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Alaska Home Visitors Alliance

Home Visitors Alliance Monthly Resource Bulletin March 2026

Sneak Peek!

Highlights:

- **Alaska Home Visitors Alliance Annual Virtual Summit! Don't forget to register!** Check out the HVA Summit Program Agenda that includes session descriptions below!
- **Support for Unlicensed Relative Caregivers: The UReCares Program:** The UReCares Program provides Unlicensed Relative Caregivers direct financial support for the care of the child(ren) in their custody.
- **Empowering Alaska's Workforce: FAN Train-the-Trainer Opportunity:** The Alaska Division of Public Health is excited to announce the "Train the Trainer for FAN" program, a unique initiative designed to build a sustainable model of attuned care across our state.
- **Professional Learning Sponsorships for Early Childhood Providers:** The Alaska Department of Health is offering sponsorships through the Preschool Development Grant (PDG B-5) to support high-quality training and evidence-based practices for the state's early childhood workforce. These funds aim to strengthen programs, build professional connections, and improve outcomes for Alaska's children and families.
- **Career Advancement: PDG B-5 Funding for Early Childhood Education:** The Alaska Department of Health is offering specialized funding to help early childhood apprentices and professionals pursue college credits and credentials. This initiative strengthens Alaska's workforce by ensuring educators have the advanced training necessary to help children thrive.
- **HVA Padlet:** Check out the Home Visitors Alliance virtual platform on Padlet! Add announcements, connect with others, and share resources!
- **Share your Updates for the HVA Monthly Bulletin:** We'd love to feature your celebrations, upcoming events, newsletters, or program highlights in the Home Visitors Alliance Monthly Bulletin! Send us your updates so we can help spread the word and celebrate your great work.

Upcoming Events:

- **A2P2 April Partnership Meeting in Fairbanks!** A2P2 Partnership Meetings are hosted in various regions across the state. They link the medical community with the agencies and organizations providing services and support for children, youth, and their families. Friday April 3rd 12:00-1:30 PM.

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See Resource Sections Below!

Have something that you want to highlight or celebrate in the monthly HVA Bulletin? Please send them to: hva@a2p2.org or rqueja@a2p2.org

HIGHLIGHTS:

Alaska Home Visitors Alliance Annual Virtual Summit: Program Agenda & Session Highlights

EQUIPPED FOR EXCELLENCE: ELEVATING HOME VISITING PRACTICES ACROSS ALASKA

2026 ALASKA HOME VISITORS ALLIANCE ANNUAL VIRTUAL SUMMIT



The much-anticipated annual summit is once again on the horizon! Join us for an immersive educational experience designed to strengthen your skills, nurture your resilience, and connect our diverse community of practitioners.

- ✓ Thursday April 9th 2026
- ✓ 9:00-4:00 PM AKST
- ✓ FREE & Virtual!
- ✓ SEED Approved Training



Registration is OPEN! Save your FREE seat in our virtual front row!
For questions, please reach out to rqueja@a2p2.org

2026 ALASKA HOME VISITORS ALLIANCE SUMMIT SPEAKERS



Shannon Parker
HVA Co-Facilitator



Reanne Honemann-Queja
HVA Co-Facilitator



Gwendolynn Gabbert
Land Acknowledgement



Dr. Kevin Gruenberg
Morning Keynote



Angela Rau
Afternoon Keynote



Maria Rojas
Afternoon Movement



Joclyn Reilly
Afternoon Breakout



Jodi Sides
Afternoon Breakout



Pamela Finch
Afternoon Breakout



Susan Kessler
Afternoon Breakout



Dr. Kevin McKeown
Afternoon Breakout





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APRIL 9, 2026 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM VIRTUAL

9:00 AM	Opening Remarks Welcome & Land Acknowledgement
9:15 AM	Keynote Speaker Dr. Kevin Gruenberg- Love, Dad
10:30 AM	BREAK
10:45 AM	Keynote (continued) Dr. Kevin Gruenberg- Love, Dad
12:00 PM	Lunch Break 30 Minutes
12:30 PM	Afternoon Keynote Angela Rau, ACTT Consulting
1:45 PM	BREAK
2:00 PM	Afternoon Breakout Sessions See program for session details
3:45 PM	Closing Remarks & Survey Survey Completion is required for certificate completion
4:00 PM	Summit Concludes

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2026 ALASKA HOME VISITORS ALLIANCE ANNUAL VIRTUAL SUMMIT: MORNING LARGE GROUP SESSIONS

Land Acknowledgement
Gwendolynn Gabbert
Southcentral Foundation,
Nutaqsivik Tribal Home
Visiting Program



Gwendolynn leads interactive land acknowledgements highlighting the Alaska Native people of the past, present, and future. Gwendolynn always uses these opportunities to teach new words and ways to honor the land that participants live on.

