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Alaska Home Visitors Alliance

Home Visitors Alliance Monthly Resource Bulletin November 2025

Sneak Peek!

Highlights:

- **Alaska Home Visitors Alliance launches Home Visitor Alliance Padlet!** Exciting news for the Alaska HVA! We now have a virtual space to connect, network, and share! Read more about the HVA Padlet below.
- **Alaska Home Visitors Alliance Annual Virtual Summit Planning Poll:** It's time to start planning the 2026 Alaska Home Visitors Alliance Virtual Summit! By Friday **December 19th**, please complete the Doodle Poll to share the best dates that work for your schedule to attend the one day virtual summit
- **Article of Interest- Study Examines the Impacts of Maternal COVID on Fetal Brain Development:** New research from Mass General Brigham found that contracting COVID-19 during pregnancy increased the risk of children experiencing neurodevelopmental disorders by age three. Read the abstract below!
- **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 December Partnership Meeting in Mat-Su Valley!** 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. December
- **Strengthening Families Training:** The Child Welfare Academy is hosting an in-person Strengthening Families Alaska (SFA) training in Anchorage, December 8th & 9th!
- **December HVA Connect!** December HVA Connect will take place on Tuesday December 9th from 9:00-10:00 am. Register below to attend!

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 Launches Home Visitor Alliance Padlet



Alaska Home Visitors Alliance

The Alaska Home Visitors Alliance is excited to share the HVA Padlet! This virtual space is designated for Alaska home visitors to connect, encourage, share, and grow with one another. Participants can share upcoming trainings and professional development, ask questions on a discussion board, share their contact information to network with other home visitors, and share pictures or funny stories!

The HVA Co-Facilitators update the Padlet to make sure it has the most recent information on it. Please check it out and add to it!

We're excited to see it grow and be used!

[HVA Padlet Link](#)

Alaska Home Visitors Alliance Annual Virtual Summit Planning Poll

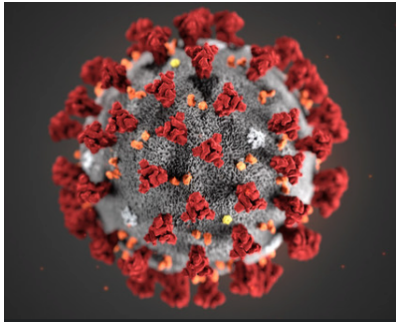


Your Input Matters!

It's time to start planning the 2026 Alaska Home Visitors Alliance Virtual Summit! By Friday **December 19th**, please complete the Doodle Poll to share the best dates that work for your schedule to attend the one day virtual summit. The times of the summit could range from 8:00-5:00pm. For more feedback, questions, or suggestions, please email [Reanne rqueja@a2p2.org](mailto:Reanne.rqueja@a2p2.org) or [Shannon shannon.parker@alaska.gov](mailto:Shannon.shannon.parker@alaska.gov).

[Doodle Poll for Summit Dates](#)

Article of Interest: Study Examines the Impacts of Maternal COVID on Fetal Brain Development



New research from Mass General Brigham found that contracting COVID-19 during pregnancy increased the risk of children experiencing neurodevelopmental disorders by age three. Researchers found that children who were exposed to COVID in utero were 29% more likely to receive a neurodevelopmental diagnosis by age three than those whose mothers were not infected with COVID while pregnant. Speech and motor functions were the most commonly diagnosed. The study found that COVID infection during the third trimester had the strongest effect on fetal brain development, as this is the period when the brain is experiencing the fastest growth.

Researchers emphasized that while COVID infections during pregnancy increase the chances of a child developing a neurological disorder, the odds are still low. Evidence also suggests that vaccination against COVID can mitigate these risks, and COVID vaccines remain safe, effective, and recommended for pregnant women by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

[Read the Abstract Here](#)



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.

Please send your content, along with any relevant photos or flyers, to hva@a2p2.org by the first Monday of each month. We can't wait to hear from you and spotlight your amazing work!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

A2P2 December Partnership Meeting is in the Mat-Su Valley!



The flyer features a light blue background with a repeating pattern of stylized human figures. At the top left is the A2P2 logo, consisting of two stylized figures in a circle. To its right is the text "ALL ALASKA PEDIATRIC PARTNERSHIP". The main title "A2P2 December Partnership Meeting" is in a large, dark blue font, with "MAT-SU" below it in a very large, bold, dark blue font. The date and time "Friday December 5, 2025 12:00-1:30 P.M." are in a dark blue font. Below this, it says "Live streaming begins at 12:15 p.m. Lunch provided for in person attendees". The location "MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER" is in a bold, dark blue font, followed by the address "2500 South Woodworth Loop Palmer, AK 99645". Below the address is "Susitna Conference Room Medical Office Building 1, Suite 350". At the bottom left, it says "Hosted by: MAT-SU REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER" with the center's logo. At the bottom right is a QR code with the text "Register Here:" above it.

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A2P2 Partnership Meetings are also shared live through a virtual platform to accommodate statewide participation.

Please join us for presentations from

Mat-Su Regional Medical Center, State of Alaska Preschool Development Grant Leadership Team, Ptarmigan Pediatrics, CCS Early Learning, Benteh Nuutah Valley Native Primary Care Center, Mat-Su Health Foundation, and more!

