Learn & Grow

Alaska’s Commitment to Quality Early Care & Learning

Learn & Grow is a recognition system that advances the quality of early care and learning to foster the success of young children.

Learn & Grow provides a framework for all early care and learning programs to follow as they participate in continuous quality improvement activities.

Learn & Grow resources and supports include:
- coaching and technical assistance
- funding for professional development
- quality improvement grants.

**Phase I:** Levels 1 & 2 for licensed centers, group homes & homes

**Phase II:** Levels 1 & 2 for Head Start, Early Head Start and Licensed afterschool programs

**Phase III:** All 5 Levels available for all early care and learning program types (Child care, Head Start, Pre-Elementary, and Licensed Afterschool). *Pending available funding and resources.*
LEVEL 1
LEARNING ABOUT HIGHER QUALITY

Administration & Leadership
• Bi-ennial Licensed Child Care (State or Municipality of Anchorage)

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
• Learn & Grow Level 1 Training (administrator/ person(s) indicated on license)
• SEED Registry: All teaching and site administrator staff enrolled in SEED

LEVEL 2
MOVING INTO HIGHER QUALITY
Licensed Centers and Licensed Group Homes

Administration & Leadership
• Administrator (person(s) indicated on license):
  • Center Administrator -SEED Level 7; Group Home Administrator - SEED Level 6
  • Alaska Early Childhood Administrator Credential (AK-ECAC)

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
• Lead Teachers
  • 80% of Lead Teachers have completed Level 2: Moving into Higher Quality Training

Learning Environments, Adult-Child Relationships, & Child Outcomes
• Classroom Environment Assessment:
  • Centers - Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-3 &/or ITERS)
    Group Homes- Environment Rating Scale (FCCERS)
  • 2.5 minimum overall score for each assessment

(centers minimum of 1 classroom in each age group or 1/3 of total classrooms)
LEVELS 3, 4 & 5  
COMMITTING, GROWING & THRIVING

There are four quality standards in Learn & Grow recognition Levels 3, 4, and 5. Each level has progressive standards in the following areas.

QUALITY STANDARDS

Administration and Leadership
• Early Childhood Administrator Credential System

Family & Community Engagement
• Strengthening families framework

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
• SEED career ladder advancement for all early care and learning professionals.

Learning Environment, Adult-Child Interactions, & Child Outcomes
• Inclusionary Practices
• Child Observation and Assessment
• Planning and Curriculum
• Classroom Environment Assessment
• Program Assessment

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