Morning Keynote
Dr. Kevin Gruenberg
Love, Dad



Family well-being depends on the well-being of every caregiver. Home visiting's support of all parents, including fathers, is foundational to promoting resilience in early childhood and strengthening families. Yet home visiting and related systems that serve families with young children often engage fathers at low rates, limiting the impact of services. Addressing this gap requires a workforce prepared to engage the whole family with competence, confidence, and intention. This engaging and interactive session explores the interconnected nature of family well-being and provides practical strategies to strengthen father engagement. Participants will learn:

- The benefits of father involvement for child development and family functioning
- Paternal mental health challenges and their impact on caregivers and children
- Concrete approaches to effectively engage fathers in services and conversations.

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2026 ALASKA HOME VISITORS ALLIANCE ANNUAL VIRTUAL SUMMIT: AFTERNOON LARGE GROUP SESSIONS

Afternoon Keynote
Angela Rau,
ACTT Consulting



Home visitors across Alaska serve families in complex, high-stress environments. Understanding how the brain and body respond to stress and hope is not just helpful, it is protective. This interactive session translates neuroscience into practical tools for frontline professionals. Participants will explore how the nervous system responds to change, why fear and resistance arise first, and how curiosity and hope can be intentionally activated. Rather than viewing stress responses as personal shortcomings, participants will reframe fear as protective wiring and recognize hope as a realistic, action-oriented state. Through reflection, discussion, embodied regulation practices, and guided visualization, attendees will practice shifting from survival states into regulated, hopeful states that support clear thinking and connection. Grounded in strengths-based principles, this session equips home visitors with adaptable strategies they can use immediately for their own well-being and to foster hope-centered environments for families they serve. Fear protects; hope propels. Curiosity bridges — and strengths make it possible.

Move & Reset
Maria Rojas,
Remote Office Yoga



Long days supporting families and caring for others can take a toll on the body and mind. This 30-minute guided movement session offers a simple reset through accessible chair-based yoga, gentle stretching, and breathing practices that can be done anywhere. Designed for busy professionals and welcoming to all levels, the session focuses on practical techniques to release tension, restore energy, and improve focus during the day. Participants will leave with easy-to-use movements and calming tools they can use themselves and share with the parents and families they support-to bring more ease and balance into everyday routines.

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2026 ALASKA HVA SUMMIT: AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Introduction to Pyramid for Home Visiting
Shannon Parker &
Susan Kessler



The Pyramid Model is a research-based framework designed to support the social and emotional competence of infants and young children. This introductory session is specifically adapted for Alaska's home visitors, focusing on how to implement the model's foundational tiers within the home environment. Participants will explore the importance of an "Effective Workforce" as the base of the pyramid and learn how to foster "Nurturing and Responsive Relationships" and "High-Quality Supportive Environments." We will discuss how these universal supports can be adapted to respect Alaska's diverse cultural contexts and geographic realities, providing a solid "nest" for children and families to thrive.

Connections, Support, and Referrals for Perinatal Mental Health
Jocelyn Reilly,
Providence Alaska



In this workshop we will learn how to respond compassionately and effectively when clients are struggling with mental health concerns. We will discuss screening tools, next steps, and resources that benefit you and your clients. I want you to feel more confident in your role in these discussions.

*Please select one Break Out Session to attend. All sessions will be recorded and available to watch after the Alaska HVA Summit concludes.

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2026 ALASKA HVA SUMMIT: AFTERNOON BREAK OUT SESSIONS

Reducing Sleep-Related Infant Deaths Through Safe Sleep Practices
Jodi Sides & Pamela Finch
Southcentral Foundation
Nutsuqivik Tribal Home Visiting Program

This session will examine current infant mortality data in Alaska alongside the latest evidence on safe sleep practices. Participants will explore the key pillars of the 2022 AAP safe sleep recommendations and understand how these guidelines reduce the risk of sleep-related infant deaths. The presentation will also introduce practical communication strategies for discussing safe sleep with families, including techniques for navigating sensitive or challenging conversations.




