IS THIS WORK FUNDED?

In 2022, due to its work on changes to early childhood governance, Alaska was invited to apply for a grant from New Ventures Fund, a national private foundation focused on systems change work. As the fiscal agent for this effort, A2P2 received a \$200,000 grant for its work on Governance in 2023-2024. The Alaska Mental Health Trust has committed to a match of an additional \$200,000 to support the work.



[READ THE DRAFT GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL](#)



2021 Key Milestones

2021 marked the fourth year of HMG-AK's operations, and the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite maturing during a global pandemic, HMG-AK continued to hit major milestones. These include:

Reached full fidelity with HMG National

200% increase in contacts served from the year prior

One-year anniversary of in-house HMG-AK Call Center operations

Growing the Early Childhood Network (ECN) to 19 locations

Enhanced family experiences with the CAP

Alaskan adaptation of CDC milestone books published and distributed statewide

Covid-19 impacted outreach activities, however, HMG-AK continued to develop and grow relationships with medical practices around the state, driving more referrals to the call center than ever before.





2022 Milestones

2022 marked the fifth year of HMG-AK's operations. During this year, HMG-AK experienced tremendous internal growth and demand that has far outpaced previous years. Milestones achieved this year include:

Increased HMG-AK Call Center's capacity with additional staff

Nearly 200% increase in contacts served from 2021

Increased provider capacity to provide developmental screening in their home community

Created a series of videos featuring Alaskan adaptation of the CDC Milestone books, with intros by Dr. Randall Zernzach, Southcentral Foundation

HMG-AK engaged in national learning community to promote incorporation of family-led goal-concordant care

HMG-AK outreach led to highest utilization of the PAL PAK program by Alaskan medical providers

Evaluation showed over 90% of families expressed high levels of satisfaction with HMG-AK services

All families reached through follow-up calls reported successful connection to a service for their child

