

The Economics of Early Care and Learning in Alaska

Alaska's early care and learning sector is unique in the breadth of its contribution to the economy. The sector supports:

- ▶ Thousands of jobs for Alaskans
- ▶ Increased opportunity for Alaskans to work and earn income
- ▶ A stable resident workforce for Alaska employers
- ▶ Economic benefits that far exceed costs



\$343 million

Annual spending on early care and learning



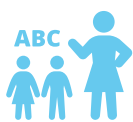
2,000 +

Providers of early care and learning services



15%

Share of Alaska resident workforce supported by early care and learning



7,700

Jobs for caregivers and others
(includes direct, indirect, and induced)



\$512 million

Total economic activity in Alaska



\$2 billion

Wages Alaskans are able to earn as a result of access to care for their children



\$230 million

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\$1 = \$1.50

Economic multiplier



Increased standard of living for Alaska families

Early care and learning: **It's a great investment!**

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