Constipation in Kids: What to do When the Bowels Won't Budge
Dr. Kevin McKeown
Pediatric Gastroenterologist,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Constipation is a common condition in pediatric patients of all ages, and clinicians in all specialties care for children with constipation. Identifying and treating constipation can be challenging, particularly when children are refractory to first line therapies. Management can be complicated by behavioral and social challenges. This presentation will provide an overview of common causes, work-up, and interventions to help address the most common GI problem in pediatrics.



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2026 HVA ANNUAL VIRTUAL SUMMIT

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**THURSDAY APRIL 9, 2026
9:00-4:00 PM**

REGISTRATION LINK:
[HTTPS://UAA.CCOIQUALTRICS.COM/JFE/FORM/SV_55AHF02RECAAKNE](https://uaa.ccoiqualtrics.com/jfe/form/sv_55ahf02recaakne)

QUESTIONS ON HVA?
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NEED TECHNICAL SUPPORT? EMAIL CHRISTINE AT CKMOJICA@ALASKA.EDU.

Join us on **Thursday, April 9, 2026 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** for a day dedicated to growth, connection, and impact. This year's theme, *Equipped for Excellence: Elevating Home Visiting Practices Across Alaska*, focuses on providing Alaska's home visitors with the tools and insights to take your practice to the next level.

Whether you are looking to network with statewide colleagues or sharpen your skills, this Summit offers a unique space for every home visiting model in Alaska to come together. We are currently finalizing an inspiring session lineup, and best of all—**registration is free!**

Questions about the HVA Summit? Email Reanne at rqueja@a2p2.org

[Register Here!](#)

Support for Unlicensed Relative Caregivers: The UReCares Program



Support for Unlicensed Relative Caregivers: The UReCares Program

Home visitors, please share this valuable resource with the families you serve! The UReCares Program provides direct financial support to Unlicensed Relative Caregivers to help maintain family connections and reduce caregiver stress. Funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and administered by the Alaska Impact Alliance, this program aims to increase childhood resilience and support kinship placements.

Key Program Details:

- **2026 Funding:** A total of \$250,000 will be awarded this year.
- **Payment Amount:** Recipients will receive two payments totaling no less than \$1,000.
- **Tax-Free Benefit:** These stipends are non-taxable charitable grants.

- **Flexible Use:** There are no limitations on how the general stipend is spent, while the respite stipend is intended for caregiver self-care.
- **Selection Process:** Recipients are chosen via a randomized blind lottery, giving every eligible applicant an equal chance.

Eligibility & Requirements:

- **No Barriers:** There are no income, housing, or employment requirements to apply.
- **Household Limit:** Only one unlicensed relative caregiver per household may apply.
- **Research Participation:** The program is currently being studied to evaluate how financial assistance improves the well-being of caregivers and children.

For more information on how your families can apply for the 2026 cycle, please refer to the Alaska Impact Alliance guidelines.

[Learn More about UReCares](#)

Empowering Alaska's Workforce: FAN Train-the-Trainer Opportunity



TRAIN-THE-TRAINER: PREPARING FAN TRAINERS

Funding provided by the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) grant #90TP0144

Funding must be obligated by December 30, 2026

DESCRIPTION

The "Train the Trainer for FAN" program equips professionals to teach others the Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN) model. The goal is for programs to develop internal trainers who can deliver FAN training to their own staff or staff of other programs, creating a sustainable model of attuned care in Alaska.

Eligible trainer candidates must meet established criteria.

TRAINING INCLUDES

The full training includes orientation, preparation and mentoring for 2 eligible trainer candidates to deliver Level I, Level II and Final Day of Training for Integration and Sustainability Planning to 2 different cohorts over a one-year period.