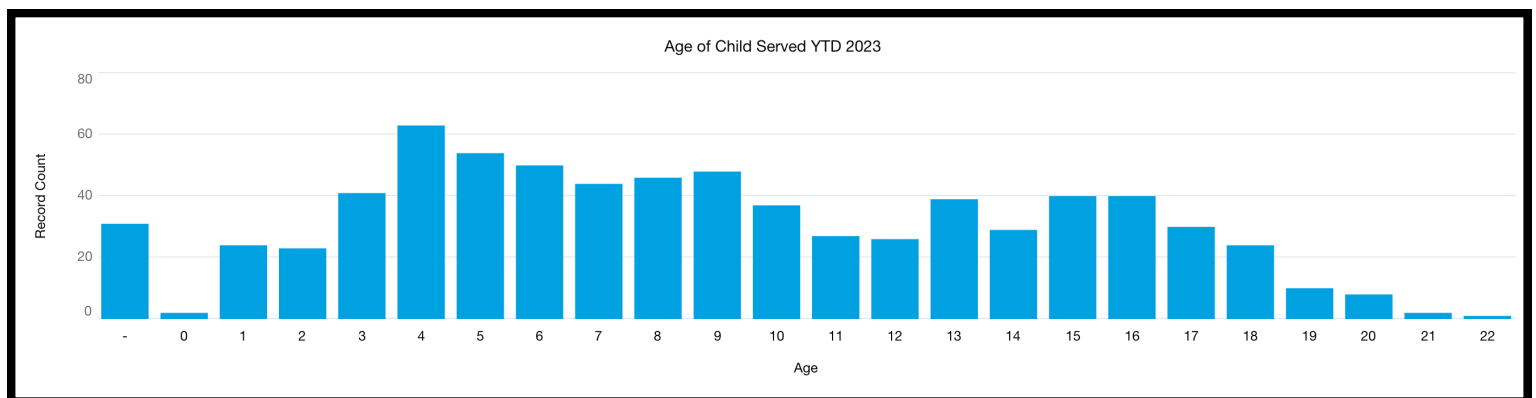
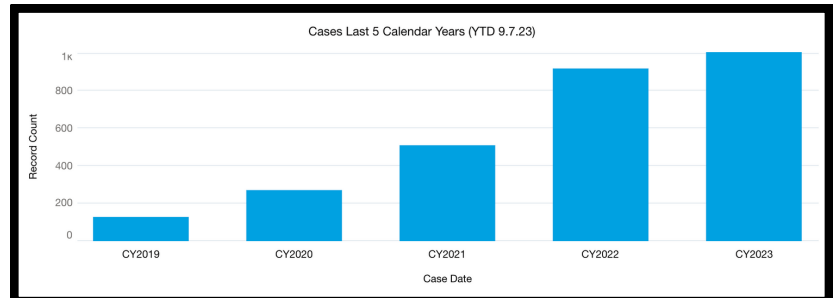
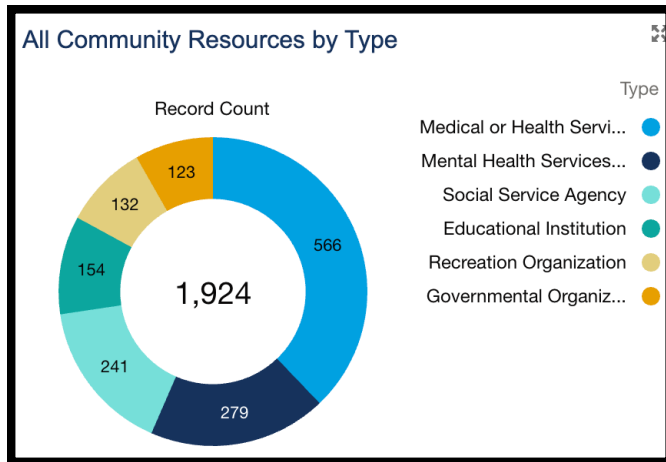
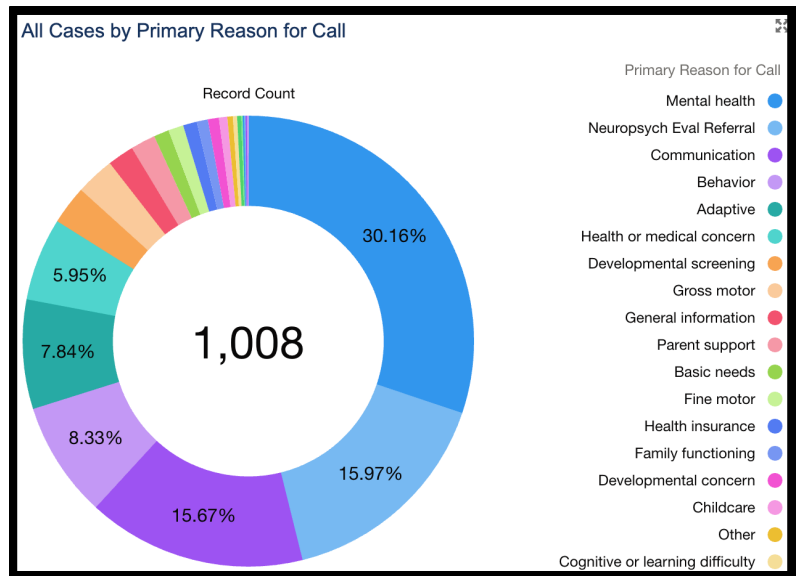
Connecting Alaskan Children and Families with the Services They Need

CALENDAR YEAR 2023:

- TOTAL CASES TO DATE: 3038
- YEAR TO DATE: 1005
- OPENED LASTED 30 DAYS: 149
 - EACH CASE REPRESENTS ABOUT 8 INTERACTIONS WITH A FAMILY

TOTOALS FOR SFY23:

- CASES: 1,227
- INTERACTIONS: 10,316
- REFERRALS: 1,010
- SYSTEM BARRIERS : 99

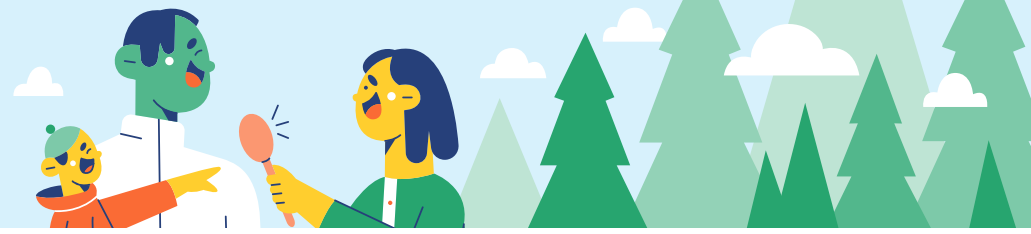


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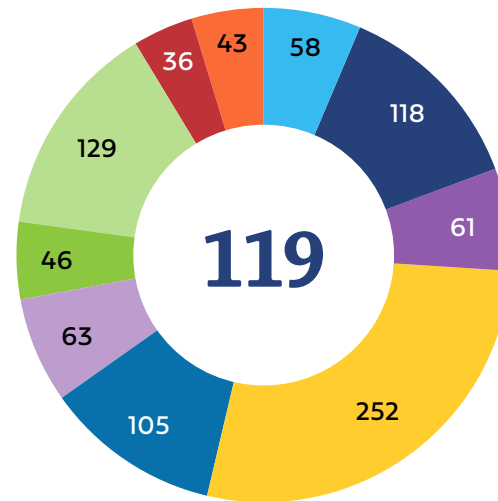
By The Numbers

2021-2022

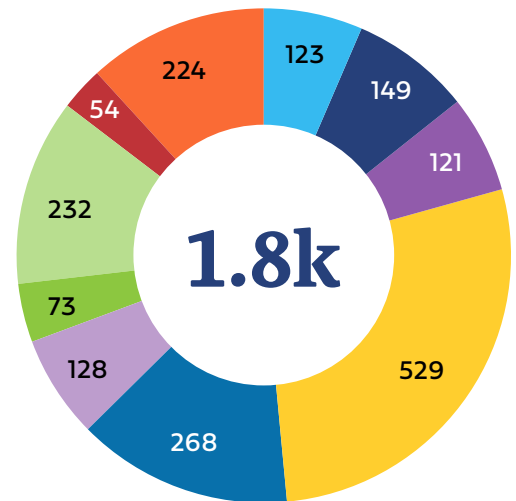
Total Cases	1432
Unique Children Served	1,171
Communities where Cases Originated	35+
Outreach Events	459
Call Center Interactions with Families	7,075
Community Resources Available	1,892
People Reached Through Outreach Events	12,759

Record Count

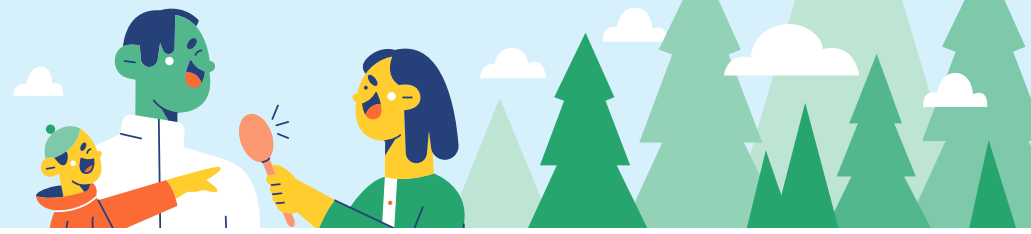
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Known Resources TODAY