Prior registration is only necessary for virtual attendance

Registration Open for Strengthening Families Alaska Training



The Child Welfare Academy is hosting an in-person Strengthening Families Alaska (SFA) training in Anchorage, December 8th & 9th!

Date: Monday & Tuesday December 8-9 from 9:00-4:00pm

Location: 1901 Bragaw St, CWA Training Room A

Strengthening Families Alaska is a free and interactive training focused on engaging families, programs, and communities in building five Protective Factors that help families succeed and thrive, even in the face of risk and challenges. Join the free, two day training training, in person! Register below.

[SFA Training Registration](#)

Next HVA Connect! is Tuesday December 9th!

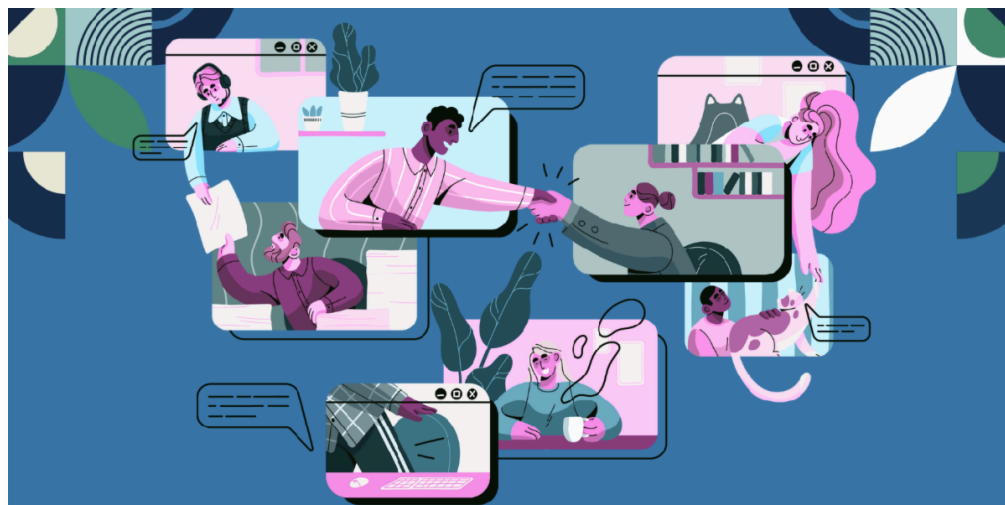


December HVA Connect!

Tuesday December 9
9:00-10:00 am

JOIN HOME VISITORS FROM ACROSS
ALASKA IN CONVERSATIONS AROUND
NETWORKING
STORY TELLING
SUPPORT

Please register at the
zoom link
https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/2cYwfXBmQHm7x4tyQ_h99w



HVA CONNECT!

You're invited to the Alaska Home Visitors Alliance monthly virtual meeting, HVA Connect! These gatherings are a chance for Alaska's home visitors to come together, swap ideas, tackle challenges, and build a supportive, collaborative community. Meetings includes a guest speaker, an open forum, and time for networking.



2nd Tuesday of the month 9:00-10:00 AM
October-May

Zoom Registration:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82217480740>



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 10 | April 14 | May 12

[Register for HVA Connect!](#)

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.

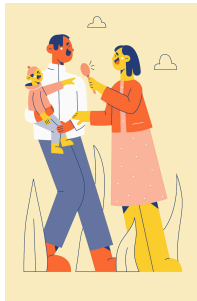
[Visit Help Me Grow Alaska](#)

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.

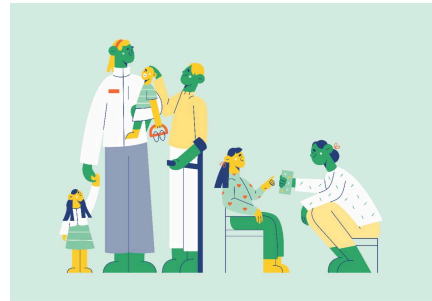


[Contact a Family Support Specialist](#)



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
Division of Public Assistance

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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:

EPSDT services recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Bright Futures (BF) for children and adolescents at periodic well child visits:

RESOURCES FOR HOME VISITORS:



Knock
explore a career in home visiting

Knock is an online community for home visiting professionals across the country.

Ready to explore a career in home visiting? Already here? 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, and your knowledge, all in a fresh, easy community.

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What is Knock?	Job Opportunities	Resource Library	Personalized Profiles
<p>Knock is a web-based application with the dual functions of recruitment and retention for the home visiting workforce.</p> <p>Knock is a place where anyone interested in the field can come to learn more!</p> <p>Knock is an online community for those new to the field and to those already serving families. It's a hub for home visiting resources and home visiting professionals across the country.</p>	<p>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 career!</p> <p>Organizations have the ability to post career opportunities and job openings in the Knock. Have an opening? Why not announce it directly to the field?</p>	<p>We're probably never proud of our library of home visiting and family support resources.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Add your own resources and have a voice for all your important information needs, creating a virtual collection of resources at your fingertips all housed in your own personalized library.</p>	<p>Profiles are personalized by the user and create a referencing community within the Knock application. Here you will find people and make the Knock experience even better!</p> <p>Organization profiles are fully customizable and allows them to showcase their place in the field and adds to the community of Knock.</p> <p>Visit Knock today to get started!</p>

Visit Knock!



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!

Connect with us!



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