Please contact Mariah Neeser for Sponsorship Request at mariah.neeser@alaska.gov

TRAINING FORMAT

One Trainer for two trainer candidates: In person and virtual
Two Trainer Candidates Facilitate 6-month Training Cohort (1): In person, 20-24 people max; Virtual, 20 people max
Two Trainer Candidates Facilitate 6-month Training Cohort (2): In person, 20-24 people max; Virtual, 20 people max

Certified Trainers: Jeanine Jeffers Woolf: jeaninejefferswoolf@gmail.com | Gail Trujillo: gamtak053@gmail.com

The Alaska Division of Public Health is looking for trainer candidates for the Facilitating Attuned Interactions (FAN) model through the **Preschool Development Grant (PDG B-5)**. This year-long mentorship program empowers you to train your own staff and build a sustainable model of attuned care in our communities.

- **The Program:** Includes orientation, mentoring, and facilitating two 6-month training cohorts.
- **Format:** A flexible mix of in-person and virtual sessions.
- **Deadline:** Funding must be obligated by December 30, 2026.

Ready to lead? Contact **Mariah Neeser** at mariah.neeser@alaska.gov for sponsorship requests!

Professional Learning Sponsorships for Early Childhood Providers

Professional Learning Sponsorship Opportunity



For Alaska Early Childhood Providers

Funding provided by the Preschool Development Grant B-5

The Alaska Department of Health, through the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5), is offering Professional Learning Sponsorships to support early childhood providers and organizations in accessing high-quality training, conferences, and learning opportunities.

These sponsorships are intended to strengthen Alaska's early childhood workforce, expand professional development opportunities, and support programs in implementing evidence-based practices that benefit young children and families across the state

Sponsorship requests are welcome from organizations that support young children and families, including:

- Early childhood educators and programs
- Home visiting programs
- Child care providers
- Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- School district early learning programs
- Tribal organizations
- Nonprofit organizations supporting early childhood
- Early childhood coalitions and networks

What Sponsorships May Support:

Professional learning activities may include:

- Expert presenters and Training workshops or professional development events
- Conference registration or speaker sponsorship trainers
- Learning collaboratives or communities of practice
- Statewide or regional learning opportunities

Purpose of the Sponsorship

The goal of PDG B-5 Professional Learning Sponsorships is to:

- Strengthen Alaska's early childhood workforce
- Expand access to high-quality professional learning
- Support implementation of evidence-based practices
- Build connections and collaboration across the early childhood system
- Improve outcomes for Alaska's young children and families

Organizations interested in requesting sponsorship support are encouraged to submit a brief request describing:

- The professional learning opportunity
 - Who will participate
 - How the learning will benefit early childhood providers, children, and families in Alaska
- *Funds must be obligated before 12/30/26

Apply early - funding will be obligated by December 30, 2026

For more information or to request sponsorship support, please contact

Mariah Neeser
mariah.neeser@alaska.gov



The Alaska Department of Health is offering sponsorships through the **Preschool Development Grant (PDG B-5)** to support high-quality training and evidence-based practices for the state's early childhood workforce. These funds aim to strengthen programs, build professional connections, and improve outcomes for Alaska's children and families.

Key Details:

- **Eligible Groups:** Home visiting programs, child care providers, Head Start, Tribal organizations, and early childhood nonprofits or coalitions.
- **What's Covered:** Expert presenters, workshop costs, conference registrations, and learning collaboratives.
- **How to Apply:** Submit a brief request describing the learning opportunity, the participants, and the anticipated benefits.
- **Deadline:** Apply early; all funds must be obligated by December 30, 2026.

Contact: Reach out to **Mariah Neeser** at mariah.neeser@alaska.gov for more information or to request support.

Career Advancement: PDG B-5 Funding for Early Childhood Education

PDG B-5 Funding Opportunities

We have limited funding available—apply early!

Funding made possible through the Preschool Development Grant(PDG B-5) grant #90TP0144

The Alaska Department of Health is offering funding to support Early Childhood Apprentices and Professionals pursuing college credit in Early Childhood Education.



Who is Eligible?

This initiative helps strengthen Alaska's early childhood workforce.



Apprentices

- **Early Childhood Apprentices** currently enrolled in programs.
- Individuals gaining **on-the-job experience**.
- Those committed to **professional growth** in Alaska.



Professionals

- **Early Childhood Professionals** working with families.
- Educators seeking **advanced certificates**.
- Staff in **licensed childcare** or early learning centers.



Education Paths

- **Credentials:** CDA and other foundational certifications.
- **Certificates:** Specialized early childhood education training.
- **College Credit:** Support for individual courses and tuition.