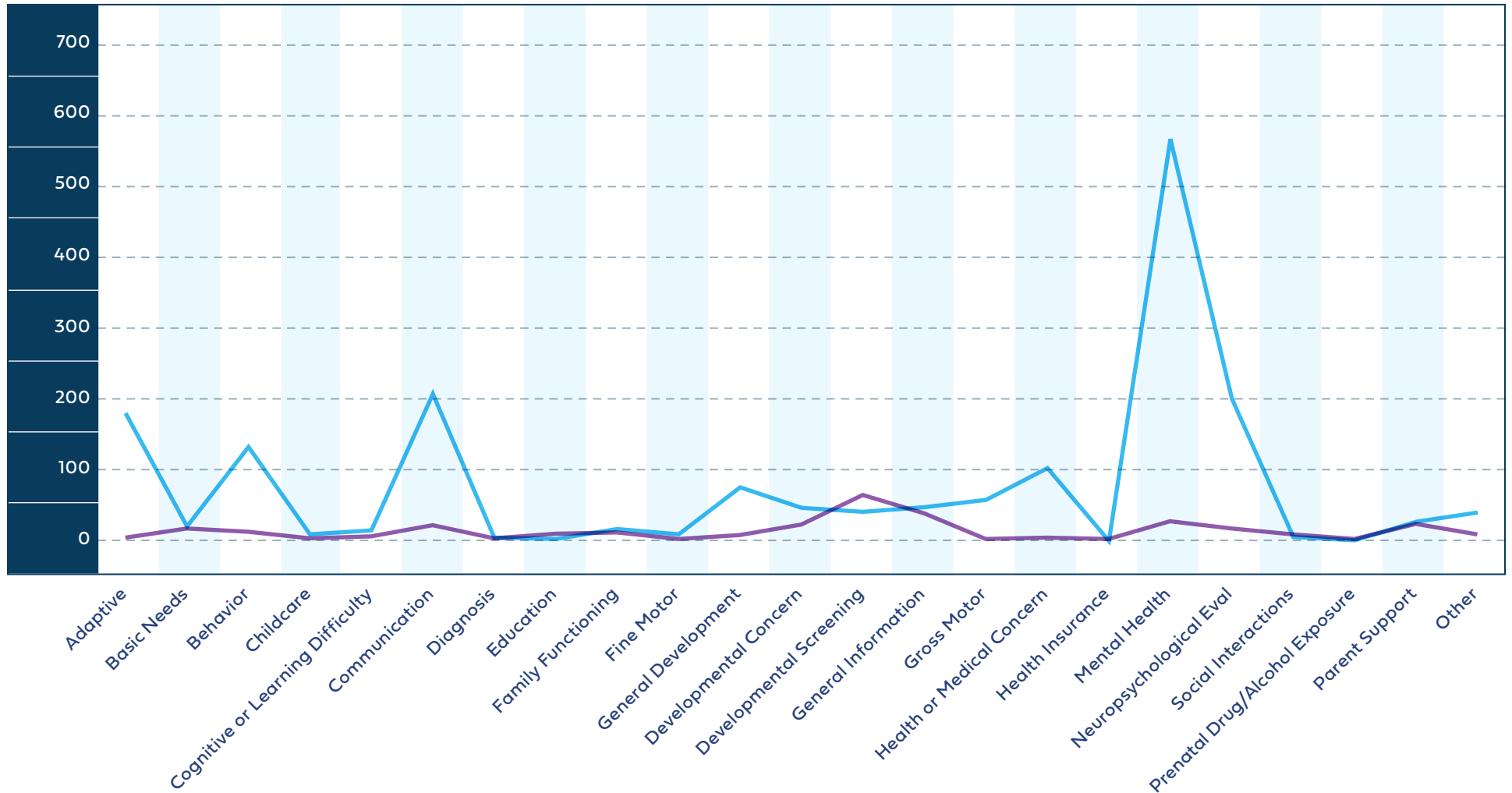


- *Advocacy Organization*
- *Recreation Organization*
- *Educational Institution*
- *Religious Organization*
- *Governmental Organization*
- *Social Service Agency*
- *Medical or Health Services Provider*
- *Tribal Organization*
- *Mental Health Services Provider*
- *Other*



Primary Family Need

● Post-Pandemic (Mar 2020-Present) ● Pre-Pandemic (Jan 2017-Feb 2020)





A2P2 STRATEGIC GOAL 2:

“Build connections and foster trusting relationships among providers, partners, and policymakers to close gaps in the system of care.”

Our Community Relations team focuses on providing opportunities for cross-sector relationship building and resource sharing. We seek to gather and learn from one another, giving voice to individual communities to highlight successes and challenges. We place a priority on promoting cultural awareness and strive for equity and inclusion as we serve our diverse population.

Provider Outreach

Taking advantage of the ability to host virtual meetings, A2P2 was able to offer continued connection to our medical and service communities during 2021 and 2022.

Our shared resource database has continued to expand, providing our Call Center staff the ability to pursue our goal of connecting families to the most appropriate service as close to home as possible.



Continued outreach to medical and service providers resulted in increased usage of the Help Me Grow Alaska Call Center and the use of the Partnership Access Line-Pediatric Alaska (PAL-PAK) child psychiatry consult program through Seattle Children's Hospital. HMG-AK Behavioral Health Calls have grown from less than 2% of our call volume in our first year to 56% of our total call volume in 2022. Our partnership with PAL-PAK gives Alaskan prescribing providers prompt and real-life access to a licensed child psychiatrist when their patients are in need. Use of the PAL-PAK line doubled during COVID and has continued to grow exponentially in the years since.