Strengthening Alaska's Future

Workforce Strength



By supporting **professionals**, we ensure Alaska's children have access to **highly qualified educators** who are prepared to help them thrive.

Future Ready



Advanced training leads to better outcomes for young children, fostering healthy development and preparing them for **success**.

Community Impact



Community support and investment in early childhood creates a stronger, more resilient Alaska for everyone.



Contact Mariah Neeser at mariah.neeser@alaska.gov

Funding must be obligated by December 30, 2026

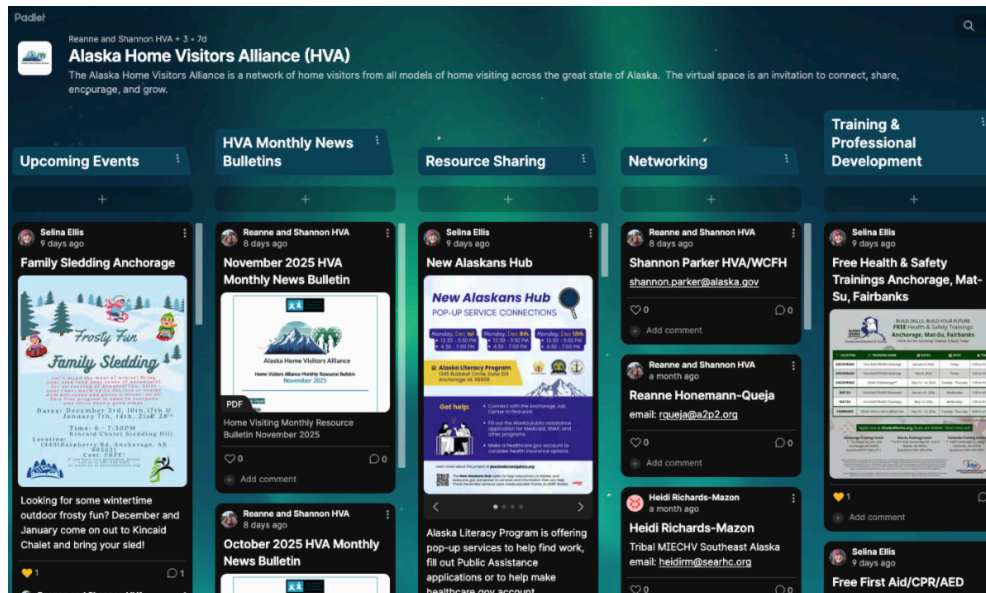


The Alaska Department of Health is offering specialized funding to help early childhood apprentices and professionals pursue college credits and credentials. This initiative strengthens Alaska's workforce by ensuring educators have the advanced training necessary to help children thrive.

Program Highlights:

- **Who is Eligible:** Current early childhood apprentices, individuals gaining on-the-job experience, and professionals working in licensed childcare or early learning centers.
- **Supported Paths:** Funding can be used for CDA credentials, specialized certificates, and tuition for individual college courses.
- **The Goal:** To invest in a resilient Alaska by supporting the educators who foster healthy development in our youngest learners.

A Virtual Space for Alaska Home Visitors!



Home visiting is "heart work," and it's best done together. We know that being out in the field can sometimes feel like you're on an island—especially in the Great Land! That's why the Alaska Home Visitors Alliance created a dedicated Padlet just for Alaska home visitors.

Think of it as our digital breakroom. It's a place to:

- **Connect:** Meet and chat with fellow home visitors across the state.
- **Discover:** Find upcoming events and professional development opportunities.
- **Share:** Grab a resource for a family or upload a tool that's worked for you!

HVA Padlet!



Share your Updates for the HVA Monthly Bulletin!

Do you have exciting news, upcoming events, program milestones, or community celebrations to share? The Home Visitors Alliance wants to help amplify your work!

We invite you to submit:

- **Celebrations:** Staff accomplishments, program anniversaries, or family success stories
- **Events:** Trainings, community gatherings, outreach events, or family engagement activities
- **Newsletters:** Recent or upcoming editions that highlight your program's work
- **Program Highlights:** Unique initiatives, partnerships, or creative strategies you're using to support families

Your submission may be featured in the next HVA Monthly Bulletin, which reaches a wide network of home visiting professionals across Alaska. It's a great way to share ideas, inspire others, and celebrate the incredible work happening in our communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

A2P2 April Partnership Meeting is in Fairbanks!



The poster features a blue and white geometric pattern of overlapping circles and squares. A large blue archway frames the central text. At the top left of the arch is the A2P2 logo, which consists of two stylized human figures in blue. To the right of the logo is the text "ALL ALASKA PEDIATRIC PARTNERSHIP".

**A2P2 April
Partnership Meeting
Fairbanks**

Friday April 3, 2026

*Live streaming begins at 12:15 p.m.
Lunch provided for in person attendees*

**Fairbanks Memorial
Hospital**

McGown Room, STE 154
1650 Cowles St
Fairbanks, AK 99701

Go Blue Day!

Hosted by:
**FOUNDATION
HEALTH
PARTNERS**

"Go Blue Day" (1st Friday in April) kicks off "National Child Abuse Prevention Month." On Go Blue Day, individuals, organizations, and communities wear blue to raise awareness and express their commitment to ending child abuse and neglect.

We invite you to wear blue to the Partnership Meeting and join us for a group photo.

Register Here:


A2P2 Partnership Meetings are hosted in various communities across Alaska. They link the medical community with the agencies and organizations providing services and support for children, youth, and their families. A2P2 Partnership Meetings are a space for connecting, networking, and collaborating 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 resource perspective. A2P2 Partnership Meetings are also shared live through a virtual platform to accommodate statewide participation.

Virtual Partnership Meeting Registration

Celebrate New Arrivals: Anchorage Community Baby Shower! April 12th 12:00-2:00 PM



YOU ARE INVITED TO A
**COMMUNITY
BABY SHOWER**
HOSTED BY



★ APRIL 12TH ★ 12 PM - 2 PM ★
★ LOUSSAC LIBRARY EVENT CENTER ★

REGISTER  TO RSVP

COMMUNITY RESOURCES
GAMES & ACTIVITIES
GIFT BAGS
FREE FOOD & DIAPERS

The Anchorage Early Childhood Coalition is hosting its third Community Baby Shower to welcome our newest residents and support families during their child's first year. This event, held at the Loussac Library Event Center on **Sunday, April 12th, 2026 (12:00 PM – 2:00 PM)**, is designed to foster connections and provide essential resources for local caregivers.

For Families (Prenatal to 12 Months):

- **Connect & Learn:** Meet other local families and gather information to help navigate your baby's first year.
- **Free Swag Bags:** The first 300 attendees will receive high-quality gift bags filled with items for parents and babies.
- **Fun & Games:** Enjoy a social atmosphere with interactive activities and booths.
- **RSVP Today:** Please use the provided registration link to reserve your spot!

For Participating Agencies & Organizations

- **Host an Activity:** Organizations are invited to host fun, social games or activities to engage with families.
- **Mini-Grant:** Each participating agency will receive a \$100 grant to help offset activity costs.
- **Swag Bag Contributions:** You can provide branded or high-quality items to be included in the 300 attendee gift bags.
- **Register Your Table:** Fill out the coalition's interest form to reserve your space; setup details will follow the week before the event.

Questions? Reach out to Carrie Chisholm (Best Beginnings) at cchisholm@bbalaska.org.

***Funding Note:** This event is made possible by the Preschool Development Grant (PDG B-5) administered by the State of Alaska

[Register to Attend the Baby Shower!](#)

[Register to Host a Table](#)

**April HVA Connect!
Tuesday April 14th!**



APRIL HVA CONNECT!

Join home visitors from across Alaska
in conversations around

Networking
Storytelling
Support

TUESDAY
APRIL 14TH
9:00 - 10:00 AM

Join us to discuss thoughts,
reflections, and "AHA!" moments from
the 2026 HVA Summit!

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND:
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REG-STER/2CYWFXBMQH
M7X4TYQ_H99W](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/REG-STER/2CYWFXBMQH
M7X4TYQ_H99W)

Sessions will be held virtually the second Tuesday of each month, October-May from
9:00-10:00 AM.

October 14 | November 12 | December 9 | January 13 | February 10 | March 17 | **April 14** |
May 12

[Register for HVA Connect!](#)

National Strategy for the Home Visiting Workforce



Join leaders from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and its Institute for Home Visiting Workforce Development for an online event to launch HRSA's new National Strategy for the Home Visiting Workforce. This long-term National Strategy is designed to create pathways to home visiting careers, strengthen the workforce, and support workforce well-being. Home visitors, supervisors, and state and local program leaders helped inform and shape the National Strategy.