All Alaska Pediatric Partnership Monthly Partnership Meetings

A2P2 Partnership Meetings are hosted monthly between September and May in various regions across the state. The Partnership Meetings link the medical community with the agencies and organizations providing services and support for children and youth. A2P2 Partnership Meetings are a platform for exchanging information, networking, and opportunities for collaboration within and between communities. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for those who work with children and youth to learn about what is happening around the state, both from a medical and community perspective.

A2P2 Partnership Meetings are also shared live through a virtual platform to accommodate statewide participation. These 90-minute meetings begin with a casual lunch with time for visiting and networking, followed by an hour-long live meeting to spotlight community efforts with an opportunity for questions and discussions.

Partnership Meetings

DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2021 AND 2022

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic, A2P2 paused hosting Partnership Meetings from April 2020 to November 2022. While many groups began gathering again virtually in 2021, the board and staff of A2P2 decided that hosting Partnership Meetings in this way was not ideal in either format or practice. One of the goals of community-based partnership meetings is the time spent in the host location, celebrating the highlights of that community and spending time together for deeper partnership and connection. Recognizing the need for the medical community to focus only on patient and staff care during this incredibly challenging time, partnership meetings were suspended until it was safe and appropriate to begin meeting again.

It was with immense gratitude for all that the medical and service provider community did during the pandemic that we began gathering again in November 2022. Partnership meetings were held in the following locations in 2022:

- **November 4th**, Mat-Su Regional Medical Center
- **December 2nd**, Anchorage, AK Dept. of Health



Alaska Early Childhood Network (ECN)



MISSION STATEMENT

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.

OVERVIEW

The Alaska Early Childhood Network (ECN) began in 2020 as a partnership effort co-lead by Help Me Grow Alaska and the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) program of the State of Alaska.

MEMBERSHIP

The Alaska Early Childhood Network is made up of early childhood coalition leaders and coordinators of similar efforts in various communities throughout the state of Alaska. By the end of 2022, the ECN included 19 active communities.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To bring together the leads of statewide early childhood coalitions and child-focused groups for the purpose of networking, resource sharing and specific didactic training. The Division of Public Health and HMG-AK host monthly virtual meetings during the school year to foster deeper connection and communication amongst those working in the field of early childhood and provide opportunities to develop and share ideas for this work.



“The ECN has brought me together with many wonderful people who believe that it takes a village to raise children. It also has been supporting me in rebuilding an Early Childhood Coalition in my area.”

– Stacie Dublin, Fairbanks

Alaska Early Childhood Network Member, 2022



Impact Statements from Alaska ECN Members, 2022

“The ECN has been instrumental in supporting my efforts to build and facilitate a local early childhood coalition in my community. Since the launch of the ECN, I’ve gained a community of professionals offering support, resources, ideas, lessons-learned, collaborative approaches, knowledge of funding opportunities, and enthusiasm for early childhood coalitions and efforts across our entire state.”

– Abby Struffert, Soldotna

“The ECN is a group of early child advocates in Alaska. The ECN collaborates with communities with a roadmap to sustainable early child programming and resources. The ECN empowers and encourages communities to create high quality affordable, accessible & sustainable early child programming using evidence-based practice and relationship building.”