During the one-hour launch event, presenters will spotlight:

- The vital support that home visitors provide to families nationwide
- Opportunities to position the workforce for even greater success, reach, and impact
- The National Strategy's plan to strengthen and support the home visiting workforce

"It takes a workforce to support families." Every day, the home visiting workforce helps pregnant women and parents prevent childhood and adult chronic disease, advance family well-being, and make sure children are ready for school. The National Strategy will support the workforce that does this key work to support families

[Register Here!](#)

Learning to Listen: Conversations that Matter Returns!

Learning to Listen: Conversations for Change returns with three new conversations featuring inspiring leaders working on the frontlines of current and emerging issues for children and families. These free conversations are for everyone who cares for and about babies and children, and the families, professionals, and communities that protect, nurture, and enjoy them.

This spring's episodes (click on the title for details):

- [January 28, 2026 – What is AI Doing to Our Children?](#)
- [April 29, 2026 – Boys, Fathers, and the Myths of Masculinity](#)
- [May 27, 2026 – Q is for Questioning](#)

All Learning to Listen conversations are one hour on Wednesdays at 11:00-12:00 pm AKST, and feature live Spanish translation and captioning. Certificates of attendance available.

Register for one or all!

[Register Here!](#)

2026 Infant, Child, & Youth (ICY) Conference



In Alaska, professionals who serve families need opportunities to network, problem-solve, and think through how to work together. With this conference, we hope professionals will find inspiration to connect, collaborate, and improve the continuity of care for families in Alaska.

The Infant, Child, and Youth (ICY) Conference, formerly known as the IECMH Institute & CAFBH Conference, features renowned national speakers and Alaskan experts, with plenaries and workshops for professionals that work with infants, children, and youth of any age and their families.

The 2026 ICY Conference will take place May 12 & 13, 2026.

[Learn more about the ICY Conference](#)

[Presentation Proposal Application](#)

[Training Access Funds Application](#)

RESOURCES TO SHARE WITH FAMILIES:



Help Me Grow Alaska is a program dedicated to promoting healthy child development statewide by providing support and information to individuals and organizations who care for and about children and young adults.

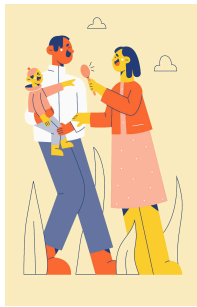
[Visit Help Me Grow Alaska](#)

Connect with Help Me Grow Alaska

If you have a general question or comment for our program, please feel free to reach out to us through this form. If you are looking for services from a Family Support Specialist or our team, please use the link below to get you connected as quickly as possible. Messages will be sent directly to our email.



[Contact a Family Support Specialist](#)



If you are looking for resources to share with a parent or someone responsible for a child, Help Me Grow Alaska is here to provide you with appropriate resources on child development, and connections to ongoing supports. Help Me Grow Alaska keeps this page updated with resources to help families learn and grow.

[Family Resources](#)



Help Me Grow Alaska is here to help providers advocate for the children and families they serve, support providers in their efforts to increase developmental screenings, assist them in making sure families are connected to various referrals, and offer trainings and educational opportunities on a variety of topics related to the well-being of children and families in Alaska.

[Provider Resources](#)

Pacify Launched for WIC Beneficiaries in Alaska!



CDPHP is now offering free, 24/7 virtual lactation support to Alaska WIC participants through Pacify, a national organization.

Through the Pacify app, you can connect with an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) via video call, anytime, day or night. This service is currently available only to those enrolled in WIC, but we hope to expand it to more Alaskans in the future.

To help clients get started, Pacify has created a dedicated Alaska staff resource page with helpful information, videos, and slides on how to enroll. You can find it here:

WIC staff have already been trained and are enrolling clients! Please share this valuable resource with their clients!

[Alaska Pacify Resources](#)



Alaska Department of Health
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Supplemental Nutrition
Assistance Program
Online Application

New Mobile Friendly Online Alaska SNAP application now available online!

In Alaska, the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** is administered by the Department of Health (DoH), Division of Public Assistance (DPA), and provides food benefits to low-income families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being.

[Learn more about SNAP](#)

Divisions of HealthCare Services (program and policy administration) and Public Assistance (program eligibility)



Apply for Denali KidCare and DenaliCare!

The only way to know for sure if you are eligible is to apply!

Children up to the age of 19 and **pregnant women** may be eligible if you meet the income guidelines.

For ease, peace of mind and to receive a confirmation number, click below.

You can also apply at [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or with a paper application available for download.

[More Information on Eligibility for Denali KidCare!](#)

As of February 1, 2024, the Alaska DOH will now provide 12 months of postpartum Medicaid coverage to:

- Medicaid recipients whose pregnancy ended or will end on or after February 1, 2024;
- Medicaid recipients who are no longer pregnant but who are still within a 12-month postpartum period; and
- Individuals that are no longer receiving Medicaid benefits but had a pregnancy end in the last 12 months.

Action for beneficiaries:

- The individuals affected above do not need to submit a Medicaid application to receive these extended postpartum Medicaid benefits. Previously, postpartum coverage ended at 60 days.

Additionally, the income limit for Medicaid coverage will increase to include pregnant women with countable income under 225% of the federal poverty level:

RESOURCES FOR HOME VISITORS:



Knock

Knock is an online community for home visiting professionals across the United States

Knock is an online community for those new to the field and to those already serving families. Knock is a place where anyone interested in the home visiting field can come to learn more. Knock builds equitable career pathways into home visitation.



What is Knock?

Knock is a web-based application with the dual functions of recruitment and retention for the home visiting workforce. Knock is a place where anyone interested in the field can come to learn more. Knock is an online community for those new to the field and to those already serving families. It's a place for home visiting resources and home visiting professionals across the country.



Job Opportunities

Looking for a new career? Think of Knock as your entryway into a new field. Already established in the world of home visiting but looking to explore other opportunities? Knock can help you find a new home! Organizations have the ability to post current opportunities and job openings in the Knock. How do opening? Why are someone is directly to the field?



Resource Library

We're probably most proud of our library of home visiting and family support resources. The library is a place where home visitors and family support professionals can come for the latest information and resources to further their knowledge and development. Add your own resources and have a home for all your important information tools, creating a robust collection of resources at your fingertips all housed in your own personalized library.




Personalized Profiles

Profiles are personalized by the user and create a welcoming community within the Knock application. Dive into your profile and make the Knock experience even better! Organization profiles are fully customizable and allows them to showcase their place in the field and add to the community of Knock. Visit Knock today to get started!

Knock is our mobile-friendly application with the dual functions of recruitment and retention for the home visiting workforce. Connect with others in the field, visit our vast resource library, test your knowledge, all in a fresh, easy community.

Visit Knock!



Growing Minds

A service of Help Me Grow Alaska




Are you a professional working with young children in need of IECMH support?

Empowering providers to foster strong social and emotional development in young children.

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) support for providers who care for infants and young children. This is a non-emergency service for providers to receive guidance on their practice or to ask questions about a specific concern in their professional setting.

Call 1-833-HMG-ALASKA (1-833-464-2527)
and ask to be connected to Growing Minds today!
or visit helpmegrowak.org/growing-minds

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Virtual-based

Birth through five years old

Across settings

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Growing Minds: IECMH Support Services

The goal of Growing Minds is to support adults in nurturing young children's social and emotional development and to enhance the quality of care for children from birth through five years old across settings.

Growing Minds offers virtual-based Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) support for providers who care for infants and young children. This is a non-emergency service for providers to receive guidance on their practice or to ask questions about a specific concern in their professional setting.

The service will target any professional working with young children not currently able to access IECMH Consultation, including Family, Friend and Neighbor care, home visiting, early intervention, medical or social service providers.

Learn More about Growing Minds



Touchpoints are periods in the first years of life, during which children’s spurts in development result in disruption in the family system. The succession of touchpoints in a child’s development is like a map that can be identified and anticipated.....

To learn more about Brazelton and touchpoints in a child's development, please visit the website at the link below.

Trainings and Workshops

Home Visitor Professional Learning Path - Online

Missed a webinar? Find online training resources at link below!



Learn More

If you have any questions, need more information, or have a resource to share, please reach out to hva@a2p2.org, we'd love to hear from you!

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