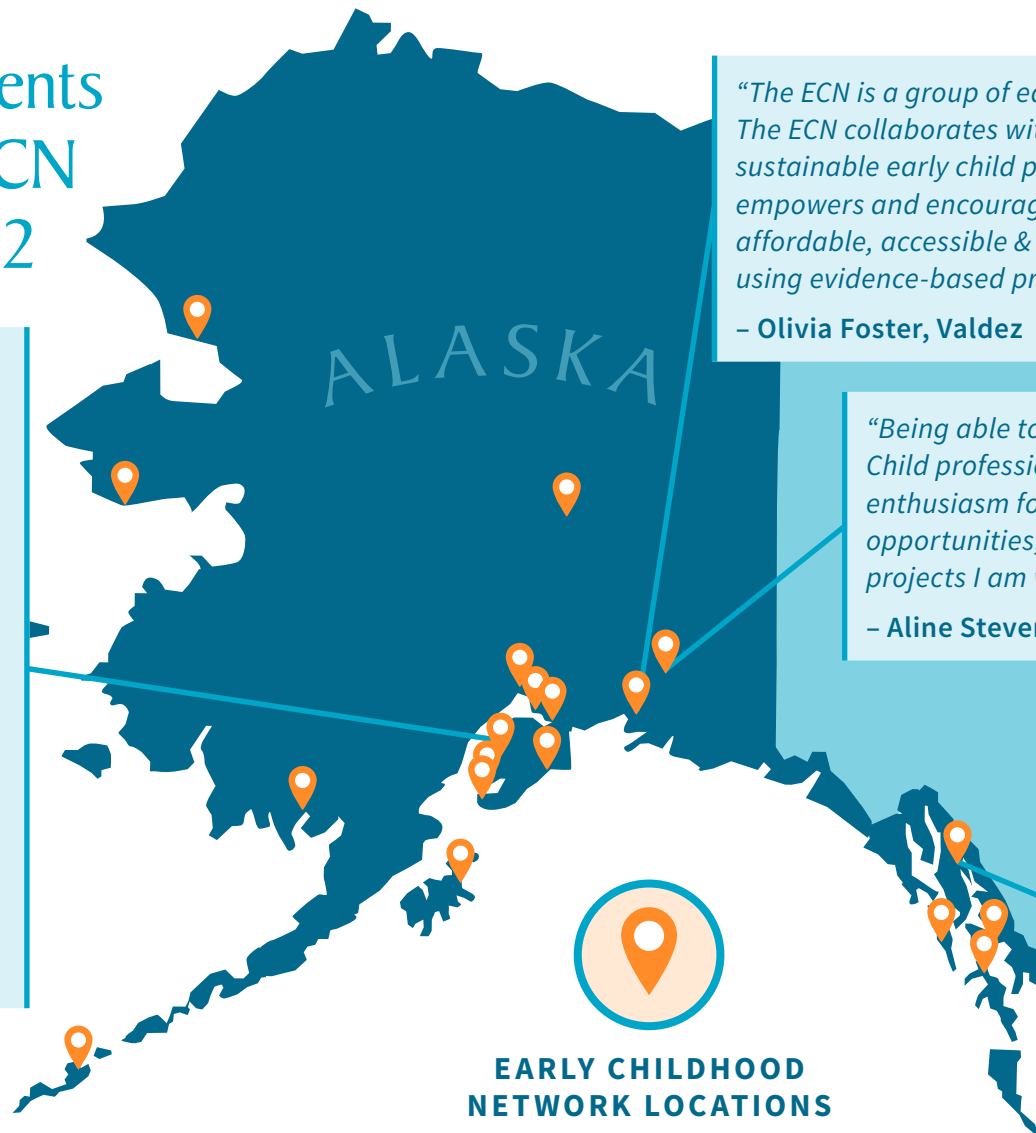
– Olivia Foster, Valdez

“Being able to collaborate with like-minded Early Child professionals has provided me with renewed enthusiasm for the task at hand, fruitful networking opportunities, and efficient collaboration on projects I am working on in my area.”

– Aline Stevenson, Copper Center

“Membership in the ECN is valuable to the work that our local coalition is doing. It’s inspiring to know that others across the state are engaged in similar work. I gain perspective from other members on the work that we are doing, and the collaboration helps us to better serve children and families.”

– Nikki Love, Juneau





2021-2022 Pediatric Symposiums

The All Alaska Pediatric Symposium offers Alaska’s health care professionals a forum to learn about evidence-based best practices and innovations in pediatric health care and features presentations addressing a variety of pediatric-related topics and trainings by local and national experts in their fields.

In 2021, the Pediatric Symposium transitioned to a virtual format. In 2022, the Pediatric Symposium was hosted in a hybrid format, which proved to be a successful model for Alaska’s pediatric providers.



	2021	2022
<i>Attendees</i>	145	168
<i>Presentations</i>	16	15
<i>Continuing Medical Education</i>	13.5	14

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Individual Giving

There are various ways to lend your support to the work of the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership.

Individual financial support allows us to be innovative and adaptive to Alaska's needs.

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Our strength is in building relationships. We serve as an information exchange network, helping to develop and share ideas, data and information in support of systems improvements. Working in unison with partners we are able to inform program planning and policy, and bring vision, expertise, and innovation to keep Alaska's children healthy. This process of freely discussing issues and new ways of approaching our children's health needs leads to solutions that benefit all Alaska's kids, their families and those who provide them services.



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